## Mary's School of Prophecy Querida Amazonia Pt 2 Does Pope Francis Allow Married Priests in QA?

I will continue my series today of Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation called Querido Amazonia, which means beloved Amazon, and a lot of people have been talking about it and I've heard comments like, "Well we dodged the bullet" and, "the Pope did not okay married priests", etc., and I am beginning to think that that is a mistake. We have a very subtle Pope. Anyone who can bring in the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet which our Lord warned about in Matthew's Olivet Discourse, through a little tiny footnote, footnote 351; if he can do that; if he can bring in a tremendous Bible prophecy with hardly any notice at all, then he can certainly hide the fact that he is allowing married priests. I'm going to show you how he is going to carry out that process. Not that that is as important as the heresy of Amoris Laetitia, which was much, much worse. In fact that is referenced in this Apostolic Exhortation.

First of all, we're going to say the prayer to Our Lady of All Nations. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. Lord Jesus Christ. Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. Amen.

So the first one I want to do; I want to review one that we did yesterday, and that is the priests' duty which is about as traditional as you can get, and this is from this new Apostolic Exhortation Querida Amazonia, beloved Amazon, and I read this yesterday, but I just want to read it over, because it's a perfect description of the priestly duty. The question is: are married men going to be allowed to be priests?

Here's what Pope Francis writes:

"88. The priest is a sign of that head and wellspring of grace above all when he celebrates the Eucharist, the source and summit of the entire Christian life. [128] That is his great power, a power that can only be received in the sacrament of Holy Orders. For this reason, only the priest can say: 'This is my body". There are other words too, that he alone can speak: I absolve you from your sins". Because sacramental forgiveness is at the service of a worthy celebration of the Eucharist. These two sacraments lie at the heart of the priest's exclusive identity."

And really I couldn't agree more with that. The question is: Is he going to allow a non-celibate clergy to become priests? Let's take a look at some of the rest of this Apostolic Exhortation. And this was paragraph 2. I did not read this yesterday so let's read a paragraph 2 from Querida Amazonia.

"2. During the Synod," this is Pope Francis speaking, "I listened to the presentations and read with interest the reports of the discussion groups. In this Exhortation, I wish to offer my own response to this process of dialogue and discernment. I will not go into all of the issues treated at length in the

final document. Nor do I claim to replace that text or to duplicate it." Did you hear what he said there? "I wish merely to propose a brief framework for reflection that can apply concretely to the life of the Amazon region a synthesis of some of the larger concerns that I have expressed in earlier documents, and that can help guide us to a harmonious, creative and fruitful reception of the entire synodal process."

So Pope Francis is making it clear that this Apostolic Exhortation does not replace the Final Document that came out of the Amazon Synod. And in that Final Document the bishops okayed married priests. Now remember this pope is very subtle, just like he did with footnote 351, he is going, through a roundabout way, he is okaying married priests. Now let's see what paragraph 3 says.

"3. At the same time, I would like to officially present the Final Document, which sets forth the conclusions of the Synod, which profited from the participation of many people who know better than myself or the Roman Curia the problems and issues of the Amazon region, since they live there, they experience its suffering and they love it passionately. I have preferred not to cite the Final Document in this Exhortation, because I would encourage everyone to read it in full."

So notice that first part? "I would like to officially present the Final Document". Well the Final document of the Bishops' Synod; all he's doing with this Exhortation is **presenting** the Final Document. As far as I can see, he is okaying the Final Document. He's ratifying it and this is typical of Pope Francis. This way he can say it's the bishops that did it. I didn't do it. All I did was okay what they said, if I'm reading this correctly, but as I say, Pope Francis is very subtle. And so now I want to read the fourth paragraph.

"4. May God grant that the entire Church be enriched and challenged by the work of the synodal assembly. May the pastors, consecrated men and women and lay faithful of the Amazon region strive to apply it, and may it inspire in some way every person of good will."

So he wants the consecrated men and women of the Amazon region to apply the Final Document which allows for married priests, "and may it inspire in some way every person of good will." Would that include the German bishops? Would you include those as people of goodwill? I think it does. I think the German bishops had every right, based on what the Pope is saying here, and based on the Final Document to go ahead and start ordaining priests.

