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THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'remove from hence hither'; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you," (Mt. 17:19)

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In Jesus' day, a centurion came to Him saying his servant was suffering terribly and asked for him to be cured. Jesus said: "I will come and heal him." The centurion replied: "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; but only say the word and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man subject to authority, having under me soldiers; and I say to this: 'Go', and he goes; and to another: 'Come', and he comes; and to my servant: 'Do this' and he does it." (Luke 7:6-8)

The centurion manifested a perfect faith in the Almighty Power of the Blessed Savior that, from a distance - without physically being present - Christ could simply give the Word and the Divine Command that the servant be healed. And the servant was healed. No matter what the distance, the centurion did not have to be there and see the miracle take place to believe. He believed it would happen that his servant would be healed, regardless of whether he was there to see it or not.

That is why Jesus said: "Amen, I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel." He added further about the kingdom of the world that the children of the kingdom would be "cast out into the exterior darkness." This is the reason why the Church, down through the centuries, has prayed for the conversion of the Jews — because they, the children of the kingdom have been exiled from the Kingdom of God. They are the very children of those for which the Kingdom was first formed, and for the others only after them. But they are the ones who have been excluded from God's Kingdom because of their not having faith in the One who was foretold by the Prophets to be the Christ. As Saint Peter said: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Mt. 16:16)

It is in perfect conformity with the perpetual tradition of Divine Revelation that the Grace of God is reserved for those who live in faith and obedience. Our Lord Jesus Christ said: "Have faith in God. Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain,

'Arise and hurl thyself into the sea,' and does not waver in his heart, but believes that whatever he says will be done, it shall be done for him. Therefore, I say unto you, all things whatsoever you ask when ye pray, believe that you shall receive, and they shall come unto you. (Mk. 11:22-24)

With God, all things are possible, but only for those who have faith. If the centurion had not had faith in Christ, his servant would not have been cured and would likely have died. The Grace of God bears fruit for those who have faith. Our Lord tells us: "According to your faith, be it done unto you." (Mt. 9:29) The perfect faith is rewarded by God with Extraordinary Grace, but only for those who have faith, because, without faith, there is no hope. Unless we believe in God and unless we believe in the Word of God, we won't believe in the Divine Providence of the Kingdom of Heaven — that we can be made children of God, children of His Kingdom, if only we believe in Him.

But the world has a different idea of God that is not the product of faith in Divine Revelation. It is a diabolical inversion of the revealed Divine Truth. Divine Revelation comes from God, Who is Almighty in His infinite wisdom, and reveals Himself, not in some hidden place, but in an effective manner that we can recognize, that He has promulgated His Law and His revealed Sacred Mysteries.

Revelation comes from on high, from Heaven. The pagan and secular notion of religion and of revelation is entirely the opposite. According to their inverted way of thinking, the idea of revelation is that it is something that comes from within, from the heart of man, and that we project that idea from our mind and create a god in heaven who is not really there.

That is why the apostate heretic Bergoglio says that God is not some solar idea, some idea out in the clouds. Shockingly, he inferred that the God that we believe in, according to Divine Revelation, according to the Revelations made by God

— that kind of a God does not exist. He has stated that bluntly, publicly!

Bergoglio has a secular pagan idea of God that is the very embodiment of the spirit of antichrist — the faithless secular paganism represented as a secular thought — speaking of the spirituality of being in harmony with the universe. We must not be divisive. We must be inclusive. Why? Because their idea of the Kingdom of God is not God's revelation of the Kingdom of God:

Divine Revelation for them is something that is given equally to all and we all have equal claim of the truth. Bergoglio says it is wrong to try to convince others of your Faith and that the practice of attempting to convince others of your Faith is venom; it is poison. That means that, to obey the command of Jesus Christ Our Lord — to go forth and make disciples of all nations; to baptize them and to teach them all the Divine Commands that He taught — according to Bergoglio is poison, is venomous.

