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Pope Franziskus in the ZEIT interview

"I am a sinner and am fallible"

In his first interview with a German newspaper, Pope Franziskus talks about his faith, the danger of populism and the Luther year 2017.

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Pope Francis at a General Audience in St. Peter's Square in Rome in September 2016 © ullstein bild / Press photo Ulmer

New Papal Interview Addresses Cardinal Burke, Married Priests



Maike Hickson | March 8, 2017 | 143 Comments

(Image: Screenshot of the papal interview as it appears [with Google translation] in *Zeit Online*)

Today, 8 March, the German newspaper *Die Zeit* published an interview with Pope Francis which was conducted at the end of February at the pope's residence Casa Santa Marta in Rome. In this somewhat lengthy interview, the pope speaks about two important topics which are both timely and of special interest.

First, he speaks directly about Cardinal Raymond L. Burke and the pope’s own decision to intervene into the affairs of the Order of Malta, and also why Cardinal Burke was subsequently sent to Guam. In one section of the interview, Pope Francis says: “I do not consider Burke to be a Pope Enemy, Has Been Disrespected, and I respect his views toward the Four Dubia Cardinals

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Cardinal Burke went there [to Guam] because of a terrible incident. I am very grateful to him for that; there was a bad abuse case, and he is an excellent lawyer, but I believe that this mission is already nearly accomplished.

Later in the same interview, the journalist, Giovanni di Lorenzo, asks Pope Francis about an overall question of the Order of Malta and the pope’s intervention in this specific case. Pope Francis responds:

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The problem with the Order of Malta was, rather, that Cardinal Burke was not able any more to act in a just manner in the affair **because he did not any more act alone**. However, I did not remove his title as Cardinal Patron. He still is Patronus of the Order of Malta. My Comments necessary to clean out a little bit in the order and that is why I have sent there a delegate who has another charism than Burke. [my emphasis]



Netmilsmom

an important aspect of the interview is the ongoing debate about married priests.

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 1:55 PM

Giovanni di Lorenzo asks the pope about the wide lack of priests, for example in Hamburg, Germany. The pope responds, saying that “also in Switzerland, it does not look good.” He

How long Lord?

continues with the words: “Many parishes have brave women: they keep up the Sunday and celebrate liturgies of the word, that is to say without the Eucharist. The problem, however, is the lack of vocations.” (In a later section of the interview, Pope Francis explains: “One does not get more vocations with the help of proselytism.”)

Reply

When discussing the matter of married priests, Pope Francis answers: “But voluntary celibacy is not the answer.” Additionally, he does show, however, more openness toward the idea of giving more scope and clerical faculties to the “*virii probati*,” those married men who have lived abidingly a tested and proven virtuous life and who would be thus eligible for the permanent diaconate. Francis says:

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MarcAlcan

ve to reflect about whether the viri probati are a possibility. Then we also have to determine which tasks they could have, for example in far distant parishes. [...] In the Church, it is always important to recognize the right moment, to recognize when the Holy Ghost demands something. That is why I say that we will continue to reflect about the viri probati.

There is a song that goes “He makes all things beautiful in His time”

and it is true. Not ours. His.


With regard to the discussion of female deacons, Pope Francis says that he encourages us all to study the question. He adds that this is the “duty of theology,” to ask, when studying Holy Scripture (in line with the historical-critical method): “What did this mean at that time [of the Bible]? What does it mean today?” Francis adds: “Truth is to have no fear. That tells us the historical truth, the academic truth: Don’t be afraid! That makes us free.”

So we wait patiently while at the same time praying and working to advance the truth.

Reply

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The timing of this renewed discussion on the issue of married priests coincides with a meeting of the influential German Bishops’ Conference in Bergisch Gladbach this week,

during which the  Violetta on of a married priesthood (as part of a larger discussion on the priesthood itself) may be on the agenda. That this papal interview — originally conducted last month in Italian — is being released at this precise moment in a German

Violetta

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 5:05 AM

I agree, great reply Marc. The Bible says there’s a time for everything. I am praying extra rosaries for the Church and for the pope to convert; but also for families. We need more “first vocations”.
language publication raises questions about the possibility of a larger, coordinated communications effort to advance the issue. This is, according to Die Zeit, the pope’s “first interview with a German newspaper”.

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vocations”.

Correction: The final paragraph of this post originally reported that the issue of married priesthood is on the agenda of the German Bishops’ Conference meeting this week. This was not technically correct — the issue of the priesthood is on the agenda, and one German auxiliary bishop, Dieter Geerlings of Münster, believes married priests should be part of the discussion. We do not yet know whether it was taken up in today’s meetings. (This post and the corresponding note have been updated to improve accuracy.)

Reply

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Thomas J. McIntyre

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 9:38 AM

I’ve prayed more Rosaries for the Pope in the past couple

months then i ever did when Benedict XVI was Pope

Maike Hickson



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Her articles have appeared in American and European journals such as Catholicism.org,

LifeSiteNews, The Wanderer, Culture Wars, Catholic Family News, Christian Order, Apropos, and Zeit-Fragen.



Chloe

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 4:12 PM

Me too. We should pray like blazes for the pope whoever he is, even if he seems a great saint. If we don't..... look what happens. Mea maxima culpa

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jacobum

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 8:11 PM

The Lord's "justice" would indicate "not anytime soon". This chastisement has been a long time delayed before coming. I suspect it's just the beginning. Pray, Fast and Resist.

