

Pope Francis, Biblical Prophecy and Approved Prophetic Revelation

In recent months the Church of North America (USA) embroiled in a sexual abuse scandal reiterated its concerted effort toward reform. In this article I address the facts and falsehoods pertaining to the ecclesial sexual abuse scandal and so-called network, and how the secular and even Catholic mainstream television network and media outlets are advancing, to their unawares, a diabolic plan that has been prophesied in Sacred Scripture and in the writings of the Church Fathers, Doctors and Saints.

Re. the diabolic plan, Sacred Scripture and approved prophetic revelations predict within the Church an imminent crisis, the beginning of which we are experiencing today. It will be precipitated by a split within the hierarchy of the Catholic Church and result in a Roman Pontiff being ousted from Rome. God reveals through his prophet Zechariah:

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!” declares the Lord Almighty. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. I will strike the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered.”¹

Ezekiel prophesies the church temporarily bereft of the guidance of its shepherd on account of those pastors that have ruled “harshly” and “brutally” thus causing a split within the Church, whereby they were “scattered”:

*“You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. **You have ruled them harshly and brutally.** So they were scattered because there was no shepherd... My sheep wandered... they were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them. Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered... I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock. I will remove them from tending the flock so that the shepherds can no longer feed themselves... I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness.”²*

Compelling is Ezekiel’s condemnation of those pastors who, before the flock, act “harshly” (*not leniently*), and “brutally” (*not mercifully*) – much like those pastors in the Church today who, before the faithful, condemn the Vicar of Christ and leader of the Church Pope

¹ Zec 13:9; cf. also Zec 7:14; Ps 44:11; Jer 10:21, 23:2; Lam 4:13-16; Ez 6:8.

² Ez 34:4-12.

Francis with harsh and brutal words on account of his leniency and mercy, thus disposing the flock to be divided. Simply put, Ezekiel considers the cause of the future schism in the Church, not leniency, but “harshness.” And inasmuch as to pastors God entrusts many souls, their harshness manifest in their misleading them away from the Vicar of Christ, constitutes a veritable harshness toward the flock, as they deprive it of the guidance of Christ’s Vicar.

Other prophecies place a Church schism after the exile of a Roman pontiff. Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824 A.D.) offers three riveting illustrations:

*“I had another vision of the great tribulation... It seems to me that a concession was demanded from the clergy that could not be granted. I saw many older Priests, especially one, who wept bitterly. A few younger ones were also weeping... **It was as if people were splitting into two camps.**”³*

“I was taken to Rome where the Holy Father, plunged in affliction, is still concealed in order to elude dangerous exigencies. His chief reason for lying concealed is because he can trust so few... The Pope is so feeble that he can no longer walk alone... The little black man in Rome, whom I often see so often, has many working for him without their clearly knowing for what end. He has his agents in the new black church also. If the Pope leaves Rome, the enemies of the Church will get the upper hand... I saw them intercepting or turning away the roads that led to the Pope. When they did succeed in getting a Bishop according to their liking, I saw that he had been intruded contrary to the will of the Holy Father; consequently, he possessed no legitimate authority...”⁴

*“I saw... plans formed for the blending of religious creeds, **the suppression of papal authority...** I saw no Pope, but a Bishop prostrate before the High Altar. In this vision I saw the church bombarded by other vessels... It was threatened on all sides... They built a large, extravagant church which was to embrace all creeds with equal rights... but in place of an altar were only abomination and desolation. Such was the new church to be...”⁵*

Fact Check: Church abuse scandal

The above references provide a timely introduction to the scandals that have sown division and confusion among Christians in the Church today. To summarize these recent and not-so-recent ecclesial scandals, consider that the USCCB commissioned qualified experts of

³ *The Life and Revelations of Anne Catherine Emmerich*, Very Rev. Carl E. Schmöger (Rockford: Tan) message dated April 12, 1820.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Vol. II, pp. 290, 292, 303, 310.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Vol. II, pp. 346, 349, 353.

