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THE TESTIMONY OF GOD

*"Because thou hast seen me Thomas, thou hast believed.
Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed." (Jn.20:29)*

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, confronted by the doubting Thomas, gave proof beyond all shadow of a doubt, that this was not some kind of a vision, but it was truly the Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior — crucified and risen — Who had entered among the disciples and proclaimed His resurrection from the dead as He had foretold in fulfillment of Scripture. Thus, we have the relevance of the words of St. John when he says: **"If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater for this is the testimony of God, which is greater because He hath testified of His Son."** (1Jn.5:9)

Our Lord appeared — as Scripture tells us — to those witnesses pre-ordained by God. Those witnesses were chosen by God, and they had the Divine testimony with them. Our Lord said to them: **"Amen, I say to you, he that believeth in Me, the works that I do, he also shall do; and greater than these shall he do."** (Jn.14:12). Jesus was telling them that they would work even greater miracles than He, not in magnitude, but certainly greater in number, greater in extension because the miracles would be worked all over the face of the earth.

But, if there were not the Divine testimony; if there were no testimony but mere human testimony, then the credibility of that testimony would not be strong enough to elicit an act of faith in the Word of God and what we would be confronted with would merely be the word of man.

The perverse and faithless generation will make objections and arguments against the resurrection of Our Lord, against the miracles that He worked in His lifetime, and against everything that supports and substantiates the divine testimony that is relayed to us and delivered to us by those witnesses pre-ordained by God and those who have been their successors down to the present time.

But the testimony of God is greater than the testimony of man, and the mere testimony of men against the proof and the evidence of the substance of our Faith. Faith is the substance of what we believe

but do not see and the objections against that are the mere words of men. This is a testimony of their own unfaithfulness and their own disbelief. They will argue on endlessly and the objection they will make is that our belief does not square with science.

God's Miracles Dismissed as Mere Mythology

The belief in miracles, the belief in the resurrection from the dead are dismissed as mere mythology, something that is a remnant from ancient times when people believed in myths and that this practice has survived to our present day. They will dismiss the stories — the narrations of historical facts related to us in the gospels, as being the product of the faith of the early Church — as if the first ones who heard the Gospels were the ones who produced the Gospels from their faith that they heard from their preachers; that the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles were things that were written down much later; and that it was the faith that produced the story; the faith that produced the narrative.

Whereas, in reality, it was the witnessed facts that produced the narrative, and the narrative elicited the acts of Faith, because the testimony of God is greater than the testimony of men and the testimony of those witnesses pre-ordained by God was substantiated by the most stupendous miracles.

The apostles raised the dead to life; they made the lame walk; they gave sight to the blind — exactly as Our Lord Jesus Christ had done. If this is mere mythology — that Jesus worked these miracles and that He rose from the dead — one has to ask: "Isn't that quite a tremendous feat on the part of those who are appointed by Christ to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth?" If Our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, had not worked these miracles, how would they, in the apostolic age, have worked such tremendous miracles; not only then, but throughout history they have worked such great miracles down to our

present time?

How could it possibly be that they worked all of these miracles, but only the miracles of biblical times are the fruit of mythological thinking? Or do they blindly deny — against all reason and evidence — all the miracles of the saints throughout the two millennia of Church History? That shows us the bias, the hypocrisy, the prejudice of those who say we must listen to the verdict of science. Science, as it exists today, is a perverted and prostituted science that does service to the faithless powers that be — those powers that are ruled by the spirits of darkness. The testimony against them and the testimony of God against them is through their own argument.

Bergoglians' Claim: Nothing Can Be Verified and True Unless it Can Be Verified by Science

They say that we live in the scientific age; that we have scientific understandings today; that, in the ancient times, they lived in pre-scientific times and had pre-scientific understanding and therefore, their understanding of things was based on mythology; that they believed in miracles; that they believed in all of these things because they didn't have science to guide them. The Bergoglians say they didn't have science to prove and verify — which is to suppose the unstated principle (which is false), that nothing can be considered verified and true unless it can be verified by science; that science is the measure of all things — that science is the product of the human mind and man is the measure of all things.

