



The final confrontation between the Church and the Anti-Church

In an address during the 1976 Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia for the bicentennial celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Cardinal Karol Wojtyla said:

We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think that the wide circle of the American Society, or the whole wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist. The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously...

In his 2005 book *Memory and Identity*, the pope, now saint, suggested that the world-wide push for same sex unions is part of an ideology of evil. "It is legitimate and necessary to ask oneself if this is not perhaps part of a new ideology of evil, perhaps more insidious and hidden, which attempts to pit human rights against the family and against man," he wrote.

Under the guise of fighting homophobia, sex education, freedom of choice, LGBT rights, and non-discrimination we are experiencing the imposition of gender ideology. An ideology that is asserted all over the world with religious fervor. Unlike the Christian faith however, this set of beliefs is imposed rather than proposed.

It is the intellectual underpinning of the homosexual movement. It proposes that a person's sex is not biologically determined but that it was historically socially constructed and that individuals should have the choice to determine their own sex – or gender. It is a belief system that denies bodily reality and forbids even the consideration



of the risk factors associated with abnormal sexual activity. It employs the education system, national legislation, attacks on religion and the Church in an effort to achieve total adherence.

There are dire implications since the ideology has been taken up by governments and is being written into the legal codes all over the western world. Now that gender theory has been widely adopted, the gender ideologues insist that society must not only tolerate but positively accept any kind of sexual orientation.

A new religion

This ideology, I would posit, is profoundly religious, with profound religious implications.

Pope Benedict XVI explained the “profound falsehood” of gender theory and the “anthropological revolution contained within it.” He described gender theory as people disputing “the idea that they have a nature, given by their bodily identity, that serves as a defining element of the human being.” Rather than acknowledging that God created people male and female, the theory contends that these are societal constructs and we now may decide for ourselves.

“When the freedom to be creative becomes the freedom to create oneself, then necessarily the Maker himself is denied and ultimately man too is stripped of his dignity as a creature of God, as the image of God at the core of his being,” Benedict concluded. “The defence of the family is about man himself. And it becomes clear that when God is denied, human dignity also disappears.”

As the Croatian Bishops explained it, “So man, under a gradually increasing impression of [his own] power, and convinced that there is no natural, preset order of things, increasingly began to put [himself] in the place of God and claim a role for himself omnipotent creator and legislator, whose freedom is absolute.”

Satanic origin

Philosopher Peter Kreeft has observed that almost the whole of the culture war is centered on a deformation of the conjugal union.

Abortion, Same-sex ‘marriage’, contraception, adultery, pornography, promiscuity, sex-education, divorce, homosexuality, in vitro fertilization, embryonic stem cell research are all related to sexuality.

In answer to why this should be the case, two quotes attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the children of Fatima are important. The first related by Blessed Jacinta Marto:



"More souls go to Hell because of sins of the flesh than for any other reason." And the second sent in a letter by Sister Lucia to Cardinal Caffara in which she said that Our Lady told her "the final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family."

Additionally, Pope John Paul II noted in his Theology of the Body, the sacred union of man and woman in marriage - the conjugal union - is a prime image stamped in mankind of the Trinitarian relationship to which we are called in the life to come. The fathers describe the Trinity as the Father loving the Son completely and the Son the Father completely and that complete giving of Themselves to Each Other is Itself the Holy Spirit. It is also as St. Paul teaches, the key image of Christ's relationship with His Church.

Thus Satan whose primary objective to steer mankind away from heaven and Christ, has made this his primary focus of attack – to distort the most prominent image of the Trinitarian relationship to which we are called and to distort the image of Christ's own relationship with His Church.

The persecution

As I said in the beginning, this new religion is imposed rather than proposed. Author Gabriele Kuby who wrote one of the key works documenting the harm of the sexual revolution expresses it this way: "A new totalitarianism is developing under the cloak of [sexual] freedom." "The destruction of the family uproots every single human being. We become atomized human beings who can be manipulated to do anything."