various fields to prepare what is known as the John Jay Report (a descriptive study, with the full cooperation of the dioceses and eparchies, of the nature and scope of the problem of sexual abuse of minors by clergy). This report reveals that from 1950-2002 less than 4% of the USA clergy were “accused” of sexual abuse. However, of this less-than 4% of the accused, **less than 0.1% of total clergy, after detailed and exhaustive investigations, were found to be guilty.** Despite the fact that **0.1%** of the entire USA clergy were guilty of said abuses (which include all homosexual and heterosexual pedophilia accusations), several American Catholic television networks and media outlets have repeatedly failed to publicize this glaring 0.1% statistic. These scandals increased in the 1960’s, *peaked in the 1970’s* and declined progressively from the 1980’s onward. According to these media outlets, this 0.1%, which they assert also extends to adults, constitutes a so-called “network” of abuse and cover-up within the Church – a media-created false narrative. To better grasp the 0.1 percentage, consider the percentage of infidelity among the group of Apostles whom Jesus himself chose: 8.3% (1 out of every 12).

Predicated on the narrative of a so-called ‘network’ of ecclesial abuse, are the recent attacks against the Roman Pontiff Pope Francis perpetrated by those who ignore the fact that the great majority of said abuses did not occur on Pope Francis’ watch. And yet, it is unconscionable to assert that said abuses occurred in broad daylight or much less to the knowledge of Pope Francis’ predecessors, who were not apprised of the details of these events that involved 0.1% of the clergy, until years later, when they were reported and were met with a speedy and thorough investigation.

The reason the secular and even Catholic media outlets falsely decry a massive abuse cover-up whilst placing the onus of responsibility solely on Pope Francis’ shoulders may alarm you. A darker design is at work here – something far more sinister than the Catholic media outlets that condemn Pope Francis are aware of, and that will impact millions of souls. This design consists of the diabolic “rebellion” to which St. Paul alerted the faithful of the End Times when penning his 2nd Epistle to the Thessalonians. Noteworthy is the Greek word Paul uses in this epistle, “*apostasia*,” which means “a rebellion”; a falling away, a defecting from the true faith. Paul reveals that this rebellion will take place *before* the “lawless one,” the “man of iniquity” is revealed – a rebellion that is occurring today:

*“The day of the Lord is at hand. Let no one deceive you in any way. For unless the apostasy comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one doomed to perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god and object of worship, so as to seat himself in the temple of God, claiming that he is a god - do you not recall that while I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know **what is restraining**, that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. But the **one who restrains** is to do so only for the present, until he is removed from the scene. And then the lawless one will be revealed...” (2 Thes. 2:3-8).*

“... the one whose coming springs from the power of Satan in every mighty deed and in signs and wonders that lie, and in every wicked deceit for those who are perishing because they have not accepted the love of truth so that they may be saved. Therefore, God is sending them a deceiving power so that they may believe the lie, that all who have not believed the truth but have approved wrongdoing may be condemned. But we ought to give thanks to God for you always, brothers loved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in truth” (2 Thes. 2:9-13).

Fact check: The Papacy and Pope Francis

This *apostasia* or rebellion will precede the lawless one who sits himself in the Temple of God. The lawless one, whom many Church Fathers and Doctors refer to as “the Antichrist”, is restrained from making his public appearance until the masses have been so deceived through his diabolic conspiracy with *occult forces* and with *the media* (I will get to this in a moment) and through their own complicity with evil that they no longer respect God’s sacred commandments.⁶ Compelling is Paul’s reference to “*the one who restrains*” (in Greek, *ὁ κατέχων*: a male individual who possesses a power) the rebellion and the lawless one from waging war on the members of Christ’s Church. Now, who exactly is this restrainer – who is this male individual with power? Jesus provides the answer in the ecclesiastically approved True Life in God prophetic revelations that bear the Magisterium’s *Imprimatur* and *Nihil Obstat*. Jesus reveals,

*“The book of Daniel that was sealed and the words in it kept secret are now being revealed to you all in their fullness; I have been saying to all of you that your generation has apostatised and that **this apostasy would creep into the heart of My Sanctuary affecting Priests, Bishops and cardinals; you see, daughter, I am talking about those apostates who are betraying My Church and are opposing My chosen one, the Vicar of My Church, who holds their rebellion back** (note: allusion to 2 Thes. 2:7: The restrainer!); but it was said that Satan will set to work in your times to destroy all that is good and will spring in pursuit of those whom I am sending you with My Merciful calls, that could have saved you.”⁷*

“To complete their work of destruction and crown it with success they will have to remove Peter’s Chair and the one who sits on it.”⁸

⁶ Ss. Irenaeus, Cyril of Jerusalem, Ephraem, John Chrysostom, Augustine and Jerome, as well as the Church Doctors Ss. Aquinas and Bellarmine maintain that the evil male individual St. Paul refers to as “the lawless one... the one doomed to perdition, who... exalts himself above every so-called god and object of worship, so as to seat himself in the temple of God, claiming that he is a god...”, is none other than the Antichrist.

