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THE CHURCH TEACHING ON THE NATURE OF ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY

Excerpt from the working manuscript of Volume II The Case Against Bergoglio — What Must Be Done

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The primary purpose of Volume II will be to briefly elaborate the teaching of the Church on the *nature of ecclesiastical authority* insofar as it applies to the Church's power to *determine infallibly and judge between multiple claimants to the papal throne, or to judge on the legitimacy of one who is reputed to be the valid pontiff — a putative pope.*

Secondly, I will apply this doctrine to the claims on the Petrine *munus* of Jorge Bergoglio and Joseph Ratzinger; and I will prove that Bergoglio is a formal heretic, and therefore an *incapable subject* of the papacy, and therefore *not a valid pope*; while, Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), according to the standards of canonical tradition, does not present in his doctrines any certain *indicia* of formal heresy which would constitute proof sufficient to disqualify him from holding the Petrine office.

A brief but concise exposition on the nullifying canonical defects of Benedict's renunciation will conclude this volume, which will demonstrate that **Benedict XVI, as Pope Emeritus remains in full possession of the Petrine munus**, so that upon his death, the Apostolic See will become vacant, and it will then be necessary for a new pope to be elected. However, if after a thorough examination of the question of validity of his resignation, there should remain an unresolvable and founded *positive* and *probable doubt* in the minds of the legitimate pastors of the Church about the validity of Benedict's renunciation — **and if Pope Benedict would still refuse to resolve that doubt by means of an unequivocal declaration**; then, in this eventuality it would be necessary for the Church to proceed to the election of a new pope.

However, for the Church to have authority in such a case of doubt about the legitimacy of a claimant, there must not merely be some degree of founded *positive* and *probable doubt*, but the doubt must be such as would make it impossible to recognize any of the claimants as a certainly valid pope. If a pope is a true pope validly

elected, his election cannot be nullified by a council, nor can his primacy be removed, as Father Pietro Ballerini¹ explained:

"The same primacy exists in every Pontiff who is true and legitimate, even if because of ambiguous circumstances it is not ascertained who among the contenders is the legitimate and true pope. Such ignorance could indeed excuse those whose due efforts do not lead to a true Pontiff in reality (who remains) invincibly unknown to them; but as simple ignorance impairs no right, and cannot impair him who is a true and legitimate Pontiff, albeit unknown to others, accordingly it does not nor can it grant any right over him even to an ecumenical council: undoubtedly the right of the primacy always remains in reality with a true and legitimate Pontiff, who always, being superior to the whole Church and whatever council by this right of the primacy, is removed from the jurisdiction of those others."²

In fact, as Father Francesco Bordon³ explains, even if faced with war or other imminent dangers, or an opposing party supported by the secular powers, the pope is morally bound to resist any such attempt that would coerce his resignation or nullify his primacy with all his might, even unto death, rather than allow a schism to be brought about by ceding the rights of the papacy to a demonstrably illegitimate *intruder*.⁴ The proposition that a council could nullify the election of a true and valid pope or deprive him of his jurisdiction directly opposes the solemn definition of the Primacy which infallibly declared in *Pastor Aeternus* that the Primacy consists of the "full and supreme power of jurisdiction and the total fullness of this supreme power"

Against this solemn definition, John Salza and Robert Siscoe heretically assert on page 392 of *True or False Pope?* — "But in a case in which there is no peaceful and universal acceptance of an elected Pope, if the Church were to later nullify the election (e.g., by an act of deposition by an imperfect

council, if the man were still living), this act would not infringe upon the Church's infallibility concerning dogmatic facts."

