

Pope Benedict vs Pope Francis on Priestly Celibacy

As I'm sure you know by now, there was a very important announcement this afternoon on quite a few news agencies that Pope Benedict is going against the Amazon Synod, as far as allowing married priests. And this will, I am sure, cause a great schism in the Catholic Church, because this is a very top priority of Pope Francis. So, I want to read excerpts from several of the news agencies this afternoon, how they announced this story, and I will make comments at the same time, because, believe me, this is extremely important.



Pope Francis (left) with Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

And now this first story is from AFP. I believe that's a French news agency. And the date line is January 12th, today, and it was published this afternoon at 3:23 pm Eastern Standard Time. And the headline is, **"Ex Pope Benedict Rejects Opening up Priesthood to Married Men"**. And there's an error in this very first headline. Pope Benedict is not an ex pope, he's Pope Emeritus. He is an acting Pope. He is not an ex pope,

and continuing with this press release:

"Former Pope Benedict has weighed in on the controversial question of whether or not to allow married 'men of proven virtue' to join the priesthood. Former Pope Benedict XVI",

again, he's not a former Pope. He might be called the previous pope, but he is actually Pope Emeritus Benedict;

"has publicly urged his successor, Pope Francis, not to open the Catholic priesthood up to married men, in a plea that Sunday," today, "stunned Vatican experts."

This is a stunning development. **"The ex-pontiff"**, not true, he's not 'ex', **"who retired in 2013"**; he was forced out. He wasn't retired; **"issued the defence of clerical celibacy in a book written with arch-conservative"**,

I tell you, these leftists are going bonkers over this news, aren't they?

"Cardinal Robert Sarah from Guinea, extracts of which were published in exclusively by France's Le Figaro." - which is a Paris newspaper. I wonder if they have ever called Pope Francis a flaming liberal. It's very hard to find news reports that are truly news without having some kind of editorial comment. In any event, I continue:

"I cannot keep silent!" Benedict wrote in the book, which follows an extraordinary meeting of bishops from the Amazonian Synod at the Vatican

last year that recommended the ordination of married men in certain circumstances."

And I told you at the time, that was the whole purpose of the Amazon Synod. Don't listen to people like Michael Voris or Life Site News. They kept saying it was all about having women become priests. That's not the purpose of it. The purpose was to allow married men to become priests, and I will explain why in just a minute.

"Francis is currently considering allowing it in remote locations", that's just the camel's nose inside the tent, "such as the Amazon, where communities seldom have Mass due to a lack of priests, and is expected to publish his decision in the coming weeks."

Actually, I expected Pope Francis to come up with his new apostolic exhortation. I thought it would be in December, but as this article says undoubtedly within a few weeks. And, of course, it will be a bombshell now, because it will be contrary to what Pope Benedict is saying.

"The pair asked the whole Church not to be 'swayed' by 'bad pleas, theatrics, diabolical lies, fashionable errors that want to devalue priestly celibacy.'

'It is urgent, necessary, that everyone, bishops, priests and laity, let themselves be guided once more by faith as they look upon the Church and on priestly celibacy that protects her mystery,' they wrote."

How right they are!

"They warned of priests, 'confused by the incessant questioning of their consecrated celibacy.' Sarah insisted that while celibacy can be 'a trial' it is also 'a liberation'. Benedict, who was the first pontiff to resign in almost 600 years," he didn't resign, he was forced out; "at first withdrew to a life of quiet contemplation in the Vatican, but has increasingly begun to speak out on key Catholic issues."

Actually he's been speaking out quite a bit, but this is certainly the first newsworthy speaking out, writing an entire book that will, I believe, cause a schism.

"But Vatican experts expressed astonishment that the retired pope would speak out on such a sensitive topic."

As I say, these left wingers are going bonkers.

"Joshua McElwee of the National Catholic Reporter, tweeted that a 'former pope speaking in public about something his successor is currently in the process of considering' was 'incredible'.

While Vatican expert Iacopo Scaramuzzi pointed out that 'cohabitation (in the Vatican) is difficult if the emeritus pope does not respect his own promise to hide away and obey."

Well, I don't think he promised to hide away and obey. All clergy take a vow of obedience, that's true, but if a priest's bishop tells him to commit murder obviously you don't obey the bishop. And if Pope Francis is going to do something contrary to a thousand years of church tradition, and Pope Benedict disagrees, he has a duty to speak up. And God bless him for speaking up.

"The idea of filling empty pulpits in remote locations by allowing married men to become priests is a divisive one with critics warning the emotive issue could fracture the Catholic Church." That's exactly what I'm saying.

And now here's an article from Reuters. This is also dated this afternoon.

"Former Pope Benedict, in a new book written with a conservative cardinal, defends priestly celibacy in the Catholic Church in what appears to be a strategically timed appeal to Pope Francis to not change the rules."

I agree with that. It is strategically timed. Pope Benedict is heading Pope Francis off at the pass.

"Benedict wrote the book, 'From the Depths of Our Hearts'," that's the name of the book that they will publish tomorrow, Monday, ***"with Cardinal Robert Sarah, 74, a Guinean prelate who heads the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments."***

So, Cardinal Sarah is already part of the Vatican. However I think it's pretty clear that the Vatican has been taken over by the Antichrist or the forces of the Antichrist. We don't know who he is yet, but that was prophesied by Mary back at La Salette over a hundred years ago.