The human mind is created by God. Man is a mere creature. God is Almighty and it is not through the natural sciences but through the use of reason, through the employment of right reason, the faculty of the intellect, that we can prove that everything in existence depends on Almighty God and that God truly exists; that He is Almighty; He is all-knowing; His power is infinite and the world that He created is

entirely subject to His Almighty Will.

We cannot understand the mind of God because God is infinitely greater than our human mind — it is not that what we cannot understand does not exist; as if God would have to prove to us that He is a Trinity of persons; that God would have to prove to us — that He owes us an explanation and proof of all that He has revealed as a condition for us to believe Him. This is to subject God to the will of man, as if man, the creature, could issue commands to God and demand: **"I will not believe unless you prove to me to my satisfaction."**

Science can only study that which is observable in this sensible world. Science cannot look beyond what can be observed. Science has no grasp of the Infinite, of the Almighty. Science says that things act according to the laws of nature. That much is true. Things do act according to their nature. That, we have established from human reason; we don't need science to tell us that. But what is false, is when they say God cannot act and intervene in the affairs of this material world because the laws of nature determine how everything acts and that cannot be changed; the nature of things cannot be changed; the nature of how things act cannot be changed.

That much is true, that things act according to their nature, but the conclusion does not follow. What is not true is that God would not have the power to intervene and exercise His Almighty power over His creation. It is not the nature of things that they cannot be acted upon by God. It is only the law of nature and the law of science that, when things act according to their own power, they act in a determinate manner. That doesn't mean that God cannot act upon them.

Christ's Resurrection Ridiculed
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead by the Almighty power of God. He rose from the dead and He is seated at the right hand of the Almighty Father, but godless scientists will ridicule this notion and say it

is genetically determined that the human body cannot live beyond a certain point and that our death is determined by genetics. They say that it is scientifically determined that we are mortal and we will die, and that's the end of us; and that we cannot be raised to eternal life at the resurrection and live forever in these natural bodies of ours? They state that this is impossible because our death is predetermined genetically and scientifically — they can prove it, and go on to say: *"Well, insofar as the human body acts according to its own nature, it is mortal, and it cannot live forever."*

That is a *non sequitur*. It does not follow that God does not have the power to confer those qualities necessary to preserve life for eternity. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead and He has the key to Heaven. He is the King of the Kingdom of Heaven forever in His human nature, in His glorified Body. There is nothing in science that would contradict that God possesses the power to give eternal life, everlasting life to the body so that the whole person can enjoy the eternal life in both body and soul.

Bergoglio's Diabolical Plan "We Have to Revise Theology According to Science"

Theology is not against science. It is against the prejudice and the hypocrisy of the godless scientists and apostate theologians who have no faith, who are opposed to everything that God has revealed. Now that the new religion is about to be proposed and announced in our time, we will see the day come when it will be announced that all that we have believed were fables because they have a more scientific understanding, and we must rethink and re-evaluate — a "rethinking of all thought". This is what Jorge Bergoglio has said - that we must renew the theology by the "rethinking of all thought". That means everything — every dogma that we have believed in the past is subject to revision and subject to the verdict

of "science".

But science has no clue as to what the nature of God is. Science cannot examine God. Natural science can only observe what we observe in nature. Science cannot observe that which cannot be observed in nature but can only be understood with the mind through the discipline of metaphysics, philosophy, and divine revelation.

Science is the wrong instrument, but we are being told by the Bergogian Vatican that we are going to have to revise theology according to science, a "rethinking of all thought". This is the big lie. So many people have not grasped the nature of this lie but that is the lie that we are being presented with and is the basis of the new "religion" that is about to be proclaimed. I can't say what day, what month — like the second coming of Christ, I don't know the day or the hour - but it is coming.

We can come to the conclusion with certain knowledge that God exists, and of the attributes of God — known through human reason alone. What also is absolutely certain is that science cannot pass a verdict on this any more than we can expect to see far away galaxies by looking through a microscope.

Our Victory is Our Faith

Let us recall the words of St. John, the Apostle, who gave us the testimony of the resurrection of Christ, when he said: **"For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world: and this is the victory which overcometh the world, our faith."** (1John 5:4) This is so because Faith is not of this world; it is the Almighty power of God acting on a soul. By that power, that grace, we ascend to the truths that are beyond the power of our mind to grasp.

