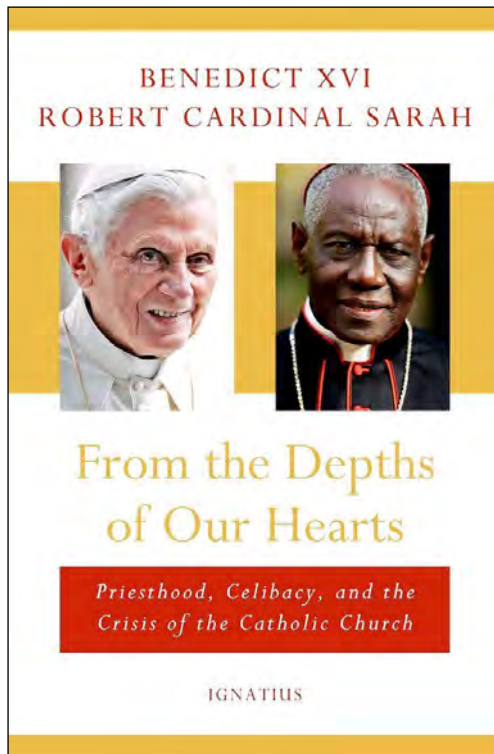


## Mary's School of Prophecy Pope Benedict Forced to Remove Name from his Book



This program will be a continuation of the last couple of days where I have been discussing the drama coming out of the Vatican, because Pope Benedict has penned a book supporting priestly celibacy. And this is of course a huge no-no to the One World Religion people who have taken over the Vatican, and the far left liberals are going bonkers in the Church. And I've got the latest developments and I have not even read these press reports yet myself.

I've got one from the Washington Post which was published 3:38 pm, which was about an hour and a half ago, and what we know so far is that in the articles I read to you this morning, Pope Benedict's personal secretary, Georg Gänswein is the one who has said that Pope Benedict's name will be taken off the books, but now just this afternoon or maybe a little earlier, the publisher of the book Ignatius Press, Dr Edmond Sri, he says Pope

Benedict's name is not going to be taken off the book because he is the co-author of the book, and of course he probably is saying that because they probably published about a million copies, and he's not about to go through and change the dust cover for the book. In any case, that's the way things stand now, and I'm going to read these two press releases, and I haven't read these myself. Usually I go through and I eliminate any kind of duplication, so I will go through these in a few minutes.

Carolyn in chat says, *"Please tell us why married priests are so bad. We had married priests in the church about six years ago or so I thought."*

Well, it's not that they're so bad, it's just that, as Pope Benedict points out, marriage is a full-time vocation, and the priesthood is a full-time vocation, and he says you can't have a full-time vocation to do different vocations. That's what Pope Benedict says, and the Church for a thousand years has understood that through trial and error. It's come to the realization that a priest should not divide his time between his family and his church, and Jesus said that celibacy is not for everyone. He called it making yourself a eunuch for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, but Jesus also said, let him who can do it, do it, so that's a command. Let him who can do it, do it, but He didn't say everyone should be a priest. As we know maybe 5% are able to make themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom. No Protestant minister is willing to make himself a eunuch for the sake of the kingdom. I don't know anyone who is willing to give up a family for the sake of the kingdom, as Jesus urged, if possible.

Okay I want to read through these, and see what you think and as I said I haven't read these myself, so maybe there'll be some duplication, so you'll have to forgive me for that. And the dateline here is the Washington Post January 14<sup>th</sup> today at 3:38 pm. That's a little over an hour and a half ago.

***“Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI’s long-time aide is pushing to have the retired pontiff removed as co-author of a controversial book on priestly celibacy that many church watchers saw as an effort to influence Pope Francis. Benedict’s aide, Archbishop Georg Gänswein, alleged that the retired pope never intended to have his name on the book - there had been a ‘misunderstanding’ with the other co-author, Cardinal Robert Sarah.”***

So he calls it a misunderstanding. Cardinal Sarah says there was no misunderstanding and neither does the publisher, so some of these people have got to get their messages straight here.

***“But in tweets and statements Tuesday, Sarah defended himself, saying that Benedict, 92, had been fully informed and signed off on the plans.”***

So we have a conflict here.

***“Given the dispute, Sarah wrote, Benedict would be removed as co-author and instead listed as a contributor. ‘However,’ Sarah said, ‘the complete text remains absolutely unchanged.’”***

And we’ll see the publisher is not even going along with what Cardinal Sarah is saying.

