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A MANIFEST HERETIC FALLS FROM OFFICE BY HIS PUBLIC ACT OF DEFECTION

Taken from Volume I of *To Deceive the Elect* By Father Paul Kramer, B.Ph., S.T.B., M. Div., S.T.L. (Cand.)

...If the pope were to say, "There is no Blessed Trinity; God is not Trine"; that is manifest formal heresy. He would clearly not be pope, nor would he even be a member of the Church, regardless of whether or not he had ever been a valid pope; but certainly, in either case, he would not be a valid pope if he were to profess a heresy so manifest as this. Clearly then, such a pope would be a manifest heretic who therefore, by his manifest heresy, would have severed himself from the body of the Church, ceased to be pope and a member of the Church; and therefore, having cast himself outside of the Church, he would no longer be capable of holding office inside the Church. He would therefore lose rank, and, as a consequence thereof, would thus become *minor quolibet catholico* (less than Catholic), and would then be able to be judged and punished by the Church, as Bellarmine explains.

But what if he were to profess a new heresy not yet condemned – something clearly against a doctrine of divine faith and the ordinary magisterium that has not yet been solemnly defined; or a doctrine not immediately and directly opposed to the letter of a solemn definition, but opposed to the unanimous opinion of theologians on the proper meaning of a defined dogma? If his heresy would be against a manifest dogma of divine faith as it is and has been unanimously, universally, and perpetually *professed* and understood by Catholics, which is manifestly contained by strict logical implication in a solemnly defined or universally *professed* article of faith; then, as was in the case of Arius, he could be lucidly rejected by Catholics as a heretic and shunned as an infidel even on a point that had not yet been explicitly defined by the extraordinary magisterium; because such an *error against divine faith* on a point that is

theologically certain,... and which is at the same time *strictly implied* in a *defined article of faith*, is essentially no different from, and is virtually identical to a defined article of faith; and would actually pertain to the universal and ordinary magisterium. Since the full and equal divinity of Jesus Christ as the Son of the Eternal Father, was seen to be so clearly taught in scripture, and was universally *professed* in even the most primitive *credal formulae* (*formal creed*) of the Church; the Bishop of Alexandria, St. Alexander, saw fit to condemn his error, and excommunicate Arius for heresy even before the Council of Ephesus infallibly *professed* against the Arian heresy with an explicit formulation.

What is mainly the basis for justifying such a judgment of heresy on a doctrine not yet explicitly condemned by the magisterium but contrary to the faith of the Church, is expressed by St. Robert Bellarmine in his letter to Fr. Paolo Foscarini: "*Nor may it be answered that this is not a matter of faith, for if it is not a matter of faith from the point of view of the subject matter, it is on the part of the ones who have spoken. It would be just as heretical to deny that Abraham had two sons and Jacob twelve, as it would be to deny the virgin birth of Christ, for both are declared by the Holy Ghost through the mouths of the prophets and apostles.*"

However, if it is not morally certain that the pope *scienter* (expertly) rejects defined dogma, or a manifest dogma universally *professed* by the Church, he could not be considered to be a heretic in the strict sense of one who knowingly rejects a manifest or defined dogma *professed* by the whole Church; since, without a clear-cut case of heresy, as heresy is canonically defined; a pope, no matter how egregious his deviation from the doctrine of the faith, cannot be removed. A council would certainly

lack jurisdiction to judge in such a case, so its judgment would be *tamquam non existens* (as it were non-existent). The materially erring pope, who has not clearly *professed* manifestly formal heresy, must be presumed to remain validly in office; and for so long as he remains certainly a valid pope, he would retain his jurisdiction as the supreme judge, and his power to define infallibly. But if a pope were to profess material heresy in such a manner that would make him vehemently suspect of heresy — aided and abetted by a cowardly hierarchy that refuses to fraternally admonish and correct him; then in such an eventuality, he would become a *papa dubius*, a "doubtful pope", and the harm to souls and the damage to the Church resulting from the situation would be a direct consequence of the negligence of the upper hierarchy of the Church, and not the private judgment of the abandoned faithful, who would be left to fend for themselves only with their own conscience to judge. The definitions of such a *doubtful pope* would be of *doubtful validity* and would therefore not qualify as having the note of *infallibility* (Can. 749 § 3). If a pope were to profess a heresy in such a manner that would make him *vehemently* or *violently* suspect of heresy, and if he were to persist in his heresy even after correction, then it would be morally certain that he has fallen from office. If, however, he were to directly, immediately, and contradictorily assert his own judgment against a *de fide* (*defined article of faith*) dogma about which he could not be ignorant, or if he were to remain incorrigible even after correction on a dogma about which he may have been ignorant, he would by the fact of his pertinacity, manifest his tacit resignation from office and cease to be pope.

