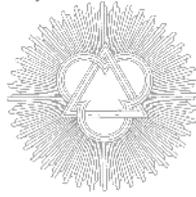


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My dear Catholic people,

During this month of June we must endure the so-called “Pride Month” in which persons who are addicted to the sin of sodomy, or who are inclined to it, take pride in what is a serious disorder.

The inclination to perform unnatural sex acts is a serious disorder because it provides a penchant in someone to perform, and indeed become addicted to, very serious mortal sins.

That these acts are contrary to nature is obvious to all, even to the leftists. It is as clear as day that all of the biological structure of the sexual organs is designed for the generation of children. Anyone who denies this is either incredibly stupid, or worse, intellectually dishonest.

All nature operates on the basis of *act* and *potency*. To be *in act*, or to *have act* means that you have some perfection that is communicable to something else. But the something else must be able to receive the perfection.

For example, a wood sculptor has in his mind the idea of a statue. He has the skill in his hands by which to transfer this idea into wood. This is *act*. Nonetheless, he needs something passive which will receive his act. This is the wood. The wood is *in potency* to receive *act* from

the sculptor. He could not, for example, sculpt steel, for it has no potency to receive his act.

All creation is composed of act and potency. All causation involves act and potency. It is a distinction which is stamped upon all nature.

Likewise in generative acts there is an active principle — the male — and a potential principle — the female.

Consequently nature dictates that male and female come together in the generative act.

This natural attraction of male to female and female to male is seen, in an analogical sense, in hardware (nuts and bolts), electrical couplings, electronic and audio hook-ups, and plumbing connections. Imagine using male with male and female with female in these applications. It would be laughable, even mentally sick, to even suggest it.

Yet we are all expected to celebrate this disorder. Just as you see shamrocks in March in honor of Saint Patrick, and bunny rabbits in honor of Easter, so you see rainbow flags in honor of the unnatural disorder. It is “celebrated” just like any other holiday, but about a sin which invites God’s devastating punishment on the nation that celebrates it.



**The destruction of Sodom**

Did you ever notice, at Christmas time, that the Christmas decorations in public places, such as airports, display absolutely nothing religious concerning the very nature of the feast, which is the birth of Christ? Yet they do display menorahs, which are *religious symbols* for the Jews, who deny the divinity of Christ, and who repudiate Christmas. Why do the Jews get a religious symbol for their feast, whereas it is denied to those who do accept Christ's divinity? The very term Christmas is religious, and indeed Catholic, meaning "Christ-Mass." Oddly, it is a national holiday, but you are not permitted to say anything about the reason for the day off.

But no such symbols of dissent are permitted in Pride Month. If you are against the celebration of unnatural sex acts, you are termed a "bigot." It is placed in the same category as being racist.

And why do not the sadomasochists have their Pride Month? Or the coprophiliacs?<sup>1</sup>

There is a much deeper error in Pride Month than simply a concession to human weakness. For underneath this disordered attraction is *a repudiation of the natural law*. The natural law is divine law, inasmuch as God is the Author of Nature. He has endowed all creation with laws by which each category of creation, whether mineral, vegetal, animal, or human, has an order of operation by which it glorifies God.

The mineral world operates by physical laws which are constant and predictable. The same is true for plant life, although it acts in a higher manner in regard to these laws. The animals are endowed with their instinct, which is merely the programming of laws into their brains and nervous systems. But human beings, endowed with intellects and will, are given rational laws which they must freely elect to obey. Of all the creatures of earth, God is glorified most by the obedience of His rational creatures. We must remember that the sole purpose of all creation is *the manifestation of the glory of God*. If someone seriously acts contrary to His law, and therefore His glory, he becomes a useless creature. Just as we toss our useless items into a trash can, so will God toss such persons, if they should die unrepentant, into the eternal trash can of everlasting fire.

It is one thing to disobey the law of God, it is another thing to *repudiate* the law of God. By repudiating His law, you are essentially telling God to "go to hell."

To take pride in a repudiation of God's law is a sin against the Holy Ghost, that is, the refusal of truth known as truth. For no one in his right mind could sincerely convince himself that unnatural sex acts are in accordance with nature.

And this is why the Left delights so much in promoting the sodomitic agenda. They know very well that these are unnatural acts. They promote the LGBTQ agenda, however, *precisely because* they are atheists and subjectivists, and want to see the last remnants of God's law in society obliterated. The leftists, more than the sodomites themselves, want to tell God to go to hell. They also understand that by promoting the moral legitimacy of these unnatural sex acts, they guarantee for themselves the freedom to disobey the natural law as they please.