***“The book’s English-language publisher said it still considered Benedict a co-author. Benedict defends priestly celibacy as Pope Francis considers changes.”***

No matter what his personal opinion is, Pope Francis will be pushed into granting it. Of course it will start out as a few exceptions, but it's very important for the Left to achieve this optional celibacy, so that they can force traditional priests out. So the traditional priest, for example, Father John, we know you don't want to give Communion to people living in mortal sin, but Deacon Johnson over here; yesterday he was a deacon, today he's a priest, and he's more than willing to take over your parish. That is what this is all about, and I told you back at the Amazon Synod, I said it was all about giving priests the option of celibacy, in other words bringing in a married priesthood

***“The back and forth between Benedict’s main lieutenant and a conservative cardinal mirrored a larger debate inside the Catholic Church over what kind of role the retired pope should have - and whether he risks being manipulated as he grows more frail.”***

They love trying to depict Pope Benedict as frail and weak, on his last legs, he can't survive another month, he's lucky to be alive, and of course they've been

saying this for six years, and I told you six years ago that that was all phony baloney.

***“Benedict vowed after abdicating that he would remain silent on major church affairs. But in two high-profile cases in the past year, on the topics of sexual abuse and celibacy, he has shared opinions that either contradict Francis or put pressure on him.***

***‘The one good thing from this whole cheap operetta is that it’s now clearly demonstrated to show that the whole [pope] emeritus thing doesn’t work.’*** This is another left view; ***“said Ulrich Lehner, a theology professor at the University Of Notre Dame.”*** Well that should tell you.

And now this is from Life Site News, and now this is dated January 13<sup>th</sup> but I just read it today, so I'm not sure if they have the dateline correct or not.

***“The publisher of a book by Pope Emeritus Benedict and Cardinal Robert Sarah my priestly celibacy has confirmed that Benedict did, in fact, co-author the book with the Cardinal.***

***Fr. Joseph Fessio, S.J., the editor-in-chief of Ignatius Press told LifeSiteNews that ‘it is fake news’ that Benedict XVI didn’t really participate in writing the book.***

***‘I just got a call from Cardinal Sarah. He confirms that Pope Benedict is co-author with him’, he said.***

***Just after LifeSiteNews published this report, Cardinal Sarah tweeted a series of letters from Pope Benedict showing what the Cardinal called his ‘close collaboration’ with the Pope.***

***‘The attacks seem to imply a lie on my part. These defamations are of exceptional gravity. I give this evening the first proofs of my close collaboration with Benedict XVI to write this text in favor of celibacy. I will speak tomorrow if necessary’, he tweeted.”***

So it's beginning to look to me as if the pressure was put on Pope Benedict's secretary, this Georg Gänswein to put out some kind of a disclaimer. It's very possible Pope Benedict did not tell his secretary to make that public statement at all.

***“Fessio earlier today told Catholic News Agency (CNA) that claims that Cardinal Robert Sarah had misrepresented the Pope Emeritus’ co-authorship of their work “From the Depths of Our Hearts”, were incorrect.***

***‘Are these people really implying that Cardinal Sarah is involved in a conspiracy to distort the truth?’ Fessio asked.***

***‘If Cardinal Sarah is telling Ignatius Press that the chapters from Pope Benedict are from Pope Benedict, we take his word for it.’***

***Fessio and Ignatius Press stand by the attribution of the book to both Sarah and Pope Emeritus. The San Francisco-based press has published several books by Benedict XVI.***

***Various journalists have spread the rumor on social media.***

***According to CNA, a Vatican based reporter for Spanish COPE radio named Eva Fernandez tweeted a statement that a ‘source very close to Benedict XVI’ said he had not written the book defending celibacy with Cardinal Sarah,”;***  
So this is how rumors get started. So and so, a friend of so and so, said such and such;

***“and had not given his authorization for the work to be published. Fernandez said also that Benedict had merely provided a work on the priesthood which he was writing.”***

So as you can see, we have a lot of drama coming out of the Vatican and the reason is very simple. This is extremely important, so I'm going to read the rest of this. I've got another page.

***“Fernandez was echoed by Gerard O'Connell, the Vatican correspondent for the left-leaning America magazine.”***

Naturally, as I said these people are going bonkers.