No council has ever nullified the election of a true and valid pope; and the Council of Constance in its depositions did not nullify the election of any valid pope, but as Ballerini observed:

"One sees by what means the divine providence employed the synod of Constance to end the most tenacious schism, so that that synod did not need to exercise any power of jurisdiction by its authority to depose any true, albeit unknown, actual Pontiff."⁵

Such an act which would separate the head of the Church from the members of the mystical body, being opposed to the divine constitution of the Church, would bring about the destruction of the Church by decapitating the body, and therefore is impossible. In virtue of the Church's attributes of *Infallibility* and *Indefectibility*, the Church is infallibly protected by divine providence from such an occurrence ever taking place, because the pope as visible head of the Church only participates in the headship of the invisible principal Head of the Church, Our Lord Jesus Christ who cannot be separated from the body; and who invisibly directs the affairs of the Church through his vicar, the Pope, and the pope's hierarchical subordinates.

To be continued next issue.

1 Fr. Pietro Ballerini of Verona (+1809) died 28 March 1760, after completing his studies both at college and the seminary was chosen principal of a classical school in Verona. He attracted the attention of Pope Benedict XIV, who commissioned him to prepare an edition of St. Leo's works in refutation of the defective one published by Quaresmi. After almost nine years of labour in which he enjoyed free access to all the libraries of Rome, Pietro brought out his work in three volumes (Rome, 1753-57) reproducing the entire edition of Quaresmi together with elaborate refutations and additions (Milan, Perini's Letture, 1814-18). The third volume is a profound study of the sources of canon law. He also published two works against Paganini on papal power. De viri ecclesiae Praesentis Praesentibus Pontificibus (Verona, 1768), and De praesentis ecclesiae Praesentis Pontificis et Conciliorum Generatione (Verona, 1765). [Wikipedia]

2 De Praesentis Ecclesiae Praesentibus Pontificibus et Conciliorum Generatione, Auctore Petro Ballerini Presbytero Veronensi, Augustae Viennarum (Augsburg), 1775, p. 132.

3 Father Francesco Bordon of Parma (+1671), theologian, jurist, and historian, was the most notable Franciscan friar of his time, and was described by the Franciscan historian Luke Wadding as "in doctrina varietate scientiarum generis ornatiss": "He was a man of vast culture, whose writings span multiple genres — dogmatic and moral theology, canonical, historical, and hagiographical. Father Bordon was a theological consultant for the City of Parma and Synodal Examiner, and later Minister General of the Order (1655-1659). He was also a Master Doctor and zealous defender of the Immaculate Conception."

4 Fr. Francesco Bordon, *Oratorum Mirabilium in Causis Sanctae Fidei Contra Haereticos et Infidelis Suspectos, Caput Sextum*, Romae, 1648, p. 150. 5 Ballerini, Op. cit. Cap. IX, § 19 p. 198.

AN
ANGEL'S
AND OUR
LADY'S ADMONITIONS

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At Fatima, the year preceding Our Blessed Mother's appearance, our merciful heavenly Father, in His Divine Wisdom, sent an instructive

and admonishing Angel to the three shepherds who were prepared for the momentous events of 1917.

This magnificent Angel not only taught Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco how to properly pray, he taught them prayers of adoration, and most reverently how to adore Our Divine Savior in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The awesome spiritual effect lingered for days after his coming.

Children, being children, the three shepherds easily slipped back into playing instead of praying. To this the Angel reappeared and strictly admonished them in these words: "What are you doing? Pray, pray much! Continually offer up prayers."

We cannot see our Guardian Angel, but each soul has been blessed with one. If we could hear our Angel would he not admonish to us: "Pray, pray much, continually offer up prayers."

Let us question why the Consecration of Russia has not been done. Is it the fault of Rome? Is it the fault of the Bishops? Is it the fault of priests, or religious? In part, yes, but in truth it is the fault of all of us who have failed to pray, pray much.

Three unlearned children internalized the message of the Angel, and were then ready to accept the further admonition of Our Lady of Fatima who when asked by Lucia if Francisco would go to heaven Our Lady emphatically replied: "Yes, but first he must say many Rosaries!"