FATIMA OR SELF DESTRUCTION

By Ellen Montgomery with excerpts from *Fatima or World Suicide* by Monsignor William McGrath

Are we so proud to think that we needn't heed Our Lady's requests? Are we so caught up in the world, the flesh, and the devil to believe that God doesn't exist at all? And ... what do these questions have to do with the Fatima Message?

In 1950, Monsignor William C. McGrath, P.A. wrote a 94-page thesis on Fatima entitled: *Fatima or World Suicide*. Within the opening pages, interestingly enough, these prophetic words were written:

"It may well be the final loving appeal of a Mother's heart to a world that has turned its back on God, Her Son; the last call for peace on earth in our generation. If it is heard 'Russia will be converted and there will be peace.' If it goes unheeded by Her children in Europe, the next World War—and the next great persecution—may not be long delayed. America may be the battle ground, and the blood of Christians may flow in the streets of Boston or Seattle or Chicago or Montreal."



"Men must cease offending My Divine Son, already too grievously offended."

Melodrama, did you say? Then listen to the prophetic words of solemn warning sounded by God's Mother in July 1917 and consider in what a welter of human agony the threatened calamities have come to pass:

"This war (World War I) is going to end, but if people do not cease offending God, not much time will elapse and during the Pontificate of Pope Pius XI another and more terrible war will begin. When you shall see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign that God gives you that the chastisement of the world is at hand."

Then, the night illumined by an unknown light was seen all over Europe on January 25, 1938, when, from nine o'clock in the evening until two the next morning the heavens were filled with a strange and crimson fire. It was "explained away" by the scientists as an aurora borealis of unusual splendor. But within three months Hitler invaded Austria and the greatest chastisement the world had ever endured began with World War II.

In spite of Mary's warnings of terrible thing to come, men did not cease offending Her Divine Son. In spite of Her tender, earnest appeal for the love of Her own children, those

children grew careless and forgetful. With the horrors of war behind them, once more the Ten Commandments were forgotten and men placed their trust in human governance instead of the unflinching protection of the Divine; eating, drinking and making merry (for tomorrow, in their millions, they would die!) There was certainly no need of God or and obsolete Pope in the settling of future world affairs. Peace, without any legendary Prince of Peace, was to be the cherished gift of enlightened man to man.

An indictment of godless human leaders is not the only answer when the rank and file of Mary's children could still have saved the world. It is senseless to wring our hands over the blind folly of politicians and diplomats while we ourselves are sinning against Almighty God; to see the mote in the eye of the world leader if the beam of infidelity to the warnings of God's Mother is obscuring our own none to brilliant vision of things Divine. So, could we not say:

"God's Mother suffered a letdown at the hands of Her own unfaithful children?"

Too many empty-souled Christians today, serenely oblivious of eternity, are evaluating life in terms of their possessions and pleasures.

Their preoccupation with material things is creating spiritual blindness and a terrible forgetfulness of God. **BUT GOD WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.** Of that be sure. When love fails, through the forgetfulness of the love of Bethlehem and the salvific sacrifice of Calvary, then God will make use of "other means" to bring wayward, stiffnecked humanity to its senses. That other means, as God's recorded history of dealing with mankind makes abundantly clear, is suffering, persecution, and disaster. Good-people-gone-wrong have brought more misery into this vale of tears than have all the millions of pagans who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Behind and ever widening Communist revolution, enslaved millions in Communist-run countries turn to America as the last hope of freedom. Should America succumb to Communist/Socialism what, humanly speaking, is there left to withstand the steady encroachment of an ever mounting Red tide?

America is already morally sick unto death and not all the nuclear bombs or supersonic jets under Heaven will avail to save her if men do not turn back to God.