That is the result of the pagan way of thinking of a man who has absolutely NO FAITH — not like those who have a mistaken or erroneous faith' not like the theologians who have had their minds, to some degree, corrupted with modernist thinking but still believe the Dogmas of Faith. No, Bergoglio is different. He is a man who rejects the very notion of God that we profess according to Divine Revelation. That is why we have a "Decree" coming from Rome saying that priests, if asked to, must bless homosexual unions. The Church cannot bless perversity. The "religion" of those sectarians who have taken over the Vatican is the secular "religion" of the *United Nations Agenda 2030*. It is the sum total of the product of pagan belief down through the centuries and crystalized in the form of modern philosophy.

Bergoglio, in *Ad Theologiam Promovendam*, said that we must not just reform theology, but we must rethink

"thought" into something else — which is a total reordering from top to bottom, or more accurately, from bottom to top. The whole way we think about God and Divine Revelation — the Apostolic Tradition and the Teaching of the Catholic Church clearly set forth in Sacred Scripture; the teaching of the Prophets throughout the Old Testament — is all to be scrapped because we must re-order our way of thinking.

It is a "rethinking of all thought" according to this new way of thinking — with its inclusivity, with its ecumenical outreach — to embrace all humanity into a "religion" where they say "ALL" are saved — no matter what your belief is.

This is diabolically and diametrically opposed to Divine Revelation — the constant teaching of both the Old and the New Testaments — that communion with God is reserved for those, first and foremost, who believe in Him. We believe in God, and we believe in God's commandments because we believe in God's Word. We obey God's commandments because we are commanded to love God above all things.

How can we have unity with the Protestants who are outside of the Church — those who preach and profess doctrines that are diametrically opposed to what God has revealed. We believe, according to the teaching of Our Divine Savior: that the forgiveness of sin is given to those who repent. Those who repent in faith are given the grace of forgiveness. Their souls are restored by the grace of God, and they become inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven.

When our Lord pronounced the Beatitudes, He pronounced them for those who are poor in spirit and pure of heart. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mat.5:3) The Beatitudes are not spoken for those who do not believe and for those who do not love God above all things. Our Lord will say to them on the day of judgment: "Depart from Me you cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels." (Mat.25:41)

Christ says you will be judged according to your works. How can we have unity with those who say that justification is by faith alone and that good works do not matter — and who is to say that if we have faith that Christ will save us; if we believe in Him — that He will save us no matter what — our sins will be covered by the redemptive grace of Christ; and that God, Who is more powerful than our sins, will save us from our sins as long as we believe that He will save us? This is what Luther taught and what Protestants believe.

Bergoglio's "religion" is even worse than the Protestant heresy. He says we don't have to obey the commandments; that we can live in sin without even believing in God, but we will still be saved, even without faith, as long as we follow our conscience. Bergoglio teaches the opposite of Christ! This is not faith; it is diabolical presumption of the worst kind, and it is diametrically opposed to the teaching of Christ and to all the prophets who came and foretold His coming — all that is enshrined in the Old Testament and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

The Kingdom of God is for those who obey the Law of God, because, as the Old Testament says in the Psalm: *The Law of God is to be observed.* Jesus Christ, Our Lord, solemnly warned that you will be judged according to your works, not just according to your faith or your perverted conscience. According to your works, you can be cursed and sent to the fires of hell: "According to thy hardness and unrepentant heart, thou dost treasure up to thyself wrath, against the day of wrath and of the revelation of the just judgment of God, Who will render to every man according to his works." (Rm.2:5-6)

Christ tells us: "You had faith but you did not fulfill the command I commanded you and so you depart into the fires of hell for all eternity." In *Matthew 25:42-43*, Christ explains further: "I was hungry, and you gave me not to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me not to drink. I was a stranger, and you took me not in; naked and you covered me not; sick and in prison and you did not

visit me."

How can we live in communion with those who deny the most foundational truth that the Law of God is to be observed; that we must believe the Word of God? Faith is not believing that we will be saved — Faith is believing all that God has revealed in the Word of God. Because we believe in the Word of God, we have hope, and the hope brings charity. With faith, hope, and charity, there alone comes into our soul the Sanctifying Grace that will save us by the Power of God — the Grace of Christ that will save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven.

