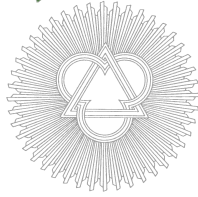

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My dear Catholic people,

We have the happy news this month of the ordination of Rev. Mr. Aedan Gilchrist to the diaconate, and of Rev. Messrs. Andrew Nowrouz and Christian Ingham to the subdiaconate.

Rev. Mr. Gilchrist is a citizen of the United Kingdom, and will service our apostolate there from France, where he will be stationed with Fathers Dutertre and Chappot de La Chanonnie in Nantes. There are very low fares between Nantes and London. Rev. Mr. Gilchrist has relatives in the United Kingdom. He will be ordained a priest on June 29th in Nantes by Bishop Selway.

Subdiaconate is the first of the major orders, and is, in a way, the “wedding day” of the seminarian, inasmuch as he renounces forever his right to marry, and chooses instead the Church for his spouse. It is to be remembered that the Church is the Immaculate Spouse of Christ. The priest is an *alter*

Christus, another Christ, and therefore it is fitting, by analogy, that he espouse the Church.

Rev. Messrs. Nowrouz and Ingham, both Americans, will be ordained to the diaconate in June of this year, on the 24th of that month, and to the priesthood in June of 2025. The exact date and place of their ordination has not yet been chosen.

At this writing we have four accepted candidates for the following academic year.

Grain of Incense?

The Superior General of the Fraternity of Saint Peter recently met with Bergoglio. This Fraternity, it should be recalled, was formed in 1988 shortly after the consecration of four bishops by Archbishop Lefebvre. Quite a few of those associated with the Society of Saint Pius X

joined this Fraternity, then newly erected by John Paul II. The idea was that they could retain the John XXIII traditional Mass provided they assented to Vatican II and its reforms.



From left to right: Rev. Mr. Andrew Nowrouz, Bishop Sanborn, Rev. Messrs. Aedan Gilchrist and Christian Ingham.

This group has done remarkably well from the point of view of vocations and apostolate. It provides the “ideal” for many Catholics, i.e., the combination of the traditional Mass and submission to the “pope.” It is fundamentally the same as the Anglican *High Church*, which observes Catholic ritual – sometimes better than the Catholics – but which is thoroughly protestant in its theology.

I notice this same trend when I see pictures of this Fraternity’s Masses and of similar congregations. Like the Anglicans, they do up the liturgy to the utmost. They use splendid vestments, splendid chalices, altars decorated splendidly, with candlesticks that cost a lot of money. This devotion to splendor is in itself most praiseworthy, but sadly it is just a pretty cloak for the ugliness of Vatican II which lies beneath it. Placing the traditional liturgy in the context of Vatican II is nothing but a sham. They are two things which do not go together.

It is furthermore a statement, on the part of those opposed to Vatican II, that somehow this council and its reforms are something that the Catholic Church can live with.

So just as the pagan Romans granted liberty to Christians if they would offer incense, only once a year, to the Roman gods or to the emperor (who was also a “god”), so this Fraternity, and others like them offer their incense, symbolically, to the doctrines and reforms of Vatican II.

It is rumored about them, however, that the adherents of this Fraternity absolutely detest the New Mass, and the reforms of Vatican II in general. It is only natural, since by their very nature Roman Catholicism and Vatican II are utterly opposed. The daily offering of the traditional Mass is a school of the Catholic Faith, which has the effect of pointing out the irreconcilable differences between the Catholic Faith and Vatican II.

Although there was a news briefing released by the Fraternity which said that all went well with Bergoglio, and that he was happy with the fact that they had so many vocations, there was yet another leaked message which went out. This message was meant, apparently, for the members of the Fraternity only. It contained the added detail that Bergoglio wants the Fraternity to permit its members to participate in the Novus Ordo chrism Mass on Holy Thursday in the dioceses in which they operate. This would show communion with the Novus Ordo hierarchy and implicit acceptance of the Novus Ordo Mass.

If we can assume that this information is true, it will throw a wrench of discord into that group, dividing them between soft- and hard-liners. It will be the Society of Saint Pius X all over again.

Bergoglio is hell-bent, quite literally, on making sure that the traditional Mass does not become a haven for those who detest Vatican II. The penalty for not accepting Vatican II is to be thrown to the lions.

The moral of the story: Vatican II must be annulled. There is no other solution possible in order to restore the Church to its proper state.

