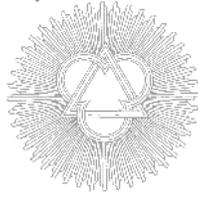


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Blessed Christmas to All of  
Our Benefactors and Readers

My dear Catholic people,

As always, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our benefactors for their generous contributions to the seminary during the year. Without your help, it would be impossible to carry on this apostolate which is so necessary for the Church.

2018 has been eventful for us. In February, we had the consecration of Bishop Selway. We saw the expansion of our apostolate in both Phoenix and Australia. I traveled to Hungary to dedicate the newly remodeled chapel in the Budapest area. Fr. Dutertre has opened up new Mass centers in the Province of Quebec.

Then we had a series of major expenses, some of them quite unexpected: the episcopal consecration, the new fire alarm system, the car accident, the water main break. In addition to these, we are now facing two more setbacks: \$4400 to replace an air conditioning and heating unit in the priests' guest room, and yet another expensive fix of our fire alarm system, since the whole building needs to be rewired. Apparently whoever wired it the

first time placed the wires on the steel frame of the building, thereby causing short circuits to occur if there is even a slight opening in the wire. The effect is a false alarm, which means that the Fire Department comes automatically. We are required to have this system, since we are considered to be a semi-public building.

At this writing we are nearly at capacity with regard to our seminary enrollment. We must take steps to expand the seminary to accommodate more. This is especially true as our apostolate expands. Australia is in desperate need of another priest. I would like to place a priest in the United Kingdom. Hungary is also awaiting a priest from us. Fr. Nkamuke informs us of how many young men are approaching him in Nigeria with the aspiration to the priesthood. The more our priests are spread throughout the world, the more they will inspire vocations in young men. We must meet this demand, as it would be a tragedy to turn away good vocations simply because of lack of facilities to train them.



*A recent scientific finding shows that the entire human race descends from a single set of parents. It also found that 90% of all animal life descends from a single set of parents. Although this clearly argues creation, the evolutionists have invented the idea that all previous life was wiped out by a cataclysm (for which there is no evidence) and that the only survivors were these parents. The chances of this happening are infinitesimally tiny. The thought of a Creator, however, is so abhorrent to them that they prefer to believe this.*

**An interesting discovery.** On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Fox News carried an article which says that scientists in the U.S. and Switzerland have discovered that “all humans alive today are the offspring of a common father and mother.”

“Mark Stoeckle at Rockefeller University and David Thaler at the University of Basel” the article said, “reached this striking conclusion after analyzing the DNA ‘bar codes’ of five million animals from 100,000 different species. The bar codes are snippets of DNA that reside outside the nuclei of living cells – so-called mitochondrial DNA, which mothers pass down from generation to generation.”

They added that the evidence shows that this original couple existed a mere 100,000 to 200,000 years ago, which is a very short time, apparently, in the evolutionary clock.

They attribute this “Adam and Eve” phenomenon to some catastrophic event in which everyone perished except these two people.

They also concluded that about 90% of all animal species alive today descend from the same parents giving birth at roughly the same time.

### **What evolutionists expect us to believe.**

This finding, if accurate, means either (1) that two gorillas graduated from gorilla-hood into humanity *at exactly the same time and in exactly the same place*, so close in time and place that they were able to reproduce, or (2) that after some horrific catastrophic event, these two individuals managed to survive, alone on the entire planet, *in exactly the same place*.

Already evolution has required that we believe that none of the life forms on this planet was either designed or created by anyone, but that they all came from a body of water that was struck by lightning and/or cosmic rays. Gradually they made their way up the evolutionary ladder, after billions of years, and this through a series of mutations which are caused by radiation and cosmic rays. The whole earth, therefore, including all that inhabits it, is the result not of design, but chance.

Those who hold to evolution ridicule the account in Genesis about the creation and fall of man. Too fantastic

to believe. Yet they are not abashed to require of us to believe in the infinitesimally tiny chance of the earth's evolving, together with its living contents, by hazard and mutation. It is an act of faith which is too absurd for me to make.

Does it not make much more sense, even apart from religion, to say that the structure of the human body, for example, which is so astonishing in its complexity, efficiency, and beauty of engineering, was in fact designed by a very intelligent being? Would we not say this about the Golden Gate Bridge?

In fact, the design of all plant and animal life cries out for this same designer.

The finding, as well, shows that 90% of *all animal species* on earth “come from parents that all began giving birth at roughly the same time, less than a quarter-million years ago,” as the article said.

Evolution would demand that *each one* of the innumerable species of animals existing today — when we think of the insects, for example — all *at the same time and in exactly the same place* found mates and reproduced successfully so as to make a separate species. This supposedly happened after a catastrophic event that wiped out everything *except* these animal couples who managed to survive and reproduce.

So in addition to the leap of faith we must make to accept that the order and design of animal life happened by chance, against virtually infinite odds, we are now required to add onto this evolutionary *Credo* the fact that 90% of animal species were wiped out by some unknown and mysterious calamity, but that, *by chance*, these animal species survived and reproduced because the last male and female happened to find each other and fall in love.

This is incredibly absurd.