Now Wendy has some later information from today. I would like to read it because as far as I read this, I would say he is allowing married priests. Now I want to read paragraph 84 of this new episodic Exhortation.

"84. The sacraments reveal and communicate the God who is close and who comes with mercy to heal and strengthen his children. Consequently, they should be accessible, especially for the poor, and must never be refused for financial reasons."

And I don't know what he's talking about. I mean do they charge maybe for the sacraments in the Amazon? This seems to me like a strange church setup down there. Maybe they charge for weddings or something. But now comes the most important part of this paragraph, where he ratifies what he said in footnote 351.

"Nor is there room, in the presence of the poor and forgotten of the Amazon region, for a discipline, that excludes and turns people away, for in that way they end up being discarded by a Church that has become a toll-house."

So, does this mean a priest cannot exclude and turn away let's say a native chieftain that's got four or five wives? Can he say to them: You can't receive Communion because you have multiple wives? Is that what Pope Francis is saying here? To me it's up in the air. I know Pope Francis would allow Henry the VIII to receive Holy Communion, because he said that in Amoris Laetitia there are cases where people can receive Holy Communion, even though they're living in mortal sin. That goes against Scripture. It goes against Jesus when He said, "Do not give that which is holy to the dogs."

And as I've been saying all along, what that will do is, that will invalidate the Eucharist of priests. So I think, in this Apostolic Exhortation, he is verifying that the Church cannot exclude anybody from the Eucharist. I don't know how else to interpret that. Here's the rest of that paragraph.

"Rather, 'in such difficult situations of need, the church must be particularly concerned to offer understanding, comfort and acceptance, rather than imposing straightaway a set of rules that can only lead people to feel judged and abandoned by the very Mother called to show them God's mercy'. For the Church, mercy can become a mere sentimental catchword, unless it finds concrete expression in her pastoral outreach."

So he does not approve of sets of rules. It's like saying that if you're living in a second relationship, and you're only civilly remarried, that's the kind of ruling I presume he is against. Or is it the example I say that the tribal chiefs in the Amazon who've got four or five wives, would they be allowed to receive Holy Communion? Are these the rules that Pope Francis is against?

Now I want to read to you what the Amazon Synod's Final Document says, because as far as I can see, Pope Francis is presenting the Final Document, and he says that this is not a **summary** of the Final Document. He's **presenting it**, and the Final Document does allow married priests. Let me read what that says. This is from the Final Document of the Amazon Synod. This was voted on by the bishops, and of course the bishops are all hand-picked by him.

"Considering that legitimate diversity does not harm the communion and unity of the Church, but rather expresses and serves it (cf. LG 13; OE6), witness the plurality of existing rights and disciplines, we propose that criteria and dispositions be established by the competent authority, within the framework of Lumen Gentium 26, to ordain as priests suitable and respected men of the community with a legitimately constituted and stable family, who have had a fruitful permanent diaconate and receive an adequate

formation for the priesthood, in order to sustain the life of the Christian community through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments in the most remote areas of the Amazon region."

Putting two and two together, which you really have to do, I would say the Pope is allowing married priests. Now I haven't read the latest. According to the latest today, Pope Francis is not allowing ordination of married priests in the Amazon or in Latin America she said. So I would be very much interested in your sources on that, because it seems to me that Pope Francis is allowing it, but he's being very, very subtle about it.

It's just like his footnote 351, he's not shouting it from the rooftops, that's for sure. He's letting the bishops do the hard work, and the bishops in Germany are more than happy to do the heavy lifting, believe me.

Tomorrow I think I will continue on this, because I think it is important and maybe there'll be more developments then, and I certainly would recommend that you read the German bishop's <u>statement</u>. I think it was Cardinal Marx. It's on Life Site News, and he said he interpreted it as meaning that the question of married priests, it is open.

From the chat, "Here in Nigeria, chiefs with more than one wife who have accepted Christ do receive Holy Eucharist. The argument remains that you cannot tell them to divorce their other wives."

See look at that. Well that's typical of Pope Francis. You can't deny them the Eucharist and I wonder if they're going to allow polygamy in this country.

So thanks everybody for joining in this class tonight, and till I do see you all again, may God bless all of you, and may all of you have a very blessed evening.

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