We have the testimony of God which is greater than the testimony of men most assuredly, greater than the false testimony of godless men.

The Safest Catholic Education

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

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Catholic school for their children is genuinely religious work and therefore an important task of "Catholic Action" ...

Let it be loudly proclaimed and well understood and recognized by all, that Catholics ... in agitating for Catholic schools ... are engaged in a religious enterprise demanded by conscience. They do not intend to separate their children either from the body of the nation or its spirit, but to educate them in a perfect manner, most conducive to the prosperity of the nation.

Catholic homeschooling is the most powerful defense of the Catholic school. It is obviously a religious enterprise demanded by conscience. It is the most important apostolate for parents today as such education will not only benefit our children, but also the Church, nations, and our whole civilization.

Without the resurgence of Christian civilization, we face a new Dark Age: the socialist Masonic world state and its "reign of unheard-of terror." [61]

55. No. 3.
56. No. 16.
57. No. 41 (Emphases added).
58. Statement to the American bishops on November 24, 1875. Cited in the literature of Our Lady of Victory homeschooling organization.
59. Caeli Conculsi, no. 15. Cf. the parable of the talents, Matt. 25:

14-30.
60. Available from Carthus Books, P.O. Box 90523, 230 Markham Rd., Scarborough, ON, Canada M1S 0C2.
61. Pope Benedict XVI, *Bonum Sane* (1929), as cited in Dennis L. Cuddy, *The Globalists* (Oklahoma City: Heartstone Publishing, 2001), p. 42. Pope Benedict said this state, "longed for by all the worst elements," and "based on the principles of absolute equality

of men and a community of possessions, would banish all national loyalties. In it no acknowledgement would be made of a father over his children, or of God over human society. If these ideas are put into practice, there will inevitably follow a reign of unheard-of terror." Catholic schools are clearly preparing citizens for this world state.



“What think you of Christ,” you socialist, you feminist, and you modernist?

“What think you of Christ,” you self-styled intellectuals who mutilate His doctrine and reduce the God-made-Man to a mere historical figure – a kind of prophet or great teacher? “What think you of Christ,” you who have dishonestly amassed a large fortune and who exploit the sweat and labor of Christ’s poor? “What think you of Christ,” you employees who fail to give reasonable and just wages for an honest day’s work? “What think you of Christ,” you who ignore His claims on your love and loyalty and recognize Him only in your blasphemies? ... “What think you of Christ?” He is an intruder, is He not, in the world which is His – among the men and women whom He has redeemed by His most Precious Blood?

WHAT THINK YOU OF CHRIST?

(17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST)

Taken from **A Sermon for All Seasons Vol. 4**, by **Bishop Joseph Macek**

He is a disturber of the disorder established by your conduct ... Your world is motivated by the pursuit of wealth and temporal pleasures. So, you give up Christ because His ways are not your ways. His standards are a condemnation of your cherished ideas. His life is a standing reproach to your lack of good morals. ... Like the scribes and Pharisees of old, you befriend Barabbas and as for Christ – well, you continue to echo the immortal words of those who hated Him: **“Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him, crucify Him! His Blood be upon us and upon our children!”**

Catholic fathers and Mothers, “What think you of Christ?” What place does He hold in your hearts, in your homes in the upbringing of your children? ... Before this question all others dwindle into insignificance. What does Christ mean in your homes; what influence does He exert for time and Eternity?

The influence of home life on the community cannot be

overestimated. ... Christian parents, yours is an enormous responsibility. Your children are the fathers and mothers of our future generations. Lose one of them and thousands of souls are lost to Christ and His Kingdom for time and Eternity. If you teach them the ways of Christ, if you burn with His love, if you are zealous for the spread of His Kingdom, and are obedient to His Commandments, what a crown of glory you will be preparing for yourselves in Heaven and what thousands of children – yet unborn – will look back and bless your memory!

Do your utmost to live for Christ in your life. Plant Him in the hearts of your children. Teach them to always love God above all things, to love your neighbor for the sake of God, and to know the difference between right and wrong. Then, you will have fulfilled your duty and responsibilities to God. And mankind will know: “What you think of Christ!”

