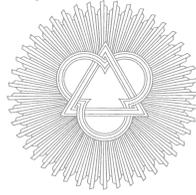

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My dear Catholic people,

I do not ordinarily speak about politics, but because this year's presidential election touches on our Catholic life in this country, I will make an exception and give you my thoughts on the recent choice.

No Catholic could admire Donald Trump *as a man*, that is, as someone who is admirable by his obedience to God's laws. He has spent his whole life in amassing fantastic wealth, and has spent it on mind-boggling luxuries. He has treated women in a disrespectful manner, having been attracted not to women of high modesty, but to show business types, models, casino girls, and the like. He has been married three times. The one that he is with now is 46 years old. He is 70. He is a man of this world.

Catholics do admire his political positions, however. I am not talking about Novus Ordo Catholics, who are for the most part apostates, but true Catholics, that is, those who have retained their pre-Vatican II faith.

What was remarkable about this election was not so much *who* was elected, but the ideas that were elected, so to speak. The election was a serious backlash of rural America against the rich, university-educated, socialist and liberal elites of the Northeast and the Left Coast (California, Oregon and

Washington). At long last the heartland of America was able to overcome these very powerful liberal voting blocs.

At first I thought that Donald Trump, or any somewhat conservative Republican, for that matter, had no chance against the all-powerful Hillary Clinton. I thought that, as usual, the Republicans would put up an Establishment Republican who holds that in order to be elected you need to speak and act like a liberal.



President-elect Donald Trump

I had always thought that, for a conservative to succeed, he needed to present a coherent conservative ideology, and stick to it. I think that Donald Trump realized this very thing rather late in his campaign, and capitalized on it. He had the winning combination of a vibrant, energetic personality and the right ideas. It worked.

What was especially surprising in this election was the defection of so many middle to lower class white people from the Democrat Party to the Republican Party. Traditionally, the Republican Party represented the rich and educated elite, whereas the Democrats represented the blue-collar classes. This time it was the reverse. Hillary was seen as an elitist, inexorably connected with Wall Street, and Donald Trump was seen as the working man's champion.

There was more than economics at stake here. There was a very strong fear that Hillary Clinton, a

radical and vindictive leftist and socialist, would impose her ideas in a brutal manner upon anyone who disagreed with her. Her comment about the “basket of deplorables,” referring to the electorate of Donald Trump, manifested the extreme hatred in her heart for anyone who represented what one might call “traditional values” in this country. She also hates Catholics and conservative Novus Ordites for their stance against sodomitic marriages, artificial birth control, and abortion. She made the comment once, “religions must change.”

There was also the fear of what she would do to the Supreme Court. If she had lasted for eight years in the White House, she would have appointed at least three of the justices. It is in the Supreme Court that all of the morality issues are decided, in all cases bad decisions, something that makes Catholics most uncomfortable and fearful. She would probably have taken away the tax exemptions from those churches that did not “change” according to her wishes.

On this subject, I recently got an email from someone pointing out to me a condition which Airbnb was making in order to do business with them. Airbnb is an internet company which helps you to rent out your empty home temporarily. Typically people use this site if they are seeking a house to live in for a few months.

These are the conditions which Airbnb has set down in the email they sent out in late October:

What is the Community Commitment?

You commit to treat everyone - regardless of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or age — with respect, and without judgement or bias.

What if I decline the commitment?

If you decline the commitment, you won't be able to host or book using Airbnb, and you have the option to cancel your account. Once your account is cancelled, future booked trips will be canceled. You will still be able to browse Airbnb

but you won't be able to book any reservations or host any guests.

Behold the hypocrisy! Last year we saw a bakery in Oregon which refused to do business with sodomites who wanted the owners to make a wedding cake for them. Why did they refuse to do business? Because it was against their conscience to give approval, by their complicity in baking the cake, to something which is contrary to the law of God.

Airbnb refuses to do business with those who do not follow *their* rules about the morality of sodomy. When conservatives refuse to do business based on sodomy, then they are *hate mongers*. When the liberals refuse to do business with those who disagree with them on the morality of sodomy, then it is *virtue*.

