

To His Holiness Pope Francis,

25-28 March 2020, Annunciation of the Lord

Your Holiness,

I wish to express my deepest gratitude and very sincerely thank to you for neither abolishing compulsory priestly celibacy nor allowing the ordination of female deacons in the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Querida Amazonia*, by which you saved the Mystical Body of Christ from substantial changes.

Prompted by the importance of the recent beautiful example of the seriousness of their ministerial duty as given by your predecessor Pope-Emeritus Benedictus XVI and His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah, in writing and publishing their book "*From the Depths of Our Hearts*", I have written the attached Open Letter (with Appendix) to all Cardinals. Therein I call on all Cardinals to follow this splendid example, to which they are also obliged by nature of their own individual ministries. This Open Letter and Appendix are also made available publicly on the internet:

<https://www.ecclesiae.nl>

I hope you can agree with the contents of this letter and its appendix.

In addition, I humbly request that you seriously consider the five points I list below, with the intention of placing these topics into the following broader theological context;

Why did the Holy Spirit inspire Saint Pope Paul VI to block these topics specifically during the Council and to subsequently publish the "*Creed of the people of God*"?

To this end, I would like to draw your attention to the "thread" of my analysis summarized in the Appendix. That is that the constant arguments for changing the Church substantially by the modernist/liberal wing during and since the Second Vatican Council. Even today regarding the '*Amazon Synod*' and the '*German Synodal Path*', the arguments are more or less precisely those same topics that were blocked twice by your predecessor Saint Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council and shortly thereafter during the Dutch Pastoral Council.

The topics blocked by Pope Saint Paul VI during the Council were the following:

- 1) Regarding the structure of the Church: by issuing *Nota Explicativa Praevia* against the introduction of a false collegiality;
- 2) Regarding Sacred Doctrine: by obliging the Council Committee to replace the draft text that was forcefully designed by His Eminence Augustin Cardinal Bea S.J. and the theologian Father Karl Rahner S.J. and which implicitly denied Sacred Tradition as one of the two sources of Revelation, for a text that explicitly spoke of the two sources (Scripture and Tradition);
- 3) Regarding the Church's Ecclesiastical Life: by rejecting the topic of compulsory celibacy of priests from the Council and reserving this matter to himself ("*My Journal of the Council*" by Yves Congar page 808). Consequently in 1967 he published the Encyclical *Sacerdotalis Caelibatus* on this subject;
- 4) Regarding the principles of Pastoral Care and the procreation of human life: by rejecting the topic of contraception/sexuality from the Council and reserving this matter to himself which resulted in the publication of his 1968 Encyclical *Humanae Vitae*;

Finally after the Council regarding the interpretation of the Council's documents and the fullness of Doctrine: on request of the first Bishops Conference in 1967, Pope Paul VI published in June 30th, 1968, the "Credo of the People of God" [Motu Proprio *Solemni hac Liturgia*].

Furthermore, when Saint Pope John XXIII spoke about the "*prophets of doom*" in his Opening Address to the Council, it is entirely illogical that he would have implied these prophets to be the Conservative Council Fathers, as the modernist and liberal wing want us to believe. On the contrary, these prophets are precisely the same modernist and liberal wing who are continuously arguing in this manner and lying about their true intentions. From since before the Council to the present time they continuously accuse the Mystical Body of Christ i.e. the Church of being outmoded and inadequate by means of so-called "doom scenarios". These are; that its outmoded and inadequate "model" (its structure, Doctrine, Ecclesiastical Life, Divine Adoration and principles of Pastoral Care) are the source of all "evil" in society and that the Church has to change/reform.

Your Holiness, I also wish to express my deepest gratitude and very sincerely thank to you for the public act of Begging for Mercy and Benediction of the world with the Holy Sacrament. However only begging for Mercy, seems to be insufficient here. With regard to today's general spirit in the Church that is so badly influenced by the ambiguous and rebellious manner of the "*prophets of doom*", we humbly request you to consider today's pandemic suffering of the entire world as a supernatural consequence. The stakes are too high to simply ignore this fact. It can therefore only be solved by supernatural means, in a manner, which expresses unity between three critical public acts of the Church, namely:

- a) Begging God for Mercy,
- b) Declaration of a (renewed) "Credo of the People of God" as Manifesto of Faith, and
- c) By doing Penance.

With heartfelt gratitude for your kind and generous consideration, we offer you the assurance of our filial support and prayers and we humbly ask for the grace of your blessing.

Faithfully in Christo,

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