THE SAFEST CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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

Pope Leo XIII commanded that **we must "refuse to send children to schools in which there is danger of imbibing the deadly poison of impiety."** Canon 793 (§ 1) says parents must choose those institutes which can best promote the Catholic education of their children, whilst Canon 798 says, "If they cannot do this, they are bound to ensure the proper Catholic education of their children *outside* the school" (emphasis added). **Clearly, then, it is our duty to keep our children away from today's un-Catholic "Catholic" school.**

The belief held by many Catholics, that it is good training for their children to attend such schools so they can refute error by word or example, is mistaken. It is not Church teaching. Parents should shield their children from danger, not assign them to fight in the front lines. However well-armed, most children cannot survive such a war unscathed.

The safest alternative is homeschooling. Since its goal is to protect children's souls and produce true Catholics, it is completely in conformity with Church teaching. Pope Pius IX noted that since the father generates the child, "the family holds directly from the Creator the *mission* and hence the *right* to educate the offspring." And *Gravissimum* observes, "The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute." [55]

But what about parents' ability to teach? In his encyclical *Casti Connubii*, On Christian Marriage (1930), Pius XI said it is *natural* for parents to possess the ability to teach their own children as "God would have failed to make sufficient provision for children ... if He had not given [to parents who] beget them, the power also and the right to educate them." [56] This power comes from the sacramental and actual graces flowing from the sacrament of matrimony, so that, "If

... doing *all* that lies within their power, they cooperate diligently [with the grace] they will be able with ease to ... fulfill their duties." [57]

Of course, homeschooling involves considerable sacrifice for parents. However, according to Blessed Pope Pius IX:

It must be ascertained whether, in the school to be attended, the danger of perversion is of such a nature that its evil effects are unavoidable, if the daily things that are taught and done are contrary to Catholic teaching and morality and cannot fail to cause spiritual injury. Such a danger must, quite obviously, be absolutely avoided, at the cost of any sacrifice whatsoever, even that of life. [58]

That is the cost of Catholic parenthood today. Parents who subject their children to spiritually ruinous education, when they could teach them at home, run the risk of losing their own souls. Pius XI says children are "a talent committed to their charge by God" and are "to be restored with interest on the day of reckoning." [59]

We must consider ourselves missionaries in a barbaric world that can only be civilized by true Catholic education. We should study and widely promote Pius XI's blueprint [60] and insist that it is followed in the schools. But until it is, and until the system is re-Catholicized, we must homeschool to protect our children. Homeschooling also sends the message that we are dissatisfied with the Catholicity of our schools.

Pope Pius tells us:

For whatever Catholics do in promoting and defending the

The Badge of the Immaculate Heart

Taken from *The Woman Shall Conquer* by Don Sharkey



BLANGY, 1840

Our Lady's campaign to win our modern world for Christ continued on January 18, 1840, when She appeared to young sister Justine Bisqueyburu who was kneeling at prayer in the novitiate of the Daughters of Charity in Paris. Our Lady was clothed in a long white robe over which hung a bright blue mantle. Her hair fell loosely over Her shoulders. In Her hands She held Her heart from the top of which issued brilliant rays. Her beauty was so dazzling that sister could scarcely keep from crying out. The same apparition was repeated four or five times during her novitiate, on the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin.

After receiving her habit, Sister Bisqueyburu was sent to Blangy to teach school. On September 8, 1840, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Our Lady appeared holding in Her right hand Her Heart surrounded by flames, and in Her left a sort of scapular. It was a single piece of green cloth suspended from a string of the same color. On one side was a picture of the Blessed Virgin as She had shown Herself in the preceding apparitions. On the other side was "a heart all ablaze with rays more dazzling than the sun and transparent as crystal." The heart was pierced with a sword. It was surmounted by a cross and surrounded by an oval inscription. The inscription read: "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death."

An interior voice told Sister that copies of this new scapular should be made as

soon as possible and distributed with confidence. It would contribute to the conversion of those who had no faith and, above all, procure for them a happy death.

After two years of delay and Our Lady's complaints regarding the delay, finally some scapulars were made, but not in large quantities. They were given out by way of experiment and not with great confidence.