The abomination in Saint Patrick’s Cathedral. I have no doubt that everyone saw that in February there was a funeral for a certain “Cecilia,” a biological male who “became a woman,” and whose profession in life was to be a “sex worker,” which is a laundered woke word for prostitute. “Cecilia” was a professed atheist, although a baptized Catholic.

As the story goes, “Cecilia’s” acquaintances approached Saint Patrick’s Cathedral and asked the clergy in charge there if they could have a funeral for “Cecilia,” alleging that this person was a Catholic.

Apparently no questions were asked. St. Patrick’s Cathedral sits in New York’s *primo* section, surrounded by Rockefeller Center in front of it, a luxury hotel at its rear, Saks Avenue on one side, and a row of the most exclusive shops on the other, including Cartier.

There are virtually no residences until you get to Park Avenue to the east, and maybe Eighth Avenue to the west. This means that the cathedral’s parish would be rather meager, especially given the fact the the inhabitants of those places I just mentioned are not known to be devout Catholics.

Anyone who resides in the archdiocese, however, can request to be buried from the cathedral. Nonetheless, to obtain this favor, and particularly if using the full nave and main altar, would cost a great deal of money.

The Catholic rules of burial. According to the traditional laws of the Church, Catholic burial was reserved to those who were in good standing with the Catholic Church.

Public sinners, if they died unrepentant, were excluded. The same would be true for atheists, and for the divorced and remarried.

Consequently, if someone in the parish died, the pastor would be required to investigate to see if the person indeed was deserving of Catholic burial. It was not

sufficient that the relatives merely request a funeral. The deceased had to be a known entity in the parish, and known to be free of any impediments to burial.

Therefore, according to the traditional rules, the cathedral clergy would have been obliged to inquire as to whether “Cecilia” was deserving of a Catholic burial, which this Novus Ordo service pretended to be.

Judging from the crowd that showed up for “Cecilia’s” funeral, namely transvestites with net stockings, see-through fabrics, high-heeled shoes and the like, it would seem to me that the mourners who requested the funeral must have given some inkling as to their “orientation.”

On the day of the funeral, the cathedral, was packed with probably a thousand people. The close friends, relatives, and “co-workers” were sitting up front. Anyone with eyes could tell that something was deeply wrong.

The Novus Ordo priest, a Reverend Edward Dougherty, former Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, an older man, was told during the ceremony, by an unidentified individual, to not say a “Mass,” but should merely conduct the “Liturgy of the Word,” In the Novus Ordo this consists of a “fest” of the deceased, in which one typically hears his or her favorite Broadway or pop songs, together with a series of eulogies from the friends and relatives of the deceased, in which the deceased is praised for his golf game, or her expertise in preparing spaghetti. This is followed by the customary driveling absurdity that he is playing golf with God now, or she is making spaghetti in heaven. No mention of Purgatory, of course.



The date is May 30th, 1942. Archbishop Spellman (not yet Cardinal) ordains twenty-six men to the priesthood in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. It is from this same sanctuary that “Cecilia,” an atheist, transgender, sodomitic prostitute was hailed as “the queen of whores,” to the rabid applause of a like-minded mob. How times have changed!

Reverend Dougherty greeted the casket in the usual way. “We are here to celebrate the the life, the love, and the power of Cecilia Gentili.” He prayed that “Cecilia” now share eternal glory with Christ. It is to be recalled that “Cecilia” was an atheist. But not to worry. Remember that Bergoglio said that atheists go to heaven, and once reassured a young boy that his atheist father went to heaven because he was “a nice guy.”

Dougherty also used female pronouns concerning “Cecilia,” which, particularly in a religious setting, is to implicitly consent to the sin of attempting to change one’s gender.

The “highlight” of the eulogies was one given by what appeared to be a tall and large African-American man, but attired “modestly” in a full-length dress, a wig, and apparently wearing false breasts underneath. He proclaimed “Cecilia” to be “Saint Cecilia.” Much applause followed. Then a hispanic person (man or woman, I do not know) came into the once venerable sanctuary, and spoke in Spanish. Although I do not speak Spanish, I could not help but make out a word which is very close to French for “prostitute.” It is apparently a vulgar word in Spanish.

Then a person next to him (man or woman, I do not know) translated for us. Sure enough, it was a panegyric of “Cecilia” as a *whore* (his term), indeed the *queen of all whores*. Again, much applause.