**Why evolution makes no sense.** Common sense, what in philosophy we call the first principles of reason, knows that *from nothing, nothing comes*. It is impossible, in other words, that being come from nothing. This same common sense tells us that the cause of anything must have a perfection more than the effect has it. For example, a young pine tree cannot reproduce itself, since it does not yet have the perfection of its nature. When it achieves maturity, it is able to produce pine cones and reproduce the species. So the nature of *pine* must be more perfect in the mature tree than in the seedling which it reproduces. This is true of all living things. Reproduction occurs when the nature achieves perfection. In children, for example, the nature is not yet

perfect, and unable, therefore, to reproduce. In old age, the nature is declining and unable to reproduce.<sup>1</sup>

Evolution requires that something higher come from something lower. The gorilla becomes a man. They attribute this to mutations caused by cosmic rays. While it is true that *accidental* mutations may occur within a species (change in color, for example), it is impossible that a higher species evolve from a lower one, since this would mean that something more is produced from something less, or that something comes from nothing.

**Constancy.** Evolution, furthermore, cannot explain the *constancy* of the order of nature. Chance is something that comes and goes. It cannot produce a constant order. In fact, the very word *chance* is not even intelligible except by comparing it to order. That “something happen by chance” can only be understood in comparison to what happens by ordinary causation. For example, we might say that someone by chance found a buried treasure when he was digging in his yard. “Chance” here is only meaningful when we consider that in 99.9% of cases, you do not find a buried treasure when you plant your roses.

Constancy demands a cause, a constant cause.

**Eternal matter?** Evolution, in rejecting the Creator, requires that matter be eternal. For *from nothing, nothing comes*. They reject as absurd the idea of a God who is Subsistent Being, eternal, infinite, without beginning or end. Yet in their system they must posit a matter which is eternal, which had no beginning, which existed from all eternity. If the Supreme Being with no beginning is absurd, then why is not eternal matter absurd? Or shall we say that one day matter just “poofed” into existence, the so-called “Big Bang?” But common sense objects: *From nothing, nothing comes*.

**Intelligent design.** Quite a few prominent atheistic scientists have come to assert something called intelligent design. They feel comfortable in this assertion since — they think — it preserves their atheism but at the same time preserves them from the absurdities which I have described.

Intelligent design, however is a logical rocket ship which goes straight up to an Infinite Supreme Being, who has no beginning and no end, and who is Subsistent Being itself. For the obvious question is: *Who designed the designer?* This question is relentless in its demands. Nor can it be satisfied by saying there is an infinite series of designers. For again *from nothing, nothing comes*. An infinite

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<sup>1</sup> It is for this reason that sexual attraction — which is ordered to reproduction — increases as the perfection of the nature increases, and decreases as the perfection of the nature decreases. People in their old age are not as attractive as they were in their youth.

number of falling dominoes, for example, does not explain their movement. Someone had to push the first domino.

In other words, the existence of our finite world, which can so easily perish, requires the existence of a Being who is Being itself, Being by His very nature, who can never lose being, and who always possessed it, and who therefore had no beginning and will have no end.

**Bishop Dolan's twenty-five years of episcopal consecration.** On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Dolan celebrated twenty-five years of episcopal consecration. The night before, all the Saint Gertrude clergy and visiting clergy went to a restaurant to celebrate the occasion. On the following day, November 30<sup>th</sup>, there was a Solemn Pontifical Mass and a gathering afterwards for all those who attended.

In my sermon, I spoke about the many accomplishments of Bishop Dolan, but also emphasized the peace and harmony that exists among all the clergy of the world who are of like mind concerning the vacancy of the Roman See in these times. Although they may belong to different organizations, and may differ on certain theological and pastoral issues, they nonetheless are on good terms with one another, and many times help one another in their apostolates.

The faithful want to see unity in their clergy, and rightly so, since unity is one of the marks of the Church. Unity, however, must be founded on truth, and it was therefore necessary that the traditional movement conduct a number of wars of ideas in order that the truth be discovered and adhered to. What traditionalists have argued about most is *how to regard the Novus Ordo religion and Novus Ordo hierarchy*. The Society of Saint Pius X is presently going through the throes of yet another struggle about this very topic.



#### **Bishop Dolan's Anniversary Dinner**

*The clergy gathered from all over the country, from California, Washington, Florida, and Michigan, to honor Bishop Dolan. Fr. Nkamuke from Nigeria was also present. On the left side of the table: Fr. Saavedra (hidden), Fr. McGuire, Bishop Dolan, Fr. Zapp, Fr. Nkamuke (hidden) and Fr. Lehtoranta (hidden). On the right side of the table: Fr. Fliess, Fr. Dutertre, Bishop Selway, Fr. McKenna. Bishop Sanborn was taking the picture. Fr. Cekada could not attend because he had to rehearse the choir, which, by the way, did an excellent job. These gatherings of clergy are very healthful for their spirits, as many of them live in isolation, or spend much of their time alone in their apostolates.*

All of us present at the gathering, however, were of one mind together with many other priests in the world about this essential point: *It is impossible that a hierarchy, which promulgates heresy and/or condemned error to the Catholic Church, possess the authority to teach, rule, and sanctify the Church.* This conclusion flows directly from the *de fide* doctrine of the indefectibility of the Catholic Church.

I also spoke about Bishop Dolan's far-flung apostolate, extending to many places in this country as well as in Mexico, Nigeria, Argentina and Brazil. What I did not mention is the many Mass centers which he established when he was still in the Society of Saint Pius X and the Society of Saint Pius V, but which are no longer serviced by him. I can think of many locations in Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, and Montana. But there are many others. Bishop Dolan was always the missionary, and never failed to respond to the needs of the faithful, no matter how small their group should be, or how remote their location.

May God grant him length of days and reward his zeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Donald J. Sanborn  
Rector