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"Clear, brief and easily assimilated by all"

**Priesthood is for the CONCEPTION of SAINTS in the COMMUNION of Saints
IDEAS and IDEALS for vitality in the priesthood**

- A bishop fulfills his ministry through his priests, his co-workers in Christ's ministry of Prophet, Priest and King (CCL cc. 375§1 & 519), **to activate the lay faithful**. Contrast sentences 2 and 3:

In the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission.

To the Apostles and their successors Christ has entrusted the office of **teaching, sanctifying and governing** in His name and by His power.

But the laity are made to share in the **priestly, prophetic and kingly** office of Christ;

they have therefore in the Church and in the world their own assignment in the mission of the whole People of God." (VCII AA §2, on Apostolate of the Laity)

See pp. 27-28 for *Bishops and Priests, Teachers of the Faith, Teachers of Teachers*.

- Bishops and priests as pastors guarding Christ's flock, preaching all that God has decreed, must not be **"dumb dogs that cannot bark"** (Isaiah 56:10) or silent spectators, nor **"hirelings that flee when the wolf comes"** (cf. St Boniface, *Liturgy of the Hours* vol. III p. 41*; also. John 10:12,13).
- Priests must not **"conceal the Gospel"**, deluding sinners with silence or falsehoods on contraception, and never become Satan's **"a lying spirit in the mouth of all Baal's prophets"** (1 Kings 22:22).
- Utilize the parish hall for one-off lectures or courses in Parental Catechetics and Adult Education.

We need to equip selected laity, priests and bishops to **confront in all courtesy the TV panels** where ex-priests or cafeteria Catholics are usually called upon for their opinions, but not for the Church's or God's **"opinion"** — the agnostic Professor Jordan Peterson shows us how, as long ago did the Catholic Evidence Guild on Sunday afternoons in the parks, in soap-box oratory.

- Unisex interchangeability of male and female was first a feminist falsehood now taken over (to their chagrin) by the Gender-Benders and their absurd lack of observation, biology and psychology. Just as in 1939 **"the old, old truth dawned on Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister of England, that ultimately force must be met by force,"** and he declared war, so we too must **stop appeasing Freudian-Marxists** and other atheists, amoral and/or immoral aggressors, and proclaim the riches of Christ's Good News.
- A diocese should not burden busy priests with **live-ins and conferences**, meetings often held for the sake of meetings, with topics chosen as an afterthought, and sometimes to the detriment of faith and ministry. The priest's ministry is disrupted often enough by parish exigencies. When there is a real need, priests of the diocese with successful pastoral experiences or scholarship might be preferred to imports: it's good for bonding the priests together and ensuring orthodoxy of faith and morals.
- **Permanent appointments:** **"The parish priest... is to be appointed for an indeterminate period of time..."** (CCL c. 522). The next sentence has a concession for a limited appointment which cannot justify six year appointments as normative. Imagine six year appointments for bishops — or the Pope! Even fiction mocks it:-

Power goes with permanence. Impermanence is impotence. Rotation is castration.

THE COMPLETE YES MINISTER p. 280

Responsibility Without Power — the prerogative of the eunuch throughout the ages.

YES PRIME MINISTER vol. III, p. 218

- Each state's Profession Standards Resource Group conducts *Towards Healing* to deal with priests accused of child sexual abuse. Presumption of guilt is automatic, evidence favourable to the accused is withheld, and Ordinaries of dioceses impose suspension at once, ignoring canonical procedures:

If the Ordinary believes that the matter should proceed by way of an extra-judicial decree:

1° he is to notify the accused of the allegation and the **proofs**, and give an opportunity for defence...

2° together with **two assessors**, he is accurately to weigh all the proofs and arguments... (c. 1720).

At any stage of the process, to prevent **scandal**, protect the freedom of witnesses and safeguard the course of **justice**, the Ordinary can **suspend** the priest (Canon 1722).

However, premature suspension could be a scandal. Untested accusations ignore the possibility of false witness. Episcopal approval of *Towards Healing* is itself *ultra vires*, a violation of canon 87§1 in dispensing from procedural law, besides the detailed requirements of canon 1720. Canon law is meant to safeguard justice for all.

