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Inside view

It appears that the onslaught is now relentless. No sooner have we dispatched with the Lisbon Treaty than new threats emerge to undermine the integrity of Irish society.

One of these poses an extremely serious and immediate danger and should be the focus of all our attentions. It involves an attempt by British politicians to have abortion "legalised" in the Six-Counties by Christmas. This attack is so openly brazen and unsubtle that it almost defies description, and although individuals close to *The Hibernian* have been hinting at its possibility for some time, people by and large are surprised and shocked at the development.

Despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of people in the North have consistently opposed the extension of the 1967 British Abortion Act to the Six-Counties, the promoters of the Liberal/Masonic Agenda have refused to take NO for an answer.

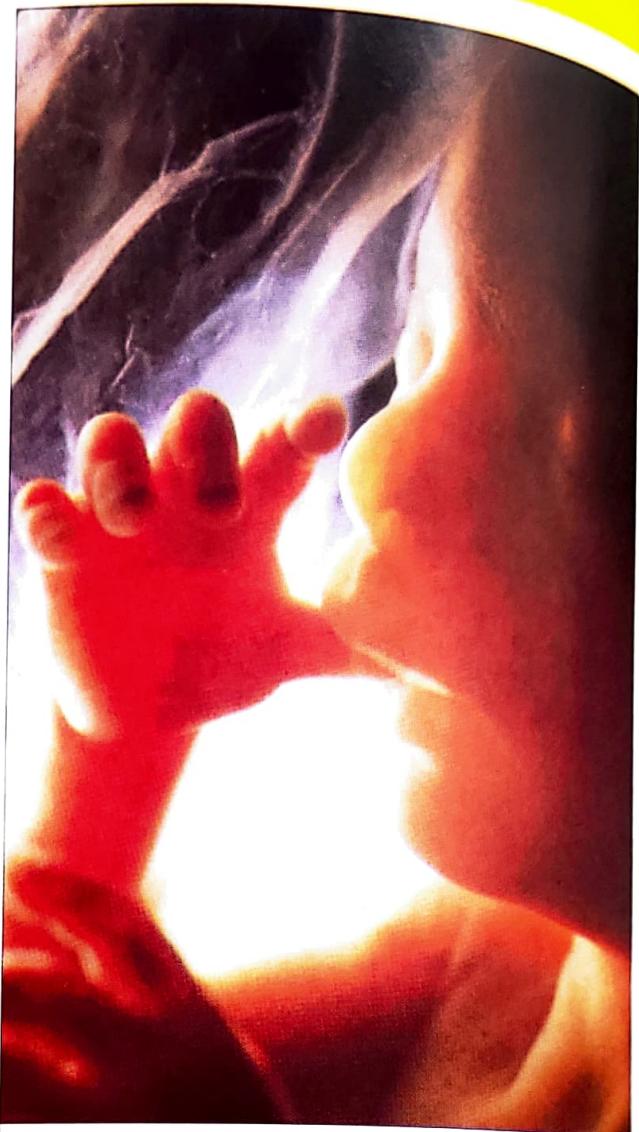
The latest manoeuvre came to light in late July when the British Labour MP Diane Abbot tabled a motion, with cross party support, to



have Britain's liberal abortion laws extended to the North. The move was effected just as the British parliament lifted for its summer recess, with the result that the motion will not be discussed until October. The plan is to have legalised abortion railroaded into the North by Christmas, thereby allowing the opening of clinics to kill Irish babies on Irish soil by the end of the year.

Hot on the heels of this announcement came the latest "recommendations" from the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva calling on the Irish government to bring abortion laws into line with other countries and to see to it that, in the interests of secularisation, the Catholic ethos be effectively removed from schools across the Twenty-Six Counties.

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HUMANITY: An unborn baby sucks his thumb

Ireland, North and South, is now under a full scale assault from the forces of international militant secularism. No quarter will be shown in this attempt to totally eradicate religious culture in our society. We are now in an all out fight for survival.

Vocal leadership from the Irish Catholic Hierarchy is now urgently required. The Bishops, particularly those from the Northern Sees, must rally the faithful in this endeavour. Even minimal effort from them will prevent abortion becoming a reality here and they can be sure of our total support.

On another level there is now an urgent need for the establishment of an all-Ireland Catholic political party or movement, one that will openly, actively and successfully defend the Catholic ethos in society in the face of such vicious and relentless attacks.

Above all else, our victory lies in the power of prayer and *The Hibernian* urges people to become involved in our National Rosary Campaign and to turn-up at the Hill of Slane in October for the annual gathering. Catholic Ireland must not fall.

RED ALERT!

If ever proof was needed that the British occupation of Ireland is intrinsically evil then it's now there for all to see.

For centuries the British establishment has been trying to exterminate the Irish Race through wars, forced famine and emigration. For the same period we have resisted by clinging stubbornly to our Catholic Faith and Irish way of life.

Once again, we are called upon to protect our people from cruel and unjust British laws. Against the wishes of the Irish people, British politicians, from parties that do not field candidates in any part of Ireland, are intent upon forcing abortion upon the Six-Counties, which will affect all of Ireland. If they get their way, Catholic border cities like Newry and Derry will become slaughter-houses for the entire Thirty-Two Counties. Through abortion the British government

intends to let the Irish exterminate themselves.

All Catholic Nationalist Patriots must immediately rally to this cause. We must give our total support to organisations such as SPUC and Precious Life and mobilise in protest on the streets in our hundreds of thousands. This is literally a life or death issue and the British simply cannot be allowed to win.

Everyone can start right away by praying that this current British government, which is utterly dominated by pro-abortion feminists and pushers of the homosexual agenda, collapses before it can implement its vile plan this autumn.

If the British were not in Ireland we would not be facing this potential holocaust and *The Hibernian* demands an immediate British withdrawal from the north-east of our country. A free and independent Ireland will never tolerate the killing of unborn children for profit or ideology.

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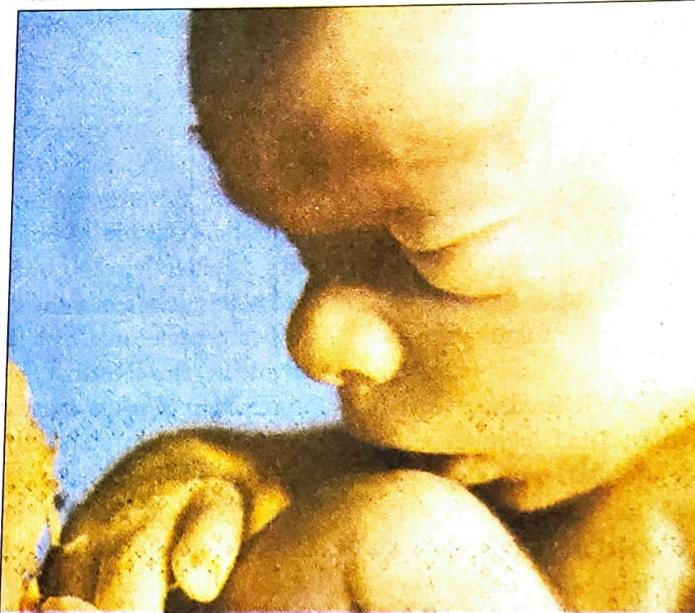
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SODOM AND BEGORRAH

First moves are being made to have homosexual "marriage" legalised in the Twenty-Six Counties.

Thanks to the enthusiastic lobbying of both the SDLP and Sinn Féin parties (nearly always exclusive of the Catholic vote during elections), the examination was "legalised" under Irish law in the Six-Counties in January 2007 and homosexual couples have been trying to have similar legislation enacted in the South ever since.

In June, the last government published the texts of a proposed Bill on Civil Partnership for self-claimed lesbians and homosexuals. Meanwhile, the Department of Justice has invited interested

parties to comment on the proposed legislation, which is being developed as a mechanism that would eventually allow active sodomites to have direct access to little children via adoption.

Catholic Nationalists must swallow this if it happens. In the coming weeks and months, all the local Parishes should contact their local political representatives and make it clear to them to no uncertain terms that they must oppose this legislation if they want the continued support of the Catholic vote. We have seen what we can do to end the Lisbon Treaty. Let us now extend that power to undermining the Masonic Liberal Agenda at work in Ireland itself.



HAPPY VOTERS



A recent opinion poll has shown that the majority of Irish voters are happy with the outcome of the Lisbon Treaty referendum.

Out of 2,000 adults polled, fifty-four per cent said that they were happy with the NO vote, as opposed to 34 per cent who said they were

unhappy and 11 per cent who were still undecided.

Significantly, one in three of those who voted YES in the City stated that they were happy with the final result. It may be inferred from this that a second referendum would be even greater support for the Lisbon Treaty.

“IN THE NAME O’ GOD!”

Leading Sinn Féin politician Martin McGuinness, who doubles as Britain's so-called Deputy First Minister in the Six-Counties, showed his true colours in the course of a recent radio interview.

Responding to an earlier comment by a fellow Stormont MLA that, in the context of the abortion debate, the duty of government was to “uphold God's moral law”, an indignant McGuinness blustered that God should be taken out of politics altogether.

Not content with this outburst, the Deputy First Minister, who describes himself as a Catholic, went on to display a contemptuous ignorance of elementary religious understanding when he arrogantly asked “which God” was in question. “Was it the Presbyterian God, the Church of Ireland God, the God Catholics adhere to, the Islamic God...”? His fulmination was met with disbelief by stunned listeners, several of whom, The Hibernian understands, later inundated Sinn Féin with protest calls.

In a clumsy attempt to rectify this gaff, which drew ire from letter writers in Northern daily papers, McGuinness tried to establish his reli-

gious credentials in a singularly bizarre fashion. Several days after the interview, a British Army “padre” in Afghanistan let it be known that the Deputy First Minister had indicated to him that he was praying for Her Majesty's boys in Afghanistan.

That a politician who built his reputation on being an uncompromising IRA commander should reveal that he prays for the well-being of the British Army will hardly sit well with Northern Irish Republicans, whose instinctive sympathies in this instance would lie with Terry Taliban.

That said, there is a growing perception of McGuinness that he is quite at ease in British and Unionist circles. While he displays a relentless aggression towards fellow Republicans outside of Sinn Féin's “golden circle”, and does nothing to assist those still being persecuted by the British in the North, the Deputy First Minister is constantly at hand to “sort out” other trouble spots around the world; places that are for the most part a legacy of British misrule.

Observers note that his latest trip to Iraq, in July, in order to give his “expertise”



to the government there, could only have been facilitated with the help of the British military. It would have been an opportunity for him to tell them first hand not only to get out of Ireland, but to get out of Iraq as well. There are no reports of him having done so.

The Sinn Féin politician applies the same double stan-

dards to his Faith as well. While proclaiming himself a devout Catholic when it suits, he misses no opportunity to promote the homosexual agenda, as evidenced by his participation in last year's homosexual “pride” march in Derry. It may be the case that Martin believes that God should be taken out of religion as well as politics.

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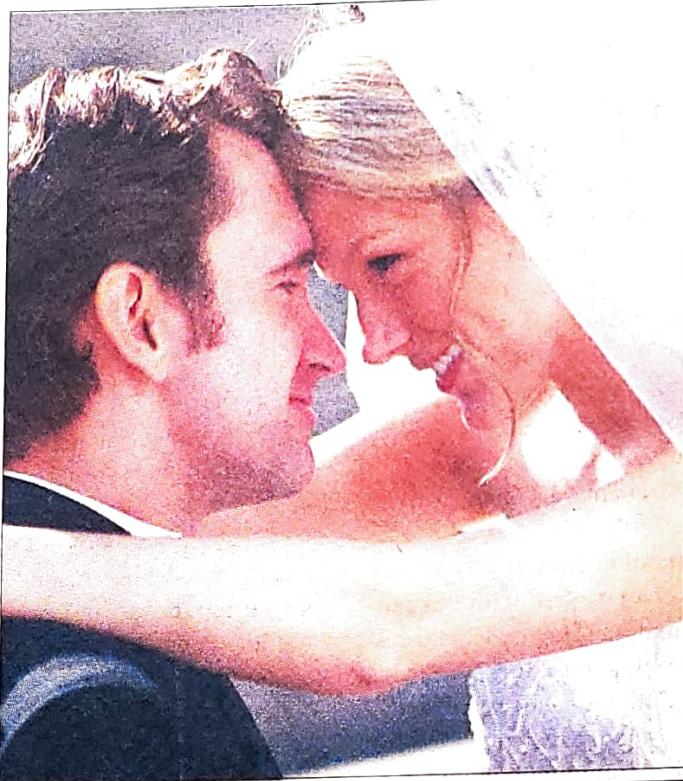
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TREOIR Ó SHASANA?



Pádraig Ua Corbaidh

Anseo in Éirinn tá sé de nós ag a lá againne ómós as cuimse a thabhairt do Shasana. Rudai a tharlaonn i Sasana déanaimid aithris orthu sa tir seo. Feach ar chuid de na dlithe a chuirtear i bhfeidhm ag paraimint na 26-Col

Ach fós tá teoiric agam go bhfuil a lá ag breath ar Shasana. Má's taimid anois ag leanúint droch-shampla ó Shasana, cuir i gceas go raibh Sasana ina thir thior-Chaitliceach. Seana go mbeadh an teachtareacht cheart ag teacht ón tir sin. Ansin bheadh an ómós thusas lusaithe tuillte. Níl aon dul amú orm! Tá a thios agam go maith gur Caithleachigh ón tir sin a rinne ionradh ar an tir seo. Agus mar thoradh ar an ionradh sin tá an thadhbh agam go dtí an lá atá inniu ann.

Is mó atá ag breath ar phaidreoiríreacht. Tá a cumhacht abhaladhó. Ni bheadh sé amú paidir a rá ar son an "tsean namhadt". Ach ar ndóigh is ag gúi go niomródh na daoine don thioe Chreideann a bheadh muid.

Ní ar son cumhactha polaitiúla nó chumhactha mileata. Agus leis seo tá an phaidir. Bígí ag guí!

Paidir ar son Shasana

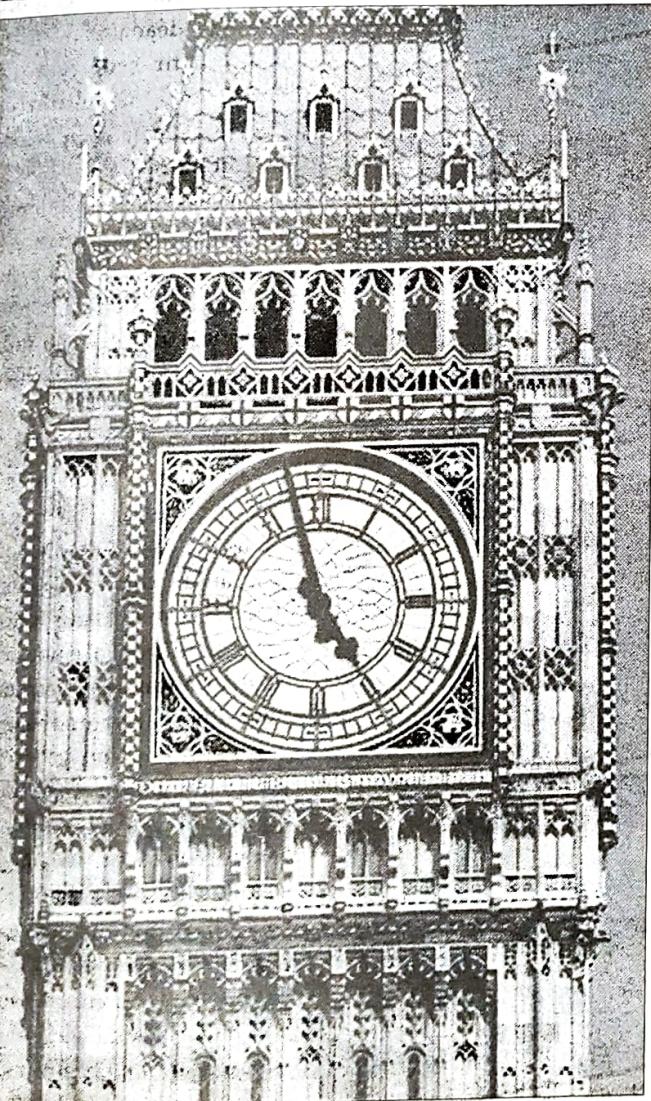
A Mhaighdean Bheannaithe, Muire, Mathair Dé, ár mBanríon agus ár Máthair ró-cheansa, féach anuas go trócaireach ar Shasana, do spré, agus orainne go léir a gcuireann ár mór-dhóchas agus ár muinín asat. Is tríotsa a rugadh Iosa ár Slánaitheoir agus ár ndóchas don domhan, thug Seisean tusa dúinn, ionas go mbeadh dóchas níos mó againne. Déan idirghuí ar son do chlainne, a tugadh duit agus

a ghlac tú leo ag bun na Croise, a Mháthair bhrónai.

Guigh ar son ár mbráithre atá scartha uainn, ionas go mbeidh siad aontaithe linn san Aon Fhíor-Thréad Amháin faoi cheannas an Phriomh-Aoire, Biocaire do Mhic. Guigh orainne uile, a Mháthair dhílis, ionas trí chreideamh, agus de dheasca ár ndea-oibreacha, go mb'fhiú sinn Dia a fheiceáil agus a mholadh, in éineacht leat, inár dteaghlaach Neimhe. Amen.

(*Logha 300 lá gach uair. Lán-logha uair amháin mhí, faoi na gnáth-choinníollacha.*)

(*Aistriúchán ón mBéarla atá sa phaidir.*)



Gluais

Treoir - guidance, direction

ómós as culmse - excessive respect

altruis - imitation

teolric - theory

ag brath - depending

ag leanúint - following

droch-shampla - bad example

teachtaireacht - message

thuas luaite - above mentioned

túllite - earned

ionradh - invasion

mar thoradh - as a result

an fhadhb - the problem

ar phaldreireacht - on prayer (act of)

ábhalmhór - immense

ar son an "tsean-namhad" - for the "old-enemy"

go n-lompód na daoine - that the world would convert

a mhaighdean Bheannaithe - Oh Blessed Virgin

ár mBanríon - our Queen

ró-cheansa - most gracious

go trócaireach - mercifully

spré - dowry

ár mór-dhóchas - our great hope

ár muinín - our confidence

idirghuí - intercession

a mháthair bhrónai - oh sorrowful mother

ár mbráithre - our brothers

atá scartha uainn - that are separated from us

aontaithe linn - united with us

F(h)íor Thréad - True Fold

faol cheannas - subject to

an P(h)riomh-Aoire - the Chief Shepherd

Biocaire do Mhic - Vicar of your Son

de dheasca - in consequence of

ár ndea-oibreacha - our good works

go mb'fhiú sinn - that we may be worthy

inár dteaghlaach nelmhe - in our Heavenly home

Logha - indulgence

Lán-logha - Plenary indulgence

gnáth-choinníollacha - usual conditions

aistriúchán - translation

MOTU PROPRIO: ONE YEAR LATER

When His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI was elected Pope in 2005, Catholics around the world had varying reactions.

Some rejoiced to see a conservative, traditional minded Pope being selected while others were dismayed as they foresaw the decline in the modernisation of the Church. Our Holy Father has certainly not shied away from making his thoughts and opinions known on many issues and on July 7th 2007, the rumours that he was outstretching an olive branch to traditional Catholics became reality with the publication of the Motu Proprio, allowing the Tridentine Latin Mass to be celebrated in every church without the permission of the local bishop. This was the day which many traditional Catholics had prayed for and it seemed our prayers were being answered. Now, one year on, what changes have come about? Is there more freedom for the Latin Mass in our country and is it more widely available?

Pope Benedict XVI is the true successor to Peter, the first Pope chosen by Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. As Jesus said when He chose Peter, 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my



Martina Caffrey

Church...whatever you bind on earth will be considered bound in Heaven, whatever you loose on earth will be considered loosed in Heaven.' (Matthew 16:18-20) This was a very significant moment in the history and establishment of the Church. God Himself was announcing that power was to be put in the hands of a human, in Peter's hands, as head of the Church. It is from this statement of Christ that the basis of the dogma of papal infallibility stems. We therefore owe obedience and respect to our Holy Father as he has been chosen by God to lead His Church. It is worrying then when you see and hear of Catholics who refuse to accept the authority of the Pope. We have seen opposition to the Pope rise in many parts of the world among liberals and traditionalists alike and it is disturbing to see. We should always be vigilant

that we stay under the authority of the Pope and not wander astray. The Pope is the Vicar of Christ, Christ's representative on earth and we should respect his authority as we would of Christ.

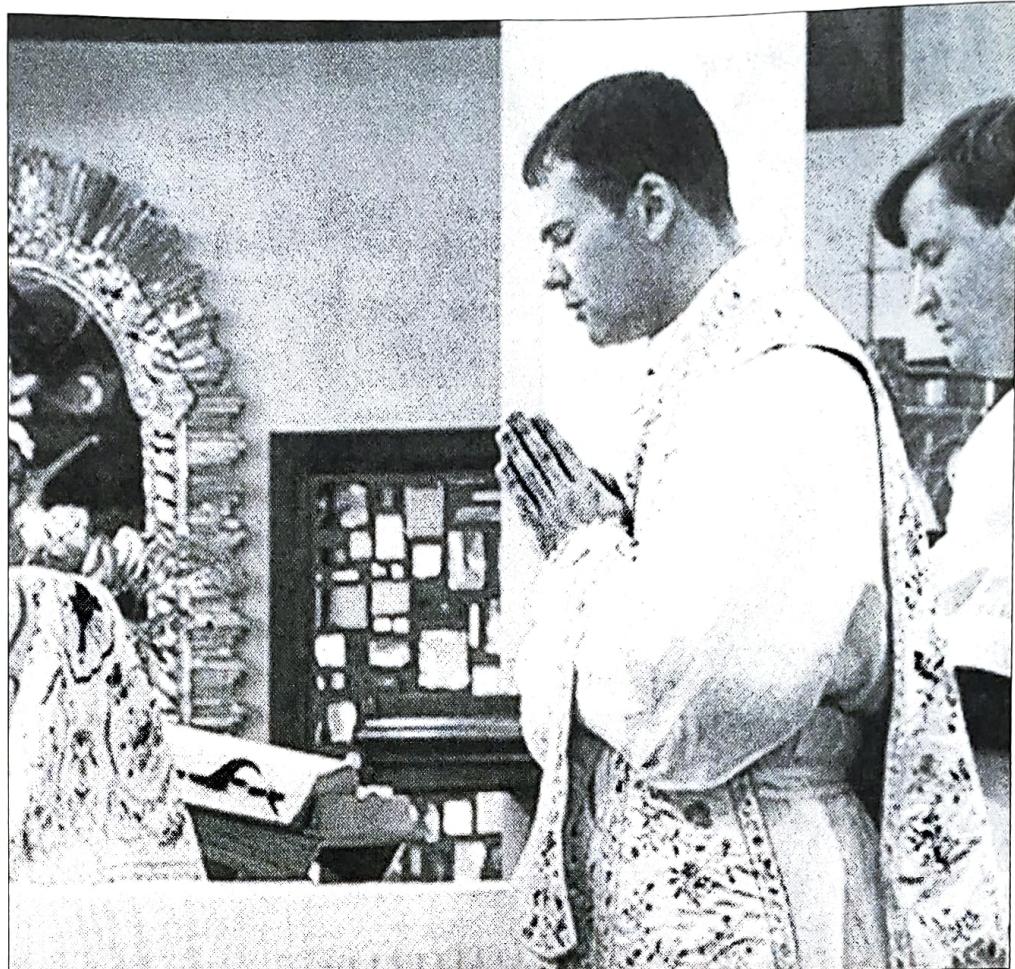
The Motu Proprio, has brought some of this disobedience to light in the year since it was published. We have seen bishops in America and England publicly refuse to accept the relaxation of the restrictions on the Tridentine rite. Many liberals in the Church are outspoken in their belief that the Pope is trying to bring the Church back into the 'Dark Ages'. They see the Motu Proprio as an attack on Vatican II and an attempt to undo all the 'progress' that has been made since then. In response to this, the Vatican has promised to publish a

document clarifying some of the confusion surrounding the Motu Proprio but we are still waiting for this to be released. In the year since the Motu Proprio, we have seen the Pope gently steer the Church back to the idea of the sacred and spiritual aspect of the Mass. He has spoken of his dislike of modern Church music preferring organ music or Gregorian chant. He has spoken of his belief that Vatican II went too far removing the sacredness of the liturgy. In recent weeks, he has officially announced and demonstrated that he prefers the Church to return to the more spiritual and humble attitude of receiving Communion on the tongue while kneeling. If you wish to receive Communion from the Pope, this is how you must receive it. All these

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incidents along with the publication of the Motu Proprio show that Our Holy Father is trying to gently steer the Church back to the traditional practise of our faith which has never been compromised and is present in the Tridentine rite.

This leads back to the question which I posed at the beginning, what progress has been made to reintroduce the Latin Mass into our country following the publication of the Motu Proprio. One year on, I think there has been some movement but not as much as many of us wished for. Opposition to the Latin Mass has been reported all over the country and it is not just among our bishops but among many of our priests. One priest I know said that they were afraid to let the Latin Mass into the parish as they thought that it would take people away from the Novus Ordo Mass. This is the misconception and fear among our clergy that is restricting the Latin Mass from taking root. Having sought, in my own area of Meath, for a regular Latin Mass, I have to admit I was beginning to despair of ever having a regular Latin Mass to attend. In recent months however, there are have been some developments and I am happy to say that we have made some progress. Fr. Michael Cahill in Batterstown, Co. Meath may be known to some in this part of the country as he has celebrated the Latin Mass, with our Bishop's permission, for a group of us a few times a year, even before the Motu Proprio was rumoured to be



coming. Many of us however longed to have the Latin Mass on a more regular basis and in the last year, we have made progress on this. Fr Cahill is now able to have the Latin Mass in his parish once a month and he is in contact with several priests who are willing to learn how to celebrate the Tridentine rite or who are already able to do so. One of these priests is Fr. David Jones based in Duleek, a small village not far from our offices here in Drogheda. He is currently celebrating the Latin Mass in his house in Duleek for a small group of us every Sunday. As his house is small and there is not enough room to hold all the people in the area who are looking to attend this sacrifice of the Mass, we are cur-

rently looking for a church in which we can hold the Mass every Sunday. As you can see, one year has brought a change that we never dreamed could happen. Through prayer and perseverance a lot can be achieved.

I am relating this not in an attempt to boast of our success but as an inspiration to those who wish to have a regular Latin Mass in their areas. What I can suggest is that you should speak to like minded people in your area. Try to find out how many people would commit to regular attendance to a Latin Mass. Approach your parish priest gently. Don't rush in and demand that he set up a Latin Mass for you now. Talk to him. Let him know that you are interested in the

Latin Mass and that there are a number of you who would like to have one in the area. Ask him if he would approach the bishop for you, if he is unable to celebrate the Latin Mass himself as unfortunately most of our priests are untrained to do so. The bishop should know or be able to find a priest who would be willing to help. Don't push for weekly Latin Mass at first as it may seem too demanding but ask for a regular Mass once a month or once a fortnight. Don't demand that one of the current Masses in the parish be changed to a Latin Mass. Try to be considerate of the priest and the other parishioners who may not like this idea. Let the priest be the one to suggest this. Be prepared for

disappointment but keep praying. Unfortunately this may not work for you as there are some priests who will completely oppose the Latin Mass being introduced. You may need to make enquiries and travel some distance to find a Latin Mass. We have to obey our priests and bishops and if they refuse to help there is not much we can do. It is possible to appeal to the Ecclesia Dei in the Vatican but as one priest warned us, this may cause more damage than help as the bishops do not like their authority to be overlooked like this. Above all, pray for this intention and ask Our Lady to work on the hearts and minds of the priests and bishops to allow more celebration of the Latin Mass.

For any priests who are interested in celebrating the

Latin Mass, there are a variety of ways to learn the rite. Many Latin Mass organisations have instructional DVDs showing the priest how to celebrate the Tridentine Mass including the small details such as hand movements which may frighten off some as too complicated to learn. Priests in the diocese who already know how to celebrate the Latin Mass are usually willing to teach any other priests who wish to learn. In Donegal from Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th of August, Fr. John Emerson, a priest from the Fraternity of Saint Peter, is holding a formation course for those priests who wish to learn the Latin Mass. It costs £150 (£100) which includes two days full board for those who wish to travel to it. There has been a good response so far

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with priests coming from around the country and there are plans to hold further seminars later in the year if you are unable to make this session. For further details you should contact Proinnsias O Muireagain on 074-9737307. This course is being run with the full permission of the Bishop of Raphoe.

For those lay people who wish to learn more about the Latin Mass, there are many organisations that can be written to or websites giving information and books including missals to help you follow the Mass. Most of these are from booksellers in England such as Southwell Books or Baronius Press or America such as Angelus Press. They also sell books giving instruction on the traditional faith. With the dollar at such a low now compared to the euro, it works out at great value to buy books from these booksellers and publishers either over the internet or by post. Whether you are a newcomer to the Latin Mass, are brushing up on the Latin Mass from years gone by or if you have gone for years, everyone comes away from it spiritually enriched and we have to give thanks that this great gift has been allowed room to breathe again rather than be hidden away and limited to a select few. Maybe in years to come, the Motu Proprio will be seen as the beginning of the revival of the Catholic faith in Ireland and the world.



Will you come to the bower?



Will you come to the bower o'er the free boundless ocean
 Where the stupendous waves roll in thundering motion,
 Where the mermaids are seen and the fierce tempest gathers,
 To loved Erin the green, the dear land of our fathers.
 Will you come, will you, will you, will you come to the bower?

Chorus:

Will you come, will you, will you,
 Will you come to the bower?

2. Will you come to the land of O'Neill and O'Donnell
 Of Lord Lucan of old and immortal O'Connell.
 Where Brian drove the Danes and Saint Patrick the vermin
 And whose valleys remain still most beautiful and charming?

Chorus

3. You can visit Benburb and the storied Blackwater,
 Where Owen Roe met Munroe and his Chieftains did slaughter
 Where the lambs skip and play on the mossy all over,
 From those bright golden views to enchanting Rostrevor.

Chorus

4. You can see Dublin city, and the fine groves of Blarney
 The Bann, Boyne, and Liffey and the Lakes of Killarney,
 You may ride on the tide on the broad majestic Shannon
 You may sail round Loch Neagh and see storied Dungannon.

Chorus

5. You can visit New Ross, gallant Wexford, and Gorey,
 Where the green was last seen by proud Saxon and Tory,
 Where the soil is sanctified by the blood of each true man
 Where they died satisfied that their enemies they would not run from.

Chorus

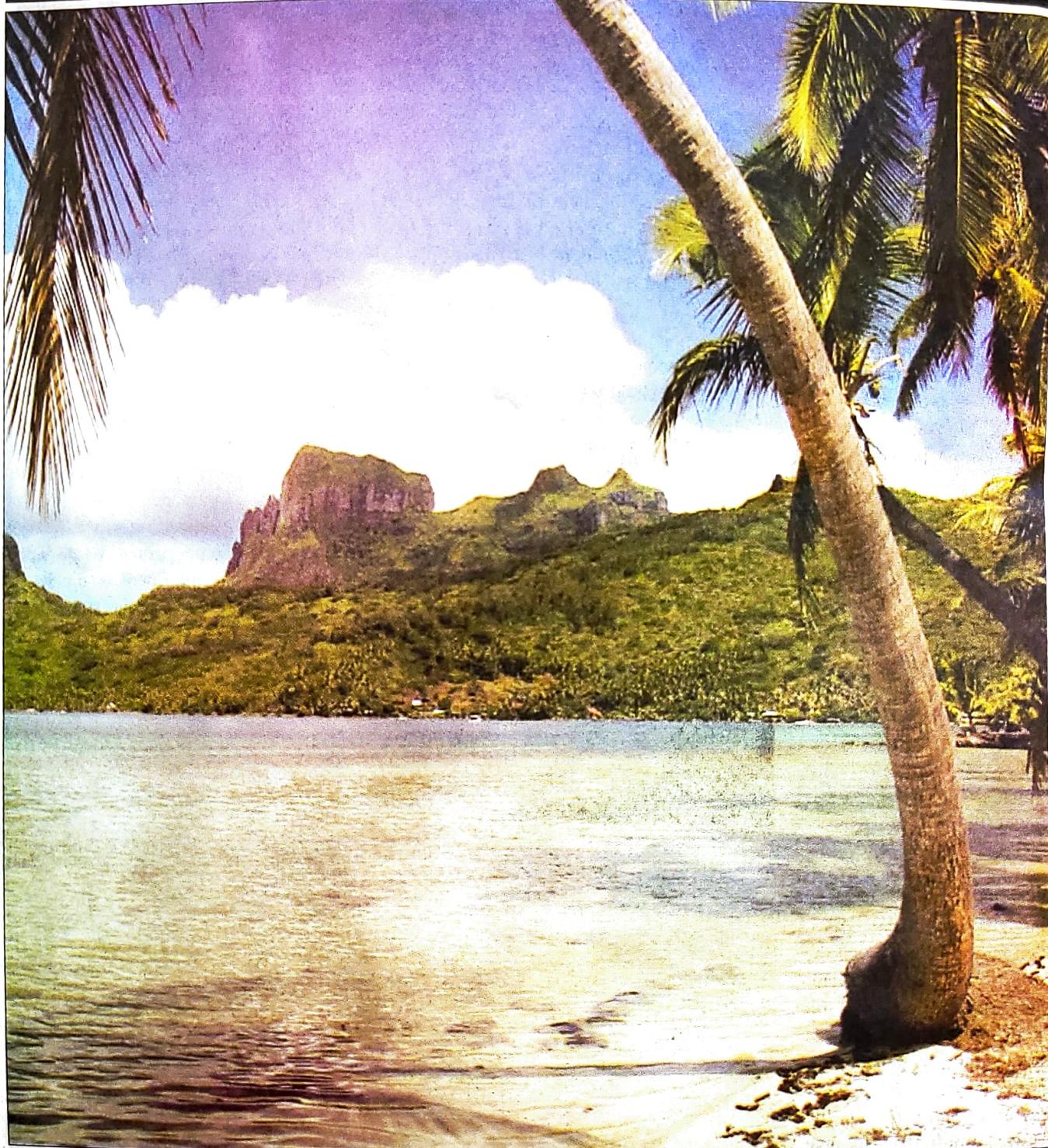
6. Will you come and awake our lost land from its slumber
 And her fetters we'll break, links that long are encumbered.
 And the air will resound with hosannahs to greet you
 On the shore will be found gallant Irishmen to greet you.

Chorus



NO MORE WORKING FOR A WEEK OR TWO

AUGUST WITH ALAN ROBINSON





Alan Robinson

I admit that I was stumped, trying to find a popular, light-hearted song with references to August.

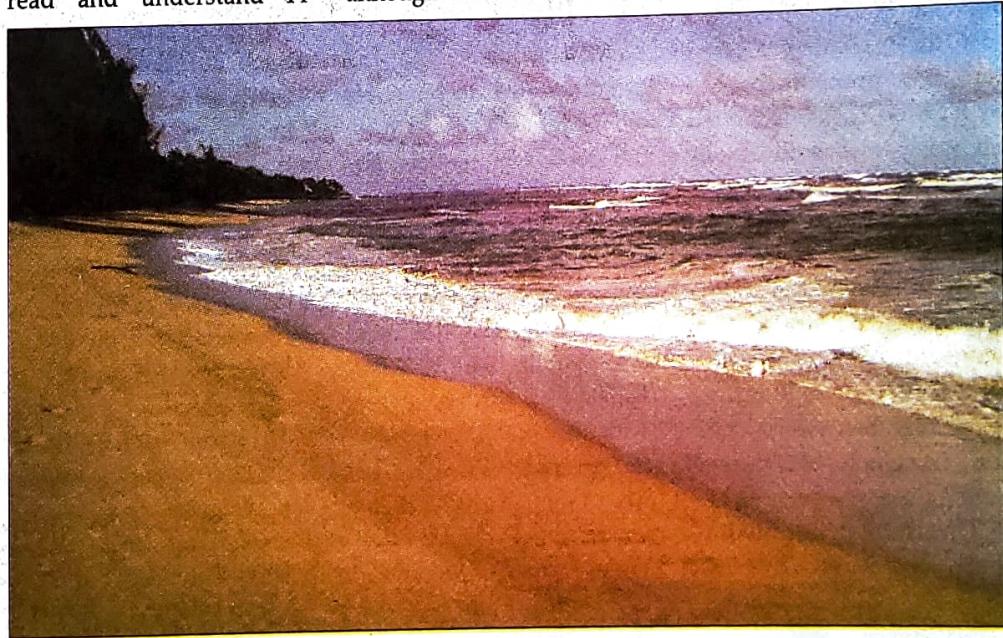
That great, classic film *Summer Holiday* starring the then youthful Cliff Richard came to mind with its lively title song and the use of a large red 'bus taking the occupants abroad; it did set my feet tapping. It made me sad, however, passing Easons last week to see large signs *Back To School*; I thought we'd really just got going with the holidays. Back to school could be a reminder that in these long, hot days, we *Hibernian* readers might give some more time to study and education. One of my favourite plays is *Forty Years On* and my poor children keep complaining when I quote, what to me seem hilariously funny lines, "The trouble with you Franklin is that you have a tendency to put ideas in the boys' heads. I thought that's what education meant. I never liked the word "education". I prefer the word "schooling", still what does it matter Such were Alan Bennett's comments in that great play or revue. When one of the Sitwell family had to give

some information about himself he put down: Education: In the holidays from Eton. We too can try to educate ourselves in the holidays, whether they are short or long, whether they are in the time-share in Bulgaria or on the beach at Bundoran. We are living in an increasingly anti-Catholic or non-Catholic world and that means that the newspapers, reviews, television, films, radio programmes are either ignoring the teaching of the Catholic church or attacking it. Does that mean that we should have a Catholic Paper, a Catholic Television station? I am not sure that it does. I do believe in the building of and longing for the Catholic state. There is a neo-conservative magazine in Ireland which I do not buy, but I have seen one copy in the last few years. They seem to love to attack anyone that they can find, whether it's bishops, catechetical programmes or Traditional Catholics [Pixie-chicks !]. They seem to have a real dislike of people who read and understand Fr

Denis Fahey's writings. They accuse him of wanting to build an earthly paradise, with regard to the Catholic state. It all seemed a bit sad, old and bitter, unlike the jolly, lively and uplifting tone of *The Hibernian*. They obviously don't understand Fr Fahey. His traditional and Catholic ideas about the state are simple. In a state where there is a strong majority of Catholics it is important that the institutions, means of social communication, entertainments reflect the Catholic faith of the population and are respectful of its principles. This means that where possible, things that lead us into temptation or put our faith in danger should be forbidden. This will never, given man's fallen nature, create an earthly paradise. It will help many souls to avoid some temptations against faith and morals. This does not mean that everything from the golf club to the Video hire shop has to be religious or "Catholic". We do grow up with un-catholic minds and although we can handle the

questions of faith, the questions of the world are quite hard. We can retreat into a pious split personality.

There are, as far as I can see, very few good traditional and Catholic Internet forums, but I know one. Two weeks ago they had a thread with the question "How do we form Catholic minds?" That means not how do we build up knowledge of doctrine or collect devotions and saints, it means how we judge, think about, use, listen to, buy the things around us in the temporal sphere. There can all too easily be a gap between religion and life; this was the reason for Ed Willock and Carol Jackson starting that literally brilliant magazine in the U.S.A. in the 1950s, *Integrity*. If you have back copies hidden away, find them and send them to me as soon as you can. On the forum there were a few interesting comments and ideas. Some people wrote about music. There is music that has a Catholic spirit, music that was written by people who had and in some cases



have a real Catholic faith and spirit. The music of the chant is a good start, the music of the Middle ages, the music of the baroque and classical periods. Let's not worry about Mozart's Masonic lodge membership, please. Music is free and listening to RTE Lyric can improve the mind and raise our drooping spirits.

We have plenty of Irish songs and one of their unusual qualities is how jolly they sound even when describing ghastly events. The Clancy brothers once said at a concert "Ireland is the land of happy war songs and sad love songs; (pause and noise) hit him again Johnny; there's one of the happy wars beginning" I think of the rollicking tune and words to the Orange song Dolly's Brae and what about: "now for black Fitzwilliam's head, we'll send it over, dripping red, to Queen Liza and the ladies" that we sing in that lively and colourful song Follow Me Up To Carlow. The terrifying and gloomy words of The Black and Tan Gun in 1966 were set to a lively showband waltz tune and promptly banned by RTE. We Irish often reflect on grisly events in a jolly way. Maybe that's all part of Catholic culture. I think of the popular Saturday afternoon RTE Walton's Programme, which ended with the words "Remember wherever you go to sing an Irish song" and then a quick cut to the stirring notes of O'Donnell Abu played by a brass band.

Our children need to hear and see things that are reflecting Catholic history

and heritage. I took some fine young children to Dublin a few weeks ago and we had a free and improving day. The National Museum of Ireland [Collins Barracks and Kildare Street] have exhibits that show the true greatness of the Irish Catholic heritage and I think of the Ardagh chalice, the Cross of Cong and some later medieval statues, carvings and silver work. All this free! We then went to Stephen's Green and eagerly and hungrily munched our sandwiches as we listened to a small and informal concert of good music from the string sextet. We then walked to Merrion Square and had an hour - any longer would have been asking for trouble - in the National Gallery where we could see the early European painters, Daniel Macleise's mammoth and romantic Marriage Of Strongbow and so much else. Now I am not writing this in the spirit of a holiday postcard. I want to show how we can soak up Catholic art, culture, history both national and international easily and with little cost.

What about books? The problem is that there are far too many and it is hard to see the wood from the trees. The writers on the forum I mentioned singled out some good ones and it is helpful when we can say "anything by...." Writers who come to mind are people like Fr Denis Fahey [worth struggling with, we can start with his little pamphlet: *Apology For My Life's Work*] Dom Gueranger, Fr Faber, Belloc, Hugh Ross Williamson, R.H.Benson, Fr John Kearney

C.S.Sp., Dom Eugene Boylan, anything by Fr Edward Leen C.S.Sp. I must be careful because the review which I earlier mentioned really slated a *Hibernian* writer because he gave a list of Irish writers without comments which showed he knew nothing about the books. He had made a bad mistake of mentioning, as a writer, Fr John Sullivan S.J., who like Fr William Doyle S.J. wrote next to nothing, but who are both immortalised by their biographies. Fr Leen's work is thoroughly Catholic and wrote in a most elegant and beautiful style, but not particularly easy.

Again I recommend John Senior a modern American teacher and writer whose two books *The Death of Christian Culture* and *The Restoration of Christian Culture* have been re-printed by HIS Press. Of course, anything published by HIS can be thoroughly recommended; their books concentrate on Catholic social and political thought and as a publishing house they are a truly great development. Lives of the saints I usually find monumen-tally tedious and dreary, but the writings of Henri Gheon (*The Secret of.....*) are serious, Catholic and modern, in the best use of that misused word; often the lives of the saints written between 1900 and 1940, can be recommended, but everyone has different needs.

August has some glorious feasts starting with the Transfiguration of Our Lord on the 6th August, one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Eastern Christians, but sadly, played down and almost

ignored here in the west where the feast was never a great celebration. It is a great illustration of the sacred Divinity of our Lord and an encouragement to his apostles prior to his Passion and death. It is also a day when the Pope used new wine for the Mass and grapes were blessed. If New wine could not be found some grapes were squeezed into a chalice and then given a special blessing from the *Rituale*. On the 10th comes the feast of St Lawrence, a Roman deacon who assisted the Roman Pontiff, he was put to death most cruelly in 258, dying with the memorable last words "I am now roasted enough on that side, you may now turn my body over." A grim jest and one that was not lost on the Church which made him, with black humour the patron saint of cooks and of restaurants. Don't say that the old Catholic church lacked either a sense of balance or real humour. Maybe a plate of good Irish steak, some of the best in the world and it's so good we need no fancy foreign sauces to cover up its inadequacy or bring out the flavour, would be a suitable dish for a St Lawrence-fest. The steak, I suppose, should be barbecued and well done.

The feast of the Assumption of our Lady is celebrated on the 15th August and I have a sentimental and not just spiritual attachment to it, having once celebrated it at the Abbey of Fontgombault where the liturgy is sung and celebrated in the best style in the world and the Abbot pontificates according to the tra-

ditional Roman Rite. The huge conventus of monks love our Lady and sing the full Office and Mass superbly; I have a cassette of the Mass and Vespers of the feast. The Assumption was known as Our Lady in the Harvest and I remember being at a blessing of fields, flowers and herbs at Le Chamblac in Normandy. The Parish priest, now sadly departed this life, had a genuine and all too rare love of the sacred liturgy, having once been an Anglican, and we spent most of the evening and night before preparing the church and appurtenances for the Procession and Mass. The feast is one of the herbs and flowers, tradition telling us that the grave of our Lady was found empty of her body but filled with herbs and flowers, when

poor old St Thomas turned up late to have one last look at our Lady's remains. It is a good day to take a walk to a shrine or special picture of Our Lady and have an outdoor family rosary. In Sicily they prepare for the feast by abstaining from their glorious fruit for the first fourteen days of August and then they tuck in with alacrity. I think that a home made meringue, as large as the biggest plate will take, covered with thick cream (nothing better) and chopped summer fruits on top, makes a good pud. If you want something a bit more complicated, Summer Pudding, a more time-consuming recipe, results in a spongy, oozy, juicy fruit pudding which can be topped off with thick cream, is quite delicious and suitable for celebrating Our Lady's feast.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND OF PALESTINE 2009

THANKSGIVING FOR THE MOTU PROPRIO SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM
AND THE NO TO LISBON TREATY

"On Christmas Eve in 1952, a Swiss priest called Father Schnydrig was on his way to Mass at the Church of the Nativity. He had come to Palestine to celebrate in the birthplace of Jesus. He walked past a huge area filled with tents and saw a man attempting to bury a child. This was Dehaishah Refugee Camp. The man was digging in the mud to create a makeshift grave for his own son. His son had literally frozen to death. Father Schnydrig began to question his own place in Bethlehem and wondered how he could be in the city to celebrate the birthplace of Jesus whilst children were suffering so much within a kilometer of the church. Upon returning to Europe he began to fund-raise and soon opened Caritas Children's Hospital in Bethlehem". <http://peoplesgeography.wordpress.com> / www.JerusalemHolyLand.org

The Caritas Baby Hospital in Bethlehem will be one of the targets of our pilgrimage, to bring support and beneficial offerings.

With our pilgrimage, we also give great help and aid to our brothers in faith living in the Holy Land. As a matter of fact, we will be residing at the Franciscan houses for pilgrims, where all the workers are Christian.

In other words, our pilgrimage will not only be a spiritual moment of prayer and meditation, but also an occasion to support our Catholic Arab brothers, who represent the oldest Christian community in the world and, at the moment, are threatened with extinction. The last pilgrimage, during the month of May, was a fantastic experience for all of us, from the age of 12 to the age of 80 years old. Fr. Fregus Clarke, an Irish Franciscan Father living in the Holy Land for many years, teacher of the Franciscan postulants, was an excellent guide and we hope to have him again for next May, 2009.

The next pilgrimage, 8 days, will be after Easter 2009, in the beginning of May 2009.

Full board accommodation is in religious pension houses, including breakfast-lunch-dinner, private bus service for the whole pilgrimage and an English-speaking Franciscan guide for the whole pilgrimage. To have the confirmation of the flight, accommodations and services, the booking has to be closed before the end of September 2008. There are not many places available, so please contact as soon as it is possible:

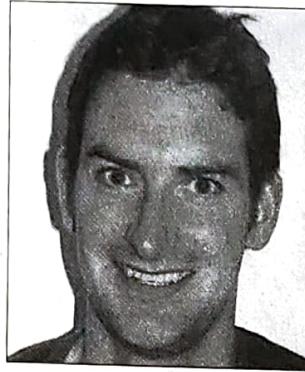
GETTING SERIOUS ABOUT SALVATION

Saint Paul tells us to work out our salvation "with fear and trembling."

To modern man, these words make very little sense. "Why do we need salvation?" ... "What is that?", he asks in a baffled tone.

For modern man is either a creature of despair or presumption - he either believes in "nothing" and thinks that we all disappear into oblivion when we die, or he else he believes in a God who is unconcerned with justice and so, thinks that everybody, no matter what they do, ends up in Heaven.

This world, and not the next, is truly the paradise for both the unbeliever in God and the unbeliever in Hell. The world is their focal point, the flesh their snare, and the devil their commander and chief. The main reason why people dis-believe in God is because they are unwilling to submit to His Laws. They accept the demonic temptations that say "there is no God" because it seems more convenient. Perhaps they believed in their youth, and lost courage as they encountered the pain and hardship that sometimes comes on the way of life and in the battle for salvation. "Why", they ask, "would a good God allow such intense suffering?" Secretly they imagine



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that they are hiding from God's justice. They think that they take a safe passage - "If God does exist then He will know that I looked for Him and couldn't find Him." They may try to ease their conscience by thinking that "if I don't believe in God then I won't have to face His punishments"; as if we create reality in our own minds. We must conform our own minds to reality, not the other way around.

Some people who say that they don't believe in God

actually do, but they are in a state of despair, with anger and hatred for God consuming their hearts.

The "liberal" believer, or rather the believer who takes liberties is a different creature altogether. To be fair, the atrocious mis-representation of the Faith in the modern world, imbued as it is by the vague thinking and outright liberalism that has resulted from Vatican II, has not helped matters. Many people are simply ignorant of the truth.

Many priests and bishops who pretend to teach the Catholic faith say that there is no Hell and that all religions are in some way valid. This is heresy. They say that they are Catholic, but they are not. False teaching has infested the Church and many unsuspecting faithful are becoming more and more faithless. This is a sad situation - they lose their faith because they follow priests who have already

lost theirs. These priests and bishops would be better off leaving the Church rather than carrying on masquerading as clergy whilst really being con-men. The very best thing that they could do, of course, is to regain their faith by humble contrition and complete submission to the unchangeable Law of Christ.

It may seem appealing to think that there is no Hell, or that if there is, then it is not eternal. This, however, is a dangerous deception of the devil. It is simply not true. How many times did Christ speak of the place of eternal punishments? He tells us in Mark 9:46, for instance: "And if thy eye scandalise thee, pluck it out. It is better for thee with one eye to enter into the kingdom of God, than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not extinguished."

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Christ is clearly warning us here about things that lead us to temptation and sin. He cannot be more stark. He basically tells us that if you have to cut off your arm or pluck out your eye in order to save yourself from Hell, then do so. In other words, He tells us to do whatever it takes, no matter how apparently extreme or seemingly insane. You might think you need something badly, but if it causes you to sin, get rid of it! Modern man thinks it mad for someone to do severe penance, yet he thinks nothing of endangering himself to the possibility of hellfire.

Occasions of sin nowadays have to be watched for like a hawk. When we recognise them we must do everything necessary to eliminate them from our lives - no matter what the cost. A proportionate response is required. Our reaction to some venial sins which are hard to avoid, and which won't lead to mortal sins, may well require delicate discernment, but those that lead to mortal sin have to be hacked away quickly with a sledgehammer. A brutal solution is required. Heaven or Hell is at stake - and more importantly, the Glory of God.

Take for an example, a man who meets the perfect woman. She is everything he every wanted in a woman and more. She is wonderful in every way, except for the fact that she is already married. She complains that she is unhappy in her marriage and so an adulterous relationship commences, leading to a whirlwind of sin and corruption. Lies and deception become a way of life and

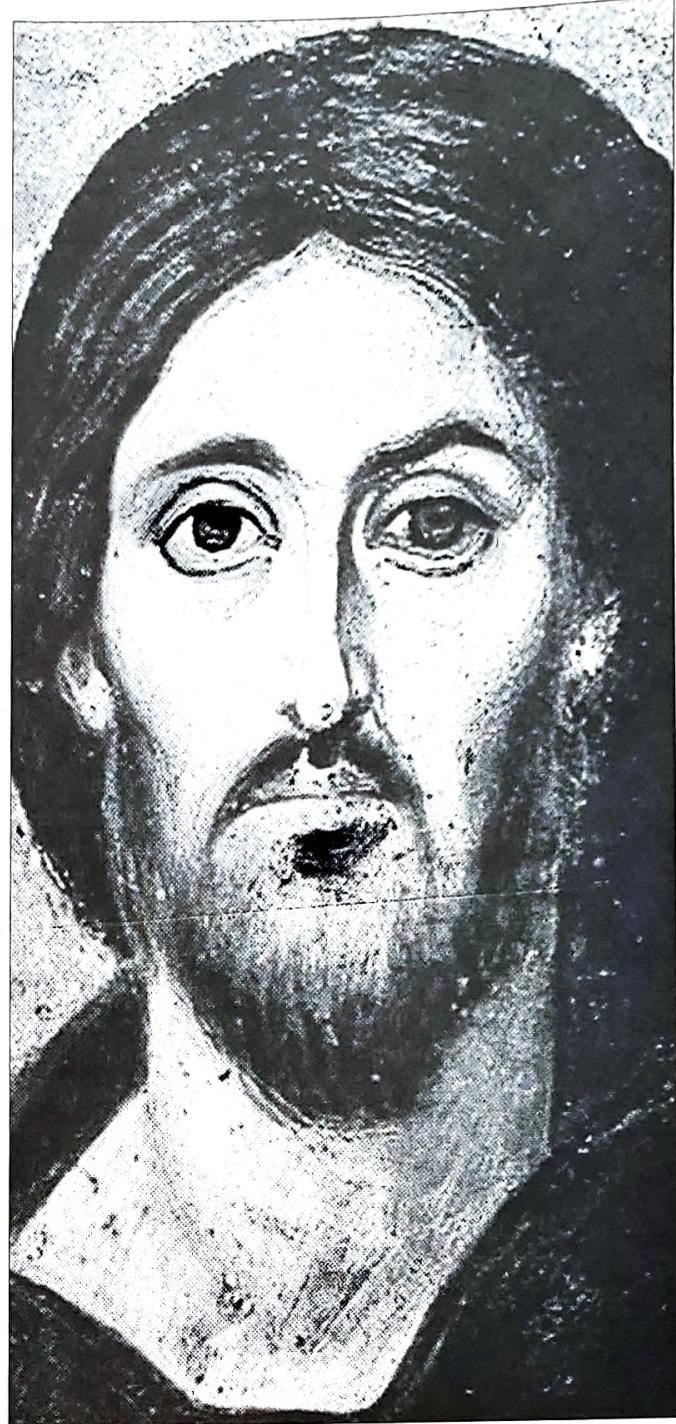
inappropriate passion the only source of so-called joy. How many of these sordid affairs end in heart-ache and hellfire? Some end in murder, because one sin leads to another and a conscience that is running from God will do anything when it is committing the dual sins against the Holy Ghost of obstinacy in sin and rejection of the known truth.

A man in such a situation needs to exit quickly. If he lingers around, if he puts himself in the occasion of sin at all, then he leaves the door open to hell - and we know that the devil needs very little invitation before he comes to rule our lives. He is a tyrant, who greets us as our liberator. He will have slaves of all of us, if we give him the slightest chance.

Many people say that they would never commit adultery or murder, and yet their sins may very well be leading them steadily on the path to destruction. What should their response be? It should be to treat sin very seriously indeed - any sin and every sin.

The reality is that our values are skewed in the modern world. We dread to offend anyone, except God. We put our eternal mansions in jeopardy at a whim and yet we fret and stress to the point of a nervous breakdown at the slightest possibility that we might not be able to pay the mortgage. We worry

The devil uses the pressures of life to dishearten us, to make us lose our focus on God and on Heaven. Just think about it, if you work in a highly stressed job, how much time do you get to think about God? All this fuss



and bother is just a dreadful demonic distraction. We are taught by the worldly to worry about the world. We do this, and yet, for our heavenly homes we make no plans and take no heed.

Now is the time to get serious about salvation. No beauty to the eye, no weight in gold, no curiosity of learning can substitute for this our

ultimate goal. To know, love and serve God - this is success. Whether we be a pauper or a King, whether the whole world laughs with us or at us, it doesn't really matter in the end. The only thing that matters in the end is that we end up with God in Heaven. To achieve this, our ultimate goal, we must be willing to give anything and everything.

OLD HICKORY

PART II

Gerry McGeough

Following his tremendous victory over the British at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815, Andrew Jackson became a national hero and was set for high office within the United States.

He cut a remarkable figure and his nickname of Old Hickory was well earned given his resolve and reputation for being tough and ruthless whenever necessary. Tall and lean with a shock of red hair and piercing blue eyes, he was very much a man of his time and regularly resorted to duelling with opponents whenever his honour or that of his wife, Rachel Donelson, were called into question.

Jackson fought thirteen duels, resulting in numerous woundings including being shot with a bullet that lodged so close to his heart that it could never be safely removed. It was joked that he "rattled like a bag of marbles" from having been so frequently wounded over the years. A legacy of this inclination towards duelling was that he was given to coughing-up blood from time to time.

After the conclusion of the War of 1812, Jackson saw further military action during the First Seminole War when, in December of 1817, he was

ordered by President James Monroe to lead a campaign against Creek and Seminole Indians in Georgia.

Jackson was later accused of exceeding his orders when he elected to "terminate the conflict" by seizing Spanish Florida. He did this on the grounds that the Spanish and his old enemies, the British, were assisting the Indians against the American forces. Having captured Pensacola he arrested, tried and executed two British agents who had been inciting the Seminoles.

In 1821, Spain was obliged to cede Florida to the United States and Jackson became its first military governor.

A year later Andrew returned to politics when the Tennessee legislature elected him US Senator and nominated him for President ahead of the 1824 election.

US politics at the time was in something of a disarray, with the Democratic-Republican party being the only one functioning to any meaningful extent. Jackson, one of four candidates, was criticised by opponents for being "an honest man and the idol of the worshippers of military glory, but from incapacity, military habits, and habitual disregard of laws and

constitutional provisions, altogether unfit for office".

Despite winning the popular vote, Jackson was effectively robbed of the presidency through the corrupt bargaining of the Eastern political elite, which saw John Quincy Adams elected. The episode, however, helped Jackson's reputation among the people and the general perception was that he had been wronged by the process.

The outcome of the 1828 election was much different

and, having built-up a formidable series of alliances, Jackson easily defeated Adams. One interesting side-effect of the campaign came as a result of opponents making fun of Andy's last name by referring to him as "Jackass". Jackson himself liked the jibe and used the imagery as part of his road-show and eventually the Jackass/Donkey became the standard symbol of the Democratic party.

The new President of the United States established

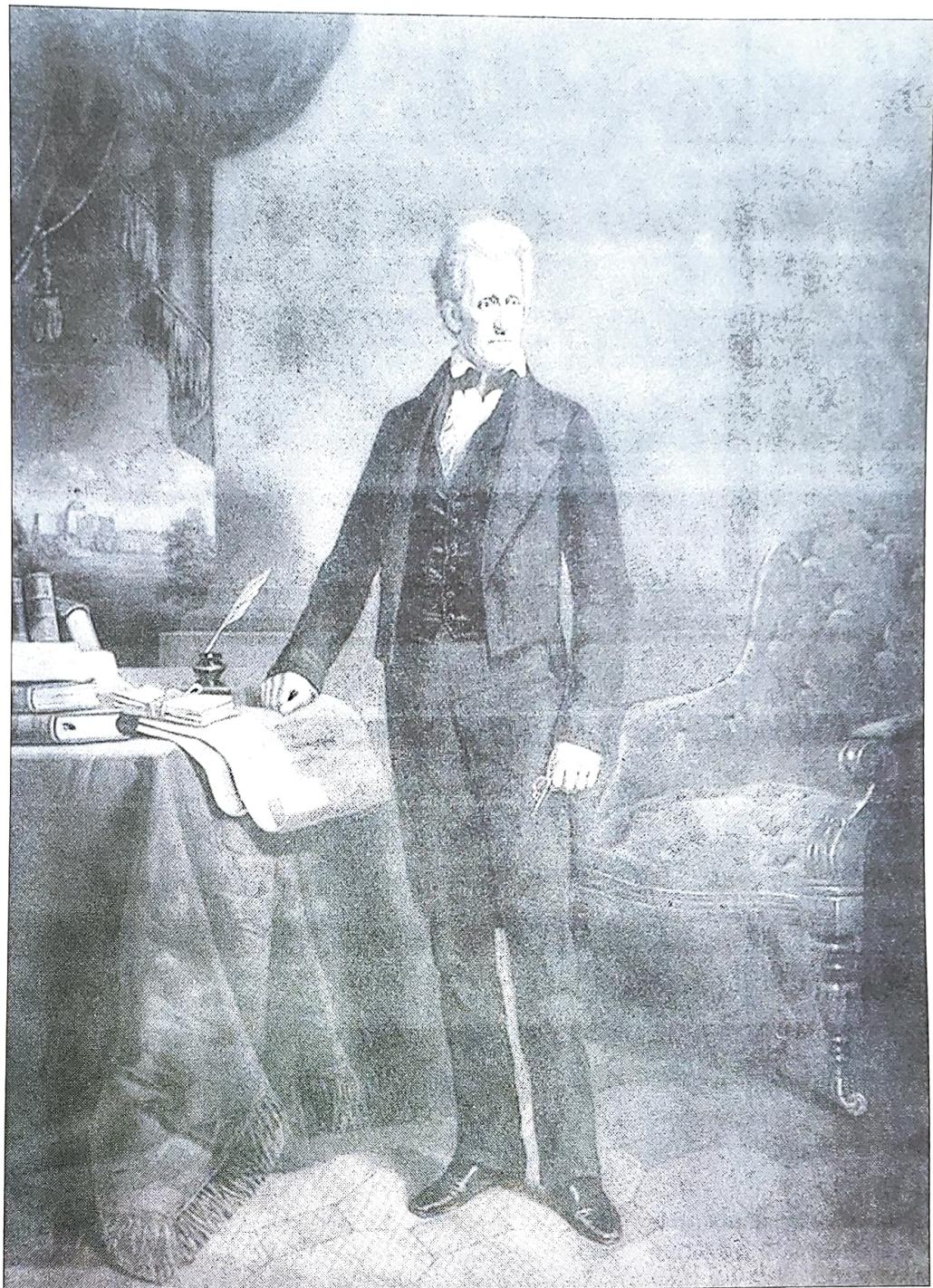
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another first when he invited the general public to attend his inaugural ball and poor people came in their droves. The occasion was, however, tinged with sadness for Andrew in light of the fact that his wife Rachel had died just weeks before.

In all, Jackson served two terms in office and these were marked by some notable developments. Among the most significant of these was his opposition to the National Bank. Andy worked to rescind the bank's federal charter and forcefully stated that the institution needed to be abolished on the grounds that it concentrated America's financial strength in a single institution, exposed the government to foreign interests, only seemed to make the rich richer, had too much control over Congressmen and tended to favour northeastern states over those in the south and west.

Following a major struggle, the President destroyed the Bank by vetoing its 1832 re-charter and withdrawing US funds in 1833. An economic boom ensued when other banks took up the slack but Jackson's Specie Circular, effectively requiring banks to back up the paper notes they were issuing with gold or silver coins, resulted in the Panic of 1837 leading to an economic downturn while the situation corrected itself.

Strongly in favour of the Union, Jackson again showed his mettle when the issue of high tariffs exacerbated the growing rift between northern and southern States. Andy even faced down Vice



President Calhoun over this threat to the Union in what became known as the Nullification Crisis.

Among the more controversial aspects of his presidency was his policy of Indian Removal, which saw the purchase of tribal lands and the relocation of Indians to new territories in the west.

The Cherokees were primarily affected by this policy, which mostly targeted the States of Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida.

Not surprisingly, a number of attempts were made on Jackson's life. The most serious of these occurred in 1835 when a would-be assassin aimed two pistols at him.

Both misfired and Jackson promptly attacked the man with his cane before both parties were restrained by onlookers.

Andrew Jackson remained influential at both national and state level even after he left office in 1837. He died at the age of 78 in 1845 and is buried in Tennessee.

THE PUNISHMENT OF ABORTION

Jim Allen

With regard to its perception of abortion, modern Europe and America are in a state of massive collective amnesia; the horror it should inspire has become dulled by millions of repetitions. Like MacBeth, we have 'supped full of horrors' and become insensitive to a sin that truly cries out to Heaven for vengeance.

Unlike homosexual acts, abortion is not explicitly condemned in the canonical Bible but in the Apocryphal New Testament it is, and very graphically. I thought that giving some of these passages an airing might strengthen the Pro-Life campaign to say nothing of putting the fear of Hell into a few abortionists.

The word 'apocryphal' does not in itself imply error or that they are unprofitable for spiritual instruction, but that such writings fall short of full apostolic inspiration and cannot be used as a basis for dogma. They vary from the nonsense of Jesus' childhood miracles to the ones quoted here. Many texts now ruled apocryphal were actually read out at Mass in the early Church when the end of the 'world' was expected very soon. However inspired

they were, they show what a clear unvarnished picture of abortion those early Christians had. I have not read all of the 570 pages of the Apocryphal New Testament but here are two references; there are more.

From the 'Apocalypse of the Virgin':

'Women are seen, bitten by serpents of fire. They are nuns who violated the rule and slew their children.'

'Often they caused their deaths before they were born. They shed their blood on the ground or killed them when born, or their fathers gave poison to the mothers. But these children cry out before the throne of God and say, 'Lord, they have not suffered us to grow and do good or evil: the half of us they gave to the dogs'...and when We heard the words of these children, I and My Father and the Comforter were grieved and I commanded to set them in a beautiful abode. But for their fathers and mothers this is their torment for ever.' The Virgin says, 'If they repent will Thou forgive them?' 'Yes if they do so from their heart; but as for their pastors who did not admonish them, their part shall be with Eli who did not reprove his sons.'

From the 'Apocalypse of Peter' (vs. 26):

'And hard by that place I saw another straight place wherein the discharge and the stench of them that were in torment ran down and there was as if a lake there. And there sat women up to their necks in that liquor, and over against them many children that were born out of due time sat crying to God: and from them went rays which pierced the eyes of them that for fornication's sake had caused their destruction' (Also conceived out of wedlock) Homosexual practice is given equally severe treatment also.

In case we should think that the punishments described here are merely the product of an overheated primitive Christian imagination, or lest we should forget that Our Lord Himself warns

us of hell fire or its equivalent no less than eighteen times in the Gospels, God has given us in the last century 'a visionary to disillusion us. Sister Josefa Menendez, a Sacred Heart nun, wrote a spiritual journal called 'The Way of Divine Love' which was approved for publication by the future Pope Pius XII in 1938. in it she shows us that Hell is not just separation from God but a lot more physical and mental torment besides. She was immersed in the frightful abyss many times; two short quotes should be enough.

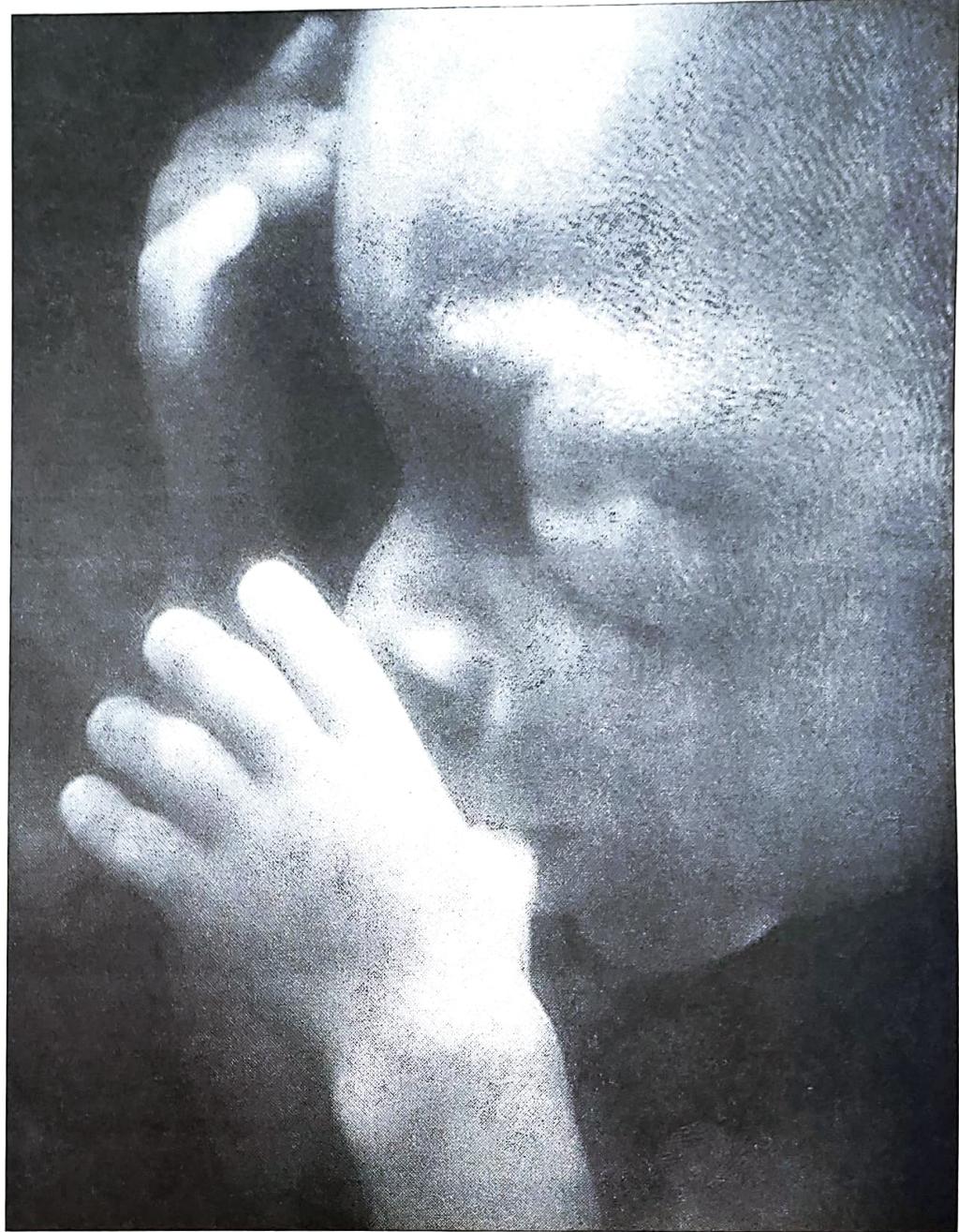
'I have endured much these last two days. It is as if a stream of fire were being poured down my throat, passing through my body, while at the same time I am being pressed between fiery planks. The pain is intolerable and beyond descrip-

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tion...and over all nauseating and offensive stench infecting the air' (p 147)

'I was dragged along a very dark and lengthy passage and on all sides resounded terrible cries...It was a medley of confused screams of rage and despair...I felt as if I was being pierced through and through with scorching needle points' (p.143). There is much more.

In spite of the unspeakable pains described in these terrible images, one gets the impression that the seer could still not convey the full horror of what she saw. The similarity of the imagery over the centuries is striking. Liberal Catholics do not like this sort of thing. They will point out that 'it has not been revealed to the Church that there is one single soul in Hell' and then slant it to fit their feel-good agenda. People inclined to this view should, for the good of their souls, read a book by Fr. F.X. Schouppe S.J. Called 'Hell' (Tan Books, 1989). This contains nearly a hundred pages of well attested private revelations of Hell to religious (mostly nuns), lay folk and priests, some of whom are saints and doctors of the Church. He rounds off the list with a description of a well populated Hell that Our Lady of Fatima showed to the three children. There are no recorded visions of an empty Hell. Any Catholic with an ounce of supernatural common sense and prudence assumes that Hell is well populated and will live their lives with that salutary threat in mind. Of course you



can have too much of this kind of thing; Hell has been overemphasised many times in the past, but today the clergy have lost their nerve. In the last thirty years I have not heard the possibility of eternal damnation stated once in the pulpit and likewise in bishops' pastorals, not even in Lent!

Reject apocryphal writings if you will but these modern revelations should be enough to convince us as

to how terrible the sin of abortion is. All those who have had or helped to facilitate abortions, particularly 'doctors', will have to endure the accusing gaze of all those holy 'terminated' innocents. But at the same time let us never forget the infinite Mercy of God to all who truly repent, whatever they have done.

The end of the world may come at any time; perhaps tonight the Lord may decide

that enough is enough and too many unborn babies have been murdered and start to close the universe down. If I were in any way involved in abortion I would get out of my chair right now and, mindful of that Mercy of Our Saviour, start knocking at the nearest presbytery door. Confessions will not be available once the apocalypse is under way.

Jim Allen, Torquay, UK

GOODBYE EUROPE, DIA DHUIT ÉIRINN



**Tomás
mac Cormaic**

Irish nationalists can rejoice in the successful defeat of the Lisbon Treaty – a treaty built upon the evils of bad law and the destruction of natural creation.

While Irish people rejected Lisbon on a variety of issues, the underlying force was that the EU stood against all the natural instincts of mankind, and the Irish people saw through its lies, its two-faced politicians, its attacks upon Ireland, the Irish family and our social traditions.

It was never a question of one political force against another, but of honesty fighting evil, of justice succeeding against the crimes of the unjust.

Europe stood for Abortion, the unholy killing of innocent children, in cruel sadistic death-centres. Europe

kills 2.2 million innocent children every year. Ireland stands against that.

Europe stood for forced-immigration, the displacement of indigenous races, the destruction of nation/states, the dilution of traditions. Europe stood against diversity, individuality and the respect of cultural autonomy, things Ireland has always held sacred and pure.

Europe stood for the erosion of family life, industrial slavery, state control, stealth taxes, pollution, dictatorship, and an endless list of political crimes that go against all the natural laws of Ireland's long generous history. Ireland stood defiantly against Europe on every issue, reaffirming our commitment to respect the creation of life, especially the rich social customs we have inherited from our ancestors.

So yes, Ireland can rejoice in its victory, we can celebrate our triumph over the Masonic wrath of Europe and the tyranny that is mirrored in its cancers across every land it has attempted to control. Europe has failed because its political objectives have an inherent natural weakness – they are wrong.

OUR FUTURE

Ireland must now seize upon this moment and build upon its success to protect our identity, our children's futures, and our island's sovereignty in the coming years.

Within our triumph we must learn from our own campaign's downfalls as well as the mistakes of the enemy. For Lisbon was a single battle in a long war, and while Lisbon is

defeated, the evils of the EU still infect our island and the very fabric of Irish society.

The European Union is still planning to forge ahead with its project of cultural annihilation, the breakdown of religious beliefs, and the division of family unity. Ireland must reaffirm its continued stance against Europe and those who stood against Ireland and our internal life-force.

We must stand against Europe, not just because they want to enforce Abortion and Euthanasia upon Ireland, but because Europe stands for Abortion and Euthanasia. We cannot align ourselves to the killing of children in any form, for whatever unholy purpose. What nation could justly stand as a nation if its taxes contribute to the killing of 2.2 million children annually? Certainly not Ireland and certainly not the terrorism that is manifested in the EU entity!

Despite the lies emanating from the politicians, a huge number of Irish people have now openly declared they wish to leave the EU, because of its negative social and economic affects upon Ireland.

At least 34% of Irish No voters specifically said they wished to preserve Ireland's identity, sovereignty, and protect our social traditions independent of the EU superstate. We must work to turn that 34% into 94%, and we need to expose the lies and misinformation espoused by the Yes side.

We need to cause division among those who are ruthlessly involved in the attack upon Ireland. We need to expose the domestic traitors who are betraying our peo-

ple, and remove them from their positions of influence.

We must take a strong stand against all those who believe Ireland is a material product that can be bargained and sold, against the interest of the Irish people – for as Pádraic mac Piarais said '*Ireland is a Spiritual entity*'.

NATIONAL IDENTITY

In part of our literature against the Lisbon Treaty we said we were opposed to a Godless Society, for if natural creation is denied then we deny our very existence and the existence of the environment in which we live.

If one asks what is the root cause of pollution? What has brought about the extinction of animals, birds, flowers and the whole eco-system, which is now under threat – then the answer lies in those who have rejected God and the riches of natural creation.

Our ideology has always been that we must co-exist in harmony with nature, the very Truth of God's creation – not a case where we exploit nature or nature's life forces for unnatural financial gain, to our own detriment.

Europe has always been about big business, profit,

and the ruthless exploitation of the Earth's resources to finance its destructive agenda. It has never been about sustainability or self-sufficiency, and its policies have always led to impoverishment rather than enrichment. Just look at Irish fisheries for a single example.

It is important that we expose this lie of Europe, for its policies on the environment are exactly its policy on human life – Abortion, Euthanasia, Genetic-hybrids and unnatural interference. All things we spiritually oppose.

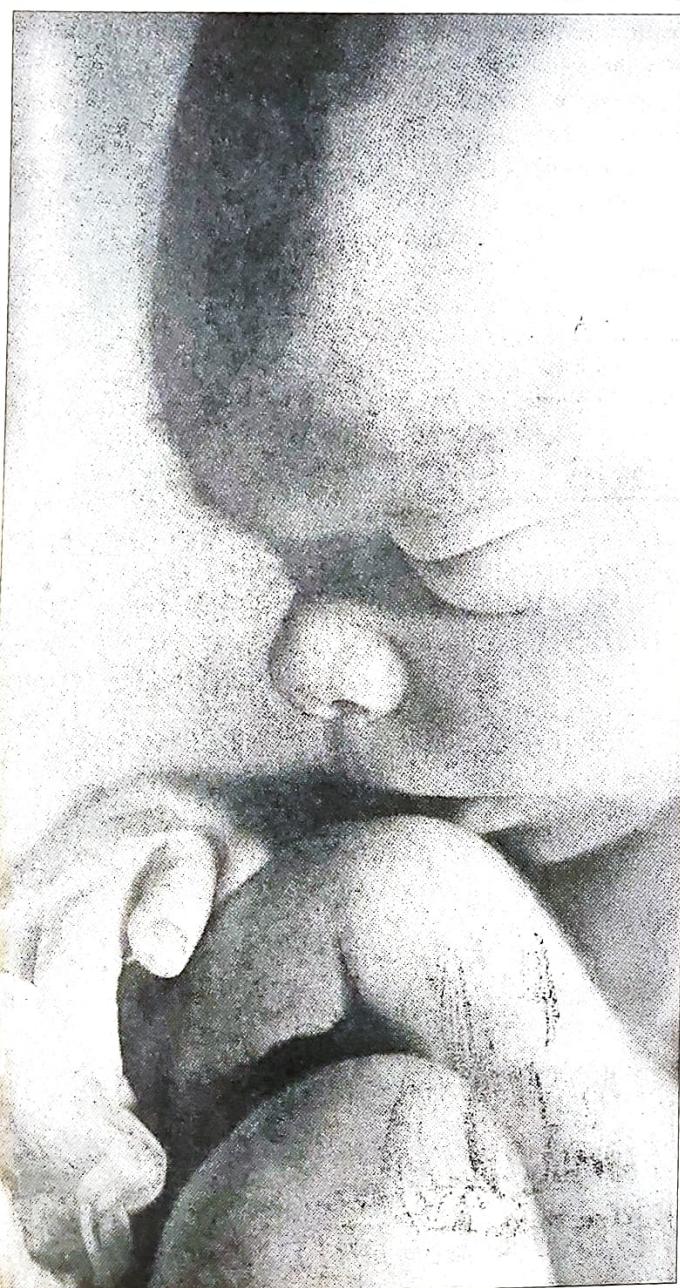
We must celebrate over victory against the Masonic EU and grow in the confidence that we have held back the evils for now. But more importantly we must use our victory to win the war against the EU Superstate and stop its policies of death and internal destruction.

This is a new and momentous era for Irish nationalism and an era where we must triumph for the glory of our race and its future. The maxim '*life springs from death and from the graves of patriot men and women springs living nations*' is what we must glory in for Ireland's future. A land One, Gaelic and Free! Éirinn go Brách.

“...We need to expose the domestic traitors who are betraying our people, and remove them from their positions of influence....”

PRO ABORTION ENGLISH POLITICIANS ATTEMPT TO FORCE ABORTION ACT ON THE NORTH OF IRELAND

“FAIR IS FOUL AND FOUL IS FAIR”



Ellen O'Donnell

In a last minute manoeuvre on the 23rd July, the day before the English Parliament closed for the summer recess, several politicians lodged an amendment to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, which could see the 1967 Abortion Act extended to the North of Ireland.

As I wrote in an earlier article in this magazine there was a previous opportunity for this proposed amendment to have been lodged last May. However the abortionist plotters have sought to give the least amount of time for their treacherous ambition to be attacked. The matter is due to be voted on when Parliament reconvenes in the autumn, probably in October.

The plotters are a little known crew of actors; Diane Abbott (Labour); Jacqui Lait (Conservative); Evan Harris (Lib Dem); Katy Clark (Labour); John Bercow (Conservative); and John McDonnell (Labour). It was well known that Evan Harris had voiced his express wish that

abortion should be legalised in Ireland last year. The other members of what is being heralded by the mainstream press as a “cross party group of pro-choice MPs” are unremarkable in many ways, and have little to recommend them. It might be that they have different views on blood sports with animals, but they all have in common a bloody taste for the untimely removal of children from their mothers wombs.

Abortion Guidelines

This attack comes at the same time as another assault on the Unborn Child in the North. The previous week the redrafted version of the Abortion Guidelines was issued for public consultation by the Department of Health. The previous draft, which was issued in January last year, was so legally flawed that it was rejected by a large majority in Stormont last October. A pro-life motion was passed condemning any attempt to liberalise the criminal abortion laws in the north. To the credit of the Stormont

Assembly this was a laudable action and gave a clear message that the people of the North of Ireland were appalled by legalised abortion.

The new version of the guidelines is still an attempt to liberalise abortion. It misrepresents the legal position to suggest that direct abortion is legitimate when the mother's "life or physical or mental health" is at risk. This is not the case and may lead to abortion on demand if it were put into practice. If this sounds extreme then consider this, in America there is legislation pending called the Freedom of Choice Act. It is set to be the most liberal abortion law ever and it reads:

"It is the policy of the United States that every woman has the fundamental right to choose to bear a child, to terminate a pregnancy prior to

fetal viability, or to terminate a pregnancy after fetal viability when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman."

It is anticipated that if this law, which is supported by Obama, is enacted it will "annihilate every single state law limiting or regulating abortion." (LifesiteNews.com)

The correct analysis of the law in the North of Ireland is that all direct abortion is perverse illegal, and that there is a defence to the criminal offence of abortion if the doctor was acting "only" to save the life of the mother. Therefore only indirect abortion, that is where the death of the child is not willed, but a tragic side effect, is not illegal.

International Abortion Movement

There seems to be no coincidence that these two moves

to liberalise abortion in the North of Ireland are happening at the same time. No doubt the idea is to wear us down by attrition. Last October, ironically on the same day that the Stormont Assembly voted to reject the liberalisation of abortion, there was an international meeting of the Marie Stopes organisation in London. There were four ambitions listed as international aims of the abortion movement. The fourth one was the legalisation of abortion in Northern Ireland. And so, without fear of exposure in the media, or prosecution for the massacre these abortionists perpetrate worldwide, the best plans were laid, with the assistance of the pro-abortion activists resident in Ireland.

Edwin Faust, an American newspaper editor writing in the Catholic Family News

says, "So realise that if you read a major daily newspaper today, you were reading the news that was selected, sifted, weighed, trimmed, shaped, positioned and packaged for your consumption by people who define themselves by their commitment to protect from prosecution those who dismember unborn babies." (CFN April 2008)

This statement can, in my opinion, be extended to all the mainstream media in Ireland and in the UK. The propaganda attack against Stormont Assembly member Iris Robinson over remarks she has made regarding God's Law, abortion and homosexuality is an ongoing example of the way that the television and radio media along with much of the press will pursue their prey to pave the way for the implementa-

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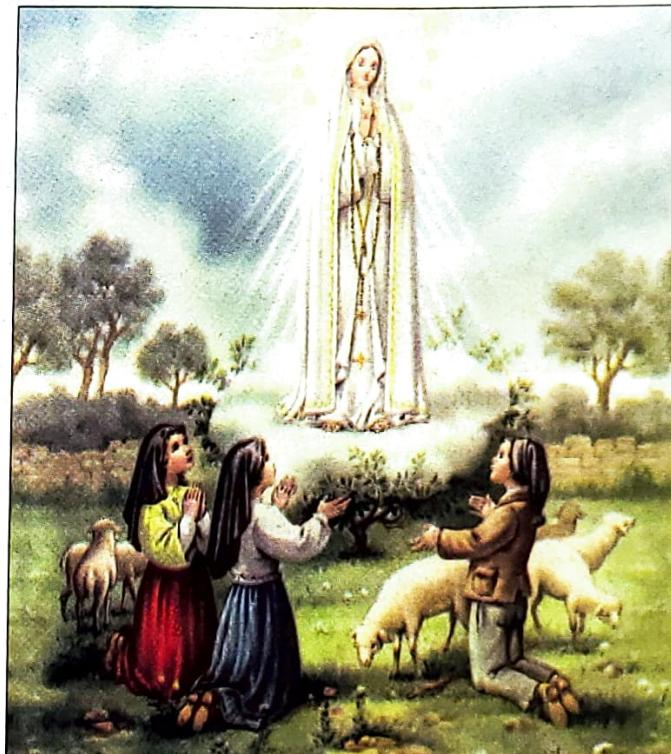
in these perilous times for our Nation.

- Specifically, we request that the One, True, Holy and Apostolic Catholic Faith be restored across Ireland.

- That God raise up leaders to defend the Faith, the Family and Nationhood of Ireland.

- Finally, we will pray that the adversary and his servants be exposed and that their intrigues against Ireland and the Catholic Faith be crushed.

The Hibernian encourages people to begin praying as individuals for these matters as soon as possible. May God Bless all involved.





"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy Well Beloved Son for the honour and glory of Thy Holy Name and for the salvation of this country".

tion of unjust laws. The attacks on Mrs Robinson for her Christian views on morality should be more clearly seen for what they are when one realises that she, along with Mr Jeffrey Donaldson, tabled the pro-life amendment last October

which defeated the original abortion guidelines. Further, Mrs Robinson is the current Chair of the Health Board. A stumbling block, therefore, to the introduction of abortion to the North.

God's Law versus Sinn Fein and the SDLP

Another thing which has been thrown up by the abortion debate now being introduced by the media is the fact that Martin McGuinness disagrees with Iris Robinson's assertion that the duty of government is to uphold God's law, particularly when it comes to abor-

tion. Mr McGuinness said he thought this was a "mistake" and might "offend" many people. Well well. What has become of his allegiance to the 1916 Proclamation, made in the name of God, and further the Irish Constitution which puts the state under the Holy Trinity and Jesus? The SDLP also railed against Mrs Robinson stating that she was engaging in "freak politics" by bringing God's law into the equation. What a sad day when Catholic politicians round-up against God in this way and betray their country and their constitution.

A number of politicians have lined up to join in on the attack on Mrs Robinson and her views. Are they aware that the media has an abortion minded anti-Christian agenda? Or are they so naïve that they just think this is an opportunity to slate an opposition politician? What is their reasoning exactly?

The British Government. The issue of abortion and Ireland has created trouble right at the top of the British establishment. The Daily Telegraph reported that Gordon Brown had stopped feminist pro-abortion MP, Emily Thornberry, from tabling an amendment to extend abortion to the North of Ireland in early July. The report stage of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill was actually due for debate and votes on the 14th July. However in an unprecedented move MP Harriet Harman a member of the so called "London sisterhood" used her position to shelve the whole Bill until the Autumn term, apparently because she was livid at Mr

Brown's actions to prevent the abortion extension. The whole house was taken aback by Miss Harman's last minute adjournment of the final stages of the Bill and it was widely rumoured that she had intended to allow for more time for the pro-abortion amendment to be lodged and for a weak Mr Brown to be overruled.

Please do not think for a moment that Mr Brown is against abortion per se, it was only that he probably has some political acumen, unlike the feminists, and realised that forcing legislation on Ireland would not be politically expedient.

It is only because the policing and justice elements of the devolution process have not yet been handed over to Stormont that this issue has arisen at all. It may well be that movement on this issue could prevent the imposition of the Abortion Act before October. Notwithstanding, it will be expected by the people in the North that the Stormont Assembly will do all in its power to resist the enforcement of this vile law and refuse to implement it should Westminster

read as follows: "It hath seemed proper for us to proclaim, and we hereby make known to our subjects in Ireland, that no toleration shall ever be granted by us. This we do for the purpose of cutting off all hope that any other religion shall be allowed, save that which is consonant to the laws and statutes of this realm".

"Hover through the fog and filthy air."

There is little chance of a vote to extend abortion to Ireland failing before the present Westminster parliament. But these are merely human things and all the perverted plotting of the minions at Westminster against us are nought compared to God's power.

The writer and Shakespeare scholar Claire Asquith says regarding the play "Macbeth" that Shakespeare suggested that "Evil...was an ever present reality in the English court". So this is not a new thing, it is the old battle raging on. The level of intended violence is probably unprecedented, but look what England has done to her own children. Asquith states in her book, *Shadowplay*, that James I, who was on the English throne in 1605 when Macbeth was written, had, since childhood been involved in black-craft. In fact he wrote a book called *Daemonologie* which displayed his knowledge of the occult a little too well.

It is also no coincidence that a proclamation was made

that the Unborn Child must continue to receive the full protection the law currently affords.

There seems to be little difference between the attitude of James and the present day English Government when it comes to enforcement of its own will against that of God. So much for democracy.

It must be understood that if the Abortion Act is thrust upon the North of Ireland then the whole of Ireland will suffer its ravages. It should also be stated that the infants of the North of Ireland have as much right to the protection of the Irish Constitution as all other Irish Citizens. Will the Irish Government speak? Will they be expected to?

We pray that the Catholic Church will seize this moment to protect us and that those who have refused to fight the imposition of this immoral

All readers can assist by contacting the Department of Health about their revised abortion guidelines before the 22nd September stating:

"I understand that the revised guidelines do not properly state the law and in fact have the effect of liberalising by stealth the law on abortion.

All abortion is *per se* illegal in the North of Ireland and the Unborn Child must continue to receive the full protection the law currently affords."

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Tir Conaill Harps Celtic Gaelic Football Festival

A Chara,

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A great weekend's entertainment is promised with seven teams confirmed coming over from Ireland with hopefully more to follow. The Garngad Irish Heritage Group working closely with the City Council will have the area decorated in the national colours of Ireland and a friendly, family orientated weekend is assured.

The Irish community in Glasgow is growing in confidence and we are finally getting our act together. On the Saturday night the 4th October Garngad Irish Heritage Group welcomes the famous..... 'Quigley's Point' Band to the Garngad Hall.

Book tickets early if you want to see them.

Slan,

Joe McAleer, Glasgow, Scotland

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Phony Blair?

A Chara,

1) According to an article in the Sunday Tribune last June, Jim Corr made the point that it is common knowledge that Tony Blair is a 33rd Degree Freemason. If so, why was Mr. Blair admitted to the Catholic Faith with open arms? Doesn't

the Catholic Church have rules (even excommunication) against Catholics getting involved in Masonry? Why the silence? The Irish Independent ran a story last June that Mr. Blair is at present heading up a group promoting common ground areas between all the major world faiths. The Catholic Faith is the one true faith. Why is he still searching for something?

Thank You,
Yours in Jesus,
Brian Simpson, Waterford City

The Unborn

By Mary T. Breslin

Cocooned in soft misty light
Safe from all worldly woe.
Feeding waking sleeping;
My days were ordered;
Nothing to do but grow;
Preparation for a journey
Welcomed by warm loving arms
at journeys end,
Feeding off soft flowing breasts.
Alas the journey won't take place;
I won't join the human race;
You can't feel my fear;
See the tears stain my face
knowing I am rejected.
Yet someone hears my unborn cry
He'll come to fetch me by and by
With Him I know I'll gladly go;
Safe from worldly peril and woe
Into Heavenly lasting light.

Protestants at Croagh Patrick

A Chara,

It has become a sort of tradition for protestants to hand out their literature at the base of Croagh Patrick during Reek Sunday. This year they distributed stuff like "the Gospel of Mark" or something,

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which, of course, is a protestant version and has the usual Born-again Christian verses and propaganda inside.

I took the opportunity to talk to some of these people and I found that they were very nice people - though they are utterly confused and very ill informed. They have obviously learnt off quotes from the bible, but they don't really know why they believe what they do. I pray that Our Lady can bring them to the Faith.

I was delighted to see a group of Legion of Mary young people distributing Miraculous Medals and literature there. The protestants were approaching them every now and again, and you could see that they were hungry for some truth. I have to commend the young Legionaries I saw - they were very humble, but at the same time firm. They were not wishy washy at all.

I saw a group of young men engaged in a fierce debate a bit further up the entrance. It was great to see young people defending the Faith with such conviction! At one stage a Bishop (let's not name names), wandered close to the argument, and seemed like he was going to engage in the debate, but then he walked away. He probably didn't want to become confrontational.

Let us pray for our bishops. It is a shame that they seem to have lost their evangelical spirit in this age that needs warriors of truth. They look more like sheep than shepherds. Let's hope that none of them are wolves in sheep's clothing!

Perhaps the bishops are afraid to upset the applecart - I don't know. Perhaps they are disillusioned. One thing is for certain, if one of these men got up and was prepared to be hanged, drawn and quartered like dear Saint Oliver Plunkett, then this country could have a second Saint Patrick and our people might well be re-converted in a single generation.

Yours in Christ,
John Murphy, Mayo

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Mary Doherty



REFLECTIONS ON FIANNA FAIL'S PROPOSED CIVIL PARTNERSHIP BILL

Before divorce was legalised in Ireland those of us who warned of its evil consequences, especially for children, were mocked and treated as if we were migrants from the stone-age.

Ten years of a post-divorce society and too many emotionally damaged adults and children have sadly proved that we spoke the truth. Now that Fianna Fáil has proposed another fatal nail for the institution of sacramental marriage with its Civil Partnership Bill, those of us who dare oppose it will be called nasty bigots, religious fanatics and intolerant homophobes. Time, and sadly with many lives damaged, wasted and destroyed, will show once again that those of us who now courageously oppose this Bill, speak the truth.

Fianna Fáil must be delighted by the support its proposed Civil Partnership Bill is getting from all the political parties in Leinster House. I am sure that the Minister for Justice would not have brought this proposed Bill before Dáil Éireann without having sought the advice of the Attorney General, who would have advised him that any Bill allowing same-sex unions to adopt children would be unconstitutional if not approved by the people in a



Richard Greene

referendum. Fianna Fáil would not need any advice to know that such a referendum would not be passed by the people. While one must respect Fianna Fáil Senator Walsh's attempt to oppose the Civil Partnership Bill one wonders was this a cynical move to appease the concerns of the party's so-called conservative and religious supporters.

If the Minister sought legal advice before he brought the heads of this Bill to the Dáil, he would have been informed that a similar piece of legislation has been passed in Germany that stops short of giving same-sex couples adoption rights and that the German State has been written to by the EU Commission informing them that the exclusion of these rights are discriminatory and breach EU equality legislation. Down the road the Irish government will be informed that this Bill, too, is in breach

of EU equality laws. Senator Norris will huff and puff about this proposed Bill's shortcomings but will keep his powder dry for a possible future trip to the European Court. But he will await the outcome of the Zappone case from our Supreme Court before he makes his next move. Political commentators have noted that Senator Walsh's failed motion has ensured his re-election to the Senate as the majority of county councillors (whose votes elect senators) would be opposed to this Bill. So there are still a few crucial moves left on the chess board before the homosexual agenda is complete in this country.

What we are now witnessing in Ireland is the same step by step approach which led to the notorious C-38 Bill, which legislated for same-sex marriage in Canada in 2005. However the march to that infamous judgement by the Canadian Supreme Court, which changed the definition of marriage of being between a man and a woman, took nearly forty years from when Pierre Trudeau's Bill C-150 decriminalised Sodomy and his famous dictum that "there is no place for the state in the bedrooms of the nation" became the slogan of liberals the world over. One must not forget that Maura-Geoghegan-Quinn's similar

Bill came here nearly twenty years after Trudeau's. The homosexual agenda is advancing at a rapid pace in this country. Zappone and her partner "got married" under Canadian law and yet in less than three years they are before our courts hoping that our Supreme Court will also change the definition of Judeo-Christian marriage as the Canadian Supreme Court disgracefully did by recognising their Canadian "marriage". On a recent Questions and Answers programme Mary Harney, presently our Minister for Health and rumoured to be our next EU Commissioner, despite the fact she has made a mess of the health service but is very supportive of EU policies on abortion, embryonic research, admitted that in every country that has granted full "marriage rights to gays and lesbians" it has come about through a "step by step" approach.

The silence of our Bishops is deafening in the face of this relentless attack on the institution of sacramental marriage in one of the most catholic nations of the world. Do they not realise the enormity of the evil which is being proposed? Countless centuries of ancient and historic wisdom is being wiped away to appease a tiny but powerful minority who have

exploited the human rights agenda and have the covert and open support of the world's powerful elite in the UN, EU, US, Canada and the UK. Ancient Roman jurisprudence as formulated by Modestinus in the Third Century defined marriage thus: "marriage is the union of a man and a woman, a consortium for the whole of life involving the communication of divine and human rights". British common-law defined marriage in *Hyde v. Hyde and Woodmansee* (1866) as "the voluntary union for life of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others". This profound understanding of marriage is deeply embedded in Western law and culture and reinforced by the emergence of Christianity as a world religion after the collapse of the Roman Empire. The great intellect and influence of St. Augustine promoted monogamy and the ideas of Proles, Fides, et Sacramentum—that is the specifically Catholic programme for marriage—that it should be fruitful, chaste or include fidelity and bonding or fellowship. Our Bishops have rightly spoken about their concern for the victims of child abuse and that such institutional abuse should never be allowed to occur again. Do they realise what an awful vista is being opened up for many children of the future if this homosexual agenda is not vociferously opposed? States that introduce same-sex marriage destroy this most basic institution of society by eliminating the responsibilities that belong to the married state,

especially that of raising and protecting children and promote the use of marriage for personal gratification. In the last century the great Pope Leo warned mankind that "the alteration by the state of the fundamental laws that govern marriage and the family will ultimately lead to the ruin of society itself".

As a layman, without the stature or the divine authority of a Bishop, I went on Television to oppose this agenda, even though I knew I was to be outnumbered by David Norris, Vincent Browne and the *Irish Times* journalist Carol Coulter. I did it because I am a married man with six children and believe that God did not send His only son to be a member of a human family if it was not his Divine will that this was the means by which humanity could survive and thrive. He gave us the model of the Holy Family to guide and inspire us. Our Bishops and priests must use all means of communication to combat this evil being imposed on our nation by our elected and judicial elite who are pandering to the tiny but well-organised and media-backed homosexual minority in our midst. Let all of us laymen and laywomen, Bishops and clergy alike unite to ensure that a Bill like C-38 is never passed in Ireland. This Bill has made courageous Canadians who are opposing it into criminals with false labels such as homophobes and intolerant religious fanatics. We must pray that our Bishops will be inspired by the words of the late John Paul II about new ideologies

of evil arising after nazism and communism "Memory and Identity" P. 12-13: "However there remains the legal extermination of human beings conceived but unborn. And in this case, the extermination is decreed by democratically elected parliaments, which invoke the notion of civil progress for society and for all humanity. Nor are other grave violations of God's law lacking. I

am thinking of the strong pressure from the EU Parliament to recognise homosexual unions as an alternative type of family, with the right to adopt children. It is legitimate and even necessary to ask whether this is not the work of another ideology of evil, more subtle and hidden, perhaps, intent upon exploiting human rights themselves against man and against the family."



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1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
19. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
20. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
21. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

LET'S FACE IT-ENGLISH IS A CRAZY LANGUAGE!!!

1. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
2. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.
3. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

AND CONSIDER THIS.....

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? Or, one goose, 2 geese? So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend.

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers fraught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

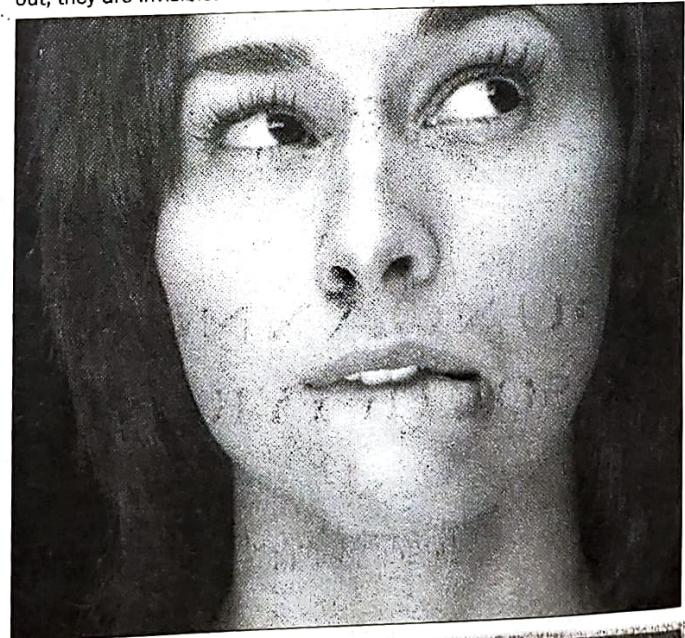
English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

Marvel at the unique lunacy of a language where your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all).

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.



SHORT STORY COMPETITION

As part of the Dungannon (Co. Tyrone) Festival 2008, organisers are inviting people from around the world to take part in the annual event's short story competition.

Entrants are asked to submit a typed story of between 2,000 and 5,000 words, which should reach the committee not later than August 30th, 2008.

The story should begin with the words, "It was a beautiful morning..."

Participants should include their address and contact details.

First Prize: £300 Sterling

Second Prize: £200 Sterling

Third Prize: £100 Sterling

The prizes will be awarded during the festival (Oct 2nd - 10th 2008) at a special event to be hosted on October 7th 2008. Everyone is welcome. Start writing...

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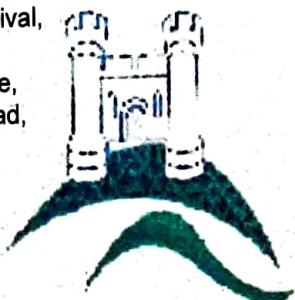
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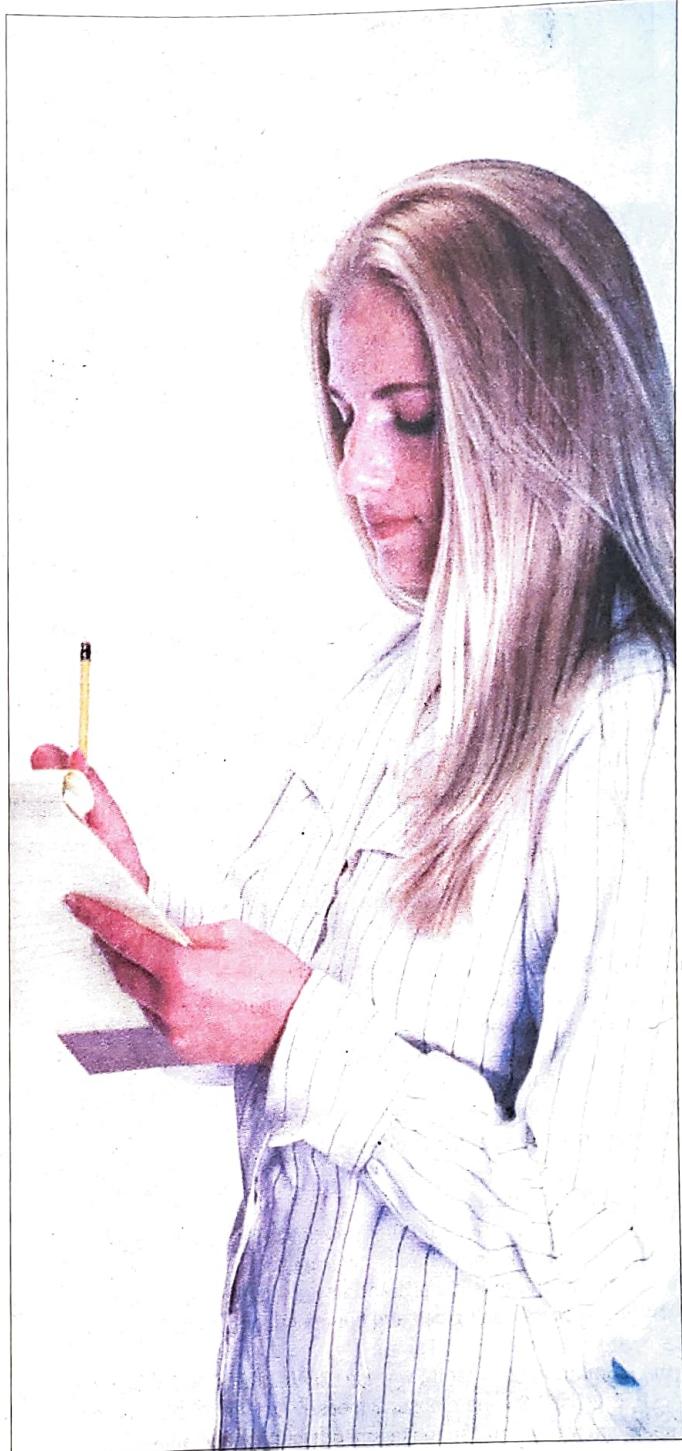
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SAVING EUROPE

AN AMERICAN VIEW

Officially Europe is condemning Ireland for voting against the **Lisbon Treaty on June 12, 2008.**

However, most people in Europe and America are happy about it. Other countries have rejected the constitution or similar treaties but EU leaders forced it upon their people in arrogant defiance of democratic principles and we expect the same will happen again. Somehow they will either circumvent the will of the Irish people or have another referendum and apply even more pressure. Robert Hoy and James Schneider of Save Europe lead the effort in America. They spoke to Congressman Neal's staff and members of the Emerald Society (an Irish-American police organisation) asking them to urge friends and family in Ireland to vote against the Lisbon Treaty. They also met various people at Irish pubs in the

James Schneider

Washington area who confided in us what their real concerns were.

Save Europe is a progressive organisation which always looks to the future. We know that this will be voted on again and we want to be sure that the right changes are made to preserve European heritage. Save Europe director, James Schneider, talked with some-

one from the Delegation of the European Commission in Washington, DC. He was told about the "Eurobarometer poll" which was conducted after the vote in Ireland. The full results can be seen by emailing the director at www.SaveEurope.net, ask for the link to the poll.

Our analysis shows that among people who voted YES, 32% thought it was in

the best interest of Ireland and 19% felt Ireland gets a lot of benefits from the EU. These are the top 2 responses and both are basically economic. Save Europe finds it odd that without this treaty the Irish economy is the best it has been for most of Irish history and yet voters are willing to gamble on an unknown to make even more money (which is unlikely).

Among people who voted NO, the top 2 reasons were: 22% did not know enough

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about the Treaty and 12% wanted to protect Irish identity. The truth is that almost nobody in Ireland or Brussels understood the hundreds of pages of Bureaucratic jargon called the Lisbon Treaty.

We hope more than 12% care about their culture and identity. Only 1% voted 'no' to avoid an influx of immigrants. Save Europe suspects the real number would be much higher if there were no stigma associated with being against immigrants. Although similar, it is better to say you want to protect Irish identity. Both reasons are closely related because we all know that if enough immigrants come to Ireland the Irish identity will be lost. In private conversations people will always acknowledge this. We have heard this many times when people relax and feel comfortable they will voice their real concerns. When Americans visit Ireland they want to experience Irish culture and they don't want it to look or feel like New York or London. Who would bother visiting Ireland if it looks the same as everywhere else?

All over Europe the native population is in danger of being overrun by immigrants. Europeans have seen a constant increase in immigration since the European Union was created and they blame it on the agreements that were forced upon them by the EU. If current rates continue the people of Europe will be almost completely replaced by the end of this century. This is a form of genocide and the UN should do something to stop it. It



would be a terrible tragedy if such prosperous and stable people were replaced by people who do not have a history of democracy and human rights. Europe must be saved.

Most of the Lisbon Treaty was probably good and it can be changed to make it acceptable. Save Europe recommended to the local EU delegation that the EU should make saving European her-

itage its number one priority. If they are serious about this people will have confidence in them and feel secure.

Please visit the website www.SaveEurope.net and take our survey. The Survey Question is:

Would you vote to approve a new Lisbon Treaty if the first page of it says, "To preserve our culture no more immigrants will be admitted

into member nations of the European Union, unless they share a significant common ancestry. Furthermore, immigration between member nations will be limited for the same reason."

The results will be published in a future issue.

James Schneider is the Director of www.SaveEurope.net, Washington DC

THE “SPIRIT OF ASSISI” VS. SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

First published in Catholic Family News, April 2002

It is becoming increasingly obvious that within the Church since the Council we are now in the age of slogans: empty, meaningless slogans that really do not have much substance and that do not convey the true picture of what is actually being promoted.

We are all familiar with the slogans: the promise of a “new springtime,” a “civilization of love,” a “new Pentecost,” and now, a novel orientation named “the spirit of Assisi”.¹

In a recent lecture called “The New Pentecost vs. the True Pentecost,” I explained that the only way we could call anything a “new Pentecost” is to test first how it compares with the true Pentecost as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.² There I described how, point-by-point, the so-called “new Pentecost” fails to measure up to the first Pentecost, especially regarding the con-



John Vennari

version of the Jews. Often, the so-called “new Pentecost” is the direct opposite of what we see in the true Pentecost.

Likewise with the “Spirit of Assisi,” a previously unheard-of term that recently came into vogue in Catholic circles. The term automatically invokes the idea that there is a connection with Saint Francis of Assisi.

So, what does the “spirit of Assisi” have to do with Saint Francis of Assisi?

Nothing! In fact, they are contradictory spirits.

FOOTNOTES:

¹ This short article is an excerpt from a more extensive speech by the author entitled “The Title of Assisi vs. Saint Francis of Assisi.” It is available on cassette for \$8 post paid from Oltyn Library Services, 2316 Delaware Ave, PMB 325, Buffalo, NY 14216, USA.

² This lecture is also available from Oltyn Library Services.

³ For Scripture references, see Bishop George Hay, CRFN, “Ecumenism Condemned by Sacred Scripture,” Catholic Family News, May 1998 (reprint No. 292, US \$1.75). For the finest summary of the Magisterium’s consistent condemnation of ecumenism, consult Pope Pius XI’s 1928 Encyclical Mortalium Animos, “On Fostering True Christian Unity.” Available from Catholic Family News for US \$4.25 postpaid.

“...Regarding heretical religions, Saint Paul tells us that false creeds are the ‘doctrines of devils’... (1 Tim. 4:1)”

Within a Catholic context, it is not possible to have a “spirit of Assisi” that is divorced from Saint Francis of Assisi. Yet this is exactly what the pan-religious “spirit of Assisi” is. It is something that Saint Francis of Assisi would have regarded with absolute horror.

The “Spirit of Assisi,” spearheaded in 1986, comprises Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, Jews, Moslems, Animists, Hindus, Zoroastrians, Witch Doctors, and various others gathering at the same place (usually at a Catholic church) to pray for peace. The Catholic praying to the true God, and members of false and heathen religions praying to their false gods.

Could anything be more contrary to the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi? To place the one true religion of Jesus Christ on the same level with false creeds?

Regarding non-Christian religions, Sacred Scripture

teaches that “all the gods of the nations are devils” (Ps. 45:5). Regarding heretical religions, Saint Paul tells us that false creeds are the “doctrines of devils” (1 Tim. 4:1). Thus, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition always forbade Catholics to engage in religious camaraderie with false religions.³

Saint Francis: Knight of the Church Militant

Saint Francis of Assisi was firmly committed to the truth that “outside the Catholic Church, there is no salvation.” He was not an apostle of Gaudium et spes dialogue. He was an apostle of Christ who preached the Gospel,

1. for the salvation of those souls who were already Catholic, but had fallen away from the Gospel ideal, and

2. for the salvation of infidels and non-believers, whom he knew would be lost if they did not embrace

Christ and His one true Catholic Church.

His biographer, Fr. Cuthbert, OSFC, wrote in 1916 that Saint Francis was "apt to be impatient with meddlers and heretics to the end".⁴

In fact, Saint Francis spoke harsh words about those who do not accept Catholic truth. He did not speak in vague terms about the "seeds of truth found in all religions." Nor did he announce his famous trip to preach to the Moslems as "an invitation to dialogue between the great monotheistic religions in the service of the human family".⁵

No. He preached the need for conversion of the non-Catholics to the one true Church of Christ for salvation.

In one of his oldest Admonitions ("Admonitions") to the Brothers in his Order, Saint Francis said the following regarding those who do not accept Catholic truth:

"All, who have seen Jesus in the flesh but have not seen Him after the Spirit and in His Divinity, and have not believed that He was really the Son of God, are doomed. Also those are doomed who see the Sacrament of the Body of Christ, which is consecrated with the words of the Lord on the altar and by the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, but do not see in it the Spirit and Divinity and have not believed that it really is Our Lord Jesus Christ's most holy Body and Blood".⁶

Thus, those who try to portray Saint Francis of Assisi as an apostle of Vatican II's new brand of dia-



logue and ecumenism are simply not telling the truth. Especially since today's ecumenism, of which the "Spirit of Assisi" is the most radical element, does not seek the conversion of non-Catholics to the one true religion, but only seeks to work together with all religions in a "reconciled diversity" for the "betterment of the human family".⁷ There is no sharper contrast to this new, effeminate ecumenism than Saint Francis' encounter with the Sultan, and his Friars' missionary zeal among the Muslims.

Saint Francis vs. Islam

Around 1219, after a General Chapter of the Order, Saint Francis decided to undertake a mission to the Muhammadans in Egypt, where also there was a Crusade being fought.

During this time, Francis stayed with the Christian

FOOTNOTES:

⁴ Cuthbert, *Life of Saint Francis of Assisi* (New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1916), p. 12.

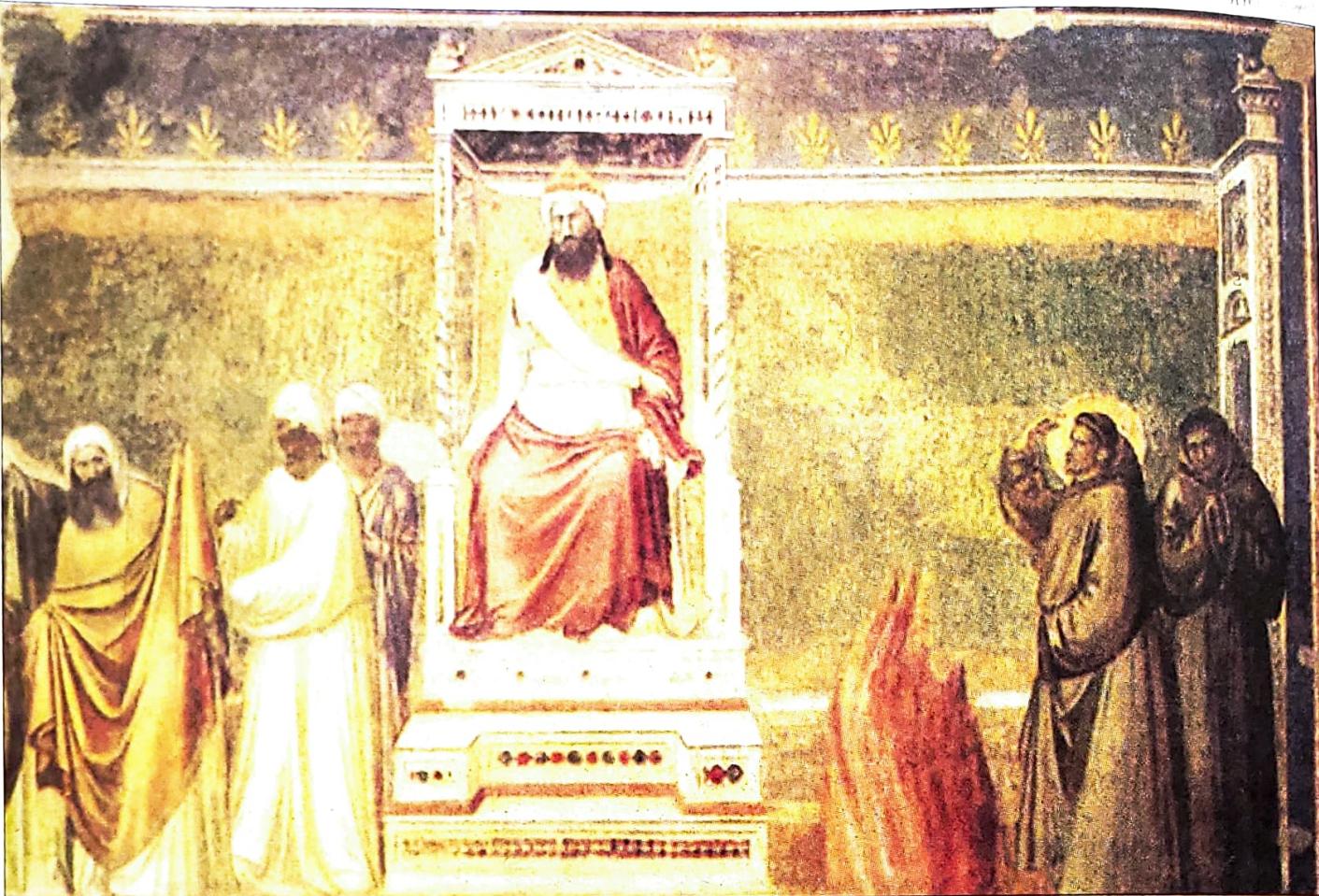
⁵ Sadly, this is a direct quote from Pope John Paul II. See "On Pilgrimage to Mt. Sinai," *Origins*, March 9, 2000. Regarding John Paul II's disappointing commitment to ecumenical novelties, Fr. Joseph de Sainte Marie, who was a theologian and loyal son of the Pope, emitted the broken-hearted lament and warning: "In our day, and it is one of the most obvious signs of the extraordinarily abnormal character of the current state of the Church, it is very often the case that the acts of the Holy See demand of us prudence and discernment" (Cited from *A propos, Isle of Skye*, Scotland, No. 16, 1994, p. 5).

⁶ *Admonitio prima de Corpore Christi* (Quaracchi edition, p. 4), quoted in Johannes Jorgensen, *St. Francis of Assisi* (New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1912), p. 55.

⁷ One example among many, Cardinal Walter Kasper, appointed by Pope John Paul II as the Prefect of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, recently said, "Today we no longer understand ecumenism in the sense of a return, by which the others would 'be converted' and 'return to being Catholics.' This was expressly abandoned at Vatican II" (Adulti, February 26, 2001). English translation quoted from "Where Have They Hidden the Body," by Christopher Ferrara. See also *Iota Unum*, chap. 35, where Romano Amerio demonstrates that converting non-Catholics to the one true Church is not the aim of today's practice of ecumenism.

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This painting by Giotto illustrates the famous challenge made before the Sultan. Saint Francis entered the enemy camp and challenged the Muslim priests to go into the fire with him to see which one represented the true religion. The Muslims refused.

army, and then crossed over to the Moslem lines. Once outside the Christian lines, he was seized by Moslem soldiers. Francis told the soldiers that he wanted to preach Christ to the Sultan, who allowed him into the camp.

When brought to the Sultan, Francis said, "I am sent by the Most High God, to show you and your people the way of salvation by announcing to you the truths of the Gospel".⁸ And when Saint Francis preached, the Sultan felt himself very much drawn to Francis and to the

power of his words. So much so, that he invited Francis to stay with him.

"Willingly," Francis replied, "if you and your people will be converted to Christ".⁹

Francis then proposed his famous challenge. He said:

"If you yet waver between Christ and Mohammed, order a fire kindled and I will go into it with your priests that you may see which is the true Faith".¹⁰

The Sultan was not willing to permit this trial by fire, so

Francis requested permission to leave. And the Sultan gave orders that Francis be conducted back to his camp with courtesy.

While this was going on in Egypt, there were five firebrand Franciscan Friars kicking up so much dust in Muslim Morocco that all five of them would be put to death. Their names were Brothers Berardo, Ortho, Pietro, Accurso and Aduto.

FOOTNOTES:

⁸ Lives of Saints, "Saint Francis of Assisi" (John J. Crawley & Co., 1954).

⁹ Cuthbert, Life, p. 280.

¹⁰ Lives of Saints, John J. Crawley & Co.

First they went to Spain, to Moslem Seville. And because they tried to preach the Gospel there, they were scourged, imprisoned and expelled from that kingdom. Then they went over to Muslim Morocco in an attempt to convert the infidels. When they arrived, these Friars did more than just preach in the streets. They marched right into a mosque

and denounced Mohammed from inside the mosque.¹¹

The Friars were seized, imprisoned and scourged, but that did not temper their zeal. While in prison, they tried repeatedly to convert the jailers.

The rulers of Morocco were trying to find a diplomatic way out of this, so they arranged that these imperious Friars be sent out of the country.

And how did the five Franciscans respond?

Father Cuthbert relates:

"But the five Friars knew nothing of diplomacy and had not the temper to live and let live. Mohammed was, in their eyes, the enemy of Christ, and the souls of this people were rightful spoils for their Divine Redeemer. To go back upon their mission would be a traitorous backsliding from their fealty to their Savior".¹²

At the first opportunity, these wiry Franciscans gave their jailkeepers the slip. Immediately, they returned to the city, and there they were again, in front of the mosque appealing to the infidels to renounce Mohammed and accept Christ.

They were seized, cast into jail and tortured. While they were on the rack, the jailers promised the Friars that their lives would be spared and they would be given gifts, if they would deny Christ and accept Mohammed.

The Friars responded by uttering the praises of Our Lord, and urged the torturers to renounce Mohammed and accept Jesus Christ.



Saint Anthony of Padua

The Muhammadans answered by beheading each Friar, and casting their bodies outside the walls to be the food of dogs. A Portuguese dignitary arranged a stealth operation to have their bodies rescued. They were taken to Portugal, and with great reverence they were laid in the Church of the Canons Regular (Augustinian) in Coimbra.

Among all the people who flocked to pray to and honor the martyred Franciscans, there was a young Augustinian Canon who was enraptured by the zeal and love of Christ that burned in these Friars. He sought out the

local Franciscans and begged to be admitted to the Order.

That young Augustinian, who became Franciscan, is now known to us as Saint Anthony of Padua, the Miracle Worker, whom Catholics honor with the title the Hammer of Heretics.

And as for Saint Francis: What did he think of these five Friars who marched into a mosque and denounced Mohammed from within the Muslim's own holy place? Who urged Moslems for

their own salvation not to follow the false prophet, Mohammed? Did Saint Francis organize on the following March 12 a grand apology for the insensitivity of his friars for not understanding that the "Moslems, together with us, worship the same God"?

No! Francis cried out in a transport of gratitude to Heaven, "Now I can truly say I have five brothers".¹³

This is the true spirit of Assisi!

FOOTNOTES:

¹¹ Cuthbert, Life, p. 283.

¹² Ibid., p. 284.

¹³ Ibid., p. 285.

THE OATH AGAINST MODERNISM



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I (name) firmly embrace and accept all and everything that has been defined, affirmed, and declared by the unerring *magisterium* of the Church, especially those chief doctrines which are directly opposed to the errors of this time.

And first, I profess that God, the beginning and end of all things, can be certainly known and thus can also be demonstrated by the natural light of reason "by the things that are made" [cf. Rom. 1:20], that is, by the visible works of creation, as the cause by the effects.

Secondly, I admit and recognize the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, and especially miracles and prophecies, as very certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion; and I hold that these same arguments have been especially accommodated to the intelligence of all ages and men, even of these times.

Thirdly, likewise, with a firm faith I believe that the Church, guardian and mistress of the revealed word, was instituted proximately and directly by the true and historical Christ Himself, while he sojourned among us, and that the same was built upon Peter, the chief of the apostolic hierarchy, and his successors until the end of time.

Fourthly, I accept sincerely the doctrine of faith transmitted from the apostles through the orthodox fathers, always in the same sense and interpretation, even to us; and so I reject the heretical invention of the evolution of dogmas, passing from one meaning to another, different from that which the Church first had; and likewise I reject all error whereby a philosophic fiction is substituted for the divine deposit, given over to the Spouse of Christ and to be guarded faithfully by her, or a creation of the human conscience formed

gradually by the efforts of men and to be perfected by indefinite progress in the future.

Fifthly, I hold most certainly and profess sincerely that faith is not a blind religious feeling bursting forth from the recesses of the subconscious, unformed morally under the pressure of the heart and the impulse of a will, but the true assent of the intellect to the truth received extrinsically *ex auditu*, whereby we believe that what has been said, attested, and revealed by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, to be true on account of the authority of God the highest truth.

I also subject myself with the reverence which is proper, and I adhere with my whole soul to all the condemnations, declarations, and prescriptions which are contained in the Encyclical letter "Pascendi" and in the Decree, "Lamentabili", especially on that which is called the history of dogma.

In the same manner I disapprove the error of those who affirm that the faith proposed by the Church can be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas, in the sense in which they are now understood, cannot be reconciled with the more authentic origins of the Christian religion.

I also condemn and reject the opinion of those who say that the more erudite Christian puts on a dual personality, one of the believer, the other of the historian, as if it were permitted the historian to hold what is in contradiction to the faith of the believer; or to establish premises which it follows that dogmas are either false or doubtful, provided they are not directly denied.

I disapprove likewise that method of studying and interpreting Sacred Scripture, which disregards the tradition of the Church, the analogy of faith, and the norms of the Apostolic See, and adheres to the fictions of the rationalists, and no less freely than boldly adopts textual criticism as the only and supreme rule.

Besides I reject the opinion of those who hold that to present the historical and theological disciplines the teacher or the writer on these subjects must first divest himself of previously conceived opinion either on the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition, or on the aid promised by God for the perpetual preservation of every revealed truth; then that the writings of the individual Fathers are to be interpreted only by the principles of science, setting aside all divine authority, and by that freedom of judgment with which any profane document is customarily investigated.

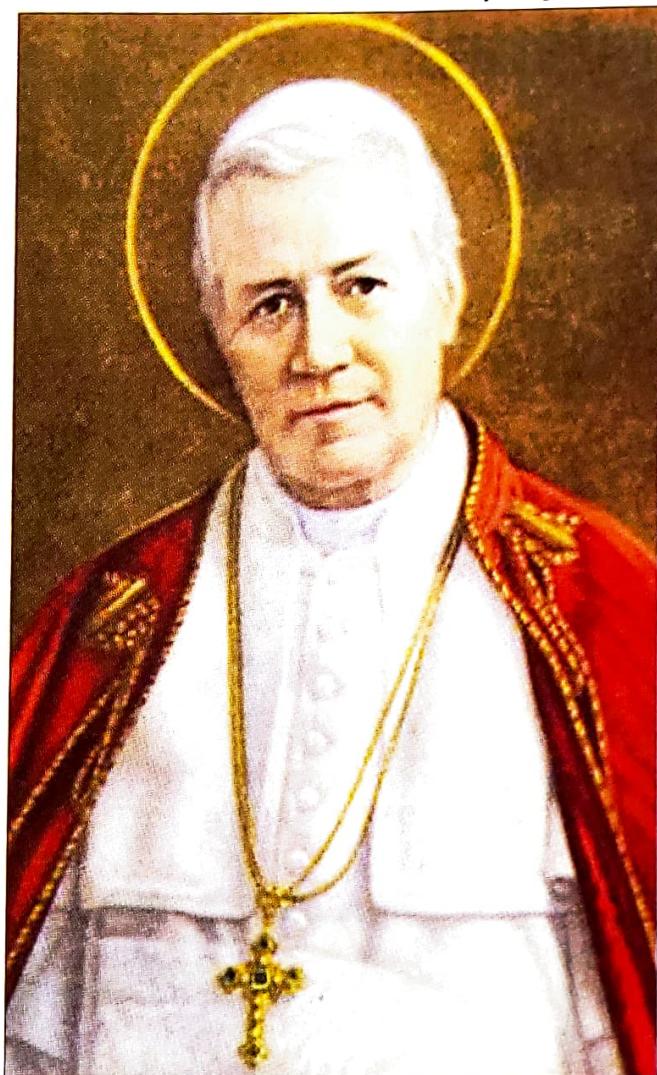
Finally, in short, I profess to be utterly free of the error according to which the modernists hold that there is nothing divine in sacred tradition; or, what is far worse, admit this in the pantheistic sense, so that nothing remains but this bare and simple fact to be assimilated with the common facts of history, namely, of men by their industry, skill, and genius continuing through subsequent ages the school inaugurated by Christ and His disciples.

So I retain most firmly the faith of the Fathers, and shall retain it until the final breath of life, regarding the certain gift of truth, which is, was, and will be always in the succession of the episcopacy from the apostles,

"...I hold most certainly and profess sincerely that faith is not a blind religious feeling bursting forth from the recesses of the subconscious, unformed morally under the pressure of the heart and the impulse of a will, but the true assent of the intellect to the truth received extrinsically ex auditu..."

not so that what may seem better and more fitting according to each one's period of culture may be held, but so that the absolute and immutable truth preached by the apostles from the beginning may never be believed otherwise, may never be understood otherwise.

All these things I promise that I shall faithfully, entirely, and sincerely keep and inviolably watch, never deviating from them in word and writing either while teaching or in any other pursuit. So I promise, so I swear, so help me God and this Holy Gospel.



Pope Saint Pius X

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