***“Benedict XVI did not co-author the book on priesthood and celibacy with Cardinal Sarah,” O'Connell tweeted. ... Story coming soon on America magazine.”***

***Shortly afterward, however O'Connell tweeted that America was holding his story.***

***‘@americamag has decided to hold my story that Benedict XVI did not co-author the book with Cardinal Sarah on priesthood and celibacy,’ he wrote.***

***It wants to get comments from others involved before publishing the story. For the record: my information came from a source close to Benedict XVI.”***

But not from Benedict XVI; I have yet to see any story, any article that has a direct quote from Pope Benedict. So far he has not commented, to my knowledge on this controversy whatsoever.

***“The rumor was also taken up by Christopher Lamb of the UK's left-leaning The Tablet magazine.***

***‘Report that Benedict XVI never saw or approved the book on celibacy which he is being presented as the co-author of,’ Lamb tweeted.***

***Benedict, according to a source close to him,” – Now who could that be?, “simply gave Cardinal Sarah an essay on the priesthood that he had been working on..”*** There are all kinds of stories.

***“The ‘source’ has not yet been named, but tweets in multiple languages are flying fast around the internet. At least two reporters are alleging that Benedict himself has disavowed the book.”***

Well, no quotes from them though.

***“Hendro Munsterm, a Vatican correspondent from the Netherlands, tweeted that, ‘Various sources in Rome report that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI denies having them written the book about compulsory priesthood celibacy with Cardinal Sarah.’”***

I like that “compulsory priesthood celibacy”. It's not compulsory. The priests can become priests or not. The seminary doesn't have to take the vows of celibacy. No, you can get married **or** become a priest. It's his option, so I don't know what they're talking about, “compulsory priesthood celibacy”.

***“Argentina's La Nación is also alleging that the former pontiff has denied having written a book:***

***‘Benedict XVI did not write a book in conjunction with Sarah. He never saw it, nor did he authorize the cover, nor the fact that a book would be written in cooperation with someone else,’ a Vatican source very close to Joseph Ratzinger assured La Nación ...”***

The source is always very close, and what does that mean? They clean his wash pan maybe? Is that how close they mean?

***“It is evidence that there is a publishing and media operation from which Benedict distances himself and with which he declares himself to be completely unassociated,’***

But he hasn't declared himself to be completely unassociated. These are all the other people that are saying that;

***“the source added, who asked for anonymity”***

Ha! I wonder why?

***“who did not specify who would be behind such an operation, and who gave the added detail that some months back the Pope Emeritus was writing some notes on the priesthood, which Cardinal Sarah asked to see. ‘The Pope Emeritus placed the text at his disposal, knowing that he was writing a book on priesthood.’***

***Villanova Professor Massimo Faggiolo responded to the rumor by tweeting, ‘Ma roba de matti’ (“Craziness”), and one of Lamb’s Twitter readers suggested that the ‘Catholic Left’ has become hysterical.”***

That's pretty obvious.

***“Certainly, the media seems to be in an uproar since French newspaper Le Figaro broke the news that Benedict XVI and Cardinal Sarah had written a book in which they defended the norm of priestly celibacy in the Catholic Church. The English biographer of Benedict’s successor Pope Francis, Austen Ivereigh, has suggested that the Pope Emeritus is being manipulated by abusive Vatican ‘courtiers’.”***

Those are the bad guys behind this; “abusive Vatican courtiers”, and as I said, the publisher has said that Pope Benedict **did** write this book and he is **not** going to take Pope Benedict's name off the book, and that is where the matter stands right at the moment. You are right up to date, so I will be happy to discuss this one or whatever you would like to talk about this afternoon, and as I told you, this issue is not going to go away, and I don't like to say this but I think that Pope Benedict's life is in danger. I don't think they're going to put up with this. They have a very weak pope, Pope Francis, and they can't afford anybody contradicting him. Okay I think it is time now to go

Okay everybody so God bless all of you, and may all of you have a very blessed day.

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## **Links**

The Washington Post - Benedict XVI wants his name removed from book about priestly celibacy -

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/pope-benedict-wants-his-name-removed-from-book-about-priestly-celibacy/2020/01/14/1d5ffe44-36dc-11ea-a1ff-c48c1d59a4a1\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/pope-benedict-wants-his-name-removed-from-book-about-priestly-celibacy/2020/01/14/1d5ffe44-36dc-11ea-a1ff-c48c1d59a4a1_story.html)

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