**Abortion**, or the cold-blooded murdering of innocent babies by their mothers, is another example of sin which has roots much deeper than what appears.

While in most cases people object to abortion because it is murder, which is correct, they fail to see the deeper moral roots.

Human beings are not animals. It is true that we share certain faculties with the animals, such as sensitivity, but our bodies are nonetheless united to immaterial and immortal souls.

The proof of this is man's ability to know the essences of things, that is, to abstract from the sensible world and know what lies underneath, that is, why something is what it is.

Furthermore, man is capable of knowing utterly immaterial things, such as justice, mercy, mathematics, logic, love, and many many other things which are not material. In fact, it is the possession of immaterial things, such as love, which makes human beings happy, and their loss causes great stress and sadness, as in the case of divorce. In fact, matrimony itself is an immaterial thing, yet very real. Think of what people spend on wedding receptions, celebrating an immaterial bond.

Because we are immaterial beings, primarily, our generation requires an act of creation on God's part. Our immaterial soul does not come from our parents, but directly from God. For it is impossible that material generation produce anything but matter. Human beings

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<sup>1</sup> Persons who are sexually attracted to excrement. I wonder what the decorations in the airport would look like during their Pride Month? While someone might object that I am being extreme in this example, I respond this: Once you step out of the natural law, and glorify unnatural acts and unnatural attractions, you then open the door to *anyone's* attraction, no matter how outlandish it may seem. Abandonment of the natural law = moral chaos.

simply provide, by their generative acts, the matter that is disposed to receive an immortal soul from God.

Hence, human generation is called *procreation*, that is, a participation in God's act of creation. The child created in conception is primarily and foremost *God's* child, since it is God who provides what makes the child a human being, and not some other animal.

Hence abortion is not *merely* murder. It is to thwart the work of God in the creation of a human being. It is a heinous crime which cries to heaven for vengeance. And this is done by none other than the mother, whose every instinct, placed in her by God, is to *protect* and *nurture* her baby, rather than kill it.

Hence the greater sin in abortion is not the taking of an innocent life, but the purposeful undoing of God's plan in creation. In effect, it is to kill *God's* child.

Just as in the case of sodomitic acts, there is in abortion the original sin of Adam, in claiming to be the ultimate judge of what is good and what is evil. Even more deeply, abortion is a participation in the very first sin of creation, that of the devil, which was an envy of God's power and majesty. "*Ye shall be like gods,*" the devil said to Adam and Eve, "*having the knowledge of good and evil.*" In other words, *you* decide whether or not to have your baby, not God. *You* are the one to be pleased, not God. You exist for *yourself* and not for God.

Sodomy and abortion go hand in hand, having roots in the same original sin, both of man and of the devil.

**Birth control.** Many anti-abortionists are very much in favor of artificial birth control as a means of stopping abortion. Yet, in so doing, they are promoting all the logic that leads to abortion. For if I am empowered to make a choice as to whether a generative act will lead to a conception or not, then why would I not have the right to decide about the product of the conception, meaning the conceived child in the womb?

In other words, if I can be pro-choice about conceiving a baby, then what stops me from being pro-choice about having the baby? If *I*, and not *God*, decide about whether or not a conception should take place, then why can I not decide about the baby itself?

Artificial birth control reduces human beings to the level of animals, inasmuch as it does not recognize the role of God in the generative act. It does not give God the opportunity to decide about the creation of a child, but arrogates to itself that choice. Birth control is pro-choice. It creates all the logic and mentality of abortion.

When two persons engage in acts which are apt to generation, they have already made their choice. They

have already implicitly consented to the conception of a child with an immortal soul. They have already engaged God's creative act. The time for choices is over. It is God who makes the choice.

Leftists are almost always godless people who think that we have descended from gorillas, and are no different from animals. They logically conclude that aborting a child is no different from the abortion of a litter of kittens or puppies. If the animals are inconvenient for you, then get rid of them. If a child is inconvenient for you, then get rid of it. Very logical.

Since the leftists consider us to be animals, they are hedonists. This means, effectively, that "if it feels good, then do it." They believe in no objective morality. Pleasure is the dictator of what is right and wrong, and pleasure may vary from person to person. Hence for them sodomy is just one more way of feeling pleasure. So go ahead.

Leftists, however, are extremely dogmatic. Their "openness" and "tolerance" disappear whenever someone attacks their liberal ideology. They adhere to these "dogmas" with the same force with which we adhere to our Catholic dogmas. When *their* dogmas are denied, they respond with intolerance, fierceness, and brutality.