⁷ TLIG message of December 20, 1993

⁸ Ibid., April 28, 1995.

“Rebellion is already at work, but in secret. And the one who is holding it back has first to be removed, before the Rebel appears openly.”⁹

The Pope is the man who possesses a power and who restrains the rebellion and the lawless one (i.e., the man of iniquity; the one doomed to perdition; the Antichrist) by virtue of the “full power” with which Christ vested him in the office of the Papacy, and by means of which he “tends, rules and governs” the “whole” and “universal Church” with “supreme, full and immediate authority.”¹⁰ It is this papal office that for 2,000 years has kept the masses’ consciences formed and grounded in God’s sacred laws. To further illustrate this power and authority, consider the Church’s doctrinal statement of the 1st Vatican Council (1869-1870):

“...whoever succeeds to the chair of Peter obtains... the primacy of Peter over the whole Church. So that what the truth has ordained stands firm, and blessed Peter perseveres in the rock-like strength he was granted, and does not abandon the guidance of the Church which he once received...

*To him (the Roman Pontiff)... full power has been given by our Lord Jesus Christ to tend, to rule and govern the universal Church... Both clergy and faithful, of whatever rite and dignity, both singly and collective, are bound to submit to this power by the duty of hierarchical subordination and true obedience, and this not only in matters concerning faith and morals, but also in those which regard the discipline and government of the Church throughout the world... he is the supreme judge of the faithful...*¹¹

The 2nd Vatican Council (1962-1965) also declares:

*“The Bishops, when they are teaching in communion with the Roman Pontiff, are to be respected by all as witnesses to the divine and catholic truth... The religious assent of the will and intellect is to be given in a special way to the authentic teaching authority of the Pontiff even when he is not speaking ex cathedra.*¹²

One cannot but wonder if these Councils’ considerable emphasis on the powers and authority of the Roman Pontiff under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit that guided the decision of the first Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15:28) is a fortuitous reminder to the faithful in these End Times of the importance of the leadership of the Pope whose ‘full power’ restrains the rebellion and the Antichrist.

All papal power and authority come directly from Jesus Christ who revealed, “*Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly*

⁹ Ibid., March 17, 1993.

¹⁰ Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils, Vatican Council I, vol. II, Washington DC [1990], *De perpetuitate primatus beati Petri in Romanis pontificibus*, pp. cap. II-IV, p. 923).

¹¹ Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils, Vatican Council I, vol. II, op. cit., pp. cap. II-IV, pp. 813-815.

¹² Ibid., p. 869.

father. And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it” (Mt. 16.17-18). And today Christ’s teaching authority that abides in the magisterial teachings of the Pope and those Bishops in union with him, bears with it the promise of Christ: He who hears you, hears me; he who rejects you rejects me, he who rejects me, rejects Him who sent me” (Lk. 10. 16).

The Abomination of Desolation

This notwithstanding, Sacred Scripture reveals that in these End Times the lawless one – the Antichrist – will usurp papal authority, not on account of any action of the Pope, but on account of the rebellion already at work, which will empower the Antichrist to force him out of Rome. It is when Antichrist has his ephemeral victory, that we are reminded of the words of the Book of revelation 13:11: *“Then I saw another beast come up out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb's but spoke like a dragon. It wielded all authority...”*

Satan, who works through the Antichrist, will succeed for a time in controlling not only all wealth and resources this planet offers, but in snatching at equality with God by seizing through bloodshed and force the Petrine powers and authority that the Pope exercises over the “whole” and “universal Church.”