Is America turning back to God? Quite the contrary. Consider just some of the conditions in America today:

1. The family is dying.
2. The divorce rate is now one out of every three marriages.
3. The contraceptive racket is designed to encourage and glorify the sin that is destroying the world.
4. Planned Parenthood occupies an honored place in a depraved Society, whose sense of moral values cries to high Heaven as the lives of millions of the innocent unborn are murdered by their own parents, in an unconscionable orgy of human heartlessness and degradation unparalleled since Sodom and Gomorrah.
5. There are in this country millions without any faith at all, there are millions who are habitually guilty of abominations.
6. Drug and Alcohol addiction is rampant
7. Crime plagues our cities
8. The media presents an open incitement to immorality and perversion that is alluringly flaunted before the eyes of innocent youth.

God has been so good to America.

World wars have raged far from her serene shores. While uncounted millions in other less favored lands have died in hunger and despair America's "average man" has continued to enjoy the highest material standard of living the world has ever known. But ... not forever will God in Heaven be mocked. Not forever will He be driven by public legislation from the hearts of millions of little children, created solely—whether they know it or not—to know, love and serve Him here on earth and to be happy with Him forever in Heaven.

Can Communism happen in America? Can America go down? Is a pleasure-mad generation unwittingly "making the most" of the last days of a precarious freedom to hasten the fatal hour of Divine retribution; or, will Russia be converted? Will there be peace? Yes, the promise of Our Lady of Fatima, the Mother of God is absolute:

"In the end, my immaculate Heart shall triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, which will be converted and some time of peace will be given to the World."

In the meantime, take heed of Our Lady's final warning:

"Men must cease offending My Divine Son, already too grievously offended."

THE CATECHISM OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT

Tenth Article • During the Pontificate of Pope St. Pius V

The first, and most important points of Christian Faith are those which the holy Apostles, the great leaders and teachers of the Faith, men inspired by the Holy Ghost, have divided into the twelve articles of the Creed: for as they had received a command from the Lord to go forth "into the whole world," as His ambassadors, and preach the Gospel to every creature, (2 Corinthians 5: 18 - 20) they thought proper to compose a form of Christian Faith, "that all may speak and think the same thing;" (Mark 16: 15) and that amongst those who they should have called to the unity of Faith, no schisms should exist; but that they should be perfect in the same mind, and in the same spirit.

Article X "The Forgiveness of Sins" The Belief of this Article Necessary to Salvation

"It behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead the third day, and that penance and remission of sins, should be preached, in His name, unto all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24: 46, 47)

On this point of doctrine it is the bounden duty of the pastor to teach that, not only is "forgiveness of sins" to be found in the Catholic Church, as Isaiah had foretold in these words: "The people that dwell therein shall have their iniquity taken away from them;" (Isaiah 33: 24) but also, that in her resides the power of forgiving sins; which power, if exercised duly, and according to the laws prescribed by Our Lord, is, we are bound to believe, such as, truly to pardon and remit sins.

BAPTISM REMITS ALL SINS AND THE PUNISHMENTS DUE TO THEM

When we first make a profession of faith at the baptismal font, and are cleansed in its purifying waters, we receive this pardon entire and unqualified; so that no sin, original or actual, of

commission or omission remains to be expiated, no punishment to be endured. The grace of baptism, however, does not give exemption from all the infirmities of nature: ...there is scarcely one to be found amongst us, who opposes so vigorous a resistance to its assaults, or who guards his salvation so vigilantly, as to escape all the snares of Satan.

THE POWER OF THE KEYS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH

It being necessary, therefore, that a power of forgiving sins, distinct from that of baptism, should exist in the Church, to her were entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven, by which each one, if penitent, may obtain the remission of his sins, even though he were a sinner to the last day of his life. This truth is vouched by the most unquestionable authority of the Sacred Scriptures: in St. Matthew, the Lord says to Peter:

"I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound also in heaven; and whatever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed also in heaven." (Matthew 16: 19)

Again, the testimony of St. John assures us that the Lord, bestowing on the Apostles, said:

"Receive ye the Holy Ghost, whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." (John 20: 23)