The religion that we received at our Baptism is the opposite of the diabolical inversion of the counterfeit "church" in Rome being peddled by this gang of pirates and impostors who are spewing the doctrine of their devilish sect and masquerading as Catholics. You will see it come to fruition after the end of this "Synod" later this year — that the "church" that now inhabits the Vatican is not the authentic Catholic Church. It is a counterfeit "church". It is a diabolical creation that is diametrically opposed to everything that we believe. It is the inversion of Catholicism. It is the opposite of Catholicism. It is a "religion" straight from hell and we must have nothing to do with that counterfeit "church" which is the "Synodalist reformed church of Rome."

We believe in the Apostolic Catholic Church of Rome, the Catholic Church of the successors of the Apostles, the faith of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. That is the Church of Rome, NOT the faithlessness of Bergoglio and Fernandez who joins those who are perfidious in their faithlessness; of whom Our Lord Jesus Christ said in their own day: "the children of the kingdom that will be cast into the exterior darkness." Bergoglio and his fellow sectarians will join them in the external darkness of hell where, as Our Lord, Himself, solemnly judged them:

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Luke 13:27)

What is Catholic Education?

By **Cornelia R. Ferreira, M.Sc.**

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"multiculturalism" by transforming Christmas celebrations into atheistic winter festivals. Others treat the occult Halloween observance like a "feast day," decorating classrooms with witches and ghosts, displaying books on demons, and holding costume parties; but they ignore All Saints Day.^[3] High schools subject students illiterate in the Faith to interfaith activities in order to teach respect for idolatry.^[4] Countless other examples from around the world can be cited to show that

Catholic curricula are permeated with *grave impiety*.

Thus, following Pope Pius, just because schools give some religious instruction, (which today is far worse than "stinted," being usually at variance with Catholic doctrine, practice, and morals), does not make them a fit place for Catholic students. They are agents of destruction, harming students, as many parents have discovered to their dismay.^[5]

36. Textbooks today are brimming with humanistic New Age ideologies, so homeschool organizations have written, or re-printed books permeated with Christian values.

37. Father Ron Meyer, "Today's Schools Give Watered Down Catholic Education," *Catholic Register*, 10 January 2000, p. 5.

38. Michael Speers, "Dialogue will Open the Gate to Tolerance," *ibid.*, 8 December 1997, p. 14.

39. Pius II also warned parents to extend their vigilance to "impious and immoral" books, movies and radio that will cause the "moral and religious shipwreck" of "inexperienced youth." However, these dangerous materials are now freely used in the classroom, greatly disturbing the mental and spiritual health of children. A troubled highschooler told a newspaper of the damage wrought by ideological movies shown in her Catholic school. She labelled them "graphic and disturbing," portraying "sexual abuse, rape, murder, and sex scenes — hate, anger and mental illness." She had walked out of class during these showings. Five minutes of *Dead Man Walking* gave her nightmares. She encountered teenage girls "crying and shaking" in the washroom after viewing *Boys Don't Cry*. She concluded, "It is extremely uncomfortable to be shown sex scenes, rape and murder as a female adolescent among my male classmates." See Patricia Hurd, "Films Shown in Classroom are Graphic and Disturbing," *Toronto Star*, 17 June 2001, p. A15.

The DESANCTIFYING of the LORD'S DAY

By **Father Karl Claver**

OPEN

Sixty years ago in the United States, and probably in Canada, almost all businesses were closed on Sundays. There were a few exceptions like grocery stores, gas stations and pharmacies that did not close for Lord's Day. Checks that were dated on a Sunday were invalid, as monetary commerce was forbidden on Sunday and the checks could not be cashed nor deposited. Even today in Europe, especially in Germany and Italy practically, everything is closed on Sundays. The stores close on Saturday afternoon and remained closed until Monday morning as I have witnessed. In Israel, no airlines may depart or arrive on Saturday, which is the Jewish Sabbath. For probably over a thousand years Sunday was a day of rest and a day dedicated to Almighty God. Then there was a crack in the wall. It was made by J.C. Penney, the department store. It was the first major chain store to open for business on Sunday in the United States.

Now Sunday is just like any other day of the week as practically everything is open for business. But we cannot just blame Penney's. The Catholic Church has had a major role in desanctifying Sundays. You may ask how? One simple truth, a post Vatican II deformity called 'the Saturday vigil Mass'. This abomination has turned God's Day into a one-hour memorial period on Saturday. Sunday then becomes an excuse to do anything, except worship God. Even servile work is commonplace. Meanwhile the churches are empty, but the shopping malls and sports stadiums are filled to capacity. Instead of worshipping God, and doing spiritual things, people are adoring shopping and sporting events.