After the horrific vision of hell, that Our Lady manifested to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco, She spoke these sorrowful words: "You have seen hell, where the souls of sinners go. It is to

save them that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. Our Lady went on to say that the offences against Almighty God would lead to greater persecution and the punishment of the world by war, famine and sufferings endured by the Holy Father.

It is then that Our Lady of Fatima gave the antidote to such punitive measures. "To prevent this, I shall come to the world to ask that Russia be consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, and I shall ask that on the First Saturday of every month Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

December 10, 1925 Our Lady visited Lucia in her convent room accompanied by the Child Jesus. Lucia recounted that Our Lady told her that Her Divine Son was saddened by the disregard shown His Blessed Mother and the outright way that She was blasphemed by those who were offending Her Immaculate Heart. The consequence of these offences led to many souls falling into eternal loss in hell.

*"Pray, pray much!
Continually offer up prayers!"*

Lucia might have been disheartened and forlorn were it not for the next offering of solace in Our Lady's words: "... but many others would be saved if good and generous souls could be found who would undertake to make reparation for those offences by their prayers and good works, thus appeasing the Divine Justice.

And the way to make this reparation is to practice the devotion of the Five First Saturdays. Lucia reported that Our Lady promised that She would concede (to those who fulfilled the Five First

Saturday request) to them many graces during their lifetime and the gift of final perseverance.

It should be noted that on December 12, 1942, at the behest of the Bishop of Leiria, Fatima, a plenary indulgence could be gained, under the usual conditions, on each First Saturday by those who perform the exercises of the devotion of the Five First Saturdays requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

How then are we to respond to the admonitions of Our Lady and our Guardian Angels? If we sincerely wish that our request for the Consecration of Russia be fulfilled, and if we wish for the graces in this life to not only save the souls of those we love but our own soul, then respond to the urgings of Our

Lady and our Guardian Angel to pray, pray, much, fulfill the Five First Saturday request, and make acts of penance and daily sacrifices.

It is obvious that because so few have responded to these admonitions the errors of Russia have reached the total expanse of the world. Again, learn the lesson of the three children of Fatima who were told by the Angel of Peace: "Pray, pray much! Continually offer up prayers!"



Dearly beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits if they be of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. By this is the spirit of God known. Every spirit which confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God; and every spirit that dissolveth Jesus is not of God; and this is Antichrist, of whom you have heard that he come and he is now already in the world. (1 John 4: 1-3)

WATCH YE & PRAY

With excerpts from the Holy Bible, St. Robert Bellarmine, Pope Pius XI, and statistics from Wikipedia

St. Robert Bellarmine stated the following truth: "It is granted to few to recognize the true Church amid the darkness of so many schisms and heresies, and to fewer still so to love the truth which they have seen as to fly to its embrace."

Here are two quotes, one from St. John taken from his writings in the Bible and the other from St. Robert Bellarmine, that address the eternal quest for truth and the subsequent demolition of that truth by those who fall prey to the wiles of the evil one.

Of the estimated 2.518 billion adherents in 2020 to Christianity slightly over 50 per cent claim to be Catholic, and Protestants account for nearly 40 percent worldwide. Evangelization is a key proponent to the massive growth of Protestant denominations throughout the world – evangelization that the Apostles were commissioned by Christ to do in the sacred words: **And Jesus coming, spoke to them, saying: "All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth. Going therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."** (Mark 28: 18-20)

St Paul in 2 Corinthians Chapter 11 verse 3 warned in the following words about the wiles of the serpent:

But I fear lest, as the serpent seduced Eve by his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted, and fall from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Closer to the present time and harkening to the need for the fulfillment of the Fatima requests Pope Pius XI condemning Modernism or the Christian Democracy of the Sillon wrote in March 1937 the following words of warning:

