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Part 1: Epistle & Gospel

EPISTLE (Philipp. I. 6-II.) Brethren, We are confident in the Lord Jesus, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perfect it unto the day of Christ Jesus. As it is meet for me to think this for you all, for that I have you in my heart, and that in my bands, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, you are all partakers of my joy. For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your charity may more and more abound in knowledge and in all understanding: that you may approve the better things; that you may be sincere and without offence unto the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of justice, through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL (Matt. XXII. 15-21.) At that time, The Pharisees went and consulted among themselves how to ensnare Jesus in his speech. And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man, for thou dost not regard the person of men: tell us, therefore, what dost thou think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not? But Jesus knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt me, ye hypocrites? Show me the coin of the tribute. And they offered him a penny. And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and inscription is this? They say to him: Caesar's. Then he saith to them: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Part 2: Announcements

1. [MSCA Purgatorial Society](#)
2. [Embercatholic.com](#)

Part 3: Sermon

1. “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”
 - 1.1. Words taken from Today’s Holy Gospel. +
2. Two groups that hate each other form a temporary alliance to trap Jesus:
The Herodians & the Pharisees
 - 2.1. Herodians
 - 2.1.1. Enablers of the Globalists
 - 2.1.2. Power & Money Hungry
 - 2.1.3. They are useful idiots
 - 2.1.4. Willing Slaves to Pagan Occupation
 - 2.1.5. This life means everything to them
 - 2.2. Pharisees
 - 2.2.1. Anti-Corruption of the Temple
 - 2.2.2. Unaware cooperators in the revolution
 - 2.2.3. Self-enclosed
 - 2.2.4. Swallow the Camel and Strain the Gnat
 - 2.2.5. Forget Charity
 - 2.3. Today’s Gospel is used at root of Church teaching on the relationship between Church & State:
 - 2.3.1. Distinct but not separate.
 - 2.3.2. The state has duties to God.

- 2.3.3. We have duties to state.
- 2.3.4. Our Duties to God are higher.
- 2.3.5. Social Kingship of Christ

3. Fifteen Days away from the Presidential Election

- 3.1. We need to be informed about the Catholic principles of voting.
- 3.2. For the sake of illustrating these principles in action, let us create a *hypothetical* voting situation using *fictional* characters.

- 3.2.1. In this fictional situation, there are two main contenders:
Karen Harrison & Dan Trumpet

3.2.1.1. *Karen Harrison*

- 3.2.1.1.1. Radically Pro-Abortion, Pro-IVF, Fully Pro-Rainbow
- 3.2.1.1.2. Communist and Anti-Christian Leanings
- 3.2.1.1.3. De-stabilize nation and make it harder for Gospel to be preached.
- 3.2.1.1.4. Fully Backed by Military Industrial Complex
- 3.2.1.1.5. Will fill administration and court seats with pro-choice radicals
- 3.2.1.1.6. Speeds up globalist plans.
- 3.2.1.1.7. Ignores Catholic Influence

3.2.1.2. *Dan Trumpet*

- 3.2.1.2.1. Mixed on Abortion. Pro-IVF, Quasi-Pro-Rainbow
- 3.2.1.2.2. Not Really Christian. But not anti-christian.
- 3.2.1.2.3. Will be speed bump to slow down efforts to censor the Gospel.

- 3.2.1.2.4. Partially Backed by Military Industrial Complex
- 3.2.1.2.5. Will fill administration and court seats with good and bad.
- 3.2.1.2.6. In some ways will slow down globalist plans.
- 3.2.1.2.7. Partially open to listening to Catholic Influence
- 3.2.1.3. *Also, some non-viable 3rd party candidates*

4. What are the Options:

4.1. Option # 1: Vote Karen Harrison

- 4.1.1. Not an option.
- 4.1.2. The evil far surpasses any good.

4.2. Option # 2: Stay Home. Don't Show up to vote.

- 4.2.1. Also, not an option.
- 4.2.2. However, personally, I relate to how tempting this is.
 - 4.2.2.1. Secular, Godless System
 - 4.2.2.2. Both Major Candidates support Intrinsic Evil
 - 4.2.2.3. Both candidates seem to be puppets in some sense to social engineering forces
 - 4.2.2.4. It is possible that this whole thing is political show
 - 4.2.2.4.1. Political Bread & Circuses.
 - 4.2.2.5. Elections results are possibly rigged.
 - 4.2.2.5.1. False sense of control.
 - 4.2.2.5.2. Voting is like the pedestrian button on crosswalks.
 - 4.2.2.5.3. Child in back of a mini-van with toy steering wheel.
 - 4.2.2.6. In more Catholic times, Catholics were forbidden from voting

4.2.2.6.1. 1868-1918 Holy See enjoined upon Italian Catholics the policy of boycott from the polls in parliamentary elections

4.2.3. Next week, I will address these objections to voting. But for now, in our post-revolutionary era, I will re-state this is not an option.

4.2.4. We have duty to vote in our current system.

4.2.4.1. Based upon traditional principles.

4.3. Option # 3: Show up to vote: Vote for non-viable third party or write in candidate or leave ballot blank.

4.3.1. Permissible Option.

4.3.2. Possibly imprudent. But not forbidden.

4.3.3. Dangers of this option:

4.3.3.1. Attitude of the Pharisees

4.3.3.1.1. Purity Spiraling.

4.3.3.1.2. Catholics always taught to be good citizens.

4.3.3.1.3. We live in a broken system.

4.3.3.1.3.1. When a septic tank explodes or backs up into a house: No one WANTS to clean it up. Dangerous. Stinky. Got to be done

4.3.3.1.3.2. Genealogy of Christ.

4.3.3.2. Slippery Slope toward libertarianism/ moderate anarchism

4.3.3.2.1. Part of the revolution

4.3.3.3. Quietism: Cover for Sloth and Lack of Charity

4.4. Option # 4: Vote for Dan Trumpet.

4.4.1. This is only permissible if done under the principle of “limiting the evil, preserving the few remaining goods”

4.4.1.1. Legitimate Remote Material Cooperation

4.4.1.2. Not permissible if done in support of intrinsic evil

4.4.2. Seems to be the most prudent and common sense option.

4.4.3. Dangers of this option:

4.4.3.1. Not giving God what is God’s

4.4.3.2. Attitude of the Herodians

4.4.3.3. Hopium

4.4.3.3.1. Consumers of bread and circuses.

4.4.3.4. Naturalism

4.4.3.4.1. Political Solutions

4.4.3.5. False Patriotism

4.4.3.5.1. Blindness to the revolution

4.4.3.5.2. Blind to evils of many American policies.

4.4.4. Many people I respect argue if done under the principle of “limiting the evil, preserving the remaining goods” this is the most prudent option. Safeguard heart against errors.

5. We have to be Christian adults.

5.1. No “perfect option.”

5.1.1. We live in a fallen world.

5.2. We have a duty to give to Caesar what is Caesars and to God what is God’s

Part 4: Weekly Catechism Home Lessons

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