

Synod Of Bishops

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Proposal to allow Holy Communion to Divorced and Remarried Catholics

At this fall's "Synod on the Family", bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, including Pope Francis, are expected to consider an official proposal to allow reception of Holy Communion by divorced and remarried Catholics. This would go counter to two thousand years of Church teaching and in fact, would abrogate the words of Jesus Himself: "do not give that which is holy to the dogs". It would also abrogate the words of Saint Paul: "anyone who eats and drinks the body and blood of our Lord unworthily is guilty of the body and blood of our Lord".

Even worse, this sacrilege will make it impossible for priests to consecrate the Eucharist and they will lose their most important priestly power, as I will soon explain. Also, Pope Francis will then be obliged to change the Catechism of the Catholic Church which reads: "we call this food Eucharist and no one may take part in it unless he believes that what we teach is true, has received baptism for the forgiveness of sins and new birth, and lives in keeping with what Christ taught" (part 2, paragraph 1355). Any man who leaves his wife and marries another is not "in keeping with what Christ taught". And if such people are allowed to receive Holy Communion, then what is to prevent anyone else living in mortal sin to recklessly receive?

Pope Francis Agrees with Proposal

On Wednesday, August 5, Pope Francis once again reiterated his belief that divorced and remarried Catholics should be allowed to receive Holy Communion. He couched his ideas in terms such as "compassion" and "mercy" and "think of the children". He believes children should not be made aware that their parents are denied the "full life of the Church" even though they are living in adultery. Changing true Church doctrine so as to avoid hurting anyone's feelings is absurd.

What is even worse, this change will affect all Catholics because, as I contend, it will invalidate the consecration of the Eucharist by priests everywhere. Jesus will not honor this illegitimate proposal of Pope Francis; He will not enter His body, blood, soul and divinity into the bread and wine of an invalid consecration. As Pope Leo ruled in his encyclical, *Apostolicae Curae*, the intentions of the priest to administer a Sacrament are superseded by the intentions of the Church. If the intentions of the Church, for the first time ever, become flawed then the intentions of all cooperating priests also will become flawed.

The Three Requirements for the Valid Eucharist

Here is my reasoning: there are three equally important requirements for a priest to effect a valid consecration, matter, words and intentions:

- 1) The matter must be the same as Jesus used: wine and unleavened bread. A priest cannot consecrate strawberry shortcake, for example.
- 2) The words of the priest must be the same as Jesus used; he cannot say "this MIGHT be my body" or "this COULD be my blood".
- 3) The intentions of the priest also must be identical to that of Jesus. So the question is, did Jesus intend for His Body and Blood to be given to people living in mortal sin? Did He intend to give "that which is holy to the dogs"?

For nearly two thousand years the Church has clearly answered those questions and has preserved all three requirements for a valid Eucharist. From the aforementioned encyclical, and by observing other denominations, we can see all three requirements are indispensable. For example, Anglican communions cannot be valid because they do not teach the real presence of

our Lord. Since the Church of England teaches an intention at variance with the intention of Jesus then their priests cannot do what Jesus did, even if they wanted to. They cannot consecrate the body and blood of our Lord.

Eucharist not for those continuing in mortal sin

But the sacred intention of Jesus does not stop at transforming bread and wine into His body and blood. Jesus also did not intend for the Eucharist to be given to people living in serious sin. We know this because He did not allow Judas to receive the Eucharist. In fact, Jesus pointedly sent Judas away from the Passover meal before He established the Lord's Supper. If Jesus had done otherwise, if Judas had been allowed to receive the sacred species, then for two thousand years the Church has erred in denying communion to those living in mortal sin.

The evidence of our Lord's true intentions, as far as giving the Eucharist to Judas, can be found in the chronological sequence of all four Gospel accounts (with one exception, chapter 22, verse 19, of the Gospel of Luke). This sequence is demonstrated on the accompanying "Chronology of the Last Supper" timeline chart.

Unfortunately, Luke's discrepancy has fooled a lot of theologians, including Pope Benedict XVI, into thinking that Judas did receive the Eucharist. However, we can now discount Luke's discrepancy for two reasons;

- 1) Luke was not at the Last Supper, whereas Matthew and John were present.
- 2) Luke exhibits a pattern of not recording other Scriptural events in chronological order, for example, he tells about the beheading of John the Baptist before he describes the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan.