...In the beginning communism showed itself for what it was, thus alienating the people. It has therefore changed its tactics and strives to entice the multitudes by trickery of various forms, hiding its real designs behind ideas that in themselves are good and attractive. Thus, aware of the universal desire for peace, the leaders of communism pretend to be the most zealous promoters and propagandists in the movement for world amity. Yet at the same time they stir up a class-warfare which causes rivers

of blood to flow, and realizing that their system offers no internal guarantee of peace, they have recourse to unlimited armaments. Under various names which do not suggest communism, they establish organizations and periodicals with the sole purpose of carrying their ideas into quarters otherwise inaccessible. They try perfidiously to worm their way even into professedly Catholic and religious organizations. Again without receding an inch from their subversive principles, they invite Catholics to collaborate with them in the realm of so-called humanitarianism and charity; and at times even make proposals that are in perfect harmony with the Christian spirit and the doctrine of the Church.

...See to it, Venerable Brethren, that the Faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived! Communism is intrinsically perverse, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever...

...When the apostles asked the Savior why they had been unable to drive the evil spirit from a demoniac, Our Lord answered: "This kind is not cast out but by prayer and fasting." So, too, the evil which today torments humanity can be conquered only by a world-wide holy crusade of prayer and penance... (Actes de S.S.Pie XI, Vol. XV, p. 81-84.)

If Our Lord and Savior, St. John, St. Paul, St. Robert Bellarmine, and Pope Pius XI spoke on the need to evangelize the Faith, the need to discern the spirits of the world, the need to recognize the true Church, the need to pursue a quest for truth, and the need to fear lest they be seduced by the evil one, then there is ample proof in the world today that the Antichrist in the form of anyone who breaks with the truth, teaches a gospel other than the one given to the Apostles by Christ, and corrupts minds with false teachings has ruptured the halls and sanctity of our Catholic Faith and is winning souls for eternal damnation.

Remember Christ's rebuke to Peter and the sons of Zebedee in the Garden of Gethsemani:

Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh weak. (Matthew 26: 41)

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**Matthew
26: 41**

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FEMINISM: Russia's Deadly Weapon Against The Family

By Cornelia R. Ferreira

MARRIAGE AS MATERIALISTIC CLASS WARFARE

Hence, the emancipation of women is necessary to overthrow capitalism, and overthrowing capitalism is necessary for their emancipation. Applying class and economic theories to the family, Engels says that in order to create equality between husband and wife, "the first condition for the liberation of the wife is to bring the whole female sex back into public industry, and ... this in turn demands the abolition of the monogamous family as the economic unit of society." This new setup is what he calls the "proletarian family" or the "proletarian marriage," meaning a marriage of equals, as opposed to the "monogamous family" of class divisions.¹ This Marxist idea became the foundation of the feminist movement. As expressed by French feminist Simone de Beauvoir, whose

1949 book, *The Second Sex*, became the feminist "bible," only socially productive labour makes a man truly human, and so to be equal to man, the woman must not only join the work force, but even give up her femininity.²

The Communist Manifesto also accuses the bourgeois family of exploiting its other private property — children — and it calls for replacing home education by "social" — i.e., State — education, in order "to rescue education from the influence of the ruling class."³ In this "ruling class" we can place the Catholic Church as well. In 1889, Freemasonry, the parent of Communism, deemed that in order to advance its universal socialist republic,

[f]reedom of thought and conscience of the children has to be developed systematically in the child at school and protected, as far as possible, against all disturbing influences, *not only of the Church* ..., but also of the children's own parents....⁴

Ruether proudly notes that the Communists set up State day-care; maternity leave; contraception and abortion; and they got rid of "patriarchal laws that discriminated against women in marriage and divorce."⁵ Engels explained that in the proletarian family with the working wife, "male supremacy" disappears, and the wife has "regained" her ancient right to institute divorce.⁶ The provisions of the Marxist State are precisely the rights that feminists have been fighting for — and largely won — across the world.

TO BE CONTINUED

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¹ Engels, *ibid.*; cf. Sewell, *ibid.*

² Hauke, pp. 31, 35-36.