Gabriele Kuby herself is a victim of such persecution. She has launched a lawsuit against a play in Germany. has sued the Berlin theater "Schaubühne" and Falk Richter, author and director of the play "Fear," on a charge of character assassination.

In his play, Falk Richter targeted five women who promote the natural family in Germany. They appear with their names and large photographs. For Richter, they are "zombies" risen from their graves, in which they were buried in 1945. Richter wants to get them under the earth anew, best done by "shooting them in the head." One of these "zombies" is Gabriele Kuby.

FEAR has been performed since October 2015.

The introduction to the play portrays the five women as "zombies, returned from the past, who reiterate a vocabulary and rhetoric that throws us back into the times of national socialism ..." In the play, these "zombies" are rendered objects of hatred and their death is seen as the only solution to "antiquated" beliefs. Actors poke out the eyes on their photographs. Counted among these zombies are also "Christian fundamentalist hate mongers, worried citizens," and "parents who are afraid of alternative models of the family and the acceptance of sexual diversity."



Kuby is reproached in the play as a “hate monger.” To make this point, the author manipulates quotations and puts words in her mouth that she never said in support of a totalitarian state. In reality, Kuby has incessantly warned of a new totalitarianism.

The results of persecution

Across North America and Western Europe for the last 20 years we’ve seen bakers, wedding photographers, florists, professors, counselors, media personalities, professional sports players, bed and breakfast owners, mayors, printers, politicians, foster parents, fire chiefs, magistrates and police fined and some lose their jobs and livelihoods for criticizing homosexuality or homosexual ‘marriage.’

The persecution was directed squarely at religious leaders. In 2003 Swedish pastor Ake Green gave a sermon on homosexuality for which he was charged with hate crime and sentenced to one month in prison. He appealed the ruling and it was overturned in 2005 only to be appealed and finally acquitted permanently later in 2005 after the Supreme Court suggested that while he contravened Swedish law the European Court would not uphold the conviction.

So that you won’t think that this could only happen in ultra-liberal Sweden, I will tell you the same intimidation appeared in 2014 in one of the most conservative states in the United States of America. The openly lesbian Mayor of the city of Houston Texas issued subpoenas demanding five pastors turn over any sermons dealing with homosexuality, gender identity. If they failed to comply they could be held in contempt of court.

In Canada two bishops were taken to human rights commissions over their stances in defense of the traditional Catholic teaching on homosexuality.

Also from the beginning, schools were a target for the re-education programme. Even Catholic and private schools are not exempt. A Catholic Canadian bishop was threatened with denial of Catholic school funding if he did not remove the teaching against homosexual acts from the religious education classes – sadly he acquiesced. Other bishops through pressures of various kinds have permitted comprehensive sex education, homosexual clubs and other such indoctrination programs in their schools.

Parents rights also fall victim to the new ideology. In various cities throughout North America and Europe parents are forbidden from withdrawing their children from sex-ed classes, which are explicitly pro-homosexual, pro-abortion, and more. Two provinces in Canada have proposed that even in home schooling parents are not permitted to teach against homosexual sex.



In Germany parents have their children taken away and are jailed for home schooling their children in the truth and meaning of human sexuality.

Bowing to the new altar

While many bishops like Belgian Primate emeritus Archbishop Andre-Joseph Leonard have fought the new ideology valiantly despite even physical assault, some churchmen have capitulated to the new religion. In December last year a flyer bearing the stamp of the German Bishops Conference was published in which “gender mainstreaming” was described as if it were harmless, as “a political strategy which wants to contribute to the equality of opportunity between women and men.”

In most dioceses throughout West especially in big cities you will find a ‘gay parish’ where the Catholic faith is warped so as to excuse those living in grave sin. Such parishes exist even in the most conservative dioceses in America.

Even the Vatican itself has bowed at the altar of the new religion.