The population was in fear of this very hypocrisy and persecution on the part of liberals and leftists when they made their choice of president. Hillary is a an LGBT fanatic, a global warming fanatic, an immigration fanatic, a free trade fanatic, and a war monger. She hates conservatives. She hates Catholics. She is full of hate, and she would have unleashed this hate upon all who opposed her liberal agenda. The plastic smile which she managed to keep on her face during the campaign fooled no one.

It was reported from reliable eyewitness sources that, upon realizing her defeat on November 8th, she went into a rage against everyone who surrounded her, throwing objects and using expletives.

Dodged a bullet. I *think* that we who hold to traditional morality have dodged a bullet by the election of Donald Trump. Let us see if he delivers on his promises. We must not forget that he must get the approval of the mostly liberal-leaning Republicans in the Congress in order to get legislation through. They could easily stymie some of his agenda.

Does this election mark a U-turn in American politics? I hope so, but I think not. The power of the liberal principle, which I described in my last newsletter, is massive. American culture and government are based on eighteenth-century liberalism, and I fear that it will be the liberals, in the



Bill Clinton's wife

end, who will carry the day. Their success will be certain if the Republican Party fails to espouse a conservative *ideology*, and fails to forever repudiate its pandering to the Left. It is ideology which motivates people and unifies them. It is the very reason for the political success of Putin. The Left has always understood this principle. The Right has only now understood it. The Left was willing to vote for Hillary, whether they liked her or not, whether she was a criminal or not, for the sole reason that she was a leftist ideologue.

A religion substitute. Liberalism in politics derives its force from the fact that it is a religion substitute. The people who espouse liberal and leftist ideology see their guiding principles in the same way that religious people see the dogmas of their faith. Human beings cannot escape making supreme principles in their minds, by which they judge the truth of everything and the morality of everything. For example, since liberalism denies the natural law as the ultimate moral principle, and embraces a freedom to act as you please in sexual matters, it must necessarily condemn religions which object to sodomy. The ultimate quasi-religious principle for them is “do as you please.” Those who oppose this principle are *evil*, are *heretics*, and must be condemned. They are typically accused of *hate*, of being *nazis*, when in fact the real nazis are the liberals, who impose their system with fanaticism. There is nothing more intolerant than a liberal.

It was against this liberal nazism and intolerance that the population voted on November 8th.

Liberalism, however, is by no means dead, and will rear its ugly head again before long. It has on its side overpowering forces: (1) the news media; (2) all

public education, and especially higher education; (3) the film and television industry; (4) big business (e.g., Starbucks, Google, Airbnb, Facebook, to mention only a few); (5) the general culture since the 1960’s, including feminism, pornography, sodomy, permissiveness in raising children, subjectivism, fornication in the form of cohabitation, divorce and remarriage; (6) the globalist mentality, fired by global warming fanaticism.

Until there is a counter-revolution against all of this mental corruption of the 1960’s, there is no hope for the the long-term survival of decency, natural law, or freedom to practice the true faith.

Indeed, Airbnb could have stated their policy much more simply: *Catholics need not apply*. This policy statement of Airbnb will become the norm. Little by little and step by step those who hold to “traditional values” will be set aside by society. Catholics will find it ever more difficult to do business or to find a job in which their Catholic Faith is not compromised. We will be like the English Catholics from the time of the Reformation to the Emancipation in the early nineteenth century, who had to be content with menial jobs.

Persecution, however, always produces good fruit in the Catholic Church.

Four Novus Ordo cardinals “warn” Bergoglio. It came to light recently that two months ago four N.O. cardinals sent a letter to Bergoglio requesting a “clarification” of *Amoris Laetitia*, the document that permits Novus Ordites who are divorced and remarried to receive the communion wafer. These N.O. cardinals are Caffarra, Burke, Brandmuller, and Meisner.

