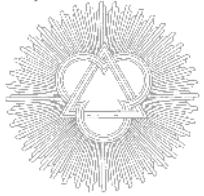


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A Blessed Christmas to all of our  
Benefactors and Readers

My dear Catholic people,

About sixty years ago, I remember my father saying, "If a nation loses its morality, it cannot last."

At the time I did not quite understand it, but recent events have unhappily shown it to be true.

When we think of immorality, our minds think first of sexual promiscuity. Yet there is an immorality which is far worse, particularly on the civil and political level.

I am speaking about sins against justice. Justice, of all the virtues, is the most basic in human beings. It is the fuel that keeps an entire nation and its economy running. If cheating, lying, and stealing become the norm of society, it is impossible for social and political life to function.

Even the pagan peoples of ancient times had a sense of justice. Although these peoples were debauched, cruel, bloodthirsty, and superstitious, they had, nevertheless, that fundamental common sense that one must render to his neighbor what is his due.

Sins of sexual immorality are sins of weakness. They are indeed mortal, when fully deliberate, but no one would commit these sins unless drawn by passion to which their feeble souls give in.

Sins of injustice, however, are nearly always premeditated. Yes, there are occasional injustices which are committed in the passion of anger, but these are fairly rare in comparison to the myriad sins of injustice committed every day. For example, you have to *think* about stealing something, or lying about something, or cheating on an examination, or embezzling money, or being unfaithful to your spouse. These things must be carefully planned. Sins of injustice are performed, for the most part, in cold blood. Because justice is so basic to man, injustice is something which causes rage in those who are victims of it. Sins of the flesh are commonly tolerated. Sins of injustice are punished, however, by law enforcement and imprisonment. Justice is the most basic moral currency of any nation. No nation can survive without it.

The occasion of my saying this is, of course, the events of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. To my mind — and I speak here not as a bishop but as a private American citizen — that the party of the leftists, which would be more accurately called an organized crime syndicate, entered into a conspiracy many months ago, with the help of so-called Big Tech and the media, to falsify the voting results for the president of the United States.

It is not my purpose here to provide all the evidence for such a conspiracy. I think that anyone with an objective mind would have to conclude that, even if only *half* of the assertions of fraud are true, the election has been vitiated.

You may recall in my last newsletter that I was very disturbed by the halt, around 10:00 P.M., of the counting in swing states where President Trump was leading. We now learn that this interruption was due to a concerted effort to produce fake votes from computers, or from boxes and other containers, for the very purpose of augmenting votes for the leftists. Witnesses were either sent home or kept at a distance. It also recently came to light that the "water main break" in the counting center in Fulton County (Atlanta) was actually an overflowing urinal: an ironic but accurate symbol of the moral integrity of the persons involved.

Another personal experience that I had was the fact that Fr. Saavedra, a naturalized American citizen who resides in Michigan, received at his rectory at least ten mail-in ballots. I saw them. He is the only person who lives in his residence. Why would ten ballots be sent to him one after the other? Does not such a practice invite fraud? Mail-in balloting should be banned, precisely because it is so prone to fraud, as former president Jimmy Carter noted. But if it is used, it should be subject to very strict controls.

These are anecdotes, to be sure, but I believe that the evidence which has been uncovered by those investigating concludes to a conspiracy of fraud, which is, of course, a very grave injustice which threatens the very existence of our nation.

There is hardly any injustice that could be worse for a country which operates on the principle of democratic election of officials. If the election process is falsified, or even cast into doubt, it will be impossible that this country hold together as a nation. It is a very, very serious crime, one which invites civil war.

I think that civil war is a real possibility if the leftists prevail in this brigandage which they have perpetrated. I do not see 74,000,000 people — at least — who voted for Trump merely rolling over as the leftists attempt to turn this country into a Venezuela or Communist China.

The leftists have committed the ultimate injustice; I believe that they should expect a furious outrage.

**Springtime of the Church.** The Swiss bishops are concerned about a dip in their number of parishioners. They reported that there was a 1.1% decrease in the number of parishioners, in comparison to one year ago. That does not sound too bad until you hear the rest: that figure represented a 25% increase in decline from a year previous. If that 25% rate of decline remains the same — it will probably get worse — it means that in sixteen years there will be no one in the pews. Although they said that the defections were mostly on the part of young persons, nonetheless this time they noticed a good deal of defection on the part of the older crowd as well.