The situation revolved around the visit of Pope Francis to the United States last September. We were at first overjoyed to hear that the Pope met with Kim Davis, a county clerk in Kentucky who was jailed over her refusal to endorse homosexual marriage. The Holy Father thanked her for her courage and encouraged her to “stay strong” in her fight for natural marriage. The meeting brought hope that the Holy Father saw and understood the struggles facing supporters of true marriage in America; that his concerns went beyond climate change, the death penalty and the arms trade.

But then the unthinkable happened. Vatican spokesman Fr. Ciro Benedettini told ABC News that “the Vatican does not confirm the meeting, nor does it deny the meeting. There will be no further information given.”

The non-response fueled speculation that Kim Davis lied about meeting with the Pope for her own purposes. The Vatican also refused to release and has never since released photos that were taken of the meeting, leading to even more media suspicion over the meeting.

When it was finally acknowledged as having taken place, the Vatican distanced the pope from Davis. English-language attaché of the Vatican press office, Fr. Thomas Rosica, described what he labeled the “negative impact” of the pope’s meeting with Davis and suggested that the pope may not have been properly briefed before the meeting.

An official Vatican press release suggested overtly that the Holy Father’s meeting with the embattled Kentucky clerk was not a ‘real’ audience - and that the meeting “should



not be considered a form of support of her position in all of its particular and complex aspects.”

Fr. Lombardi’s statement said, and I quote: “The only real audience granted by the Pope at the Nunciature was with one of His former students and his family.”

Who was this student ‘and his family’ who was granted the only ‘real’ audience with the Pope? It was his former student Yayo Grassi who is a practicing homosexual. He attended the audience with the Holy Father accompanied by his homosexual partner and members of his family. And while the Vatican refused to release photos of the Pope’s meeting with Davis leading many to doubt the meeting, there were photos and even video of the Pope meeting with Grassi. In the video the Pope is seen embracing both Grassi and his homosexual partner.

Grassi, told CNN that the Pope himself arranged the meeting with a personal phone call weeks prior to his visit. In contrast, Fr. Rosica said the pope’s meeting with Davis was arranged by the Nuncio to the USA. Other Vatican sources claimed to various media that the Pope was “blindsided” by the meeting with Davis, claiming the meeting was unknown to the Vatican and also to the U.S. Bishops conference, which would have opposed the meeting, according to a CBS source in the Vatican.

So while the Holy Father met with Davis and encouraged her and also commended religious freedom on his return flight, the Vatican press office turned what should have been a rejection of the false god of sexual revolution into a genuflection at the altar of political correctness or the ideology itself.

Even more recently Pope Francis was asked very difficult questions on the papal plane returning from Georgia and Azerbaijan on October 2. Despite the Vatican’s assertion that a so-called sex-change surgery does not alter the sex of a person, and Pope Francis’ own condemnation of gender theory, the Pope nevertheless referred to a woman who underwent a sex-change operation as a “man,” and also referred to her as having “married” another woman and admitted to receiving them in the Vatican last year.

Then a week later the Pope named Chicago Archbishop Blase Cupich a Cardinal. Cupich is well known as a dissident. Once he forbade his priests from participating in 40 days for life. But also on sexuality he endorses giving Holy Communion to homosexual couples who feel in conscience they are right to engage in homosexual activity and be ‘married’. He told me this himself when I asked him the question while in Rome last year at the Synod on the Family.



CROATIA IS A LAND OF GREAT HOPE

It's like someone here hit a reset button and you get a fresh start, but the forces of evil are more skilled than ever and can bring down nations faster than ever before.

But first the good news. It was GREAT to report on Croatia!

ZAGREB, February 25, 2005

Croatia's Catholic Bishops Warn In Vitro Fertilization is "a Serious Crime"

Dec 17, 2007 ... Dr. Antun Lisec the director of Human Life International in Croatia
Abortion in Croatia is Down 90% Since 1989

ZAGREB, Croatia, July 16, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The parliament
Croatia Bans Sunday Shopping and Encourages Citizens to Devote themselves to the
eucharist and family...