Reply



GenXDeacon ☺

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 1:56 PM

"What did this mean at that time [of the Bible]? What does it mean today?" As it was in the beginning, is now ...

Reply



PlushGrizzly

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 2:24 PM

If the world has changed due to rejecting the Word of God, one doesn't gain discernment of the Word by studying the changed world. These people are

extremely wicked.

Reply



MarcAlcan

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 10:17 PM

In the beginning was Bergoglio?

Reply



Mike44R

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:32 AM

Always the word (and Word) of God is eternal. There is no "at that time" or "today". Eternity has no past and no future. It is all "right now", in the present. Thus, for example, what the Word (Jesus) says about divorce and re-marriage stands forever!

Reply



Gildaswiseman

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:16 PM

It means modernism.

Reply



Gamgee

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:36 PM

Maybe I'm being naive, but I took the Pope's comment as referring to the fact that deaconesses existed in the early Church but that they didn't have the ordained role that a Deacon has today.

Reply



CS

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 1:57 PM

???????????

Reply



Terra

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 2:41 PM

Exactly.

Reply



James

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 2:13 PM

Is there an inherent inability to speak with grammatical correctness? Or is it ALWAYS the translation? This man cannot compose a sentence without sounding impaired. That said, its the usual appeal to bull.

Go back to wherever.

Reply



Adoramus In Aeternum

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 2:27 PM

Stomach churning as usual. Thank you for this penance.

Reply



Wisdom is a Tree of Life

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 3:58 PM

“The problem, however, is the lack of vocations.” – Francis

Well, that’s interesting, isn’t it? Why would anyone want to become a Catholic let alone a PRIEST when you said: “It is not right to convince someone of your faith. Proselytism is the greatest poison against the path of ecumenism...”

LORD HAVE MERCY, WHEN IS THIS GONG SHOW GOING TO BE OVER?

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Reply



CS

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 6:05 PM

I know a loved one, who is now having second thoughts about the priesthood.

Very difficult right now for good men who want to serve God in the priesthood.

Reply



MarcAlcan

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:39 PM

Encourage him to continue. It will only be through him following God's call that he can truly make a difference. We do not decide the climate that we will live in. But we do decide whether we will say Yes to Christ.

Reply



Jafin

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 9:31 PM

I'll pray, as I'm sure others who see this comment will.

Reply



CS

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 10:23 PM

Much appreciated. God bless you.

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:29 AM

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life after Divine Liturgy on Saturdays and Sundays.

Reply



Mark Anthony Beale

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 4:10 PM

Perhaps the Holy Father has never read a dictionary because such a book says that the word “proselytise” means to convert someone to your religion or argument. I am pretty much certain that such a thing was commanded by Our Lord and His Church until our current Pontiff came on the scene.

In terms of married priests. Does the Holy Father think that allowing married priests is going to solve anything? If he bothered to look, where ever the TLM is, there is usually an explosion of vocations. So, there is a link between Tradition and Vocations. Mmm...I wonder why?

Men are called to the priesthood when they see pious, devout and truthful priests who conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Not like Pope Francis, who bumbles around shaking every oily hand of every oily person he allows in the Vatican. If I was his successor, I'd have the whole of Vatican City sterilised.

It should also be duly noted that married clergy isn't going to make up for violent homosexuals. This fact is something the Vatican is very silent about. About 90% or more of sexually abusive clerics are, guess what...homosexual. And homosexuals, it turns out, are more likely to molest minors. Go figure!

And, pray tell Holy Father, how is the Church to help these married priests? I mean, Protestant ministers get divorced because their spouse felt alone due to the minister being always out on church business. A priest is supposed to be there when you need him, not when his wife has finished ironing his cassock and packing his lunch! And considering today's climate where children are uneducated, spoilt and unruly, what example would he set with disobedient children. Isn't that something St. Paul warned about? Sure did.

Reply



Jafin

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 5:08 PM

” So, there is a link between Tradition and Vocations.”

I just wanted to make an anecdotal expansion on this. I was helping a friend with a Confirmation Retreat for the parish he works at this last weekend. The retreat ended with eucharistic adoration and confessions, so 3 priests from the parish (it’s run by an order so they have more priests than your average parish) came into the church, in the pews, to hear confessions. Yes, they sat out in the open, in the church. Some kids went to confession, but not many. One of the kids came up to my friend and asked him “Can I go in the room?” referring to confession in the confessional. One of the priests obliged and, within moments, a line of about 10 kids formed, and stayed that way, with more kids coming up throughout the hour available. One kid seemed to want to go, but he seemed too shy. Toward the end, in the last 15 or 20 minutes another priest went into the second confessional. A short line immediately formed and this one kid who I KNEW wanted to go I finally told to get in line. He did, he went to confession, and he looked vibrant and full of life when he came out.

So, the link between tradition and vocations, is the same as the link between Traditional practices (like confession in an actual confessional) and the reception of the sacraments as a whole. The Church has been doing things this way for 2000 years (or whatever early century a particular, good practice arose) for a reason... because it works!

Also, on a slightly different topic, you mentioned about 90% of abusive clerics are homosexual. I totally believe you, but I was wondering if you knew where to find that statistic as I’d like to use it elsewhere. Thanks! 😊

Reply



James

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 6:52 PM

I wish I could give you an authentic source, but in the past I did come across an impeccable source. It was 85% homosexual. Another interesting stat was that of all abuse the actual stat on pedophilia was — 4% — less than 5% to be sure. About fifteen years ago I was present at a presentation by the Presidium Group from Texas which at that time was deeply immersed in the education of staff and religious of Catholic institutions on the topic.

