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"The Church is in danger of losing its soul"

Cardinal Burke has expressed concerns about the Church losing its soul during a talk, which took place on 7th May, 2016, at the Rome Life Forum, a conference focused on the Church's teachings on life and family, according to Catholic Culture.



He emphasized that faithful Catholics must "resist" a perspective within the Church that undermines core truths about marriage and the Eucharist, according to a Catholic Herald article. The general theme of his talk was "Martyrdom for the Faith in Our Times," and he spoke to pro-life and pro-family leaders, warning about the need to stand up for the truth even in the face of persecution.

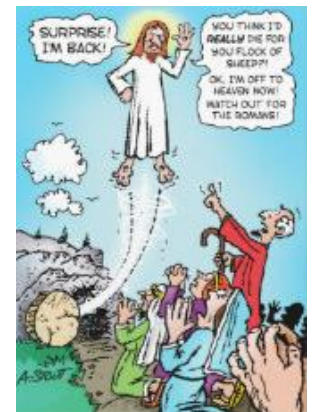
The phrase "**The Church is in danger of losing its soul**" refers to the idea that the Church might be straying from its core spiritual values and mission, focusing instead on worldly desires and distractions. This can include material wealth, popularity, or other secular goals that may lead individuals or the Church as a whole to neglect their spiritual duties and commitments to God. According to Pastor Matt Krachunis, the path to following Jesus involves denying oneself, one's desires, and one's plans, and putting them before Jesus. This means that if the Church prioritizes worldly gains over spiritual growth and service to God, it risks losing its spiritual essence or "soul".

In May 2025, Pope Leo I 14th has appointed Cardinal Burke, one of his most controversial critics to a position that could completely change the future of Christianity.

PARISH MASS JULY / AUGUST:

Takes place at Christ the King Oratory Southport on
Sunday 29th June & Sunday 27th July 2025 at 11.00am –
The Angelus & Holy Anointing follows.

CARTOON CORNER:



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sheila Hogarth | Ruth Barr | Lesley Fudge | Thelma Thompson | Clarice Shaw | Sally Hayes | Bishop Gerard & Pam Crane | Brian & Brigitte Duffett | Archbishop Norman & Dorothy Dutton | Eileen Duffy | Lilian King | Geoff Lamb | Bev Chester | Shelley Coulter | Thelma Dunkley | Sylvia Holgate | James Hardman | Matthew Shaw | Alex Wiseman | John Illingworth | Harry Seymour | Lawrence & Penny Bellwright OSR | Ritchie Old | Richard Scott OSR | Randle Cutts | Andrew Stenson & family | Helen Wilson OSR | Joyce Kelford | Margaret Gunnell | John Beesley | Pauline Bayley | Michael Rogers | Christine Smith | Carol (Caz) Arnold | The Park Family (Mary, Matthew, Charlotte & Edward) | Julie Corner | Barry & Diane Uttley OSR | Roy Weatherall | Elaine & Phillip Coope | Brian Everett OSR | Ray & Jean Wilde | Deacon Adrien Sulo | David Bainbridge | Ian Cameron OSR | Richard Scott OSR | John & Gwen Simons | Stanley Smith OSR | Joyce Raper | Maureen Fitzgerald | (Bishop) Howard Doe OSR | Christine & John Edwards | Stanley Lewis | Gordon McFarlane | Norma Cropper | Bridget (Bridy) McConnell | Fr Baltasar, priest (Spain) | Lorna Meredith | Stuart & June Price | Pauline Weatherall | Gordon Buchanan | Isobel & Grahame Smith | Dawn Adair | Martin Sparkes | Annis Buchanan | John Jackson | Chloe Dodd | Max & Christine Kitchen | Farrar Campbell | Ray Wilde | David Haywood | Richard Ayling | Brian Keane OSR ||



THE ASCENSION: That the Ascension of the Lord, a pivotal event in Christian

faith, and commemorates Jesus' bodily ascent into heaven 40 days after his resurrection. This event signifies Jesus' return to the Father and is a promise of his future return. It's celebrated as a liturgical feast by all Christian churches, typically on a Thursday or the following Sunday, depending on the particular denomination. The key aspects of the Ascension are:

Forty Days: After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his apostles, confirming his identity and preparing them for their ministry.

Ascension to Heaven: Is described as Jesus being taken up before their eyes, with a cloud hiding him from sight.

Witnessed by Apostles: The event was witnessed by the Apostles, who were instructed by angels to focus on the task of spreading the Gospel, not on gazing at the sky.

Significance: The Ascension marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of his heavenly reign.

Promise of Return: The angels told the apostles that Jesus would return in the same way they had seen him go, offering hope for the second coming.

Celebration: The Feast of the Ascension is a significant liturgical event, emphasizing Jesus' victory over death and his exaltation as Lord and Christ.

FREDERICK WILLIAM FABER (born 28th June 1814, in Calverley, West Yorkshire, and died 26th Sept. 1863, in London. He was a British theologian, noted hymnist, and founder of the Wilfridians, a Roman Catholic Religious Society living in common, but without taking vows.



Fr Faber was born in Calverley Vicarage where his grandfather, Thomas Faber, was the vicar. The vicarage is in the parish of Calverley, West Yorkshire. Ed.



British Heart
Foundation

We are pleased to record that donated goods given to the British Heart Foundation has raised a further £25.00 (including Gift Aid) – Thanks to those who contributed in this tangible way. Ed.

SOME RELIGIOUS FACTS ABOUT MALTA

Malta has a rich religious history, with Roman Catholicism being the dominant religion. The majority of the Maltese population identifies as Roman Catholic, with 98% of the people practicing this faith.⁵ The Constitution of Malta also establishes Catholicism as the state religion, although freedom of religion is guaranteed as a constitutional right and is generally respected.

One of the most significant religious events in Malta is the shipwreck of St. Paul on the islands in 60 AD, which changed Malta's religious history forever. It is said that St. Paul performed several miracles, including the healing of the governor's father, Publius, who later became the first bishop of Malta.¹ This event marked the beginning of Christianity in Malta, and by the third century AD, almost all the inhabitants of Malta were Christians.



The Cathedral Church set within Mdina (The Silent City)

THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH WEBSITE

<http://www.theoldcatholic.church>

We are pleased to record that our denomination has received a 'YouTube' award for a record number of monthly hits (eg: On one day, Thursday 8th May, there were 32,000 visitors recorded)

What has become known, over the centuries, as The Old Catholic Church, has existed since it was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ, developed by the Benedictine Saints Willibrord and Boniface (730 AD), and has been an autocephalous Church authorized by the II Ecumenical Council of Lateran in 1139 AD. Papal Decree since 1145, later ratified by the IV Lateran Council of 1215 and authorized to be free of any judgement outside of its own jurisdiction by the Papal Bula "Debitum Pastoralis" of 1520 AD. It is, therefore, valid and licit, part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

IT IS FULLY CATHOLIC BUT NOT ROMAN, FULLY ORTHODOX BUT NOT EASTERN, EVANGELICAL BUT NOT PROTESTANT.

(NB: There is no link to the protestant Old Catholic Church of Utrecht or any Independent Old Catholic Group)

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

(Ephesians 6:11-16)

Describes spiritual warfare, urging believers to "take a stand against the devil's schemes" by putting on the full armour of God, including the shield of faith.

THE CROSS

A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "I have too heavy of a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible.

Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall.

"I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in." When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.