Nor is the exercise of this power restricted to particular sins, for no crime, however heinous, can be committed, which the Church has not power to forgive: as also, there is no sinner, however abandoned, none however depraved, who should not confidently hope for pardon, provided he sincerely repent of his past transgressions. Neither is the exercise of this power restricted to particular times; for whenever the sinner turns from his evil ways, he is not to be rejected, as we learn from the reply of Our Lord to the prince of the Apostles, asking how often we should pardon an offending brother, whether seven times:



"Not only seven times," says the Redeemer, "but even seventy times seven." (Matthew 18: 21, 22)

BUT IS CONFINED TO BISHOPS AND PRIESTS

...It is a power not given to all, but to bishops and priests only; and sins can be forgiven only through the sacraments, when duly administered.

FIRST GIVEN TO CHRIST, AS MAN

But this wonderful gift, this emanation of divine bounty, was never communicated to creatures, until God became man. Christ Our Lord, although true God, was the first Who, as man, received this high prerogative from His heavenly Father:

"That you may know," says He to the paralytic, "that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, rise, take up thy bed, and go into thy house." (Matthew 9: 6) (Mark 2: 9, 10)

As, therefore He became man, in order to bestow on man the forgiveness of sins, He communicated this power to bishops and priests in the Church, previously to His ascension into heaven, there to sit forever at the right hand of God.

THE GREATEST OF HIS GIFTS

When, therefore, we reflect, that "we were not redeemed with corruptible things, as gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled;" (1 Peter 1: 18, 19) we are naturally led to conclude that we could have received no gift more salutary than this power of forgiving sins, which proclaims the ineffable providence of God, and the excess of His love towards us.

A REQUEST from Servants of Jesus and Mary

The Rosary and Brown Scapular Militia, which is presently providing – through Servants of Jesus and Mary's dedicated volunteers – thousands of Rosaries and Scapulars to those in need of these spiritual sacramentals, is embarking on an additional request for this Militia. Several devotees of Our Lady have requested a visitation of Servants of Jesus and Mary's Pilgrim Virgin Statue, carved and executed in Portugal and blessed there as well. A devoted priest has offered, as he calls himself, to be "Our Lady's donkey" to take the statue to locations, at present, in the United States with Our Lady's message of hope and peace. In order to meet the needs of this mission, to bring Our Lady's statue to these

locations, we are adding this as an additional donation request for the Rosary and Brown Scapular Militia. For many decades, Father Gruner traveled with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and throughout the early days of the 1950's, and during the 100th anniversary of the Fatima message, statues were traveling throughout the world.

Servants of Jesus and Mary knows that this message is vital for the conversion and salvation of souls and pray that, through the generosity of our donors, Our Lady's statue can travel extensively. Please consider this mission in your generosity to our Apostolate, and know that if the request for Our Lady's statue to visit in your area occurs, your generosity will enable Servants of Jesus and Mary to fulfill this mission.





APPARITION OF DECEMBER 10, 1925

As recounted in Sister Lucia's Memoirs

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Sr. Lucia writes in the third person: On December 17, 1927, she went before the tabernacle to ask Jesus how she should comply with what had been asked of her, i.e., to say if the origin of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was included in the Secret that the most Holy Virgin had confided to her.

Jesus made her hear very distinctly these words: "My daughter write what they ask of you. Write also all that the most Holy Virgin revealed to you, in the Apparition in which She spoke of this devotion. As for the remainder of the Secret, continue to keep silence."

Sr. Lucia then recounts what was confided to her on this subject on June 13, 1917, when Our Lady said: "Jesus wishes to make use of you to make Me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by Me to adorn His throne."

Sr. Lucia continues: On December 10, 1925, the most Holy Virgin appeared to her, and by Her side, elevated on a luminous cloud was a Child. The most Holy Virgin rested Her hand on her shoulder, and as She did so, She showed her a heart encircled by thorns, which She was holding in Her other hand.

Revelation of the First Saturdays Devotion
At the same time, the Child said: "Have compassion on the Heart of your most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce it at every

moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them."

Then the most Holy Virgin said: "Look, my daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."

On February 15, 1926, the infant Jesus appeared to her again. He asked her if she had already spread the devotion to His most Holy Mother. She told Him of the confessor's difficulties, and said that the Mother Superior was prepared to propagate it, but the confessor had said that she, alone, could do nothing.

