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My dear Catholic people,

On *Sitientes Saturday*, which is the day before Passion Sunday, I ordained to the diaconate Rev. Mr. Henry Chappot de La Chanonie. This day was the traditional day for ordinations, especially for subdiaconate, since it occurs at about three-fourths of the way into the academic year. Seminarians are eligible for subdiaconate when they have completed three-fourths of their third year of sacred theology. They would be ordained to the diaconate, usually, toward the end of the third year, and to the priesthood at the end of the fourth year.

In Rome, however, it was the custom to ordain the deacons to the priesthood on the Ember Saturday of Advent, usually occurring a few days before Christmas. They would then complete their theological studies as priests.

Sitientes Saturday is called by this name because the introit starts out with the word “*sitientes*,” which in Latin means *thirsting*. The introit is based on a verse from the prophet Isaias (55: 1): “All you that thirst come to the waters, says the

Lord: and you that have no money, come and drink with joy.”

The mystical meaning assigned to the verse is that the Church is thirsting for vocations.

Progress on the Reading building. The removal of the asbestos is set to begin in a few days from this writing. It will be the first physical step in regard to the remodeling of the building. Although asbestos is not a very serious problem to anyone’s health, nonetheless because of some isolated cases in which people died, who had had a prolonged exposure to airborne asbestos particles, the presence of asbestos in a building is now the subject of law-suits. Most asbestos in older buildings is encapsulated, and is of no threat to anyone. But like everything today, fanaticism about safety measures rules the day, and great expense is incurred to comply with the rules.

Whenever you change the use of a building, the local government requires that you update the building as if it were new construction. These rules have become extremely burden-



DIACONATE ORDINATION

On March 20th, 2021, Rev. Mr. Henry Chappot de La Chanonie was ordained to the diaconate. Seminarians from left to right are: Krzysztof Handke (Poland), José Santos Casas (Spain), Anthony Brueggemann (Kentucky), Christian Ingham (Maine), Thomas Simpson (Ohio), Thomas Ojeka (Nigeria), Rafael Medina (Puerto Rico), Rev. Mr. Chappot (France), Andrew Nourouz (California), Aedan Gilchrist (United Kingdom), John Okerulu (Nigeria), Gregory Barnes (Michigan), Truth Ingham (Maine), and Tobias Bayer (Ohio)

some and unreasonable. It is socialism tightening the screws, little by little.

With the asbestos gone, contractors will be able to start on the demolition, which means the removal of walls in order to prepare for the remodeling. Then the actual work of remodeling can begin. I have absolutely no idea when we will be able to move into the building. Pray that it be sooner than later. I am now fearing, actually, that in a few short years even this new building will prove too small. I am expecting to have nineteen seminarians in the fall, all tolled.

Someone might say: "Why did you not buy a bigger building?" The reason is that our resources are such that we cannot afford the upkeep and maintenance of a bigger building. Most of the Novus Ordo buildings which present themselves (more and more as time goes on) are much too big for us. They are typically 100,000 square feet or more, sometimes much more. Think of the repairs on the roof of such a building, or the purchase of new boilers. Our Reading building is approximately 25,000 square feet, and the asbestos removal will cost us \$37,000. Imagine what it would cost in a building of 100,000 square feet.

In other words, we need to build up our "benefactor base" in order to afford bigger buildings. But that will take time. For right now, we must proceed slowly. In any case this building will always serve our purposes in some religious capacity.

It's starting. It was discovered recently that a Department of Defense training manual identifies Catholics and evangelical Christians as "religious extremists," together with members of the Ku Klux Klan, Al-Qaeda, and Hamas. These groups are listed as extremists because they, the Department of Defense alleges, advocate violence to achieve their goals.

I say, "it's starting" because for a long time now Bergoglio has been attacking "religious fundamentalism" as something inimical to world peace. The best way to describe religious fundamentalism, as Bergoglio would define it, is any religion which regards its doctrines as absolutely true and unchanging.

Now the American military is placing us in the category of dangerous people who inflict violence to get their way. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth.

The underlying cause for this new categorization of Catholics as extremists is that we will not fit into

the one-world ecumenical religion, which is to be the state religion of the one-world government, with the Antichrist at its head. Needless to say, the Novus Ordo, with perhaps a few conservative holdouts, will welcome this new ecumenical church with open arms. So the U.S. military has nothing to fear from them. But we will be the object of suspicion of anti-social behavior, to say the very least. We may well end up in the "re-education" camps, like those in China reserved for those who do not like either the regime, or the government-and-Bergoglio-approved state "Catholic Church" of Red China.