In 2011 & 12 there was a scandal over media ownership, the same time as Soros
reopened his Open Society office in Croatia.

Victory: Croatian court quashes Kinsey-based national sex-ed ...

Jun 7, 2013 ... As well, a leading American sexuality researcher had exposed the fact that
a Croatian government official behind the program had completed ...

It was glorious to report on the Dec 2013 constitutional amendment on marriage!!!

But what happens in 7 months later? Croatian Parliament approves same-sex 'life
partnerships'

Apr 4, 2016

40 Days for Life keeps growing in Croatia | News | LifeSite

May 24, 2016

15,000 defend the unborn at Croatia's first national March for Life ...

Billionaire Soros Overthrows Georgian Gov't - Sets Sights on Bush ...

Dec 8, 2003 ... While much has been made of Soros' plans to topple President Bush,
LifeSite sources in Croatia report Soros has been visiting the country and ...

Soros' Open Society Institute report for 2002, says Zenit, "lamented pro-life successes in
countries such as Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia."

Croatian midwife sacked for refusing to participate in abortion sues ...



Aug 6, 2013 ... KNIN, Croatia, August 6, 2013 (LifeSiteNews.com) – A Croatian midwife is fighting back after she was fired in June for refusing to participate in ...

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WAYS FORWARD

As Polish guy said, lobby the bishops - Dr. Alexander Stępkowski

The fight is IN the Church.

Lobby your bishops, they are lobbied by the other side

Soros lobbied the Papal visit to USA – leaked emails revealed

THANK good priests and bishops for speaking out

Biblical approach warn first – you are fighting for your future and the eternal salvation of your children

Yes FAITH AND REASON but your temptation will be to alenate faith.

Kiko Neocatechumenal way Italy – March for marriage

Philippines cardinal Sin

Canada's example

The purveyors of the new religion have achieved a level of global saturation in the developed world which seems ready to demand from each and every citizen adherence to their dogmas. With false love and false mercy a universal salvation is promised to all those who 'lovingly' accept others' sexual lifestyles without discrimination and bigotry.

The coming years will see an increase in persecution I've described thus far. There is an increasing hatred for those who dare to dissent from the dogmas of the new religion coming from the general public which has been taught that most of the world's problems are due to those unwilling to embrace love and tolerance.

Conclusion

In conclusion there remains hope along with faith and charity. Cardinal Caffara recalled that when Sister Lucia wrote him of the final battle between Our Lord and Satan being over marriage and family she added these words: "Don't be afraid, because anyone who works for the sanctity of marriage and the family will always be fought and opposed in every way, because this is the decisive issue. And then she concluded: however, Our Lady has already crushed its head."



The battle is the Lord's and He has already won. We are on the winning team, despite what the situation may look like. Ours is but to do our best to carry out the will of the God in our lives and accept even with thanks all the circumstances He sends our way.

In his book *Faith and the Future*, Josef Ratzinger who later became Cardinal and Pope Benedict XVI wrote:

"The church will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning.

She will no longer be able to inhabit many of the edifices she built in prosperity. As the number of her adherents diminishes . . . she will lose many of her social privileges. . . As a small society, [the Church] will make much bigger demands on the initiative of her individual members....

It will be hard-going for the Church, for the process of crystallization and clarification will cost her much valuable energy. It will make her poor and cause her to become the Church of the meek . . . The process will be long and wearisome as was the road from the false progressivism on the eve of the French Revolution — when a bishop might be thought smart if he made fun of dogmas and even insinuated that the existence of God was by no means certain . . . But when the trial of this sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized and simplified Church. Men in a totally planned world will find themselves unspeakably lonely. If they have completely lost sight of God, they will feel the whole horror of their poverty. Then they will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret."

