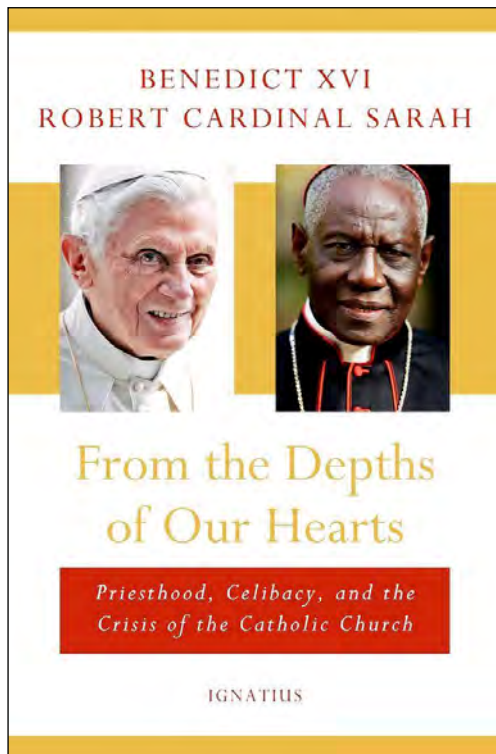


Mary's School of Prophecy Pope Benedict Shakes Up Vatican Upholds Priestly Celibacy



On this program I want to continue talking about Pope Benedict's and Cardinal Sarah's new book about priestly celibacy and how that contradicts Pope Francis and I believe it will lead to a schism in the Catholic Church. Someone said, "Will this be conservative versus liberal?" And I suppose you could express it that way, but I see Pope Benedict is upholding the Church tradition, whereas Pope Francis is the one who is trying to affect changes in the Catholic Church. And certainly his new book is causing a lot of ripples, and as I'm going to read to you in a few minutes, from the Vatican itself. In fact Pope Francis had to affirm celibacy, if I read this article correctly.

I'm going to read several new articles, so I thought I would go over some more of the news releases that came out today, and as I say, one of them quotes from the Vatican.

Now this first report is from the Catholic World Report and I believe they are associated with Ignatius Press who is publishing this book, so this is right from the horse's mouth so to speak.

"A new book by Pope Emeritus", well right away you know that these people are faithful, because they're accurate, because they call him Pope Emeritus not ex-Pope or former Pope but Pope Emeritus. That is his official title. He is one of the two popes living in the Vatican. People have got to understand. I mean if Netflix can understand that there are two popes, I don't know why we can't understand it; "and Cardinal Robert Sarah will discuss the priesthood and clerical celibacy, and what the authors see as threats and challenges facing priestly ministry in the Church today.

From the Depths of Our Hearts: Priesthood, Celibacy, and the Crisis of the Catholic Church", that's the title of this new book, "co-authored by the former pontiff and the current prefect for the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments," that's Cardinal Sarah, "will be published in English by Ignatius Press (which also publishes Catholic World Report).

The book came into being during the summer and fall of 2019, as the worldwide Church's attention was turning to the Vatican's Synod on the Amazon," this is no doubt a response to that Synod, "which examined questions surrounding priestly ministry and celibacy in particular.

The authors insist that priestly celibacy is more than 'a mere precept of ecclesiastical law,' and argue that a renewal of priestly celibacy is necessary for a renewal of a Church rocked by scandals, according to a press release from the publisher. In a quote included in the press release, the Pope Emeritus and Cardinal Sarah state, 'The priesthood is going through a dark time. Wounded by the revelation of so many scandals, disconcerted by the constant questioning of their consecrated celibacy, many priests are tempted by the thought of giving up and abandoning everything.'

'Their book is not just about priestly celibacy, important as that is in itself,' Ignatius Press founder and editor Father Joseph Fessio, SJ, said. 'It is about, as Pope Benedict describes it in his first paragraph: the lasting crisis that the priesthood has been going through for many years.' But it is about more than that;, it is about the nature of the Church and of Christian discipleship. This is a book that all should read. It is powerful and personal - from the depths of their hearts.'

And according to this press release, the book will be available for pre-order this week I think yesterday they said it would be available for pre-order today, and is expected to ship February 20th, so if you want to order this, I would think I haven't tried this but, it seems to me if you went to Ignatius Press website, you would be able to order this book.

Now here's what the Associated Press published this afternoon. The dateline is VATICAN CITY (AP).

"The Vatican on Monday sought to downplay the decision by retired Pope Benedict XVI", well retired Pope I guess you could say that, "to reaffirm the 'necessity' of a celibate priesthood at the same time that Pope Francis is considering ordaining married men, calling his book a mere contribution that was written in full obedience to Francis."

Well I'm sure Pope Benedict and Cardinal Sarah are in full obedience to Pope Francis, but that doesn't stop them from publishing their opinion, which I believe we will find is in direct contradiction to Pope Francis.

"The Vatican's editorial director, Andrea Tornielli, penned an editorial that sought to put Benedict's bombshell book in the context of continuity between the two popes." Really? "He noted that Francis, too, has upheld the 'gift' of priestly celibacy and refused to make it optional across the board."

I admit that.

"The French daily Le Figaro late Sunday published excerpts of the book, 'From the Depths of our Hearts' co-authored with conservative Cardinal Robert Sarah", a little bit of editorializing in there, and you notice they don't say anything about flagrantly liberal Pope Francis. They always attach these, what they consider derogatory adjectives to conservatives.