Years ago Cardinal Cooke of New York called Vatican II the “springtime of the Church.” I think we have had some ecclesiastical climate change, however, notably an arctic blast.

What is the cause of this defection from the faith? Vatican II, of course, which has stripped dogmas, as well as the very notion of dogma, from the Catholic religion. The Novus Ordo clergy have, for sixty years now, fed this poison to the people, and now the people are dying from it. Even the conservative Novus Ordo priests, who did their best to preserve the faith and communicate it to their parishioners, nonetheless set out the poison every Sunday by celebrating the faith-killing New Mass, that ecumenical, dogma-less, and vapid meal service, in which the Holy Eucharist is treated like ordinary bread, and the role of the priest is reduced to that of a protestant minister. The rites of the Mass are the most effective teachers of Catholic dogma. Non-Catholic rites are the most effective teachers of heresy. Add to this the wishy-washy, flavorless, dogma-less, and trite sermons which are usually heard in Novus Ordo churches, and the result is what you see in Switzerland.

**Hardly a conspiracy theory.** In the United Kingdom, a Dr. Michael Yeldon, who was head of respiratory research at Pfizer, the manufacturer of the vaccine, and a Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg, a former head of a public health department in Germany, have both warned of some potential side effects of the Covid vaccine. These doctors are pure-bred “mainstream,” and have an intimate knowledge of the Covid vaccine. One side effect is that it could cause a possibly lethal immune reaction, particularly when a “wild” version of the virus invades the body. The other is that it may cause indefinite sterility in women.

In the news just today (December 10<sup>th</sup>) there was a report of the U.K. hospitals requiring the presence of resuscitation equipment in those areas where the vaccine was being distributed. There were some cases of severe reactions. Apparently some people needed to be resuscitated.

**Covid Nazis.** Recently there was a case in Baltimore of a Methodist minister who was working in his church alone, with all of the doors of the church locked. He was not wearing a mask.

Then he heard someone trying to get in, but unable to enter because the door was locked. He went to the door to inquire if the visitor needed something, and who was there but a mask-enforcer from the Health Department. This individual cited the church because the pastor answered the

door without a mask. The Health Department official then threatened to close the church because it was “unsafe.”

**Speaking of masks.** The Center for Disease Control (CDC) in September said that more than 70% of those infected with Covid-19 were faithful mask wearers when in public. Only 4% of those infected said that they never wore masks in the fourteen days before showing symptoms. The CDC also said that, based on a study in 2015, those who wore cloth masks, as opposed to medical masks, were more likely to get infected because the cloth mask retained moisture and had insufficient filtration.

**Other statistics.** It is to be remembered that the CDC admitted in August that only 6% of those who died of Covid actually died *of* it. The rest died *with* it. It means that only 6% of those infected with the virus, and who died, had no other health problems.

This recalls the well-known adage: *The straw that broke the camel's back*. It is obviously not the straw that breaks the back of the camel, but the already imposed heavy burdens on his back. The straw is not the real efficient cause of the camel's collapse, but was merely an *occasional cause*.<sup>1</sup> For without the other burden, the straw would never cause his back to break.

The CDC also said that 92% of those who died of the virus were at least 55 years of age, and that 58% were 75 or older.

Over 50% of Covid deaths have occurred in nursing homes, where the average life span, apart from any viruses, is only fourteen months.

While it is certain that this coronavirus is a nasty flu, the reaction to it, in my opinion, has been grossly overblown. There is always a proportion to be achieved between the demands of the common good and the risks of death. We tolerate many practices which are commonly lethal to people, since ordinarily these practices are beneficial to the human race. One such practice is driving a car at high speed. Likewise, the measures taken to prevent the spread of this disease could have been easily measured and moderated so as to protect the most vulnerable, instead of a “one size fits all” approach which ruins people’s livelihoods.

Most people who have contracted the disease say that it is nothing more than a bad flu, if even that.