Dougherty sat in silence as these filthy statements were pronounced. Cardinal Dolan later said that Rev. Dougherty was a *hero* at this event.¹

The “apology.” Needless to say, this was a little over the top even for the Novus Ordo. The news media

¹ Catholic moral theology teaches that silence may be **certainly** considered to be consent, if the silent person has the obligation of correcting a false statement or of condemning a sinful action.

reported that the cathedral personnel said that this funeral was permitted owing to the “deceit” and “trickery” of the mourners.

The Cardinal finally said that the Church is not required to do an FBI investigation concerning those requesting a funeral.

So instead of an abject apology for their failure to vet the identity and habits of the deceased, they blamed it on those who requested it, and finished by a snide and sarcastic remark, in a laughable attempt to excuse themselves, about an FBI investigation.

A simple phone call to the pastor of the church in which the deceased resided would have been enough to fulfill the obligations of an investigation.

Were the relatives of “Cecilia” wrong to request this funeral? In the context of the Novus Ordo, I would answer, “no.”

The Novus Ordo, since Bergoglio has come to “power,” has consistently and repeatedly manifested an openness to the sin of sodomy and transgenderism. Recall the comment of Bergoglio regarding sodomites among the Vatican officials: “Who am I to judge?” Remember his holding hands, while entering a church, with an Italian priest who operates a sodomite “apostolate.” Remember the photograph of Bergoglio wearing a rainbow watchband during the June “pride month.”

Then there is the support that he has given to a certain Father Martin who conducts an “apostolate” among the sodomites. There is the reception at the Vatican of transgenders, who had their picture taken with Bergoglio, or more lately, had dinner with him.

More recently there has been permission given to those who are addicted to unnatural vice to be baptized, to act as sponsors at baptisms, to act as witnesses at weddings, and even to receive, as couples, a blessing from the Novus Ordo priest.

Given this atmosphere in the Novus Ordo toward this sin, I do not think it unreasonable that the mourners of “Cecilia” should have approached the archdiocese with the request for a funeral.

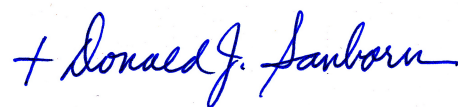
A watershed for the Novus Ordo. This incident is not just another liturgical travesty of the Novus Ordo, like a clown Mass. Instead this funeral service manifested a summary of essential characteristics of the New Religion: (1) **Deviation from Catholic doctrine.** The Catholic Faith teaches that atheism, prostitution, sodomy, and transgenderism are all very serious mortal sins. Punishment is eternal hellfire. This funeral taught

the precise opposite, namely, despite having committed in public sins of this nature, and persevered in those sins without having repented, one can aspire to eternal life. (2) **Complete disregard for the sacred.** The liturgical reform has destroyed all sense of the sacred. The purported Blessed Sacrament is treated as if a common piece of bread. Priests tell jokes from the altar. Hosts are on the floor. Vestments are cheap and ugly. There is a general spirit of casualness and lack of respect. Our Lord drove out with a whip the money-changers in the Temple, because they were desecrating it. What would He have done if He had been present to see an atheist, transgender, sodomite, and prostitute praised from the sanctuary as the *queen of whores*? (3) **The spirit of slovenliness, indiscipline, and negligence on the part of the Novus Ordo clergy.** The Novus Ordo is a religion in which anything goes. No deviant is punished, whether a doctrinal deviant, a liturgical deviant, or a moral deviant. Vigilance and discipline, together with censure, suspension, removal from office, and excommunication, are reserved only for those who in any way try to uphold the Catholic Faith in the toxic atmosphere of the Novus Ordo. Bishop Strickland is a perfect example. Will Cardinal Dolan lose his job for this blasphemous desecration of the cathedral? Of course not. There was not a single “peep” from Rome.

A yet worse desecration. What is far worse than this insult to Almighty God in this iconic church is what takes place there every day, and many times a day. I am referring to the Novus Ordo Mass. The purpose of ceremonies is to express the truth of what is happening at the altar. The message which the New Mass communicates is that of the heresies of ecumenism, dogma-less humanitarianism, and modernism. It is Vatican II and its daily teacher of heresy, the New Mass, which have given us this abominable service of praise for an atheist, sodomitic, and transgender prostitute.

Had Vatican II never taken place, this scandalous, sacrilegious, and blasphemous desecration of a sacred house of God would never have happened.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Donald J. Sanborn
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