The liberals in the Church complained about the 'Blue Laws'

which were popular and enforced until the 1960's. Alcohol was forbidden to be sold and sporting games were very limited. Now everything is possible because the Lord's Day is practically nonexistent, except for traditional Catholics. In many parish school grounds, children are playing ball, while Mass is going on next door. This pagan approach was termed 'God Ball' by a pious priest I know. Yes, Holy Mother Church must take responsibility for destroying Sunday devotions.

The new code of Canon law, promulgated by Pope John Paul II made sure the Saturday vigil Mass was universal and in all dioceses. Not only is God no longer receiving the

but then some did not, so one had to wonder what to do. Up until the Council, Ascension Thursday was on a Thursday, forty days after Easter, as reported by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1, verse 2. This was the Catholic tradition for over 1900 years. In addition to this madness, now, if a Holy Day of Obligation falls on a Saturday or a Monday, you are not obligated to attend. This is "Mass roulette". Some years you must go, other years you do not have to attend Mass. God is logical; this stuff is illogical, and is from the devil, the prince of lies and the author of chaotic ideas. By becoming one with the world, the Church has betrayed Christ

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honor and glory that are due Him, but mankind is also burning out physically, because the sense of leisure has disappeared. There are 168 hours in a week, how difficult is it to give to God the 24 hours that He asks for and deserves?

In addition to this great Sunday abuse, in many parishes, even though it is totally illegal, afternoon wedding Masses are considered fulfilling one's Sunday obligation. Because of, and in addition to this Mass confusion, most parishes no longer have Saturday morning Mass, thereby downplaying the Fatima Message where Our Lady asked for First Saturday devotions.

Another post conciliar abnormality is "Mass roulette". Because of chaos, and illogical directions, one is never sure whether the obligation to attend holy Mass on a Holy Day is in effect. After Vatican II many dioceses switched Holy Days to Sundays,

and opened the door for the anti-Christ to enter in. Hopefully, one day soon, Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation will return to being dedicated to Almighty God, as well as (on Sunday) being a day of rest from servile work. This was the law of the Old Testament, and it is a terrible scandal that is no longer considered important for the salvation of souls.



WHAT IS CATHOLIC EDUCATION?

By *Cornelia R. Ferreira, M.Sc.*

Part II The Role of the State

Pope Pius XI tells us, ... this institution owes its existence to the initiative of the family and of the Church, long before it was undertaken by the State... [It] is by its very nature **an institution subsidiary and complementary to the family and to the Church. It ... must not be in opposition to [them]. ... but [must] form with them a perfect moral union, constituting one sanctuary of education.... Otherwise, it is doomed to fail of its purpose, and to become instead an agent of destruction.**

"The School is subsidiary to the family and the Church. It must not be in opposition to them."

Well, today schools obviously do not consider themselves subsidiary and complementary to the family and the Church. Teaching is no longer a vocation, but a profession. Education is a multi-billion-dollar business and a tool to turn the thinking of entire nations against God and His Church. Many programs in Catholic schools are in direct opposition to what parents want, and it is astounding that even bishops promote programs that violate the Christian conscience of parents.

Therefore, **in general, it can be said that Catholic schools have now become agents of destruction.** The behavioral problems which were virtually nonexistent when schools followed the Catholic blueprint, are a compelling proof of this destruction. **Catholic schools are failed institutions, because instead of serving families and the Church, they have become a law unto themselves.**

Curriculum

According to *Divini Illius*, **the mere fact that a school gives some religious instruction (often extremely stinted), does not ... make**

it a fit place for Catholic students. To be this, it is necessary that all the teaching and the whole organization of the school, and its teachers, syllabus and textbooks in every branch be regulated by the Christian spirit, under the ... maternal supervision of the Church; so that religion may be ... the foundation and crown of the youth's entire training; and this in every grade... [including] higher institutions of learning... To use the words of Leo XIII: "It is, not only that religious instruction be given to the young at certain fixed times, but also that every other subject ... be permeated with Christian piety. If this is wanting, **if this sacred atmosphere does not pervade and warm the hearts of masters and scholars alike, little good can be expected from any kind of learning, and considerable harm will often be the consequence.**"^[5]

In other words, God must be put first in the school if it is to succeed. This is also an important point for homeschoolers who may feel worried about whether their children will receive a good enough education to succeed in life. Put God first, educating for His honor and glory; He will see to everything else.