The two factors of its origin and its timing, that is, that it was manufactured in a laboratory in Communist China,

<sup>1</sup> An occasional cause is something in whose presence something happens, although it does not flow into the effect. For example, the straw is incapable of itself to cause the breaking of the camel's back. But by placing it on his back when he is already overburdened, it creates a sufficient weight to bring about the camel's broken back. Likewise, Covid-19 in most cases is incapable of causing death, but when added to other potentially lethal conditions or diseases, it becomes the occasional cause of death, but not the real cause.

and was spread around the world in a U.S. election year, point again to suspicions of a conspiracy. Furthermore, the exaggerated response to it, particularly on the part of leftist state and national governments, imposing draconian lockdowns, makes it further suspect. Indeed, was not Covid the reason for permitting the mail-in ballots?

Did you ever notice, however, that these leftist politicians *consistently* and *repeatedly* violate their own lockdown and mask rules? Such reeking stench of hypocrisy could be smelled even by someone who has a bad case of Covid-19. This nonchalant behavior of the leftist politicians further points to the suspicion that the disease is being used for the purpose of furthering the goals of the leftists.

**Seminary news.** As expected, we closed on the building in Reading, Pennsylvania, which will be the new home of the seminary. We now own it.

However, we face the task of remodeling, which is at once expensive, time-consuming, and attention-consuming. Unfortunately we cannot merely go in and do what we want. Since we are changing use, the Building Department has to get involved in the various changes we are envisioning. The Health Department dictates what we must do in the kitchen. The historical people must approve of our changes to the exterior of the building.

All these things require that plans be drawn by an architect, and that engineers make their reports about the proposed changes. Naturally their services are expensive and time-consuming.

I think that we will actually be starting to renovate in January. How long everything will take, I have no idea.

We are very appreciative of the many sacrifices our people have made, especially in these times of financial uncertainty.

The seminary, as well, must make sacrifices. We are losing a building which was *designed* to be a seminary, and moving to a building which must be made to fit the needs of the seminary. We will lose our big chapel and sanctuary that we have here in Florida. The chapel in Reading will be about 1500 square feet. The chapel in Florida is 5000 square feet. The ceiling in Reading is 10 feet. Here it is 25 feet.

The seminarians will also lose the twenty-five acres on which the Florida seminary is situated. This permits them to have their private basketball court, soccer field, and a volleyball court. Needless to say, privacy is of utmost importance. The Reading building sits on only three acres.

Recreational activities in Reading will have to be conducted off-campus. On the positive side, there are more things to do in Reading, such as skiing, less than one hour away. There is also a "mountain" just behind the seminary,

called Mount Penn which tops out at 1086 feet, which has both walking and bicycle trails. In addition, Pennsylvania has many attractions, such as the Gettysburg battlefield, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and many other historical landmarks. New York City — if it will ever be the same again — is only two hours from Reading. It is loaded with things to do and see. Washington, D.C. is only two and one half hours to the south. Florida, on the other hand, has no skiing, little history, no art, and only an episodic architectural gem.

We intend to turn the garage of the Reading facility into a gymnasium. The former owner is leaving behind a great deal of exercise equipment, most of it quite good and very expensive. It is important that seminarians get some physical exercise. They lead intense lives of praying and studying.

At age seventy, I am not anxious to move. You simply do not have the same "umph" that you had when you were younger. Now I know why my 84-year-old mother wanted to kill me when I forced her to move from Michigan to Florida in 2005.

Many parishioners in Michigan resented my moving the seminary to Florida in 2005. Many broke away from my parish and formed their own traditional parish. But I saw the move as a necessity for the long-term preservation of the seminary, since it seemed at the time that Bishop Selway, and only he, could succeed me as the rector. As some may know, he has a condition, Reynaud's disease, whereby he cannot tolerate even mildly cold weather. At the time, in 2005, I did not know that I would be retaining Fr. Despósito, or that I would have the other priests in the faculty that I have now.

Life will certainly be different for us in many aspects, but everything must be sacrificed in order that we can train the young men whom we anticipate in the future. *The training of priests is the most important work that we do.* Nothing, whether parish, school, or convent, is as important as the seminary. In the past, the seminary was called the "heart of the diocese." It pumps the new blood and is the hope of the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Donald J. Sanborn  
Rector