As to why God should permit Satan for a time to usurp papal authority, the answer is found in St. Paul’s Epistle: *“...the lawless one will be revealed, the one whose coming springs from the power of Satan in every mighty deed and in signs and wonders that lie, and in every wicked deceit for those who are perishing because they have not accepted the love of truth so that they may be saved. Therefore, God is sending them a deceiving power so that they may believe the lie, that all who have not believed the truth but have approved wrongdoing may be condemned” (2 Thes. 2:8-12).*

Secular and Catholic Social Media and the instrumentalization of Occult Forces

As to how Antichrist will usurp papal power and authority, Pope Pius XI intimates the answer when he writes of subversive secret organizations and the media:

“There is... explanation for the rapid diffusion of the communistic ideas now seeping into every nation, great and small, advanced and backward, so that no corner of the earth is free from them. This explanation is to be found in a propaganda so truly diabolical that the world has perhaps never witnessed its like before. It is directed from one common center. It is shrewdly adapted to the varying conditions of diverse peoples. It has at its disposal great financial resources, gigantic organizations, international congresses, and countless trained workers. It

makes use of pamphlets and reviews, of cinema, theater and radio, of schools and even universities. Little by little it penetrates into all classes of the people and even reaches the better-minded groups of the community, with the result that few are aware of the poison which increasingly pervades their minds and hearts.

A... powerful factor... is the conspiracy of silence on the part of a large section of the non-Catholic press of the world. We say conspiracy, because it is impossible otherwise to explain how a press usually so eager to exploit even the little daily incidents of life has been able to remain silent for so long... and that it should have relatively so little to say concerning a world organization... This silence is due in part to short-sighted policy, and is favored by various occult forces which for a long time have been working for the overthrow of the Christian Social Order.

When the Apostles asked the Savior why they had been unable to drive the evil spirit from a demoniac, Our Lord answered: 'This kind is not cast out but by Prayer and Fasting.' So, too, the evil which today torments humanity can be conquered only by a world-wide holy crusade of prayer and penance. We ask especially the contemplative Orders, men and women, to redouble their prayers and sacrifices to obtain from Heaven efficacious aid for the Church in the present struggle. Let them implore also the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Virgin who, having crushed the head of the serpent of old, remains the sure Protectress and Invincible 'Help of Christians.'"

If Pope Pius XI refrains from mentioning the name of this world organization that has one common center from which in a conspiracy of silence with the media that shrouds its identity, and favoured by occult forces, seeks the overthrow of the Christian Social Order", Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich and the True Life in God approved prophetic revelations do not.¹³ In her mystical visions Blessed Emmerich beheld this world organization and describes it in a work, entitled, *The Life and Revelations of Anne Catherine Emmerich*:

"I always see these 'Illuminati' in a certain connection with the coming of antichrist... For, by their secrets, by their injustice, they forward the accomplishment of the mystery of iniquity."¹⁴

"I see new martyrs, not of the present but of the future... I saw the secret society¹⁵ undermining the great Church (St. Peter's) and near them a horrible beast that arose out of the sea."¹⁶

¹³ *Divini Redemptoris*, Pope Pius XI, Encyclical Letter on Atheistic Communism promulgated on March 19, 1937, nn. 17, 18, 59.

¹⁴ Anne Catherine Emmerich, *The Life of Christ*, vol. 1, Tan Books, Rockford, 1976, p. 405.

¹⁵ Throughout her visions Blessed Emmerich specifically mentions the "Illuminati" and the "Freemasons" as secret societies most dangerous to the Catholic Church.

In the ecclesiastically approved True Life in God revelations Jesus reveals,

“Have you not read: ‘the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ - he is a liar, he is Antichrist and he is denying the Father as well as the Son, because no one who has the Father can deny the Son, and to acknowledge the Son is to have the Father as well;’ (1 Jn. 2:22-23)... Satan goes disguised as an angel of light to deceive many, and together with the Rebel (Freemasons) he will confer great honours on those who will acknowledge him, by giving them wide authority and by farming out the land at a price (Dn. 11:39); but I tell you truly, that soon heaven will open and My Fire will come down on them and consume them.”¹⁷

“...they are plotting against My House, reunion after reunion to put an end to Peter!”¹⁸

Alarming is the fact that these occult forces are presently availing themselves of the efforts of those Catholic television and social media outlets that publicly mock the Pope and demand his resignation. To the unawares of these Catholic outlets, whose demands for the Pope’s resignation set a precedent for other Catholics worldwide to follow, Satan is furthering his plan of removing the “restrainer,” that is, the Roman Pontiff, so as to set up his abomination of desolation in the sanctuary of God.

