



'Legio Sanctae Familiae'

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Saint Paul by Rembrandt (1606 - 1669)

What Must We Do To Be Saved?

The front cover of this month's newsletter shows Saint Paul at his writing desk, quill in hand and deep in thought. His sword is also close by. Saint Paul wrote to the Romans about the importance of having men to preach the Word of God.

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. How then shall they call on him, in whom they have not believed? Or how shall they believe him, of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear, without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they be sent, as it is written: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, of them that bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:13-15)

Saint Paul also warned the Ephesians about the rulers of the world of darkness and the spirits of wickedness. He told us what we need to do in order not to succumb to the tyranny of evil men.

“Finally, brethren, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the might of his power. Put you on the armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places.

Therefore take unto you the armour of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and to stand in all things perfect. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of justice, And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: In all things taking the shield of faith, wherewith you may be able to extinguish all the fiery darts of the most wicked one. And take unto you the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit (which is the word of God). By all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the spirit; and in the same watching with all instance and supplication for all the saints:” (Ephesians 6:10-18)

These instructions apply to all who call themselves Catholic. All of us are required to bear public witness to our Catholic faith and more so when the times are dark. In the February-March newsletter I wrote about the changes that have taken place in Ireland in the sixty two years since I was born. I wrote, “We now live in a society which promotes the killing of innocent human beings in their mothers' wombs. The government promotes abortion and other evils to school children and subsidises the killing of these innocents by paying doctors to administer the deadly tablets. Ireland's largest teachers' union promotes the homosexual lifestyle to children as young as four years old in the classrooms of Catholic primary schools. Divorce is legal and the Irish government has changed the legal definition of marriage by way of a referendum to cover same-sex relationships.”



The Father of Lies

But how have these changes come about? The first thing to understand is that these changes do not happen by themselves. They are brought about by men and women who serve the father of lies - satan. Many of those who serve satan, do not realise that they are enslaved to a corrupt deceiver who is a murderer from the beginning. They have fallen for his lies and many believe his slogans about equality and human rights whilst at the same time enacting political policies which trample on our freedoms and on our rights. We are living in tyrannical times and the tyranny is growing. The primary target of all tyranny is Jesus Christ. The devil seeks to destroy the Catholic Church. Her rich teachings set men free by leading them to worship Jesus Christ in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This is because the devil hates God and hates the fact the God became one of us at the incarnation of Jesus Christ. The devil hates the fact that his head will be crushed by Our Lady's heel yet he is powerless to prevent it.

But, in order for us to benefit from the Sacramental Graces of the Catholic Church, we must accept all of her teachings and we must publicly proclaim those teachings and stand by them, even when they lead to our being ridiculed and persecuted. In Ireland, we have taken our Catholic faith for granted and this has allowed the enemies of Jesus Christ to take control of our society and to reduce the influence of the Catholic Church. Most of the political parties in Ireland now serve satan's agenda, and yet Catholics still vote for these parties and for their candidates? A Catholic cannot claim to serve God on the one hand whilst they are willing to vote for, and to support, political parties whose policies directly contradict the commandments of God on the other!

Jesus is unequivocal on this point. We must choose who we serve and our allegiance cannot be a secret or in any doubt.

“No man can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one, and love the other: or he will sustain the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24)

“Every one therefore that shall confess me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven. But he that shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before my Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I came to send peace upon earth: I came not to send peace, but the sword. For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man’s enemies shall be they of his own household.” (Matthew 10:32-36)

Today, a false Catholicism is being promoted which ignores the grave warnings given above. The impression is being given that we can be Catholic and worldly at the same time. A priest friend preached on this before Lent in a sermon titled, “Let’s Stop Fooling Ourselves”.

“Furthermore, to rely on a false and distorted notion of Divine Mercy, to imagine that Hell is empty and that everyone goes to Heaven, or even that most souls go to Heaven when the Lord Himself tells us the exact opposite, is to live in illusion; it is to mock God who does not waste words, who never makes a poor choice of words, and who expects us to know that and to take His words seriously. It is simply to delude oneself.

The Lord is clear, never confusing. And here is the clarity, the one word that we have forgotten, that we no longer preach, because we are too caught up in our own self-promotion and comfy inertia, too terrified of what people will think; the one word that we need to contemplate with utmost care and that will set our hearts at rest, for within it are all the words we need to know about what to do and what not to do, for it is so very simple, if only we have the humility to acknowledge it and follow the divine instructions:”

“Enter ye in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there are who go in thereat. How narrow is the gate, and strait is the way that leads to life: and few there are that find it!”
(Matthew 7:13-14)

In his book, “A Church in Crisis”, Ralph Martin deals with the same question.

“If I were to describe how many of our fellow Catholics view the world today, I would describe it like this: “Broad and wide is the way that leads to heaven, and almost everybody is going that way; narrow is the door that leads to hell, difficult is the path, and few there are who travel that way.” (Opening paragraph chapter 3)



Jesus Cleanses the Temple - Theodoor Rombouts (1597 - 1637)

You can see this mentality in the way that many Catholic funeral services are conducted today. The deceased is lauded and we are told that they went straight to heaven. The primary purpose of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is forgotten at these funeral services and the greatest comfort for those who are bereaved, that Jesus Christ died on the Cross to save us from our sins, is hardly mentioned.