"Excerpts were published on Sunday on the website of the French newspaper Le Figaro. The Vatican had no immediate comment on the book, which is due to be published on Monday."

In October, the final document of the assembly of Roman Catholic bishops, or synod, from the Amazon proposed that married men in the remote area be allowed to be ordained priests, which could lead to a landmark change in the Church's centuries-old discipline of celibacy."

And that's exactly what it will do. In fact the German bishops have already said that if Pope Francis allows married men in the Amazon to be ordained priests, they will petition the Vatican to allow married men to be priests in that country also. And believe me, it has nothing to do with a shortage of priests. What it has to do with is to dilute the pool of priests, so that the bishops can get rid of traditional priests. It's very simple; they will say to Father John, Father John, we know you refuse to give Communion to the divorced and civilly remarried. In other words, you refuse to give that which is holy to the dogs. But look over here, we have a Deacon Robert Johnson. Yesterday he was a deacon, today he's a priest and he's more than happy to take over your parish. That is the purpose of bringing in married priests. They want to put pressure on traditional priests who uphold the Gospel and the teachings of our Lord. And I continue with this.

“In 2013, when he became the first pope in 700 years to resign,” notice, by the way, remember when the Vatican was hit with lightning at 5:55 pm on the afternoon he resigned? That was our Lord's interpretation. That was His opinion of what He thought about Pope Benedict being forced out.

“Benedict, who lives in the Vatican and is now 92 and in failing health,”

Ha, failing health! That's what they said six years ago! Remember when he was forced out? They said, “Oh he's on his last legs. He's lucky if he has six months to live.” And I told you at the time that was all phony baloney. I told you at the time he was healthy. I told you that a pope should stay, it's a lifetime appointment. You don't resign a priesthood.

And it says here that ***“he vowed to remain ‘hidden from the world.’ But he has given interviews, written articles and contributed to books, in effect breaking that pledge and cheering conservatives, some of whom do not recognize Francis' legitimacy.”***

Well, as I say, Pope Benedict is actually fulfilling the role of a pope. He wears white. He wears a white skull cap on his head. He publishes articles and of course now he's publishing a book. He is actually a co-Pope right now. And I continue with this Reuters article:

“Massimo Faggioli, a theologian at Villanova University in the United States, called it ‘a serious breach’ by the former pope,”

These liberals are going nuts; ***“who vowed ‘unconditional reverence and obedience’ to his successor.”***

Baloney! He does not have to obey him if he sees Francis destroying the Church. And this is going to lead to a huge schism. Mark my words. This is what I have been expecting for the last six years.

“In his part of the book, Benedict says celibacy, which became a stable tradition in the Church only about 1,000 years ago,”

A thousand years,-that seems like quite a long time to me! How old is this country 300? That's at least three times how long this country has been in existence.

“carries ‘great significance’ because it allows a priest to concentrate on his vocation. He says ‘it doesn't seem possible to realize both vocations (priesthood and marriage) simultaneously.”

And I think any man would honestly tell you that. You can't. How can you have a vocation to marriage and a vocation to the priesthood?. The two are not compatible, and a lot of Protestant denominations will tell you this. They'll tell you that secretly, but that is true.

"In a joint introduction, both men say they could not remain silent about the October synod, which at times led to clashes between progressive and conservative Catholic media outlets, underscoring the polarization in the 1.3 billion-member Church.

"The proposal calls for older married men who are already deacons in the Church," just as I said, "have a stable family relationship and are proven leaders in their communities to be ordained as priests after adequate formation.

For his part, Cardinal Sarah says making exceptions to the celibacy rule would be 'a lie' that would set a dangerous precedent."

So why do they want priests to give Communion to the divorced and civilly remarried? Because that will invalidate the Eucharist. And I've done many videos on that. That is the hidden purpose behind Pope Francis, who is playing out the role of the False Prophet. In order for a priest to consecrate the real Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist, he must fulfill three requirements:

- 1) He must use the same matter that Jesus used, in other words unleavened bread.
- 2) He must say the same words that Jesus used. He can't say "this might be my Body", and
- 3) he must have the same intention that Jesus had. However, the intention is not determined by the priest; the intention is determined by the Church as Saint Thomas Aquinas taught.

And Satan has wisely decided to force the issue as far as the intention of the Church goes. He's got his man in the papacy right now. And when a country such as Germany or Malta decides that all of their priests must give Communion to the divorced and civilly remarried, in other words, to people living in mortal sin, then that will invalidate the Eucharist. Jesus never intended to give that which is holy to the dogs. In fact, he sent Judas away from the Last Supper, as I prove on my website.

Well, that's my message for today. I think you're going to see a lot of tremendous developments in the Catholic Church because of this schism, this division between the two popes which I had anticipated would happen not long ago.

So I certainly ask you to pray for Pope Benedict, and you can still pray for Pope Francis. After all, he could back off from his current role as the False Prophet. In any event, God bless all of you, and until I see you all the next time, have a very blessed day.

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Links

Ex-pope Benedict rejects opening up priesthood to married men.

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