Obviously the vast amount of abuse for both homosexual and heterosexual clergy is ephebophilia. It is important to remember that the abusers account for less than 5% of clergy — I believe it is 4%.

Roman Catholic clergy are the least likely to abuse. Who knew? Something to keep in mind. Knowing does contribute to a certain grasp on sanity these days.

Reply



MarcAlcan

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:38 PM

Maybe you are referring to *The Courage to Be Catholic* by George Weigel. He cited those statistics which came from the John Jay study.

Reply



James

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 9:25 PM

No, I didn't read that one. But it has been on the list for a good long while. It was probably an article that cited the John Jay study.
Thanks for the follow up.



Jafin

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 9:31 PM

I have read the statistics as to the percentage, and I remember them the same as you do – 4% of Catholic clergy, compared to 5% of protestant clergy, compared to 9% of teachers in public schools, and ~10% of other adult men. Shocking statistics all, and shameful that there are any... there's a disproportionate focus on the Catholic Church though... nothing new there I guess.

Reply



Mike44R

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:48 AM

The focus on the Catholic Church is by those who want to destroy her. Why? Because she fights for morality and against satan. And their mentor/leader is satan. Look around. The world culture, led by America, is relativism and being "free" to do whatever you want, regardless of who gets hurt or the consequences. It is "doing your own thing" in the extreme.



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:24 AM

Foretold by Our Lady.



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:23 AM

And the Rabbis? Cf. *Long list of Jewish Child Molestor Rabbis gets no media coverage and Jewish homosexual pedophiles are undisturbed –*
<https://100777.com/node/463>



James

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 7:09 AM

Rabbi's had a surprising stat in relation to heterosexual offenses. I had forgotten about teachers and the population at large. Perhaps the same source highlighted farmers and doctors are the most likely to offend.



Mark Anthony Beale

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 7:23 PM

Great anecdote.

I believe it was in this article, but I could be wrong:

<https://www.fisheaters.com/clergysexabuse.html>

Although, Church Militant had an article in which a report from the USCCB on clerical sex abuse admitted (if I remember) that a large number of American priests who had committed abuse were homosexual. Here are a couple of articles:

(This is the report article):

<http://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/pedophile-priests-typically-homosexual>

<http://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/priestly-sex-abuse-would-not-have-happened-without-homosexuals>

If I have confused the numbers up (which I do a lot) could you please let me know, if possible? I don't want to be quoting numbers that I made up, accidentally.

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 12:20 AM

Caveat lector – <http://www.fisheaters.com> is a Feeneyite website.

Reply



Mark Anthony Beale

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 1:16 AM

Strange. The website espouses all three Baptisms (Water, Blood & Desire) as Church Teaching, and states that Feeneyism has misinterpreted the Church's Teaching on Extra Ecclesiam Nulla Salus. Unless, the website states a contradictory teaching elsewhere which I have overlooked.

<http://www.fisheaters.com/baptism2.html> – “Two Other Ways” section toward the bottom.



MarcAlcan

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:36 PM

Precisely. Where there is the confessional box, lines form.

The post V2 wreckers had no clue so everything just has to be torn down.

Reply



Violetta

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 5:13 AM

Great reply, thanks. I have been praying extra rosaries for families, because good, faithful families are bound to produce good vocations for the priesthood and religious life.

Reply



campfiregirl

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 1:19 AM

I am sure you have read the John Jay Report on the sex abuse crisis, citing that upwards of 80%? of victims were adolescent or teenage boys. Perhaps the 'math' comes from those statistics.

Reply



Jafin

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 2:58 PM

Also reasonable. There is, however, some work in psychology that indicates that men who molest primarily boys are not necessarily homosexual, that there are other factors. I am no expert, so I don't make any assertion here, simply state what I've heard and read.

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:37 AM

My pastor is a Ukrainian Greek Catholic priest. As I've said before, if the Latin Church wants married priests, they should adopt in toto ALL the rules and regulations that married priests MUST follow (e.g. refraining from the marital act the night before the Liturgy). I guarantee you that won't sit well with most Latin women!

Otherwise, DON'T do it!!!!

Reply



SAF

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 7:23 PM

Rude and presumptuous comment on “Latin women.” I’m surprised that you wrote this.

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 11:30 PM

“Latin” = “Roman Catholic”. It’s not meant to refer to Latin American women.

There are 25 different particular Churches that make up the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. The Latin Church (aka Roman Catholic Church) is the most numerous, but the 24 Eastern Catholic Churches are equally Catholic (c.f. *Orientalium Dignitas* by Pope Leo XIII).

P.S. I slightly edited my previous post.

Reply



SAF

MARCH 11, 2017 AT 12:00 AM

Please, just stop. I knew that you meant Latin Rite women (not Latin American women), as opposed to Eastern Catholic women.

It may surprise you that many of us “Romans” are knowledgeable about the Eastern Catholic Churches. Your insult is now compounded by your condescension, but have a good evening anyway.



Mark Anthony Beale

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 12:09 AM

Without getting involved here, I feel that I have to comment here.

Margaret was only being charitable in case you didn't understand what she meant by "Latin women" [regardless of your opinion of that phrase]. Did you expect Margaret to be psychic?

Although many Roman Catholics are knowledgeable about the Eastern Rites, many are not. Margaret was only being charitable, just in case.

