

# The Old Catholic Church

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right<sup>1</sup> spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from thy presence and take not thy holy Spirit from me."*

*[Psalm 51: 10-12 RSVCE]*



I don't know about you, but I am becoming wearied and totally ashamed about the behaviour of both independent groups and some larger church denominations, which over the past few decades have plummeted to the depth of appalling behaviour. There are documented cases of sexual abuse by clergy, employees, and volunteers, often accompanied by the shielding of perpetrators and the marginalization of survivors.

Church Leaders often use fear, guilt, and shame to enforce obedience, frequently framing questions as rebellion against God. This includes using "accountability" as a tool to control members and demand blind loyalty to them. Alongside this is what has been called "theological bullying", whereby episcopal authority is used to turn the tables on critics, accusing those who report abuse of being emotional, un-spiritual, or even un-Christian. Would you ever believe that in many cases, institutions have prioritized protecting their own reputations rather than caring for survivors and have even allowed known abusers to continue in positions of power and authority.

Some churches have even created high-pressure structures suggesting that not giving financially to the church is a form of robbery against God or a sign of poor spiritual standing. In such cases, the "church" is often treated as a product to be consumed rather than a community to be committed to, leading to high turnover and a real lack of accountability.

I have personal experience and can witness to the fact that many English Cathedral Churches still exercise political ideologies, which often rejects Christian unity. Many of them seem to have the inability or unwillingness to handle internal disputes, resulting in schisms and public scandal. Their preferences are towards silence and indifference to problems, highlighting the mediocrity which has replaced the care and pastoral concerns which now pervades, in the hope that bad behaviour and problems will simply go away. Moreover, many mainstream churches have abandoned sound doctrinal teaching by replacing it with subjective and experiential content. It is these drifts which have been a major contributor to the demise of biblical discernment.

The Church, once an immovable pillar of British life, is now a crumbling relic of its former self. For centuries, it stood as the moral backbone of the nation, a guiding light for both the powerful and the humble. Church spires which pierced the skies of villages and cities alike, used to symbolise a unity of purpose and reverence for the eternal, now no longer exists. Today, pews are empty, congregations and faithful priests are disillusioned, and its influence reduced to a faint echo in the secular cacophony of modern Britain.

Have we forgotten what Sacred Scripture says: *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So, you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."*

*[St. Matthew 23:27-28 RSVCE]*

**IF THESE SENTIMENTS RESONATE WITH YOU, WHY NOT MAKE CONTACT, WITH A VIEW TO STANDING ALONGSIDE OUR FOREFATHERS IN DEFENCE THE ONE HOLY CATHOLIC & APOSTOLIC FAITH!**

- Contacts -

Email: angarita.andrew@gmail.com (America)

Email: revgeoffreyrobinson@gmail.com (Europe)