The Blessed Virgin repeatedly showed Her displeasure during the year 1846. "It is absolutely necessary," Sister wrote her superior in July of that year, "That Father Aladel (the same priest to whom Catherine Laboure confided the secret of the Miraculous Medal in 1830) attend to the scapular and that he should disseminate it and do so with great confidence" ...

Father Aladel was convinced by this time, but one difficulty remained; what were the conditions necessary to make the wearing of the scapular effective?

On September 8, 1846, Our Lady again appeared to Sister Bisqueyburu. With great reluctance, Sister carried out Father's request. The Blessed Virgin replied that since the scapular is not the badge of a confraternity but simply a double image on a piece of cloth and suspended from a cord, no formal imposition is required. It is enough for it to be blessed by a priest. It can be worn, or it can be placed in the clothing, on the bed, or simply in the room with the person. The only prayer is the one on the scapular: "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death." This should be repeated daily, if not by the one wearing it, by the one giving it. The scapular may be distributed everywhere. Although wonderful graces are attached to it, they are given in proportion to the confidence with which it is given. This was signified by the rays in Our Lady's hands during this last apparition.

When these conditions were complied with, many conversions resulted. The first

recorded was a Mr. Copin who had been raised in the antireligious atmosphere so common in France. His employer, Mr. Letaille, a devout Catholic, had tried repetitively to convert Mr. Copin. On September 19, 1842, one of the Daughters of Charity sent Mr. Letaille a Green Scapular and asked him to induce Mr. Copin to wear it. "If needs be," she said, "be insistent. Bring the Heart of Mary near that unhappy heart, so that Her power may break its lock, and that grace may, as soon as possible, penetrate into that soul. All our Sisters are going to join in prayer for him."

At first, Mr. Copin accepted the scapular, but thought little of it until about seven o'clock in the evening on September 30... Suddenly, he rose from the dinner table, went into the bedroom and fell on his knees before a statue of the Blessed Virgin. He held the Green Scapular in his hand, kissed it respectfully, and shed many tears. He called the scapular the "medium" through which his conversion had come about.

Three times within ten years – at Rue du Bac, at Our Lady of Victories, and at Blangy – Our Lady stressed devotion to Her Immaculate Heart. At Fatima, in 1917, Our Lady said that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1942, as a result of Fatima, Pope Pius XII dedicated the world to the Immaculate Heart. A few years later he established the feast of the Immaculate Heart, August 22. After that the Green Scapular, Badge of the Immaculate Heart, was widely distributed for the first time.

***Please contact Servants of Jesus and Mary Fatima Center to receive Green Scapulars to distribute!**

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MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 15 th Sunday After Pentecost St. Giles Twelve Holy Brothers	2 St. Stephen, King of Hungary	3 St. Pius X	4 Ferial Day	5 St. Lawrence Justinian	6 First Friday Day of Abstinence Ferial Day	7 First Saturday Our Lady's Saturday
8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (16 th Sunday After Pentecost) St. Adrian	9 St. Peter Claver St. Gorgonius	10 St. Nicholas of Tolentino	11 Ss. Protus & Hyacinth	12 The Holy Name of Mary	13 Day of Abstinence Ferial Day Mass: 16 th Sunday After Pentecost	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (17 th Sunday After Pentecost) St. Nicomedes	16 Ss. Cornelius, Cyprian St. Euphemia & Lucy & Geminian	17 Stigmata of St. Francis	18 Day of Fast Ember Day St. Joseph of Cupertino	19 St. Januarius & Companions Our Lady of La Salette	20 Day of Fast and Abstinence Ember Day St. Eustace & Companions	21 Day of Fast Ember Day St. Matthew Evangelist
22 18 th Sunday After Pentecost St. Thomas of Villanova St. Maurice & Companions	23 St. Linus St. Thecla	24 Our Lady of Mercy (Ransom)	25 Ferial Day	26 St. Isaac Jogues & Companions Ss. Cyprian & Justina	27 Day of Abstinence Ss. Cosmas & Damian	28 St. Wenceslas, Duke
29 Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel (19 th Sunday after Pentecost)	30 St. Jerome					