I have been asked if I was Roman or Latin, and that has never been an insult to me, but that's just me. I sometimes use "Latin" to refer to the Western Rite, and "Greek" to refer either to the Orthodox or Eastern Rites. These were the traditional names for each half of the Church, due their language.

God bless.



Margaret

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 12:23 AM

Thank you and God bless you. You're a true Catholic gentleman. ?



Mark Anthony Beale

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 12:54 AM

Only following God, the Supreme Gentleman [as Fulton Sheen called him]! God bless.



SAF

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 10:54 AM

Once again, you and Margaret have overlooked the insult (not that I care anymore), and I will be as clear as I can here. To say that “it wouldn’t sit well” with Latin Rite women to uphold the discipline of marital chastity for the specified times suggests that we lack the sexual self-control of Eastern Catholic priest’s wives. I’m sorry that you both can’t seem to understand that this is the obvious implication of what Margaret wrote.

Incidentally, if married Roman Catholic men are ever accepted as candidates for the priesthood, it will be interesting to see how the daily Mass issue would be factored into the marital chastity regulations. I wonder if that is under discussion at the Vatican.

Have a great Sunday.



Mark Anthony Beale

MARCH 11, 2017 AT 11:58 PM

If that is the case [the refraining from the marital act on the eve before the Liturgy], then a Latin Rite priest who celebrates Holy Mass every day wouldn't be having any marital relations with his wife at all!

Unless you only mean Sunday Mass?

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 12:18 AM

It's every Liturgy (Mass).

Reply

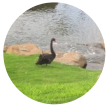


Mark Anthony Beale

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 1:06 AM

Right. So, how would marriage work for a priest then?! No martial relations, no children. Better to stay celibate.

BTW, does your priest, or those of your Rite, have any children?



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:21 AM

One can also look at the other end, i.e., at the protestant denominations and see whether or not ordaining women is doing anything for them. They are all in decline percentage wise (<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/factchecker-are-all-christian-denominations-in-decline>), therefore, one can clearly see the diabolic behind it all that some were astute to point out and ask and the beginning of this papacy with its indicators, and that is, why go in the way of the protestant when one can clearly see how they have turned out?

Reply



Romulus

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 4:23 PM

If you cannot understand, it's not because you're stupid. It's because the speaker is confused and incoherent, or else that his intent is to confuse.

Reply



fniper

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 4:24 PM

Beware the words of the politically contrite, especially if you have been sent to Guam. Pope Francis has no desire but to “remains as he is” to paraphrase the recent words of another faithless leader. I don’t think he even fools some of the people some of the time anymore.

Reply



didymus46

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 4:36 PM

i can hardly be expected to understand this dreck without the assistance of Llamame Jorge.

Reply



MarcAlcan

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:42 PM

Yeah. Where is he?

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:33 AM

What does Llamame Jorge mean? I haven't had Spanish since the last millenium.

Reply



veritasetgratia

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:42 AM

“call me Jorge”.

Reply



didymus46

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 11:27 AM

“Call me Jorge.” Llamame about the same as me llama.

Reply



jobina

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 4:53 PM

Well, the good news is that he is no longer boiling with rage. That's something.

Reply



fniper

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 4:56 PM

Hi jobina – That might simply guarantee that the next eruption will be of a higher magnitude. I think he is in a perpetual state of seething.

Reply



MarcAlcan

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:42 PM

And how do you know that for a fact? He never “appears” to be boiling with rage in public.

Reply



jobina

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 9:12 PM

Just a sarcastic guess.

Reply



LongIslandMichael

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 5:25 PM

I read the article and with all due respect to the Holy Father all he does when he speaks is create more confusion, chaos and uncertainty among the faithful. He speaks in riddles and/or incoherence especially when it comes to theological matters.

Reply



Chloe

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:01 PM

It's deliberate

Reply



Guest4ever

MARCH 13, 2017 AT 9:51 AM

Sure feels like it!!!

Reply



balloonknot9

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:36 PM

That is his biggest mistake when he will not qualify his remarks. He spoke of the Crucifixion as being a failure and did not go on to explain why he stated this. He states many things that are outrageous and leaves people to have to come up with an excuse/explanation of why what he said is not what he said. However, we can never really say if that is the excuse/explanation he holds or left out. Perhaps he needs to be held accountable for his remarks without giving him the benefit of an alternative meaning and allow him to defend his own words not someone else “clarifying” it for him. Then perhaps he will learn to be more concise or contextual in what he says.

Reply



GrannyAtlanta

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:40 AM

When he first began his pontificate and there were numerous interviews or talks that seemed ambiguous, the vast majority rushed to his defense, giving him the benefit of the doubt and chastising those who gave negative interpretations to his position.

From the beginning I have said that this man didn't get to be Pope by being inarticulate. He's a big boy and if people were misinterpreting his words, it's a simple matter to quickly clarify and correct them. Yet, he never did. He'd let subordinates scurry to calm the chaos.

It's obvious that this is a deliberate tactic to obfuscate and he's gotten very good at it. He can sit back and watch everyone devolve into fractious groups. Meanwhile, Rome is burning as he professes mercy and compassion for everyone.

Sounds like the Evil One to me.

Reply



GriffonSpitfire

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 5:28 PM

It's ironic that, as well as traditional Catholics, even many secularists know who and what Francis is.

See: Pope Francis depicted as a Communist on a float at Carnevale di Viareggio, Italy February 2017, surrounded by four angels with the bobbing heads of Marx, Lenin, Fidel Castro and Mao Tse-tung.