Another example of Luke not writing in chronological order is the second and third temptations of Jesus in the wilderness. We know Matthew wrote them in chronological order, because he used the word "then" (Matthew 4:5) followed by the word "again" (Matthew 4:8). Luke used the word "and" both times (Luke 4:5, 4:9). Thus, we see that Luke is the only Evangelist who did not write the events of the Last Supper in chronological order. Luke probably arranged His scriptural material more for effective story telling rather than following a strict chronology.

Eucharist not to be taken unworthily

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to recognize Jesus' intentions at the Last Supper. If Judas received communion then the Church has been wrong for two thousand years and anyone and everyone should be admitted to the Lord's Supper. However, I believe Saint Paul was correct when he taught that communicants are guilty of the body and blood of our Lord if they eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord unworthily.

Today, Saint Paul's rule still holds true and is established as Church teaching. But what if any priest today, before Pope Francis' proposed rule change, is fully aware that he is giving the host to someone living in sin? Then he also would be guilty of the body and blood of our Lord and his continued actions without repentance will lead him to hell. But still, the Eucharist would be valid because no one can ascertain the hidden intentions of either the priest or the recipient of Communion and, as I said before, the promulgated intentions of the Church supersede those of the priest.

However, what if the Church rules that the body and blood of our Lord must be given to people who are unworthy? Then even this new apostate Church would be guilty of the body and blood of our Lord. In fact, the new Church would be assigned to hell except for the fact that corporate bodies cannot be cast into hell. Instead, there will be a most severe punishment: Jesus will not

enter into such sacrilegious Eucharists and all communicants will be denied the Blessed Sacrament in a fallen church.

Some might claim that since no one is perfect, how is it possible for two thousand years that people who are guilty of non serious or venial sins may dare to receive the Eucharist? Again, we must examine the Last Supper and realize that the other eleven Apostles who did receive the Eucharist were themselves not yet saints! All but one would abandon Jesus at His trial and crucifixion. Yet they all received the body and blood of Jesus. Only Judas was excluded. Obviously it is mortal, not venial sin, which should exclude one from the Lord's table.

Church risks Eucharist becoming invalid

Consequently, if the intention of the Church were to subvert our Lord's intentions, then the Eucharist becomes invalid just as if the Church were to change either of the other two requirements for a valid Eucharist. Currently, as it is at present, if a priest were to change the matter used or the words of consecration, then the congregation could easily see the changes and understand the resulting chicanery. But the third requirement, the intentions of the priest are secret. No one knows what a priest may actually be thinking. Therefore the Church declares that the confessions of such priests are still valid if he adheres to the two public requirements.

But when the Church itself declares publicly what the priest's intentions are and those stated intentions do not coincide with the intentions of Jesus at the Last Supper, then we will see the fulfillment of end times bible prophecy and we will witness the ultimate chicanery; we will see the Abomination of Desolation.

Eucharist is prophesied by Daniel to be removed

Daniel prophesied in his chapters 10 and 12, that the Daily Sacrifice (Eucharist) would be taken away from the Prince (Jesus). And the Church itself declares that any sacrament administered with flaws in matter, form or intent is invalid. I submit when this disaster occurs at this fall's synod, then each individual priest must openly declare he will ignore the Church's new rules and publicly declare that he will not give communion to divorced and remarried Catholics or else his consecrations will be invalid.

Of course, this action will probably cause him to be relieved of his duties since there are many heretical Catholics who would immediately report such priests to their bishops because, unfortunately, most Catholics, including bishops, will accept, and even embrace, the proposed unlawful changes .

However, there will be many other remnant Catholics, who will begin to realize, deep inside their hearts and souls, that indeed Jesus is no longer present in the Eucharists of priests who go along with this radical change to two thousand years of Church teaching. They will begin to understand that this perversion of the Eucharist will fulfill Jesus' prophecy In Matthew 24 and that this will be the "abomination of desolation" spoken of by Daniel the prophet. This is when remnant Catholics must go out from the field (Church) and flee into the wilderness (Matthew 24:14).

Jesus told His disciples: "you are the light of the world". He also said "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you have no life in you". It will be not just a disaster for Catholics but for the entire world when the daily sacrifice is removed from one billion Catholics and consequently they no longer have any life in them. Please do not accept Francis' proposed changes because the consequences will be a total disaster for mankind.

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