Coming persecution. This jaw-dropping assessment by the Department of Defense, lumping perhaps 30% of the nation's population into the category of dangerous extremists, is an indication of where the Left is headed.

I think, therefore, that Catholics, and by that I mean true Catholics, and not Novus Ordites, ought to prepare for a life of persecution.

It is becoming more and more clear that the Left is now in control of practically everything. They control Big Tech, Big Education from the lowest levels to the highest, Big Airlines, Big Soda, Big Credit Card, Big Jeans, Big Building Supplies, Big Coffee Shop, and Big Perfume, to mention only some leftist entities. Now your airplane ride has to be politicized as well as the soft drink they hand you. It reminiscent of Nazi Germany, where politics got into everything, and where *Hail Hitler* was the customary greeting¹. Add to the leftist list of occupied territory the following: the House of Representatives and the Senate, and soon the Supreme Court, when they get finished stacking it. Add the media, Hollywood, and to top it all off, our voting process. In reality there is nothing remaining to them except a complete implementation of their radical agenda. Since we can no longer vote them out, because of their control of the voting machines, there seems to be no hope left. Therefore we should brace ourselves for persecution.

Nor do I have much hope in the Right, for it fails to have a stable and unified ideology. Its politicians, with a few consoling exceptions, are a mishmash of people in a full spectrum of ideas, and many of them lack the courage to stand by what they believe.

¹ It should never be forgotten that Nazism was a product of the *Left*, and not of the Right. After all, it was National Socialism. Hitler can be seen in footage walking in the funeral procession of the assassinated socialist leader of Munich, Kurt Eisner, in 1919. Goebbels was a communist before he became a Nazi, and said that when he spoke about National Socialism, he would emphasize the second word. It is true that the Nazis espoused certain policies which pleased the Right, such as nationalism, but it was for the wrong reasons, that is, for the furtherance of a pagan and fiercely anti-Catholic system, which sought to completely control people's lives. Needless to say, the Catholic Church was persecuted in the Third Reich.

What the English Catholics had to endure. Persecution does not always come in the form of being thrown to lions in the arena. It can come in the form of making life utterly miserable for those who do not conform to the state-approved ideas you should have.

From the reign of Elizabeth I (1558-1603) to 1829, when Catholic Emancipation was passed in England, Catholics had to endure the following:

- No Catholic could receive political office in England or Scotland, either in the House of Lords or in the House of Commons (This law was relaxed in 1778). They could not hold anything else of an official nature.
- Catholics in both England and Scotland were prohibited from buying or inheriting land.
- If a Catholic priest exercised an apostolate in either England or Scotland, he was subject to life imprisonment. This included the operation of a school. (Under Elizabeth I, the penalty was death by hanging, sometimes with drawing and quartering).
- Catholics could not be officers in either the army or navy, and in fact could not be considered officially to be soldiers or sailors.
- Catholics could not attend universities or receive degrees.
- Even if the bride and groom were both Catholic, they could not be married legally by a Catholic priest in a Catholic Church. In the eyes of the State, they were not married. Although in 1753 this stricture was relaxed for dissenting (non-Church of England) religions, Catholics were not included in the exemption.
- Religious dress (e.g., cassocks, nuns' habits) could not be worn in the streets.
- Anyone who provided information which led to the conviction of a Catholic priest would receive the sum of £100 (U.S. \$10,300.00 in today's money).

Persecution-free. Persecution and martyrdom are integral to the Church's mission. The Church has never been without it. It would not be the true Church of Christ if in its long history it failed to attract the hatred of the world. And by the *world*, we do not mean what God created, but the ensemble of people and institutions who or which see this world as the place in which to secure ultimate happiness.

In decades since World War II, hence for eighty years, the Church has been more or less persecution-free in Western Europe and in North and South America. It was, it is true, persecuted very much in communist countries, and still is in China, North Korea, and

other similar countries. But in the world of the Atlantic, we might say, it has had a freedom to move and to flourish without much molestation.

I believe those days are over and that we should prepare for living our Catholic lives in such a way that many sacrifices will have to be borne in order to remain Catholic. Children should be instructed about this, and learn that they will not be able, in many ways, to participate in the "normal" life of the world.

While we read about the many martyrs in England, Ireland, the French Revolution, the Spanish Civil War, the *Kulturkampf* in Germany and many other places around the globe, we must understand that in most cases these martyrdoms were the exceptions. England, northern Germany, and Scandinavia went Protestant because most Catholics caved in either because of the fear of privation or of death, or because of the attraction of blandishments from the throne, such as the conferral of properties confiscated from the Church.