Ones who either don't recognize who and what he is – or refuse to believe as much – are very frequently VII pew cabbages and VII liberals.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-9vSzAUT44>

Reply



St. Benedict's Thistle

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 5:32 PM

So you can see the old argument of lack of vocations as the justification for married priests and women deacons. So transparent.

Reply



Margaret McNamara

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:24 PM

Lack of vocations is a direct result of a watering down of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Reinvigorate the traditions, you will see vocations to the priesthood soar.

Reply



Christopher

MARCH 11, 2017 AT 5:10 AM

Agreed, Many future priests never made it to the end of the studies due corrupted teachings.

Reply



Guest4ever

MARCH 13, 2017 AT 9:50 AM

And other corrupted things.....

Reply



Gamgee

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:42 PM

But doesn't Pope Francis in the interview directly reject the notion that married priests are the answer to the vocation crisis: "When discussing the matter of married priests, Pope Francis answers: "But voluntary celibacy is not the answer."” Voluntary celibacy = married priests, no?

Reply



Weissford

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 7:14 PM

I think the problem might be that, er, German isn't the pope's first language....or orthodox teaching....or objective truth....or scriptural interpretation....

Reply



balloonknot9

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 8:28 PM

As Mark Anthony Beale stated as well, I too had to look up proselytism and needed to reread that sentence several times to make sure of what he was saying. It still makes no sense. If it was not for proselytism we would not have so many priests and converts in Africa and Asia as we see today.

I wonder if he is alluding to past church practices in which missionaries were rather “militant” in their conversion methods that are now looked upon as being well, not really Christian. Such as using food, medicine, necessities as rewards for converting. Then of course there is the current hindsight bias of the destruction of cultures that have many circles of thought of whether it was “right or wrong”. If that was indeed the underlying issue, why can he not speak of it as being a concern and the need to retool methods of spreading the Word.

As far as why there are none to few in number of vocations, I think one needs to look at why people want to become a priest and how that differs from the reality. How people who want to live and give as Christ did, have the fellowship and brotherhood of those who desire the same and the “freedom” to go where the Lord truly calls them has been supplanted by tests, paperwork, meetings, finances, everything that is the anti-call of what brought them to give their life to Christ. I’m not saying live in the woods type, but the church has/is/will be a corporate/military design that often times crushes that love of God, the will to serve, the joy and sadness shared with others that we find with Jesus and the Apostles in the Gospel. Do the seminaries teach or foster what is meant by true friendship, love of heart and God for others or do we find another machine that dampens the spirit, and grinds people down into tasks. It just seems that God does bring in workers, but the process and reality seems to ironically push God further away for a lot of people who just wanted to serve their God.

Reply



Alex GottmitUns

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 9:20 PM

He is not the Pope. Period.

Reply



Jafin

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 9:33 PM

That is something we do not and presently can not know. The Universal Church believes him to be the pope, so we are required to believe he is the pope. Period. It's a sad day where we have to have such discussions or even can make legitimate guesses like this though.

Reply



Steve Skojec

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 10:31 PM

I booted him. Circumstances notwithstanding, mutiny is unbecoming.

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:49 AM

Thank you, Steve.

On another note, here's something to cheer you up;

<http://www.royaldoors.net/2017/03/proverbs-515-63-woman-youth/>

Please let me know what you think of it (N.B. slight typo in the first paragraph).

Margaret

Reply





@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 3:13 AM

?! *Proverbs 5:15-6:3-*

[https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+5%3A15-6%3A3&version=RSVCE)

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The Woman of Your Youth –

[http://www.royaldoors.net/2017/03/proverbs-515-](http://www.royaldoors.net/2017/03/proverbs-515-63-woman-youth/)

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Thank you very much for this

@disqus_f9RB5Wfv4a! Ah! God and his mysterious ways!

The comments here have touched upon Christ being the Groom of his Bride, the Church, and the link you shared made me remember:

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19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth. – John 17:19 (RSVCE) –

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+17%3A19&version=RSVCE>



Jafin

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:48 PM

That works too 😊

Reply



Mark

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 1:40 AM

Dear Jafin,

See the work of Don Luigi Villa at Chiesa viva,

http://www.padrepioandchiesaviva.com/Padre_Pio___Fr.html

the friend and confidant of Saint Padre Pio, who dedicated his life at the behest of the great Saint and under the Papal Mandate of Pius XII, to root out Ecclesiastical Freemasonry from Holy Mother Church. The spiritual carnage revealed which followed his life's work is all but annihilating in itself. Only the reception of the grace of perseverance can hold one fast to the authentic Barque of Peter.

Secondly, as you claim, "The Universal Church" believing "him to be the pope", has utterly no bearing on the reality of the canon law that dictates the validity of a papal resignation, which only then could possibly lead into a valid conclave for the election of another pope. See here:

" If it happens that the Roman Pontiff resigns his office, it is required for validity that the resignation is made freely and properly manifested but not that it is accepted by anyone."(1983 Code of Canon Law, Canon 332 §2)

We have in the retired, Italian Archbishop Luigi Negri, a man who now claims the resignation of Benedict was consequent to, "Grave responsibilities inside and outside the Vatican for the resignation of Benedict." He is staking the claim thus, that Pope Ratzinger did not freely renounce the Petrine Office, rather he was pressured by forces both inside and outside the Vatican whom he declares now to have, "grave responsibilities" for this evil act. The truth is hard but it can only ever remain as it is. In caritas.