And so it seems certain to me that the Church is facing very hard times. The real crisis has scarcely begun. We will have to count on terrific upheavals. But I am equally certain about what will remain at the end: not the Church of the political cult, which is dead already, but the Church of faith. She may well no longer be the dominant social power to the extent that she was until recently; but she will enjoy a fresh blossoming and be seen as man's home, where he will find life and hope beyond death."

At this juncture just prior to the centenary of Fatima. We must recall that Her Immaculate Heart will triumph. Now more than any point since 1973 Russia is once again in a threatening conflict with the West. War is looming.

Our Lady of Fatima appeared in 1917 with the greatest public miracle since the Resurrection of Christ Himself, witnessed by 70,000 people and recorded in the communist secular newspapers for all history to witness. And what was that all about?



She warned ‘more souls go to hell for sins of the flesh than for any other reason.’ She said that fashions would be introduced that would offend our Lord very much” and she said “Woe to women lacking in modesty.” The plague of impurity is driving the culture of death and it is at a stage graver than any time in history.

Our Lady of Fatima asked for devotion to Her Immaculate Heart, for us to pray the Rosary, to make the first five Saturday devotion. Do we do these things? We need to be for the good of our souls, our families, and our nations.

Our Lady also asked for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. The consecration in 1984 of the world by St. Pope John Paul II brought great graces. But the Pope wanted earnestly to mention Russia but was advised it would be too offensive to the Russian Orthodox.

But those times have changed. Although we often think of communism when we remember the warning of Our Lady that Russia would spread her errors, we should also think of abortion. Abortion began in Russia and no country has suffered from abortion like Russia. With its population imploding it has the highest abortion rate of any country. They need the consecration as much or more than anyone else.

And just as Poland and other nations that have enacted consecrations to Our Lady graces come with each consecration. So we need again to consecrate Russia in these perilous times. This time let’s ask the Pope to mention Russia specifically since we can’t go wrong asking that we follow exactly what She told us.

So here’s our formula:

Daily Mass, five first Saturdays, three Hail Mary’s, rosary, confession, consecration to our lady of ourselves and our families, scapular, intercession of Stepinac your saints and guardian angels. And never lose hope.

Conclusion

At LifeSite, one of the most common questions we’re asked is ‘How do you do it?’ And the questioners aren’t talking about how we put out such a high volume of stories, where we find them or anything like that. They’re asking how we cope with all the bad news and keep our spirits joyful. Why are we not depressed; how can we continue to smile?

The answer is simple. It was explained to us recently by a good and holy priest who presided over our staff retreat.



He revealed the way to joy during a homily about a hockey game he watched 20 years ago. His team was in the playoffs and he was eager to watch the game. The game began badly with his team losing a goal early on. I imagine he remembers the pain and anguish of watching the first goal, likely replayed several times. It only got worse as another two goals were scored before the first period thankfully came to a close. His team had not yet scored a single goal.

I bet he was looking for a rally in the second period, but none came. Things only got worse. Another four goals were scored by the opposing team with not even a single goal for the good guys despite the valiant efforts of the players. It seemed all was lost. The want to abandon watching the game must have been a real temptation.

It was in the final period where his team finally made a comeback. They made an amazing comeback, scoring seven goals to tie the game at seven apiece. And in overtime, his team won! The joy must have been overwhelming.

Years later, the priest told us, he was watching a showing of the best games ever played and the station was re-running that same game from so many years ago. Our priest told us he watched the game again, but this time with peace and joy all the way through.

Those first two periods were not a hardship to watch. He could smile and even be thankful for those lost goals because it made the eventual victory all the more sweet.

And that is of course how it is for us. We know that in the end Christ and His Truth will triumph over sin and evil. We await the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Trust in Her, rely on Her, give your all to Her and She will lead you to Her Son who will receive you loving as a gift from His Own Mother.

John-Henry Westen

