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“Family is created by God? Or by men?”

“Make a judgment out the dying faith of the Apostolic Nuncio in Bern, Bishop Marchioni, with whom I had the following conversation on March 31. 1976, in Bern:

‘-Archbishop Lefebvre: Some dangerous things can easily be seen... In the declaration on Religious Liberty, there are some things contrary to what the Popes have taught: it is decided that there can no longer be Catholic States [Nations].

-Nuncio: But of course, that is evident!

-Archbp. Do you think that such a way is going to do to the Church any good - this suppression of the Catholic States?

-Nuncio: Ah, but you understand, if we do so, we will get a greater religious freedom with the Soviets!

-Archbp. But the Social Reign of Our Lord Jesus Christ, what are you doing about that?

-Nuncio: You know, that is impossible now; perhaps in the distant future? But right now, this Reign is in individuals; we have open ourselves up to the masses [of people].

-Archbp. But the Encyclical Quas Primas, what do you do with that?

-Nuncio: Oh, ... the Pope would not write that any more, now!

-Archbp. Did you know that in Colombia it was the Holy See that asked for the suppression of the Christian Constitution of the State?

-Nuncio: Yes, and here also.

-Archbp. In the Valais?

-Nuncio: Yes, in the Valais. And now, you see, I am invited to all the meetings!

-Archbp. Then, you approve the letter that Bishop Adam [Bishop of Sion, in the Valais] wrote to the faithful of his diocese to explain to them why they should vote for the law of separation of Church and State?

-Nuncio: You see, the Social Kingship of Our Lord, it is very difficult now... ’

You see, he no longer believes in it. It is an ‘impossible’ or ‘very difficult’ dogma, ‘which would not be written now any more!’ And how many people think like this today! How many are incapable of understanding that the Redemption of Our Lord Jesus Christ must be brought about with the help of civil society, and that the State therefore must become, within the limits of the temporal order, the instrument of the application of the work of Redemption. They answer you, ‘Oh, those are two different things; you are mixing politics and religion!’

And yet, all has been created for Our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore for the accomplishment of the work of Redemption. Everything, including civil society, which, I have told you, is itself a creature of the Good Lord! Civil Society is not a pure creation of the will of men; it results above all from the social nature of man, from the fact that God has created men so that they will live in society; it is written into our nature by the Creator. Therefore civil society itself, no less than individuals, must render homage to God, its Author and its End, and to serve the Redeeming design of Jesus Christ.” [They Have Uncrowned Him, by Abp. Lefebvre]

As Catholics, we have learned that the Creator of man is also the Founder of human societies. God has created man. The first man was Adam. Almighty God has said, *“it is not good for man to be alone.”* So God created Eve from Adam. Therefore, the smallest society and the most important of them is the family. Adam and Eve were the first family. God has also given to them the gift of multiplying. Actually, it is a commandment *“Increase and multiply.”*

The union of families is what we called human society. It belongs to the pattern that God has installed in human nature. Among all types of societies, there are two which engage the different activities of men – religious society and civil society. Both of them have the same subjects, although each of them exercises its “authority” over them within its proper setting.

In fact, religious society [the Church] and civil society [State or Country] threaten to disintegrate whenever

they start working contrary to the nature given by God. Whether a conflict is between families in society, or between persons in the same family, the notion of truth plays a capital role. Truth is a vital element for a society. A civil society without truth is clouded and endangers its integrity because human societies cannot conduct themselves as if God did not exist, or refuse to be concerned with religion as if it were a foreign element. As a matter of fact, this is an error spread by Russia in the Modern world, a civil society without God as Marxism proclaimed with its Communist form of government. As you know, the driving force of Communism is Atheism.

On the other hand, the Church, which has God Himself for its Founder, would truly spread a lethal error and overthrow truth if it were to exclude religion as an integral part of the active life of a Nation. For example, if it were to condone the separation of God from civil laws [Abortion Law], from the education of children and youngster [worship of human body in beauty and sports], from domestic life [Divorce Law]. The question is precisely whether or not it is OK to approve such man-made-laws as Divorce or same-sex marriage, and even to promote them by word and deed, by teaching and complying?

In addition, should we resign ourselves to believe the Law of God with all its consequences, with all its rights and duties? Must we run away from the preaching and practicing of the Ten Commandments, “Thou shalt have only one God,” “Thou shalt not kill,” “Thou shalt not commit adultery,” because people want no more of this? Indeed, modern human thinking wants to free itself from the rules of morality. Men refuse to believe in the practical efficacy of the truth. As Saint Paul said, they have lost the love for Truth.

Certainly, more than mere confusion in the modern world, the fact is that the will of the people doesn't even know what it really wants. In modern minds there is not a concrete decision to understand the reality of the Law of God with its consequences. They dare not to affirm anything with their mind. The reason is that they are divided between the love of God and the love of oneself.

In this sense we should not learn to excuse ourselves too much! We should not want to excuse ourselves from the duties of religion. We should not learn to justify ourselves whenever we follow a practical Catholic principle, or adapt ourselves to the fashion and thinking of the modern world. Otherwise, we are distorting Christian truth to make it accessible to minds trained to refuse the supernatural order.

For example, the Novus Ordo's way of thinking and believing, in order to convert those who do not believe in the supernatural [grace, Sacraments, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass], they want to talk about Ecology as Pope Francis discussed in his last Encyclical.

It is certain that this lack of integrity of the mind is cause of the modern world's tendency to spontaneous action, neglecting to reason enough before we perform an action. However, the bottom line is that there is not much confidence in the truth. People want to justify too much, to adapt too much, or even to excuse too much what modern civil and religious societies [including Traditionalist Congregations] are guilty of in today's world.

Therefore, we can say that at the core of this error there is a frenzy of confusion in our minds and in our wills so that we can refuse to define anything. So, what do you want to believe? What do you want to will? “I do not know” should not be an answer.

At least let us ask for Our Lady's help to increase day by day the spirit of faith so that our religious society [Catholic Church] will keep the principles of Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification in order to base on them the eternal salvation of our souls.

Lastly, let us read these encouraging words from Dom Gueranger, a Benedictine monk: *“Today more than ever society needs doctrines that are strong and consistent with one another. In the midst of the general dissolution of ideas, only an affirmation, a firm, well-founded, uncompromising affirmation, will be able to make itself accepted. Transactions become more and more fruitless, and each one of them carries away a shred of the truth. Show yourselves, therefore, to be such as you are in reality, convinced Catholics. **There is a grace attached to the full and entire confession of the faith.** This confession, the Apostle tells us, is the salvation of those who make it; and experience demonstrates that it is also the salvation of those who hear it.”* [The Christian Sense of History].

Viva Cristo Rey!

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