Reply



Jafin

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 2:54 PM

Ah, so you are asserting the “Barnhardt” proposition that Benedict is still pope because of some sort of fault in his resignation. There seems to be a confusion between what “coercion” and “convincing” are. I acknowledge the difficulty of the situation, but what we have is repeated assertions, when asked, from the former pope himself that his resignation was made of his own free will. We also have the Universal Church accepting Francis as the legitimate pope after a seemingly fully legitimate conclave. We have no evidence, except guesses, that Francis is not the pope.

While discussions on this can indeed be helpful, they can also be destructive to the faith of those less informed, especially when they are, as I’ve mentioned, backed by little to no evidence. For this reason, we do not allow conversations of this sort, that Pope Francis is not the pope, here on 1P5. I know you’ve been directed to our comment policy before. In charity, I’m giving you another chance to read it if you want to continue to post here. This is your last chance. Here’s a link:

<https://onepeterfive.wpengine.com/comment-policy/>

Here’s the relevant portion:

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7. Unless your name begins with “pope”, don’t declare anyone else whose name begins with pope an antipope. This is not your job. We allow reasonable and prudent speculation about the confusing nature of the two living popes, but definitive, declarative statements of such and/or accusations that others must reach the same conclusion are not welcome.

Reply



Sunisyde

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:07 AM

“In the End Times, there will be a Pope that will be under the control of Satan.” Prophecies of Our Lady & blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.....

Reply

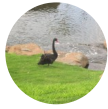


Patty

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 10:26 PM

Jesus didn't want female priests. The Catholic Church is the mystical Bride of the Holy Lamb and Christ – If females took on the male role of Jesus Christ in becoming a priest, then what could be said of the Bride? She's serving her own supper? If women became priests, more male priests would turn homosexual or effeminate because women have a lovely way of domineering and emasculating men when given a power they don't necessarily need for sanctification. Then with the grand finale of the future female pope, she'd kick out the males and go from there. Nice Bride of Christ.

Reply



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:48 AM

Reminds me of a conversation I had with a protestant mother when we were at lunch during a retreat for our parish's Rel. Ed. students. She was a mother of one of them, and she, being protestant , is raising her children Catholic, her husband being Catholic. If I recall correctly, she said something to the effect that she can't quite accept that women be pastors [where she attends services/her denominations] because "men are the head and they are the ones that ought to be teaching/leading".

Reply



Patty

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 8:41 PM

Yes, men have used the "head of the family" to its abuses also. Both men and women can be utter genius lights in their discourses about Jesus. Jesus did not ordain His Holy Mother. That should be our biggest clue. Over the centuries Mary herself has appeared and given messages — there is not one that says, "It is now time to ordain women." I trust in the Lord's reasons for what He set up. I apologize for my facetiousness above, sometimes I just get cranky at all the scandals and like the apostles go looking for lightning bolts....instead of a gentle breeze. Thanks for your reply.

Reply



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 2:10 AM

Like anything in life that can be abused ... Here I am talking about the order established by God. Christ is the head of his Church, His Body and so the husband and priest ought to be head in like manner. As regards the priest, *in persona Christi*. And husband ought to love their wife and the priest his church as Christ loves his Church. and a wife ought to respect her husband and the church her priest like the Church is holy and faithful to her Head and LORD. A woman to love her husband is to respect him ...

PS Where they innovators want to do to the Church as they have done to the rest of society [cf. Global Jesuit leader says women's inclusion in church structures 'has not yet arrived' –

[http://www.lastampa.it/2017/03/09/vaticaninsider/eng/the-vatican/global-jesuit-leader-says-womens-inclusion-in-church-structures-has-not-yet-arrived-](http://www.lastampa.it/2017/03/09/vaticaninsider/eng/the-vatican/global-jesuit-leader-says-womens-inclusion-in-church-structures-has-not-yet-arrived-7OZ8gQFkCPmF4mkGNWuvyN/pagina.html)

[7OZ8gQFkCPmF4mkGNWuvyN/pagina.html](http://www.lastampa.it/2017/03/09/vaticaninsider/eng/the-vatican/global-jesuit-leader-says-womens-inclusion-in-church-structures-has-not-yet-arrived-7OZ8gQFkCPmF4mkGNWuvyN/pagina.html)], may we take from your comment that you are for this?

Radical feminism and its themes have nothing to do with the equal yet complimentary order that God established between a man and a woman. It has everything to do with the enemy and the destruction of the family, the society, and the very ordering of creation by the Creator.

Reply



Patty

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 11:45 AM

I am very deeply agreeing with your assessment. The harmony that was originated to exist between man and woman is obviously still a struggle to achieve. Not a struggle for power and dominance, but one of surrender and sacrifice; so the real struggle is unacceptable by today's feminism and its themes. Through necessity, women are assisting the male priests on the altar in parishes. This is a great honor and should be responded to with true humble thanksgiving. I don't believe the response of politicizing or demanding more "rights" is an appropriate or humble response. The Bridegroom is "gentle and meek." If our families and our immediate parishes are not existing in gentle and meek brotherly love, that is where our Creator and Intelligent Design wants us to work very hard to heal this destruction of family and society. This is enough work for us. Follow the Gospel, it is only innovative in the sense that you may be new to its Word and Promise, but other than that, innovation is a material thing and not spiritual. so I am agreeing with you 100%.



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 11, 2017 AT 2:05 AM

Thank you very much Patty, I very much appreciate your comment and you sharing your thinking. Let's keep up the good fight. God bless you and yours and his work at your hands.