Since they never received a response from Bergoglio, the cardinals made public their letter to him. Cardinal Burke is now threatening to make a “formal act of correction” of Bergoglio.



Novus Ordo Cardinal Burke, all dressed up in his cappa magna, red hat, and superb lace rochet, as if it were 1916 instead of 2016. In the context of Vatican II, such an outfit is so incongruous that it amounts to little more than a Halloween costume. Although he dons the pre-Vatican II attire, he does not wear a traditional ring, but the Vatican II “cigar band” ring, which is a sign to everyone that he “goes along with the program.”

The magnificence of the cardinalial robes consists in the fact that they are reflections of the glory of the Catholic Church, as it is the “pillar and ground of truth” as Saint Paul calls it. The Novus Ordo, in contrast, is a pile of theological mush. What would be more appropriate for him as a Novus Ordo prelate would be a sweatshirt and shorts.

All this is pure nonsense. First of all, *Amoris Lætitia* is in no need of “clarification.” It is as clear as day, not only from its own text, but from the words of Bergoglio himself who confirmed the interpretation, as the only possible one, that the communion wafer could be given to those living in sin.

Furthermore, the only Catholic response to this glaring moral heresy is a *formal accusation of heresy*, and a call to other cardinals to declare the see vacant. There is no such thing as a “formal correction” as something that would absolve these men of their duty to Catholic truth. It is as if life could go on provided that the heretic were “corrected” by the cardinals. Then who are we supposed to follow? The “Holy Father” or the “correctors” of the “Holy Father?” It makes a farce out of the magisterium of the Catholic Church.

It is to be recalled that these Novus Ordo cardinals are men who were raised before Vatican II, but who made their peace with Vatican II as seminarians, and led their whole lives as Novus Ordo priests and prelates. They accept the heresies of Vatican II. They are blind to the outrageous sacrilege contained in John Paul II’s 1983 Code of Canon Law, which permits non-Catholics to receive Holy Communion. That a non-Catholic receive Holy Communion is a *far, far more grievous sacrilege* than that two divorced and remarried Catholics receive Holy Communion.

Consequently, there is nothing to hope for, I think, apart from some great grace from God, in this feeble objection that these Novus Ordo cardinals are making to Bergoglio’s approval of sacrilege.

What is somewhat heartening, however, is the very recent news that the 1975 book entitled *The Theological Hypothesis of a Heretical Pope*, by Arnaldo Xavier da Silveira, is circulating around the Vatican. It was translated into Italian and recently published. Now we’re talking. Let us pray that these Novus Ordo prelates receive the grace of both enlightenment and courage to carry out the great task of making the accusation of heresy against Bergoglio, and of declaring the Holy See vacant when he refuses to recant.

Four heresies in one interview. On the occasion of his recent trip to Sweden in honor of Martin

Luther, Bergoglio managed to say four heresies in three sentences. Here are the sentences:

But the true religions are the development of the capacity that humanity has to transcend itself towards the absolute.

Proselytism is a sinful attitude. It would be like transforming the Church into an organization.

Heresy #1: To use *true religion* in the plural is to deny that the Catholic Church is the one true Church, outside of which there is no salvation.

Heresy #2: To say that true religion is “the development of the capacity that humanity has to transcend itself towards the absolute” is pure modernism condemned as heresy by Pope St. Pius X.

Heresy #3: To say that proselytism, which is the fulfillment of the command of Christ to preach the gospel, is a sin, is a blasphemous heresy. It says that the canonized missionaries of the Catholic Church, like St. Francis Xavier and the North American Martyrs, are all sinners.

Heresy #4: “It would be like transforming the Church into an organization.” It is of faith that the Church is a visible organization. If you remain outside of it through your own fault, you go to hell.

Maybe Bergoglio should do a book signing of the *Theological Hypothesis of a Heretical Pope* at the Vatican bookstore.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn
Rector



Bergoglio with a Lutheran Bishop-ette in Sweden. She probably believes more Catholic dogmas than he does and is certainly as validly consecrated as he is.