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 “Clear, brief and easily assimilated by all”

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Good ideas educed in the Plenary Council preparations might well inspire direct action right now.

We don't have to wait for 2020 — its prospects can inspire us to meet urgent needs at once.

Organizing must not distract us from immediate action, nor lead us to expect too much from new structures — “Put not your trust in princes” [nor in structures] “for in them is no salvation” (Psalm 146 [145]:3).

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### DECLARATION of "VESTED INTERESTS"

Politicians and their committees must divulge their existing interests when legislating on matters in which they are financially involved, or in matters about which they have already made judgements.

My letterhead and publications, page 1, show my vested interests, based on **Scripture, Tradition, Fathers, Magisterium**, therefore **Council (VCI), Code (Canon Law), Catechism** (of Catholic Church).

Blessed John Henry Newman show how the development of doctrine was legitimate. His book *Development of Christian Doctrine*, 1845, was his Profession of Faith on becoming a Catholic.

Development is not an evolution into a different species like some changes being proposed for unpopular Church teachings. Political Correctness cannot discard, disregard or reinterpret doctrines (see Vatican I, p. 22).

St Vincent de Lerins †A.D. 450 gave us his Vincentian Canon, *Quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus creditum est*, "What has been believed everywhere, always, and by all" — see text p. 22.

Bishops with their deliberative vote at the Plenary Council, also Priests, Religious and Laity with a consultative vote, are not credible unless they profess the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and are seeking holiness through regular Confession, like any good teachers in any really Catholic institution.

### IT'S HIS CHURCH, NOT OURS

There can be no "paradigm shift" to a different Gospel. There is no new Gospel.

Plenary and even Ecumenical Councils cannot rewrite Christ's Good News.

Bishops cannot model "a new Church" akin to the Anglican Church, with its slippery doctrine and morals. The Catholic Church is Christ's Church, *not our Church*. It's **His Church**, *ecclesiam suam*, as wrote Blessed Pope Paul VI in 1964. Pastoral means applying doctrine to life, not changing doctrines to suit a kaleidoscope of current fads in philosophy, psychology and human weakness. We are disciples of the Crucified and Risen Christ, and servants of the truth, not its creators. It is not our property:-

He will be a true soldier of the Blessed Apostle Peter, if, in litigation where the interest of the apostle is at stake, he shall defend the truth alone without distinction of persons, even if it were the person of the apostle himself.

(St Gregory the Great, *Journal* 1102)

### JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where He was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

(John 6:61-64)

### ST PAUL

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and turning to a different gospel — not that there is another gospel, but there are some... who want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if any one is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received... be accursed.

(Galatians 1:6-9)

...if some one comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached... or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough. (2 Corinthians 11:3-4; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

### MINDSETS & WORLD-VIEWS

Contradictory mindsets are going to bedevil the Plenary Council — the Development of Doctrine versus a Paradigm Shift of a reinterpretation of past certitudes in doctrine and morals: see pp. 20, 22.

The adage, *Quidquid recipitur per modum recipientis recipitur*, "Whatever is received is received according to the mode (manners, mindset) of the recipient", expresses an aspect of our difficulties. Similarly, "Whatever is spoken (or done) is spoken (or done) according to the mode (manners, mindset) of its speaker (or doer)."

The mindsets of those assessing submissions will limit their evaluation. Unfortunately, catechetical consultations over the last fifty years were mostly "window dressing", with the final decisions made in advance, ignoring those consulted and mostly based on false theories, and contrary to the experience of priests and parents.

#### Prayer for Bishops

**ALMIGHTY GOD**, strengthen the successors of the Apostles to bear faithful witness to Christ's Resurrection even unto martyrdom, and to sanctify each other and their priests in the risen life, along with Religious and the laity, in their apostolates to families and the world, for Thy glory and the salvation of souls, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, help of Christians: Pray for us.  
St Paul, apostle to the pagans: Pray for us.  
O Holy Innocents & St John the Baptist  
and St Stephen & St James, first martyrs: Pray for us.  
St Therese of Lisieux & St Mary of the Cross: Pray for us.

#### Prayer for Priests

**ALMIGHTY** and Eternal God, look with mercy on Thy priests sharing Thy Fatherhood in Holy Church, for Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, has made them priests and victims with Himself, that day by day they may offer the worship of His Mystical Body in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, with their own homage of heart, mind and body, and, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be zealous for the priestly ministry, devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, obedient to the Pope and their own Bishop, and an inspiration to young men to serve Thee in the Priesthood, so that to Thee, O Holy Trinity, there will be honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

St John Vianney: Pray for us.  
St Mary of the Cross: Pray for us.