I am thinking that you will find this YouTube w/Aaron Russo informative: *Feminism Was Created To Destabilize Society, Tax Women and set up the NWO – Aaron Russo –*
<https://youtu.be/zCpjmvaIgNA>



Julius II

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 10:45 PM

With Bergolio suggesting that he is “fallible” is that law talk through the media for future use? Then, if a correction happens, Bergolio may simply says... “no, no, mea culpa” and all is well, move on nothing to see here. Next.

Regarding this correction, why must we wait for the clergy to do it? Can't the laity stand up and correct him? This is turning into a VII moment where it will be another 50 years and we ask, “what happened?” and the new to the faith will be like...”Hello.. this is because of Bergolio, he was a formal heretic”... Just like I've learned “this is because of VII and it's ambiguous language, not a bad implementation!”

Lastly, the vocation crisis reminds me of a local city crisis where they can't pay their bills anymore. Logically, they might stop spending into debt. Nope. They simply raise taxes. Perhaps the goal of these mad men is instead of understanding WHY there is a vocation crisis (VII) simply use it to say have altar boy girls, women priest... etc.

Because I've said too much I'll add one more. What does it matter if he is corrected and says i'm sorry, my fault? But doesn't correct these rogue bishops and cardinals? The cat is out of the tube! The decentralization of the Church has already begun and is actively being pushed forward.

Reply



John Paul

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 10:52 PM

Study female deacons? Since deacons are ordained, that would be impossible for any real Catholic. But for heretics, no problem.

Reply



Sunisyde

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:06 AM

You see, Bergoglio has a plan and has had one from the beginning since he took over the chair of Peter. Its to change the Catholic church more into his favorite heretic, 'Martin Luther.' Bergoglio is also backed up and being funded by George Soros, the EU and the UN

Reply



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:08 AM

*Cf. Did Blessed Anna Katharina Emmerick foresee the
Lutheranization of the Catholic Church in Our Time? –
<http://wp.me/p2Na5H-VY>*

Reply



kiwiinamerica

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 11:07 PM

Yet the lack of vocations is not universal. There are countries, regions, dioceses, religious orders where vocations are abundant. Wouldn't it make sense for those lacking vocations to ask those who have them in abundance, where the solution to this problem lies?

Ahhhh, but there's a problem. Francis has already said that he "worries" when he hears of orders with abundant vocations, since this is a sign of "nostalgia", "rigidity", etc, etc. These young people have a "sickness".

Aint it great? So obstinate in it's headlong rush to disaster is the modern Church, that it now refuses to acknowledge that vocations are a sign of God's blessing and a healthy spiritual life. The modernists are so blind to the spiritual disaster that their faithless "reforms" have provoked that they're completely incapable of admitting their errors and Francis is first among them. He is the poster-boy for this "spirit (small "s") of Vatican II" train wreck.

Reply



Eric P

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:19 AM

Does the catechism say anything regarding male only ordination? So much going on its hard to absorb everything

Reply



Margaret

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:32 AM

Pope John Paul II issued *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* (1994) which definitively stated that women cannot be priests. Trivia tidbit for your friends: It was actually written by then-Cardinal Ratzinger (now Benedict XVI).

Reply



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:07 AM

It is not only the priesthood that is impossible for women, but the whole of the orders: the diaconate, the priesthood, and *the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders* (cf. CCC 1557), the episcopate.

Reply



jdumon

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 6:12 AM

Francis doesn't care about St John Paul II regarding that issue, like he didn't care regarding the communion for the divorced remarried. John Paul II clearly stated that in no way they can be given the Holy Eucharist.

Francis canonized JP II but he despises what he infallibly stated, like he despises all the the previous magisterial teachings and dogma if this can help to implement his agenda.

Reply



Eric P

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 9:05 AM

I fear you are right. Pray and fast



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:01 AM

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VI. WHO CAN RECEIVE THIS SACRAMENT? –

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c

CCC 1577 “Only a baptized man (vir) validly receives sacred ordination.” The Lord Jesus chose men (viri) to form the college of the twelve apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of the twelve an ever-present and ever-active reality until Christ’s return. The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible. (Sans footnotes)

Reply



kiwiinamerica

MARCH 8, 2017 AT 11:12 PM

Oh yeah....and I hear that vocations in the Diocese of Buenos Aires absolutely tanked while Bergoglio was archbishop. What a surprise!

And this guy is going to solve the vocations issues of the wider Church? What a laugh.....

Reply



veritasetgratia

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 12:41 AM

He will kill off the celibate priesthood by the backdoor of bringing in married men as priests. He will redefine women deacons in the modern context – note the “brave women” celebrating liturgies of the word. Saints preserve us! Poor Cardinal Burke was not able ANY MORE to act in a just manner – appalling statement!!!

Reply



Christian West

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:10 AM

This man depresses me to no end.

Reply



MairinT

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:29 AM

Dear Lord God, remove this man soon....and forgive me for saying – he is evil and is trying to destroy my Church...blow by blow. How hurtful he is to our beloved Cardinal Burke....

Reply



MairinT

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:32 AM

and by the way P. Francis....God does not reinvent His teachings or change His Divine Word according to the mood of the Papacy or the renegade petty king cardinals.

Reply



veritasetgratia

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:46 AM

I cant help thinking of Noah, how he was ridiculed as he built the Ark which God instructed him to build. Jesus referred to the days of Noah when describing the end. It will be as bad as it was in the days of Noah. Is God instructing us to build the Ark and enter it? What is the Ark for us? The speed with which things are happening in the Church is the approaching Deluge.