The use of Catholic Churches to host concerts and other secular events is becoming commonplace. These sacrilegious events are offensive to Almighty God, but so few care or even realise just how offensive these events are to Almighty God.

One of the few times that we see Jesus getting angry, is when the old temple was desecrated by the money changers. These people did not have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. They were still living according to the old law, which Jesus completed and brought to an end with the new covenant in His Blood.

“And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the chairs of them that sold doves: And he said to them: It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.” (Matthew 21:12-13)

St John tells us that Jesus made a scourge of cords to drive them out of the temple. Our Catholic Churches house Jesus in the Tabernacle and yet some dare to use them for profane purposes with little thought for the One Whom they eject in order to have their profane and sacrilegious events.

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This profane use is growing to the point of becoming commonplace. Those who love Jesus should weep at what is happening and at how a country like Ireland is selling its Catholic birthright for a place at the secular table of Europe. Many of our bishops turn a blind eye to the secular use of Catholic Churches. Our political leaders are eager to serve their tyrannical, satanic masters, even to the point of killing the unborn and corrupting the innocence of very young children.

But we should not be surprised. Jesus warned us of these times in Matthew chapter 24.

“Take heed that no man seduce you: For many will come in my name saying, I am Christ: and they will seduce many. And you shall hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that ye be not troubled. For these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be pestilences, and famines, and earthquakes in places:

Now all these are the beginnings of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall put you to death: and you shall be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. And then shall many be scandalized: and shall betray one another: and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall seduce many. And because iniquity hath abounded, the charity of many shall grow cold.” (Matthew 24: 4-12)

St Paul also warned us of these times.

“For there shall be a time, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, according to their own desires, they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: And will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, but will be turned unto fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

St Paul tells Saint Timothy and us, what we must do. *“But be thou vigilant, labour in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry.”* (2 Timothy 4:5)

This is the purpose of Legio Sanctae Familiae, **to spread Traditional Catholic Church teaching on marriage and family life.** But, I need your help to continue. Last year was a good year for Legio Sanctae Familiae as there was a book launch and a meeting held in every county in Ireland. This year is a little slower because the work of building a foundation and of reaching out takes time.

In the latest adventure, I have launched a YouTube channel which seeks to make the Traditional Catholic Church teachings on marriage and family life available to a wider audience. The videos are catechetical in nature and bring viewers back to the very basics of our Catholic faith. This is so much needed after years of



The Makeshift Video Studio for Spreading Traditional Catholic on Marriage

faulty catechesis in our Catholic schools which compromised the teachings of the Catholic Church so as not to cause offense to those who do not believe what the Catholic Church teaches. With your help this apostolate can grow. There are a few ways to help. First, as always, I need your prayers, so that I will have the courage and determination to continue this work. It takes time to produce these videos.

Secondly, please do what you can to promote the video channel. The more people that like and subscribe to the video channel, the more it will be promoted by the internet algorithms. You can access the channel at this link - <https://www.youtube.com/@TheTraditionalCatholicFamily>

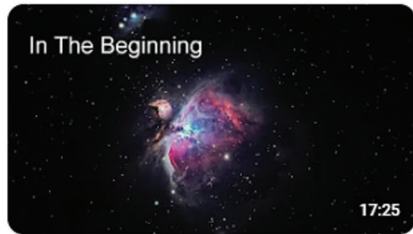
Alternatively simply google “Legio Sanctae Familiae YouTube” and the channel will come up. I really need your help in doing this and if you share the videos with your social networks we will reach more people.

Thirdly, I need financial help to keep going. I run “Legio Sanctae Familiae” on a shoestring budget keeping all costs to a minimum. However, in the future I will have to replace video recording equipment, computers, my printer, and then there are the basic living costs. The help I have received so far is great, but it is sporadic. I am looking for some more donors who can donate a regular amount on a monthly basis via standing order. If enough donors come forward it doesn't have to be a big amount from each individual. This will allow me to plan ahead.

Reaching Out To New Audiences

If you believe in the work that I am doing to promote Traditional Catholic Church teaching on Marriage and family life, and if you are in a position to become a generous sponsor, then please contact me. It would be great to have a few dedicated patrons to provide a basic income for the apostolate.

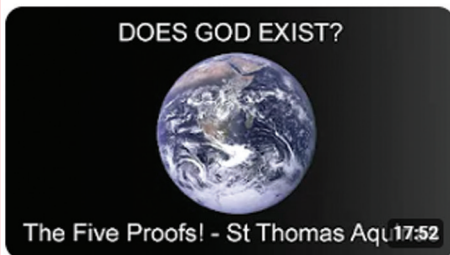
The First Four Videos



The Traditional Catholic Family - In The Beginning!



Who Is John Lacken?



The Five Proofs! - St Thomas Aquinas 17:52



Devotion - Meditations on the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

I would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to all of you who have supported me since I launched Legio Sanctae Familiae back in July of 2022. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered monthly for your intentions. I firmly believe that the only way that we will regenerate our country is through the building up of strong Catholic families who will in turn form strong Catholic communities that will change the direction our society is headed. I believe this because it is God’s plan for mankind as revealed in Sacred Scripture and the Traditions and Teachings of the Catholic Church. Marriage was instituted by God for the building up of His Kingdom, for raising Saints for Heaven. May we never tire of promoting Holy marriages and Holy religious vocations to our young people so that they will come to know their purpose in life and find eternal happiness in Heaven.

May God bless you



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