To their great misfortune and when it is too late and the veil has been removed from their eyes, they will sadly realize how Satan used their public attacks on the Pope to facilitate his deposition, which will lead to the end of the perpetual sacrifice and its replacement in the sanctuary of God with the abomination of desolation.

From the ecclesiastically approved writings of the Church’s saints and mystics, it is abundantly evident that Satan will succeed in illegitimately seizing papal power and authority in the following steps: An anti-Christian government will assume power and impose pagan laws and demand exigencies of the Church it cannot afford, e.g., in all likelihood the removal of all Church tax-exemption, the imposition upon churches of same-sex unions and upon Catholic hospitals of abortion, etc., which will force the vast majority of churches and departments of institutions to close (fulfilment of the Garabandal prophecies – see interview below) and desecrate the sanctuary of God by transforming the churches into casinos, night clubs, restaurants and resorts, removing the Tabernacle and the perpetual sacrifice and replacing it with the prophesied abomination (fulfilment of Dan. 9:27, 11:31, 12:11; Mt. 24:15).

¹⁶ Ibid., vol. 2, p. 290.

¹⁷ Vassula Rydén, True Life in God, bearing the *Imprimatur* and *Nihil Obstat*, Geneva 2005, message of April 19, 1992.

¹⁸ Ibid., Dec. 12, 1987.

Garabandal

These events are bolstered in the interview of October 19, 1982 by the seer of Garabandal, Spain, Mari Loli:

Question: *Do you remember what the Blessed Mother said about the communist tribulation that is to precede the Warning?*

Mari Loli: *... it would be very hard to practice the religion, for Priests to say Mass or for people to open the doors of the churches.*

Question: *Is that what you meant when you said that it would seem as though the Church had disappeared?*

Mari Loli: Yes.

Question: *It would be because of the persecution and not because the people would stop practicing their religion?*

Mari Loli: *Yes, but I guess a lot of people will stop. Whoever practices it will have to go into hiding.*

Prophecies on the illegitimate seizing of Papal Power and Authority

Blessed Anna-Maria Taigi (1769-1837 A.D.) was exceptionally endowed with many supernatural revelations that are ecclesiastically approved. She accurately predicted the deaths of famous personages and many historical events. On one occasion, she said of Pope Leo XIII who lay on his deathbed, *“the Pope will not die, but Monsignor Strambi should prepare himself since he has offered his life for the Pope and Our Lord has accepted his generous offering.”* Miraculously, within a few days Pope Leo XIII, who was in the worst of health, made a total recovery, while Monsignor Strambi, who was enjoying the best of health, died. Blessed Anna-Maria prophesied the exile of the Roman Pontiff:

*“Religion shall be persecuted, and Priests massacred. Churches shall be closed, but only for a short time. The Holy Father shall be obliged to leave Rome.”*¹⁹

¹⁹ Blessed Anna-Maria Taigi, in *Catholic Prophecy*, p.45. Although the Pope may have to flee Rome and remain in exile and, as St. Pope Pius X says, there die a cruel death, he will be succeeded by another validly elected Pope. Blessed Anna-Maria Taigi describes the events that culminate in a new, valid papal election. After the Church has been without a Pope for some time, a new conclave will be convened to elect his valid successor: *“After the three*

St. Pope Pius X (1835-1914 A.D.) reaffirms Blessed Anna-Maria's vision:

*"I saw one of my successors taking to flight over the bodies of his brethren. He will take refuge in disguise somewhere; and after a short retirement [exile] he will die a cruel death."*²⁰

*"The present wickedness of the world is only the beginning of the sorrows which must take place before the end of the world."*²¹

Venerable Bartholomew Holzhauser (1613-1658 A.D.) reveals that during the persecution Rome will be devastated:

*"God will permit a great evil against the Church: Heretics and tyrants will come suddenly and unexpectedly; they will break into the Church while Bishops, prelates and Priests are asleep. They will enter Italy and lay Rome waste; they will burn down the churches and destroy everything."*²²

In the approved messages of Our Lady of La Salette the Blessed Virgin Mary revealed to the two children Melanie Calvat and Maximin Giraud, *"Rome will lose the faith and become the seat of Antichrist."*²³

The aforementioned ecclesiastically approved True Life in God prophetic revelations underscore the present-day diabolic plan to oust the Pope, aided by Catholics (emphasis added), seize papal power and authority and replace the perpetual sacrifice with an abomination:

"I have been saying to all of you that your generation has apostatised and that this apostasy would creep into the heart of My Sanctuary affecting Priests, Bishops and cardinals... those apostates who are betraying My Church and are opposing My chosen one, the Vicar of My Church, who holds their rebellion back... it has been said that, for a time, two times, and a half time, My people would be under their persecution and the dominion of the beast... to remove the Perpetual Sacrifice, trample it underfoot and crush it and in its place erect the disastrous abomination, a lifeless image... today you are all watching how these prophecies

days of darkness, St. Peter and St. Paul, having come down from heaven [understood in a metaphoric sense] will preach in the whole world and designate a new Pope. A great light will flash from their bodies and will settle upon the cardinal who is to become Pope. Christianity, then, will spread throughout the world" (Ibid.).

²⁰ If the pontiff will die "a cruel death," it is not a death without God's divine assistance. Some of the greatest spiritual giants underwent deaths deemed by many in a certain sense as cruel, beginning with Jesus Christ himself.

²¹ Saint Pope Pius X, 20th century, in *Catholic Prophecy*, p.22.

²² Venerable Bartholomew Holzhauser, *Apocalypsin*, 1850, in *Catholic Prophecy*, Ibid., p.40.

²³ Message of Our Lady of LaSalette dated September 19, 1846. After a thorough investigation, the Bishop of Grenoble ruled in favor of the La Salette apparitions.

are being fulfilled; influenced by the beast, these apostates²⁴ are making war on every saint I am sending you, proving today to be the stronger, and as for those²⁵ who reject My calls of today with no reason at all, in My Day they will make this confession:

‘O Lord, we have been blind and we have sinned, we have indeed wronged You and we have betrayed your commandments and your Law; we have refused to listen to your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your Name to all the world; Lord, we have not listened to Your Merciful Calls nor taken any counsel; God, we paid no attention to Your manifest signs, we have been ridiculing all of them because we have sinned against you; we flouted Scriptures, had we not, we would have accepted Your Sign in heaven²⁶ and the gifts of your Holy Spirit, but we turned our eyes away not to see lest we see and get converted; and the curse and imprecation written in Scriptures will come pouring down on us now – because we have indeed sinned against You; and now, now that the Holy Sacrifice has been abolished to whom can we turn to? on what can we feed our souls? how could we quench our thirst? how could we obtain Life now? all the desolation of the abomination You predicted, but kept secret, has now come true; our distress is unparalleled since we first came into existence.’²⁷

The following True Life in God prophetic revelations emphasize the importance of remaining united with the Pope, who restrains this abomination. Jesus reveals, “*Never has My Church been in such a confusion... it is reigning in confusion... they have been so misled by Satan; he blinded them... in their delusion... they disregarded My Peter too and the authority I Myself have given him upon all My lambs... they are scheming against My foundation... they are plotting against My House, reunion after reunion, to put an end to Peter.*”²⁸

The Blessed Virgin Mary reveals, “*Be a true witness of the Gospel by the warmth and glow of light in your heart; be a witness for Jesus by bearing His Cross with Him; be a witness for the Church by being constant in your faith and by being united with Christ’s Vicar; never allow your tongues to slip; be perfect as the Lord is perfect; let it show that you are indeed the first-fruits of God’s great Love.*”²⁹

“This is the reign of darkness; remain faithful to the House of God and keep the Traditions that have been taught to you and listen to My beloved and blessed Vicar of

²⁴ Vassula adds: “The apostates are those, according to Our Lord, ecclesiastics influenced by the freemasons. These apostates are noted in Rv. 13:11. They are as the second beast, alias the false prophet.”

²⁵ Vassula adds: “The good shepherds, but skeptical and closed.”

²⁶ Vassula’s note: “Mt. 24:30; Dn. 7:13-14. The manifestation from the Holy Spirit, that comes now, with power, gathering God’s people. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is a Heavenly Sign to renew the Church, in other words to establish the New Jerusalem.”

²⁷ TLIG message of Dec. 20, 1993.

²⁸ TLIG message of Dec. 12, 1987.

²⁹ TLIG message of Oct. 10, 1990.

My Son; every Priest has been given the grace by God to act and represent My Son; and so I pray for those who are not yet submitting humbly to the Vicar of the Church, to submit and be willing; Jesus is Faithful and True; imitate your God, He Who is Perfection; be perfect by imitating Him in His Humility, His Submissiveness, His Obedience, His Docility, so that you too may receive the greater gifts of Suffering and Mortification, all of which will lead you to sanctity and into His Sacred Heart: your Abode.³⁰

Jesus reveals, “Do you recall the vision I had given you of the vipers crawling all over the Holy Sacraments of the altar? Have I not revealed to you how many of them oppose My Pope, and how they push him aside? **I have already given you a detailed account of the Rebellion inside My Church;**³¹

“We are sharing My Passion for the following reasons, My child... for **the insincerity that reigns around those who surround My Vicar**, for the insincerity that reigns among those who cry out for Peace and Unity but remain lifeless to their word, for those who suffocate the Voice of My Holy Spirit and for all those who continue to live in great wickedness under these skies; beloved, repair for all those souls who lead Me hour after hour on the road to Calvary, all these reparations are not in vain.”³²

The Pope’s universal teaching authority

The charism of infallibility that Jesus Christ directly communicated to the Pope for the spiritual welfare of the faithful is an exercise of the *extraordinary Magisterium* freely bestowed by Christ and is exercised *ex Cathedra* (from the Bishop of Rome’s St. John Lateran Cathedral) on revelations and issues of morals and faith.³³ The Vicar of Christ – the Roman pontiff – alone exercises the extraordinary Magisterium. Christ gave this charism to him so that the faithful may have the infallible assurance that what he teaches on morals and faith is indeed the unchanging Word of God, and not the word of man.

³⁰ Ibid., March 18, 1991.

³¹ Ibid., Feb. 19, 1993. Cf. TLIG messages of Sept. 12, 1990; June 2, 1991; June 6, 1991; June 27, 1991; July 16, 1991.

³² Ibid., March 2, 1990.

³³ The Apostles were commissioned by Christ to “go and teach all nations” (Mt. 28:19) and to “go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mk. 16:15). The means, therefore, established by Christ for the propagation of his teaching is not so much writing, but oral preaching, a living *Magisterium* (preaching and teaching office), to which he assures his personal assistance to the end of the world: “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world” (Mt. 28:20). These words also reveal that the Magisterium founded by Christ is entrusted to the apostolic college. This teaching authority which resides primarily in Peter, is shared by the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops, in communion with him.

The *ordinary Magisterium* is the episcopal sharing of this gift. Though the college of Bishops may “participate” in the exercise of the pontiff’s supreme gift of infallibility through a sharing in his singular authority, *their authority depreciates when divorced from it*. The laity, for their part, are to lend loyal respect to both the Pope and the Bishops in union with him.³⁴ Whence the Magisterium emerges as the teaching office of the Catholic Church expressed through the Pope and college of Bishops to enlighten its members on God’s revealed truths.

Therefore, when God’s prophets foretell a shepherdless Church they are not in contempt of papal or episcopal authority, but are alerting the faithful to a period in which the Pope will either be exiled and/or killed, and during his temporary vacancy, the office of papacy will be openly spurned and an invalid papal election may occur. Indeed the Church has experienced several invalid papal elections, including the 14th century schism in which the two Popes claimed the throne simultaneously. Needless to say, there can be only one validly reigning pontiff, not two. So one Pope was an imposter vested with false authority by a few nationalist cardinals who held an invalid conclave, namely Clement VII. What made this conclave invalid was the absence of the full body of cardinals and subsequently the required 2/3’s majority vote.

Other criteria that determine the validity of a papal election are the requirement that no conclave may be held in attempt to elect a Pope so long as the true Pope is alive, even in exile, and without his expressed consent. Therefore the prophecies predicting the Pope’s flight or exile from Rome do not signify the Pope’s resignation from office, nor does it validate an attempted papal election in his absence. God never leaves his flock untended, but on account of sin he tests his flock for a short period as gold is tested in the fire in order that it may emerge purer, holier and with a stronger faith.

It is my hope that the information herein provided may encourage you to remain loyal to Christ and to the authentic Magisterium of his Vicar on earth Pope Francis upon whom he conferred full power and authority over the universal Church.

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³⁴ *Lumen Gentium*, 25; Ccc, 2034, 2039.