Reply



@FMShyanguya

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:55 AM

Our Ark = Our Lady.

Cf. Fatima, Noah and Same-Sex 'Marriage' | Lepanto Institute –
<http://www.lepantoinstitute.org/faith-and-life/fatima-noah-and-same-sex-marriage/>

Reply



veritasetgratia

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 5:28 PM

Thank you. That was a very interesting commentary on Noah and Sodom & Gomorrah and I have sent it to others.

Reply



Sunisyde

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:58 AM

“In the end times, there will be a Pope that will be under the control of Satan.....”

In a book I read by blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen and also one of the prophecies of Our Lady.....

Reply



I_M_Forman

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 3:42 AM

I expect, no doubt, that in the near future, the Pope will go to areas friendly to him and conduct “Listening Tours” to suggest that his “activity” towards these controversial issues are more in demand than they actually are. This would give him the opportunity of depicting himself as pastorally sympathetic and active at the same time with an occasional poke at the Dubia Cardinals as obstacles to the will of the flock. Boy, that flock will act like sheep and smell alot like the shepherd. Now that would be an interesting twist. The Dictatorship of Mercy rolls on.

Reply



J. Debattista

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 6:10 AM

‘the “duty of theology,” to ask, when studying Holy Scripture (in line with the historical-critical method): “What did this mean at that time [of the Bible]? What does it mean today?” Was this why he chose the moustached Arturo Sosa as general of the Jesuits? Ah what a pity Christ’s actual words were never tape recorded!

Reply



jdumon

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 6:18 AM

When Francis says “we must study”, “we should consider”, “we must reflect”, this means that he is upon to enforce his innovations very nextly.

Reply



Sean L. Tobin

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 8:54 AM

All this tells me is that this Pope is intent on change and he intends to accomplish it whether the majority of the Faithful want it or not. It is the core behind the whole and entire ecumenism movement. Now, to sooth the traditionalists he is resorting to St. John Paul the Great, when he says, “Be not afraid”. But, after all, he is a Jesuit and this Order (*Remember St. John Paul II had to step in and change its Superior General once) since Vatican II has done more harm to the Church than any other Group still adhering to the Magisterium. May the Holy Spirit give us an Intervener soon

Reply



AnimusProcella

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 1:42 PM

O.K. Why is it that we who believe in Church Orthodoxy and would like to stop this insanity are expected to sit quietly with our hands folded, while the heterodox usurpers get to run wild like the scavenging hyenas they are. I believe in trusting in the Lord, but maybe we need to stand up and resist. Fight this malignancy that has infected Holy Mother Church. If we are to do as the Lord asks, then allowing these destroyers of the Church to lead more and more souls to Hell then the blame may fall to us for allowing this corrupted state of affairs.

Reply



NOYB

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 2:49 PM

I'd love to see a track changes version of Francis's Bible.

Reply



NOYB

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 3:04 PM

Fortunately, we need not study hard, this question, for 1 Corinthians 33-35 says: “As in all the churches of the holy ones, women should keep silent in the churches, for they are not allowed to speak, but should be subordinate, as even the law says. But if they want to learn anything, they should ask their husbands at home. For it is improper for a woman to speak in the church.” Francis needs to decide whether he leads the Catholic Church or the church of modernity and political correctness.

Reply



Christian West

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 5:56 PM

He is leading the apostates into the desert. They won't come back from there. The son of disobedience will be killed by the breath of Christ in this soon to happen Second Coming.

Reply



jacobum

MARCH 9, 2017 AT 8:03 PM

Tribes in the bush know more about the dogmas of faith than this “Papa Fiasco”. There is no limit to his hubris and arrogance. He makes it up according to his own personal doctrine or lack thereof. May as well declare him
“Pope Protestant I”

Reply



RM

MARCH 10, 2017 AT 2:45 AM

I am a little bewildered as to why we would give any hearing to a person who is clearly an enemy of Christ’s Church. It would really not matter to me what this pompous authoritarian was talking about. He did after all advise that “truth is to have no fear!” Good. I think I’m then on pretty stable ground when I ignore the enemy of Christ and His Church! The curry the big hat carries resides entirely in the one who wares it! Unfortunately, he is an empty vessel.

Reply



ciao

MARCH 12, 2017 AT 12:09 PM

In what way will the Catholic Church be Catholic when it has been stripped of what makes it uniquely Catholic and holy? A priest lives a life of sacrifice, he is married to the Church, he goes where the diocese sends him, will all that change?

Sneaking in (as Francis likes to do) married priests first as deacons then when we get used to that, anyone can marry and be a priest, will reduce the holy priesthood and remove the one, singular man in Christ's place on earth at holy the Sacrifice and replace it with a married man who has to put his family first, who will have to face the same problems that many modern day families have, but he will have to bring them to us rather than as he does now, bringing Jesus exclusively to us.

Will there be divorce, remarriage, contraception, abortion, drugs and alcohol abuse in them or their children as is the common in todays world? Will we be asked to support their families and send their kids to college? Can we expect to have a priest available to us when we need one or will we have to wait when his family responsibilities come first? The pope knows what travails this will eventually bring to the whole Church.

Reply



João Pedro

MARCH 13, 2017 AT 3:57 PM

When talking about Cardinal Burke, Bergoglio's nerve is (if I may be so blunt) absolutely nauseating!...

Reply



Graeme J A Taylor

MARCH 14, 2017 AT 2:50 PM

How much longer Lord? Have mercy. (Indeed, Netmilsmom)

Reply

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