“The Associated Press obtained galleys of the English edition, which is being published February 20 by Ignatius Press.”

So that's a little clearer, as far as where you can order it and so on.

“Benedict's intervention was extraordinary, given that he had promised to remain ‘hidden from the world’ when he retired in 2013,”

Well that's not quite true. He's been publishing letters and other documents ever since he retired. It just didn't get much publicity, that's all;

“and pledged his obedience to the new pope. He has largely held to that pledge, though he penned an odd essay last year that blamed the sexual abuse crisis on the sexual revolution of the 1960s.”

And we went over that last week quite extensively, Pope Benedict's essay on the sexual revolution of the 1960s, and they call it an “odd essay”.

“His reaffirmation of priestly celibacy, however, gets to the heart of a fraught policy issue that Francis is expected to weigh in on in the coming weeks, and could well be considered a public attempt by the former pope to sway the thinking of the current one.”

I would not discount that possibility and this is as I said is The Associated Press, so it's interesting to get the perspective of the secular media.

“The book is likely to fuel renewed anxiety about the wisdom of Benedict's decision to call himself ‘emeritus pope,’ rather than merely a retired bishop,”

I don't think the Vatican had any choice in it. I suspect Pope Benedict says that's one of the conditions of me resigning, I'll bet, and I've read that elsewhere as a very likely possibility. He was not ill. He was not at death's door. He did not retire because of health reasons. That's the lie that was promoted in the secular press. They were under a lot of economic pressure from the United States, from the Liberals that were running the country at the time;

“rather than merely a retired bishop, and create the unprecedented situation of a former pope living in the Vatican gardens near a current one, and wearing the white cassock of the papacy.”

So they understand that Pope Benedict has the title Pope Emeritus. He's titled the Pope. He wears white. He wears the white skullcap. He issues proclamations just like the Pope and he is living in the Vatican. He really is a co-Pope as I say and that's not accidental. The Holy Spirit is allowing this. It's unique in the entire history of the Catholic Church. It's a challenge for us. We as Catholics, if we're going to be remnant Catholics which survive into the Millennium, we have got to understand what's going on. It's part of our final exam. We are all taking final exam right now.

“In that light, it is significant that the English edition of the book lists the author as ‘Benedict XVI,’ with no mention of its emeritus papal status on the cover.

The authors clearly anticipated the potential interpretation of their book as criticism of the current pope, and stressed in their joint introduction that they were two bishops penning it ‘in the spirit of filial obedience, to Pope Francis.’ But they also said that the current ‘crisis’ in the church required they not remain silent.

Francis has said he will write a document based on the outcome of the October 2019 synod of bishops on the Amazon. A majority of bishops at the meeting called for the ordination of married men”

It wasn't. It was a plurality. I mean it wasn't a solid majority. It wasn't enough to pass, but he's right, whoever wrote this AP release, a majority of the bishops did favor married priests.

“to address the priest shortage in the Amazon, where the faithful can go months without having a Mass.”

And as I said, that is a phony argument. That's the excuse, and by the way, this is the way the Antichrist is going to work. He's going to create chaos, and then offer the solution, and in his case, it will be the Mark of the Beast. In this case, the bishops have created the solution of a lack of vocations by not ordaining good men and by ordaining bad men. This is their crisis, and now they are going to offer a false solution, then the Antichrist is going to do the exact same thing. He is going to create chaos and offer his solution.

“Benedict addresses the issue head-on in his chapter of the brief book, explaining in scholarly and biblical terms what he says is the ‘necessary’ criterion for the celibate priesthood that dates from the times of the apostles.”

How true.

“The priesthood of Jesus Christ causes us to enter into a life that consists of becoming one with Him and renouncing all that belongs only to us,” he writes. ‘For priests, this is the foundation of the necessity of celibacy but also of liturgical prayer, meditation on the Word of God and the renunciation of material goods.’

Marriage, he writes, requires man to give himself totally to his family. ‘Since serving the Lord likewise requires the total gift of a man, it does not seem possible to carry on the two vocations simultaneously.’”

Somebody made a comment I think this morning and I think it's also in another video here on YouTube, that St. Bridget said that the Pope who does away with priestly celibacy will go to Hell. That was a prophecy, and I hope not but it looks like Pope Francis will fulfill that prophecy. That's why this is so critical and we have to keep our eyes on this because that will be another proof that Pope Francis is the False Prophet. On the other hand, if he does not go along with this, he will be removed, and then we will get another one who will be the False Prophet, and that's a possibility.

“The jointly written introduction and conclusion of the book makes the case even more strongly. Dedicating the book to priests of the world, the two authors urge them to persevere, and for all of faithful to hold firm and support them in their celibate ministry.”

“Catholic social media was abuzz Monday”, that's today, “after Benedict's bombshell, with Francis' supporters saying it showed the problems of having an ‘emeritus pope’, seemingly undermining the current one, and suggesting that Benedict - at age 92 and increasingly feeble - was being manipulated by his conservative entourage.”

Well that's nonsense. “Increasingly feeble”, well we're all increasingly feeble, as far as that goes. I worry for Pope Benedict's life because the Deep State, they're not going to accept this.

“Not only is there no canon law concerning the situation created by an incapacitated pope,’ tweeted Villanova theologian Massimo Faggioli. ‘The Catholic Church evidently also needs a law concerning the situation created by an incapacitated ‘pope emeritus’ and his entourage.”

Well that's all nonsense. So I think maybe we can end here. May God bless all of you and may all of you have a very blessed evening.

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Links

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