Jesus replied: "It is true that your Superior alone can do nothing, but with My grace, she can do all."

She placed before Jesus the difficulty that some people had about confessing on Saturday, and asked that it might be valid to go to confession within eight days.

Jesus answered: "Yes, and it could be longer still, provided that, when they receive Me, they are in the state of grace and have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

She then asked: "My Jesus, what about those who forget to make this intention?"

Jesus replied: "They can do so at their next confession, taking advantage of the first opportunity to go to confession."

[In 1930, He added that the entire devotion can be transferred to the Sunday after the first Saturday if a priest, for a valid reason, allows it.]

On May 29, 1930, Jesus told Sr. Lucia the reason for five Saturdays: "My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offences and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;
- Blasphemies against Her Perpetual Virginity;
- Blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity, refusing at the same time to accept Her as the Mother of men;
- The blasphemies of those who try publicly to sow in children's hearts indifference or scorn, or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;
- The offences of those who outrage Her directly in Her holy images.

"Here, My daughter is the reason why the Immaculate Heart of Mary inspired Me to ask for this little act of reparation, and in consideration of it, to move My mercy to pardon souls who have had the misfortune of offending Her. As for you, always seek by your prayers and sacrifices to move My mercy to pity for these poor souls."

Apostle **SAINT MATTHEW**



Saint Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Galilean by birth.

While he was working as a publican or tax collector at Capharnaum, Christ called him to become a disciple, and later on an Apostle. After the Holy Ghost had come down upon the Apostles on Pentecost, Matthew preached the Gospel in Judea. Saint Matthew was one of the four Evangelists in the Bible. He wrote his Gospel to prove to his readers that Christ was the Messias foretold by God in the Old Testament.

In Matthew 9:9 the Pharisees seeing Jesus sitting with Matthew questioned the other disciples about Our Lord sitting with the publicans and sinner. Jesus hearing it replies, *"It is not the healthy who need a physician, but they who are sick. But go and learn what this means. I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. For I have come to call sinners, not the just."* (The Holy Bible edited by Reverend John P. O'Connell, 1952)

Saint Matthew's occupation was one that was seen by the Pharisees as being distrustful and had earned contempt by most everyone. He was employed in the service of Herod Antipas, the tetrarch of Galilee. More than likely Saint Matthew faced this type of prejudice while with Our Lord on more than one occasion. It is an example that anyone, no matter what their lifestyle, can change and turn their life over to Christ.

According to legend, the former tax collector turned missionary was martyred in Ethiopia, where he was supposedly stabbed in the back by a swordsman sent by King Hertacus, after he criticized the king's morals.

Feast Day

Western Feast Day: September 21

Eastern Feast Day: November 16

Burial Location

Salerno Cathedral (or duomo) is the main church in the city of Salerno in southern Italy and a major tourist attraction. It is dedicated to Saint Matthew whose relics are inside the crypt. The Cathedral was built when the city was the capital of the Principality of Salerno.

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| 5 The Holy Name of Jesus | 6 The Epiphany of Our Lord | 7 Ferial Day | 8 Ferial Day | 9 Ferial Day | 10 Ferial Day Day of Abstinence | 11 St. Hyginus |
| 12 The Holy Family 1 st Sunday After Epiphany | 13 Baptism of Our Lord Octave Day of the Epiphany | 14 St. Hilary St. Felix of Nola | 15 St. Paul the First Hermit St. Maurus | 16 St. Marcellus I | 17 St. Anthony Day of Abstinence | 18 Chair of St. Peter at Rome St. Paul, St. Peter |
| 19 St. Martin, Monica, Audifax, & Abachum St. Canice of Denmark 2nd Sunday After Epiphany | 20 St. Fabian St. Sebastian | 21 St. Agnes | 22 St. Vincent St. Anastasius | 23 St. Raymond of Penafort St. Emerentiana | 24 St. Timothy Day of Abstinence | 25 Conversion of St. Paul, St. Peter |
| 26 St. Polycarp 3rd Sunday After Epiphany | 27 St. John Chrysostom | 28 St. Peter Nolasco St. Agnes (2nd Time) | 29 St. Francis de Sales | 30 St. Martina | 31 St. John Bosco | |

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THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS