

Mary's School of Prophecy Querida Amazonia – Pt 3 Pope Francis and his Ambiguous Querida Amazonia

This program will be our third and final program in a series on Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation Querida Amazonia, which means beloved Amazon, and we have discovered in our previous two programs that it's very unclear, which is of course a characteristic of Pope Francis. Confusion is his middle name. That is how he leads. He doesn't lead by clarity let's put it that way. And I came across two



Cardinal Reinhard Marx
Archbishop of Munich

articles from Life Site News in which Cardinal Reinhard Marx says that the Pope has not closed the door on married priests, and he cites the final document of the Amazon Senate as opposed to Querida Amazonia. And he says that the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation does not contradict what the bishops had voted for, in other words a married priesthood, but then yesterday, a Vatican spokesman said just the opposite. He said that the Apostolic Exhortation Querida Amazonia is part of the Magisterium, whereas the final document of the Bishop's Synod is not. So that's the way it stands at the moment. And I tried to find some up-to-date articles today and I did not find any, so I think we're going to have to leave it at that.

And as I said, I believe the German bishops are going to interpret the way they want to, I mean they pay for this and they're going to expect a certain outcome, and the really bad part of the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation is that he expanded on giving Communion to people living in mortal sin. In fact as I mentioned yesterday, I can see where he could have tribal chieftains in the Amazon who have more than one wife, They can have three or four wives, and they could not be denied Communion, because Pope Francis spoke out against rules, so I think that history will show that that is the evil part of this Apostolic Exhortation. In other words it expands on the abomination of desolation which Jesus warned about in the Olivet Discourse, which refers to Matthew chapter 24 and 25. And Jesus said to the apostles, "When you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet", a specific abomination, "standing in the holy place, then let those who are in the field not go back to take their cloak."

Now the first thing we do is we'll say our prayer to Our Lady of All Nations because she's the patroness of this program. 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 let's read what Cardinal Marx said. "Cardinal Reinhard Marx is the leader of the German bishops and as I say, they are the ones who paid for the Amazon Synod and they wanted evidently a little more forthright declaration from the Pope, but they should know by now that forthright declarations are not part of this pope's psyche. So here's what Cardinal Reinhard Marx said, and this is, as I say Life Site News February 12th, the day before yesterday.

"Cardinal Reinhard Marx has emphasized that the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation "Querida Amazonia" is not intended to replace the final document of the Amazon synod published last October. The final document had called for the ordination to the priesthood of married men living in the Amazon region.

During the presentation of "Querida Amazonia" to German media in Bonn, the outgoing president of the German bishops' conference stressed that the Apostolic Exhortation published earlier today 'neither wants to replace nor to repeat' the final document of the synod."

And that was a quotation from the document.

"By no means is it off the table with the publication of the exhortation! Rather, Pope Francis speaks of his desire to officially present the final document together with the Apostolic Letter, and invites us to 'read it in full,' Marks said."

So as with most things that come from Pope Francis, it's open to interpretation and the German bishops I think are going to read it exactly the way they wanted it in the first place. So Cardinal Marks continues:

"The Archbishop of Munich and Freising addressed the expectations many people had ahead of the publication of 'Querida Amazonia.' Both conservatives and liberals had speculated that Pope Francis might open the door to married priests in the South American region.

'Those who expected concrete decisions and instructions for action in the post-synodal letter of Pope Francis will not find them in this exhortation.'" Surprise! Surprise! "Instead, the Pope has performed a reception of the synod and its final document that is relevant to the church in the whole world and supported by the papal teaching authority,' clarified the German cardinal."

Now this is a quote from the final document from the bishops:

"Considering that legitimate diversity does not harm the communion and unity of the Church, but rather expresses and serves it, witness the plurality of existing rites 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 advocate 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,' the final document maintains."

And that's an accurate quote from what the bishops voted on in their Amazon synod. So Cardinal Marx says that the Apostolic Exhortation does not go against that, and he's right. I mean I think that was probably supposed to be that way as far as Pope Francis goes, but yesterday, there was a lot of controversy about this. The journalists, they're not stupid; they said, "Wait a minute, wait a minute, what's going on here? Did he or didn't he? Are we going to have married priests or not? What's going on?" And the secular media, they chimed right in. So I want to read to you. Now this is from an article to our press conference I believe, held by a Vatican spokesman, and there's a lead-up to it. So let me read this and this is the response to the Vatican who said, "No, no, no, Pope Francis is not okaying married priests", but it still seems pretty up in the air to me. And this was Life Site News yesterday, February 13th

"Questions regarding the magisterial weight of the Amazon Synod's final document, which called for married priests and 'new' ministries for women in the region, took center stage at the February 12 Vatican press conference on Pope Francis's summary document on the synod, Querida Amazonia (Beloved Amazon).

The synod's final document, which received a two-thirds majority from bishops at the conclusion of the October 6-27 Vatican assembly, proposed ordaining married men to the priesthood in order to make the Eucharist more widely available to Catholics in the Amazon region."

However we should understand even though it was a majority of the bishops, those bishops were all handpicked by Pope Francis. He learned his lesson from the two bishops' synods four or five years ago. They did not do what he wanted. He expected them to okay giving Communion to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics, and they did not do that. And he was very upset if you remember. He was angry. He addressed them at the end of their second synod and he said, "You don't have enough mercy!", so he had to do it himself. I mean that's why he published *Amoris Laetitia*, footnote 351. Of course he hid it in there, because he knows what he's doing. He's going against the words of our Lord. Jesus said do not give that which is holy to the dogs. Jesus did not give Communion to Judas. So let's continue with what the Vatican spokesman was saying after what Cardinal Marx said.