**The problem of the Right.** Those who adhere to the political right wing are, unfortunately, to a certain extent tainted by liberal ideas. While they are in favor of "traditional morality" in many respects, they do not realize that they have adopted many left-wing ideas which fan the flames of the leftist agenda.

For example, most people who regard themselves as "conservatives" think nothing of practicing artificial birth control. They even promote it as an alternative to abortion. But as we have seen, it contains all of the logic which leads to abortion.

Conservatives are not exempt from the ravages of so-called "women's liberation" which has torn women from the home and placed them in professions and business. Children need the stability of the home with a mother and father. Their psychological balance depends on this stability.

Many conservative anti-abortionists make exceptions, in the case of abortion, for conceptions resulting from rape or incest. They fail to see that abortion is *intrinsically evil*, which means that it is evil in all cases, without exception. If you make a single exception to something which is intrinsically, that is, *by its very nature*, evil, then you destroy your whole argument, and reduce

abortion to something merely *circumstantially* evil, that is, evil in certain cases, but not all.

Women's liberation has also caused a grave disorder in the home, where the wife claims an equal authority with that of the husband, which makes for an impossible living condition. The result is either a domineering battle-ax wife with an obsequious, mealy-mouthed husband, giving the wrong signals to the children regarding femininity and masculinity, or divorce, where the husband cannot take it any more, and the family breaks up. The United States is the most fatherless country in the world. Nearly all of the shootings in schools have been done by children from broken and fatherless homes. This is true of the most recent one in Texas. Instead of outlawing guns, they should outlaw divorce.

Often those on the Right will be infected with liberalism when it comes to sodomitic marriages. A perfect example is Donald Trump.

One thing you can say for the Left is that it is consistent. You cannot say this of the Right, and as a result the Right often gives logical ammunition to the Left.

**Bergoglio says that the real problem in the Church is the "restorationists," especially in the United States.** In an interview with various Jesuit magazines, Bergoglio said that the current problem in the Church is "precisely the non-acceptance of the [Second Vatican] Council." He singled out the United States as the hotbed of "restorationism," as he called it. He even said that some of the restorationists actually consider the Council of Trent more important than the Second Vatican Council. (Imagine!)

This reminds me of the Emperor Nero who himself set fire to Rome, in the opinion of many historians, in order to build his Golden House, next to the Coliseum. As the story goes, he fiddled while Rome burned. Then fearful that he would be accused of having set the fire, he decided to blame the setting of the fire on the Christians, then a tiny group in Rome, and put many of them to death, including St. Peter and St. Paul.

By analogy, Rome is burning, that is, the entire Church is collapsing from the point of view of the Catholic faith of the clergy and the people. It is in shambles. Yet the problem is not Vatican II. No. The problem is the restorationists!<sup>2</sup>

Who set the fire? The Modernists. The Church was doing fine under Pius XII. Since Vatican II, it has been reduced to rubble in every aspect of its existence, and

shows itself to be a dying organization. Is Vatican II the cause? Of course not. For Bergoglio, what we need is *more* Vatican II, and that will solve the problem.

**Angst over disunity in the traditional movement.** The recent rift between St. Gertrude's and Most Holy Trinity Seminary has caused not a little distress among traditionalists. Let me point out a few things.

- **All traditionalists profess the same Catholic Faith.** There is unity of faith among them all. I would even say this of the Fraternity of Saint Peter types, although their official position is to accept Vatican II. Down deep, they detest Vatican II and its changes. The acceptance of these things is a façade.

- **By contrast, Novus Ordites have no unity of faith.** The very notion of Catholic dogma and orthodoxy has been banished by the Modernists.

- **It is impossible to settle theological controversies without the pope.** One of the *very purposes* of the papacy is to settle theological controversies. Barring the pope, there will be some disagreement among Catholics.

- **We are addressing a problem in the Church that no theologian in the past even dreamed of.** There is no book of rules as to what to think and do when a supposed pope teaches heresy to the whole Church. As a result, we must take from past theologians certain principles and apply them to the present condition of the Church. But not all are in agreement as to how we apply the principles. Division occurs, but the Catholic Faith endures.

- **The traditional movement, in general, is accomplishing its essential goal, which is the preservation of Catholic doctrine, liturgy, and discipline.** By saying this, however, I do not wish to minimize the theological and disciplinary disputes as mere trifles. They are important, and Catholics should take them seriously.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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<sup>2</sup>They comprise perhaps 1 or 2 percent of the entire population which calls itself Catholic.