So in our own time, most Catholics have welcomed the Novus Ordo, many if not most realizing, at least implicitly, that it is a new religion. Because it is easier, however, they like it better. How can you turn down a "pope" who tells you that adultery is all right, or that God may want you to continue fornicating with your live-in partner, because to remain chaste might cause family problems. Read *Amoris laetitia*.

Consequently, those of us who are standing fast and holding to the traditions² are few in number, but genuinely Catholic, whereas the Novus Ordites are many in number, but fakes.

Put differently, a bogus one million dollar bill which you can buy in a novelty store is not worth a single dime in real money.

The racism of the Left. The leftists have been promoting the theme of racism for a few years now, claiming that this country is deeply racist. It is not.

Socialism, it should never be forgotten, thrives on class warfare. Indeed, it cannot take hold without class warfare. Consequently, they have manufactured a problem where there was none. Apart from a handful of whackos, no one in this country cares about what race you belong to.

They do care, however, about your behavior, no matter what race you belong to, and about your performance in your job or state in life. But these considerations prescind from race altogether.

While the Left is busy shaking its finger at the Right for being racist, the leftists themselves have become the worst racists of all.

² "Therefore, brethren, stand fast; and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word, or by our epistle." (II Thessalonians, II:14)

We recently saw that Georgia passed a law requiring picture identification in order to vote. Screams and cries of racism went up from Big Soda and Big Airline. But do they not see how racist they are?

For you hardly need a single gray cell in your brain to figure out that they are implicitly saying that black people are incapable of having photo ID. Are black people children? Are they dumb? Are they *Untermenschen*?³ Are they inferior in some way, that they cannot obtain photo ID from the state?

A gross insult to black people. This special treatment which the leftists are demanding for black people is in fact an insult to the black race, as if they are not capable of coming up to a standard which white people are capable of. Today you cannot even register in a Holiday Inn without photo ID. Big Airline required photo ID to board a plane back in the late 1980's, long before 9/11. Are they beating their breasts in abject contrition for this racist attitude? Did it stop black people from boarding planes?

No. The reason they instituted the policy was purely for money, namely so that you could not use someone else's ticket. They forced you to buy a new ticket in your own name. I know this to be true because we priests would regularly switch tickets as we went on the missions. Airplane tickets at that time were something like theater tickets. Anyone could use them.

The same insult has been meted out to both blacks and women by United Airlines, who announced that hereafter they would make sure that half of their pilots would be either women or blacks. Why are they discriminating in this way against white men? Why cannot everyone compete for the job according to skill? To tell blacks and women that they will get special treatment based on race or sex is not only discrimination based on race and sex, which is illegal, but also an insult to both women and blacks. It is to say that they cannot make the grade based on skill and proficiency, but have to be given a free pass, a head start on the race track, because of their race or sex.

Their victory at the finish line would be a sham, and everyone would know it.

Frankly I will not fly any airline that has such a policy, not because of boycotting them, which they deserve, but because of *fear* that the persons in the cockpit were chosen for a motive other than their skill.

What is wrong with being blind to race, to color, and to sex? Does this not constitute true equality, and a level playing field?

2 + 2 = 5. There is a school district in Oregon which recently distributed a publication entitled *A Pathway to Equitable Math Instruction — Dismantling Racism in Mathematics Instruction*. On the cover is a black boy carrying his books. The subtitle is: "Exercises for educators to reflect on their own biases to transform their instructional practice."

We are told under the title of "Equitable Math:"

The concept of mathematics being purely objective is unequivocally false, and teaching it is even much less so. Upholding the idea that there are always right and wrong answers perpetuate objectivity as well as fear of open conflict.

Mathematics not purely objective? $2 + 2$ could equal five? No right or wrong answer?

This is sick. It is lunacy. It is psychosis. It is dementia. It is the Left.

Behold the disgusting hypocrisy: "The concept of mathematics being purely objective is **unequivocally false**." Unequivocally false? Is this not objectivity? Is this not an *anathema*? A condemnation of those who disagree? How racist! Is there only one right answer? When the leftists dictate their dogmas you must nod your head like a brainless bobblehead.

No one is more dogmatic, more condemning, more intolerant than a leftist. The leftists make the Inquisition look like an ecumenical service.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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³ That is, "underpeople" in German, what Hitler called the slavic peoples of eastern Europe. He eventually found out that they were not as *unter* as he thought.