Pius XI says the doctrine imparted must be "deep and solid, avoiding muddled superficiality," and all subjects, even secular ones, brought "into full conformity with the Catholic faith." If students must "read authors propounding false doctrine, for the purpose of refuting it." Sound doctrine will be an "antidote" and the material will do no harm.

However, today we have the unprecedented situation in which Catholic schools are not permeated with Christian piety, but with humanism, Marxism, feminism, and other New Age ideologies – including the occult. Instead of subjects being brought into conformity with Catholicism, and error refuted, the Faith is accommodated to these inhuman ideas.

For instance, "politically correct" schools conform to

Maxims That Have Made Saints

We Are All Called to be Saints

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1 If possible, attend daily Mass and secure God's blessing on your work.

2 Bear daily annoyances in a spirit of resignation in your imitation of the Mother of Sorrows.

3 You are aching to tell a bit of news. Wait an hour; it will keep.

4 Are you in bad humor? Laugh if possible.

5 When you hear the clock strike, repeat the indulgence prayer, "Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying and release souls from purgatory."

6 Do you wish to avoid certain persons? Say a little prayer and put yourself in the way to meet them. God goes before you. (Only if the person is not an occasion of sin for you.)

7 Do Good to souls of others by a kind word of encouragement, or a prayer softly said.

8 Should you feel inclined to make uncharitable remarks, let your words instead be kind and considerate.

9 You are tempted to eat or drink between meals. Abstain in honor of your mortified Savior.

10 Attend Benediction whenever you can.

11 Make the Stations of the Cross when you can.

12 Are you tempted to be angry? Conquer yourself for the love of your meek and gentle Savior.

13 When you have time, go before the Blessed Sacrament, and make a Holy Hour of reparation.

14 You are inclined to say your prayers hurriedly. Take time; prolong them reverently.

15 Offer an extra Holy Communion for those who are dear to you.

16 Bear with the failings of others if you wish Jesus to be patient with you.

17 You are disposed to complain when you suffer. Thank Jesus for granting you a splinter of His Cross and endure silently.

18 Often make the Sign of the Cross and use Holy Water. Give the indulgence to the souls in Purgatory.

19 Let no day pass without saying a decade of the Rosary for the conversion of sinners.

20 Practice self-forgetfulness and consider the interests of others.

21 Frequently during the day make a Spiritual Communion – say often; "My God, I love Thee and desire to receive Thee into my poor heart."

22 Say a decade of the Rosary for the sick, those in affliction, and for the aching hearts throughout the world.

23 Try to cultivate devotion to Our Lord's Passion.

24 Confide to God your anxieties for your family. Ask Jesus what to do and say.



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	1 Easter Monday	2 Easter Tuesday	3 Easter Wednesday	4 Easter Thursday St. Ildore	5 First Friday Easter Friday Day of Abstinence St. Vincent Ferrer	6 First Saturday Easter Saturday	
7 Low Sunday (First after Easter)	8 Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Transferred from March 25 th)	9 Ferial Day Miss: 1 st Sunday after Easter	10 Ferial Day	11 St. Leo I	12 Ferial Day Day of Abstinence	13 St. Hermengild	
14 2 nd Sunday after Easter St. Justa, St. Thaurinus, Valerian, and Marcellus	15 Ferial Day	16 Ferial Day	17 St. Anicetus	18 Ferial Day	19 Ferial Day Day of Abstinence	20 Our Lady's Saturday	
21 3 rd Sunday after Easter St. Anselm	22 Ss. Soter and Catus	23 St. George	24 St. Fidells of Sigmaringen	25 Saint Mark Evangelist	26 Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus Day of Abstinence	27 St. Peter Canisius	
28 4 th Sunday after Easter St. Paul of the Cross St. Vitalis	29 St. Peter of Verona	30 St. Catherine of Siena					

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