Celibacy is not the problem, rather celibacy is the solution. See **"Married to the Church"**, pp 37-38. Sacrificial or consecrated priestly celibacy encourages married people to persevere, to banish all thought of adultery and divorce: it's a sort of **"demo"** against sexual sins. Also wives divorce husbands **"married to their work"** (cf. Matthew 6:24). And sacrificial celibacy it is of itself even more noble than marriage:-

recognize the greater excellence of virginity consecrated to Christ. (VCII OT **"Training of Priests"** n. 10b).

Also in fantasy fiction:

When things are in danger, some one has to give them up, lose them, so that others may keep them.

The Lord of the Rings last chapter, J.R.R. Tolkien

Conclusions

Part 1: CHRIST — restore the Sense of the Sacred and the adoration of God to the liturgy and rescue lax and lazy Catholics, disbelievers and unbelievers from the Devil, for Christ.

Part 2: CATECHETICS — teach the Apostles' Creed: Trinity, Incarnation, Holy Spirit, the Church, on which depend the Sacraments and the Covenant Commandments and the Prayers.

Part 3: CONFESSION — restore regular repentance for the daily outbreaks of Original Sin and confess/profess the truths of reason, faith and morals of Christ's Good News.

Part 4: CONCEPTION of saints — Matrimony and Priesthood.

Catholic Marriage would be better spoken of as the Sacrament of Matrimony; its greatest problem is contraception and a related surrender to unisex doctrine & attitudes.

Priesthood is part of the servant hierarchy, for God's glory and helping sinners to become saints.

Epilogue

Before we can help reform other Catholics, we must reform ourselves. (See Matthew 7:3-5)

We must take strident measures against the Devil and his insidious snares. (See 1 Peter 5:8-9)

The Devil works incessantly to alienate us from the Gospel and whittle away our virtue.

Spirituality is the key to all reform. The soul of the apostolate is the interior life of the soul.

The interior life with God depends on oral prayer, meditative prayer, contemplative prayer.

No reformer of self or of others can neglect prayer. See *Catena Aurea* on p. 8. And:

MEDITATE the relationship of mysteries with one another and with the last end of man

An example from the Glorious Mysteries: the Ascension is Christ taking His Resurrection into Heaven; Pentecost is sharing His Resurrection; the Assumption is Our Lady's share in His Resurrection; her Crowning the Resurrection triumph of the Incarnation manifested to all the angels and saints.

WHEN REASON, enlightened by faith, seeks diligently, piously and modestly, it obtains, by God's gift, some understanding of mysteries, and that very profitable one. It does so partly from the analogy of those things it knows naturally, partly from the interrelationship of mysteries with one another and with the last end of man. But never is reason rendered capable of penetrating mysteries as it penetrates truths that constitute its proper object. For by their nature, divine mysteries so far surpass the created intellect that, even when transmitted by revelation and received by faith, they remain covered with the veil of faith itself, and shrouded in a certain obscurity as long as, in this mortal life, "... we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:6-7)

From Vatican Council I in 1870, *Dei Filius* chapter 4, Denzinger-Schönmetzer n. 3013 (old Denzinger-Bannwart n. 1796)

BETRAYAL

Our values are under attack, and have been intensely so since the 1960s, and our catechetics has served only to weaken them further. Catechetical fads have impoverished or perverted several generations of Catholics who were left weaponless and naked to the enemies of God and commandments and conscience. Indeed, the catechetical experts bamboozled the bishops, conned the parish priests and betrayed the ancient loyalties of the faithful, who were then expected to finance their own destruction.

This failure has also betrayed our beloved Australia. Our politicians, public service, academics and media have surrendered to atheism, amorality and immorality. We might have saved some of them if the faithful generally and the youth in particular had been properly evangelized and catechized.

POPE ST JOHN XXIII

Pope St John XXIII is chiefly remembered for inaugurating VCI. Cardinal Lecaro said of him, "We have the **men of the monographs** who are helpful on a particular subject; we have **men of the manuals** who help with the systematic treatment of theology of the recent past. but John XXIII was a **man of the sources**" (i.e. a true radical, getting to the root foundation of things).

We too can be "men of the sources", of Scripture, the Fathers, the Magisterium and the saints.