"At the presser, a chorus of often discordant voices united in expressing their common confusion over Pope Francis's introduction to Querida Amazonia, in which he states his intention to 'officially present the [synod's] final document, ' encourage 'everyone to read it,' and 'strive to apply it' according to their vocation in the Church.

Was the Pope officially approving the synod's final document and its proposal for married priests, even though he was silent about celibacy and

‘viri probati’ [i.e. men of proven virtue proposed for ordination] in his apostolic exhortation? And if so, was he giving bishops’ conferences - particularly that in Germany - the go-ahead to decide on married priests at the local level?”

Well theoretically, it wasn't about Germany at all, but I think we all understand, the German cardinals wanted an opening for the camel's nose inside the tent, and I think it was Cardinal Sarah who commented that this is not a groundswell. The lay people are not clamouring for a married clergy. This is not a *sensus fidei*. It's not a sense of the faithful. The people don't want a married clergy. This is definitely coming from the hierarchy down. And this press conference continues:

“In prepared remarks, panelist Cardinal Michael Czerny, who served as special secretary for the Amazon Synod, discussed the ‘status of the two documents’ and where they ‘fit into the magisterium.’ Regarding the final document, he said that ‘apart from formal magisterial authority,’ the Pope's official presentation and encouragement’ confer on it ‘a certain moral authority.’

To ignore [the final document] would be a lack of obedience to the Holy Father’s legitimate authority, while to find one or other point difficult could not be considered a lack of faith.”

Well that statement itself is not too clear if you ask me. Let me continue:

The Czechoslovakian-born Canadian Jesuit, whom Pope Francis made a cardinal in 2019, added that the final document, ‘consisting of proposals made and voted by the Synod Fathers, has the weight of a synodal final document.’ Querida Amazonia, ‘reflecting on the whole process and its final document, has the authority of ordinary magisterium of the Successor of Peter.’ The cardinal’s comments left members of the Vatican press corps perplexed.”

And of course the Pope could clear this up with a wave of the wand. He could clear that up, but don't expect the Pope to clear this up. Okay, this press conference continued:

“Veteran Italian journalist Sandro Magister summed up the problem, saying: ‘In the exhortation there’s not a word regarding the priestly ordination of married men. But in the synod’s final document there is. Does this mean a bishops’ conference can take the final document as a springboard to decide on matters concerning the priestly ordination of married men?’

Cardinal Czerny said he didn't recall saying the final document is included in the papal magisterium but that the various and particular proposals ‘remain on the table’ and that the Pope ‘encourages the Church in the Amazon and the Church everywhere’ to ‘apply [them] in proportion to the reality in which they find themselves.’

Seeking to clear up the confusion, Vatican spokesman Matteo Bruni said: ‘The apostolic exhortation [Querida Amazonia] is magisterium. The final document is not magisterium.’

Well at least that's clear-cut.

“Bruni said the Amazon synod’s treatment of celibacy and the permanent diaconate ‘was meant to respond to the pastoral need: evangelization’ and that ‘the Pope’s position on celibacy’ has been reported in the media.

Still not satisfied, another journalist asked how one is to understand the final document in light of Pope Francis’s 2018 apostolic constitution *Episcopalis Communio*, n. 18, which states: ‘If it is expressly approved by the Roman Pontiff, the final document participates in the ordinary Magisterium of the Successor of Peter.’

Well that journalist is obviously on his toes. So he put that Vatican spokesman on notice. So I have one more slide here.

“Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, clarified that Querida Amazonia ‘does not talk about approval of the final document’ but about ‘presentation’ and is therefore ‘not magisterial.’

New York Times reporter Jason Horowitz pressed further, asking if the ‘issue of married priests’ can be implemented by bishops’ conferences ‘without the Pope’s approval.’ Bishops conferences ‘can’t just decide to do that,’ he said, suggesting that Querida Amazonia therefore seems like a ‘rejection’ of married priests.

So as you can see, things I would say are pretty much still up in the air, which is exactly the way Pope Francis generally likes it. He likes some confusion. Well isn't he the author of confusion? Of course we all know who the author of confusion is according to Scripture, so he's not in good company.

Now we went over, as far as married priests go, but we didn't go as far as the Eucharist goes, and Pope Francis does cover that in his Apostolic Exhortation Querida Amazonia, and I read this yesterday, but I want to go over this again, because I think this is what Pope Francis really has in the back of his mind, and this is what he is really promoting, and this is the abomination of desolation. This is paragraph 84.

“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.

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.”

Now he talks about the poor and excluded. What about the tribal chieftains who have three or four wives? Are they allowed to receive Communion? And I was surprised yesterday, “Boot Resources” [in chat] who says he's from Nigeria, says that in that country when tribal chiefs who have a harem, four or five wives or however the number, when they convert and become Catholic, the Catholic bishops do not require them to give up their wives. So there you have the scandal of a person. You are like a Mormon, living with three or four wives receiving Communion, and it's hard for me to believe that's true, but that's what he says is the current rule in Nigeria, Africa. So let me read the rest of paragraph 84.

“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 as you can see, Pope Francis is against any set of rules, for example that you have to have a valid marriage to receive Holy Communion. Obviously he's against rules like that, and that's exactly how the bishops in Malta have interpreted *Amoris Laetitia*. Anyone and everyone may receive Holy Communion in Malta and of course as I have explained many times in here, according to rules of St. Thomas Aquinas, that invalidates the Eucharist because the intention of the priest is not determined by the priest, it is determined by the Church. And I've gone over that many times, so I won't repeat all of that, although I probably should.

Okay everybody thanks so much and I will see you tomorrow morning and in the meantime may God bless all of you, and may all of you have a very blessed day

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Cardinal Marx says married priests still up for debate: ‘By no means is it off the table’
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