³ Page 29: For the "most advanced countries," the *Manifesto* also stipulates "Free education for all children in public schools"; page 25 (chap. 2).

⁴ *The Catholic Encyclopedia* (1913), s.v. "Masonry," by Fr. Hermann Gruber (emphasis added).

⁵ Ferreira, "Isis."

⁶ Engels, *ibid.*



St. Matthias

The Apostle Who Replaced Judas Iscariot

*With some excerpts taken from the **National Catholic Register***

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles. Acts 1:26



Judas' betrayal and death left a distressing void that to the apostles was paramount to fill with a worthy replacement. Peter, as the head of the apostles, and recollecting that a prophecy from the Book of Psalms said, "May another take his office," felt obliged to replace the lost apostle and restore the number of apostles to twelve.

During the 10 days following the ascension of Jesus and the awaiting of the coming of the Holy Ghost Peter approached the 120 disciples of Jesus in Jerusalem, confiding his concern on the need to replace Judas with someone who was faithful to Jesus and who had been an active and committed disciple from the time of Jesus' baptism until his ascension into heaven.

These devoted Christians prayed earnestly for discernment and put forth two names: Matthias and Joseph Barsabbas (July 20). They continued in prayer for heavenly guidance and then chose to use the ancient Jewish practice of drawing lots in the belief that by so doing God would reveal who should be chosen. It was through means of "drawing lots" that Matthias became the replacement for Judas.

Truly little was written about Matthias in the Bible. However, some conflicting

details were written down by early Church historians who recorded that Matthias was a well-known preacher on the rejection of worldly desires. He apparently stressed the self-contradiction of serving dually God and inordinate pleasure. Several traditions have Matthias preaching the Gospel in various locations; one sited as being in Judea, where many claimed he was ultimately stoned to death and/or beheaded.

A Novena of Days with St. Matthias the Apostle

St. Matthias is remembered on May 14 in the Catholic Church and he is the patron of tailors and carpenters. It may be a challenge to come up with a strong picture of this replacement apostle-saint, but by pondering the passages below, a more focused picture emerges. Consider spending a novena of days with St. Matthias by reading and taking notes on the nine passages. Be sure to ask St. Matthias to pray for a special intention of yours during the nine days!

- Day 1: Acts 1:15–26
- Day 2: Psalm 69:26
- Day 3: Psalm 109:8
- Day 4: Acts 2:1–4
- Day 5: Acts 2:42–43
- Day 6: Acts 4:32–35
- Day 7: Acts 5:12–16
- Day 8: Acts 5:17–29
- Day 9: Acts 6:1–4



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 5 th Sunday After Pentecost St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria	6 Ferial Day	7 Ss, Cyril & Methodius	8 St. Elizabeth Queen of Portugal	9 Ferial Day	10 7 Sons of St. Felicity Ss. Rufina & Secunda Day of Abstinence	11 St. Pius I
12 6 th Sunday After Pentecost St. John Gualbert, Ss Nabor & Felix	13 St. Anaclethus	14 St. Bonaventure	15 St. Henry II Emperor	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17 St. Alexis Day of Abstinence	18 St. Camillus de Lellis
19 7 th Sunday After Pentecost St. Vincent de Paul	20 St. Jerome Emilian St. Margaret	21 St. Praxedes V	22 St. Mary Magdalen, Penitent	23 St. Apollinaris St. Liborius	24 St. Christina Day of Abstinence	25 St. James the Greater St. Christopher
26 St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 th Sunday after Pentecost)	27 St. Pantaleon Mass 8 th Sunday after Pentecost	28 Ss Nazarius & Celcius, Ss Victor & Innocent	29 St. Martha, St. Felix II, Ss Simplicius, Faustinus, & Beatrice	30 Ss Abdon and Sennen	31 St. Ignatius of Loyola Day of Abstinence	

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THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS