

What Do You Actually Believe?

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While some better formed Catholics may leave the irritating preaching and sophistry in some parishes, many do stay and unfortunately are filled with it. It is depressing that we do not hear the timeless truths of the faith from our leaders every Sunday. I hear too many times the frustrations of the faithful Catholics who decide leave their parishes, avoid diocesan events, have been asked to leave parishes as groups. As Voris says below, the loss of trust in the bishops is becoming more common. The statements of bishops and the USCCB are rendering the episcopacy irrelevant in the formation of the souls of many. I do not believe this is the way Jesus meant it to be, but until well formed bishops are appointed, who are preaching timeless truths to the hungry souls of the faithful, the irrelevance of the office will continue.

Next week, the American bishops will gather for one of their twice-a-year meetings and discuss a bevy of topics. But as the bishops meet, out-in-the-pews, committed Catholics are becoming increasingly concerned about the direction the conference is taking as a whole. By committed Catholics, we mean Catholics who not only go to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and have a devotional life but also have a very good understanding of the ruinous state the Church is in.

They are not looking at little things here and there and investing all their hope and common sense in these small things — laudable and joyful as they are. It is precisely the attitude and tone and direction of the bishops' conference that sucks the joy and hope out of these efforts, giving committed Catholics pause to think that they will suddenly be shut down or sidelined without any notice.

This has been the case with multiple little religious communities that have tried to form or homeschooling efforts on the part of concerned parents or distribution of faithful catechetical materials or various speakers not being allowed to present on church property and so forth. Add to this the wall of opposition to anything even closely resembling Tradition, and we aren't talking necessarily about the Latin Mass but attempts to get rid of abuses and liturgical overreaches that currently exist and are ignored or the near-refusal, however politely it may be framed, to allow any resurgence or restoration of Catholic identity as it relates to the political and cultural order, for example.

Tens of thousands, maybe even hundreds of thousands, of committed Catholics have simply grown to not trust the bishops when it comes to promotion of the authentic Catholic faith. In fact, those Catholics see many of the bishops more along the lines of being the actual problem, not just a hindrance. There is, simply stated, a mountain range of evidence pointing at the bishops collectively not caring about committed Catholics. It has not been for nothing that tens of thousands of committed Catholic parents will not let their children attend Catholic schools anymore for fear of losing the Faith. The same motive is behind thousands of Catholic families who Sunday after Sunday pile into vans and drive long distances to go to a reverent Mass, driving right past a number of other, more convenient parishes along the way. They simply don't trust the priests who are allowed by the bishop to continue in their ministry.

When you add to that climate the silence in the face of heresies, dissent, horrible catechesis, bowing to false ecumenism, which was on full display front and center during Revolt Day last week, and a host of other sins — the approval of all things gay and gay clergy, the anti-Catholic preaching that happens regularly at Catholic parishes, the promotion of a massively worldly agenda dressed up in spiritual rags — climate change, immigration, death penalty, community organizing, social justice warrior "collections," to name just a few. These are politically liberal, practically socialist positions that too many of the bishops like to baptize and pass off as somehow Catholic, and of course, the realization that many of these bishops were involved directly or indirectly with the gay clergy sex abuse scandal which has cost the Church in the U.S. nearly \$4 billion.

What this all boils down to is this one simple bottom line — committed Catholics no longer trust the hierarchy. To the degree they preach already existing Church teaching — fine. But that seems to be the last thing they do. Prominent

on the agendas are never topics like the evil of contraception or the plan to make sure that men who are same-sex attracted are not being accepted into seminaries, nor is there any national push for authentic Catholic catechism — a protestantized Alpha program is promoted as the new savior of Catholic education. Even when various states and secular outfits were calling out the errors in the Common Core curriculum, Catholic bishops clung to the Planned Parenthood backed program.

They allow pro-gay, pro-abortion individuals who feel completely free to express their opinions without any fear of discipline to work in various Church establishment offices like Catholic Relief Services and cover for them when they are discovered. To a huge number of committed Catholics, this is treason on the part of many bishops and begins to raise questions about not just the actual question about trusting the bishops but seriously considering if they actually still believe everything the Church teaches.

Think about it — opening up your cathedral for illicit, invalid, ordinations and consecrations without the slightest consideration even being thought about how committed Catholics would perceive that. And the same is true when cathedrals are opened up for funerals of known dissenters or heretics. The Ted Kennedy triumphal send-off with Cdl. Sean O'Malley in attendance was an abomination. That man supported the murder of millions of little Americans for decades, and there sat a prince of the Church condoning his evil by his mere presence. The phenomenon that is happening as a result of all this is committed Catholics are simply separating themselves from the institutional rot.

They are finding other churches to go to Mass, either one of the Eastern rites or the FSSP or the Institute of Christ the King or the rarest of all beings — a faithful parish with a reverent Mass and a faithful priest. In short, they're voting with their feet. They are building their own school system for their children, some of it home-schooling, some of it co-ops, some of them independent Catholic schools.

They no longer get their news and information about the Church from the official Church of Nice organs like the bulletin and diocesan newspaper but from non-propaganda sites. In short, they look around the ruinous state of the Church and determine that neither they nor their families are going to end up like other family members and friends and loved ones who have walked away from the Faith. And yet with this exodus from the Church of Nice, the leaders still continue to push their ridiculous social justice claptrap and double down on their embracing of dissent and crushing of Catholic identity.

All that the Church of Nice holds dear and has pushed down people's throats for decades will soon be faced with the stark reality that in short order there will be no one in their pews to shove stuff down. The Church of the 1970s, enjoying one last party before its final death, will have taken tens of millions of Catholics to the grave with it. What will be left is what has already begun to form even as some faithless bishops try to stamp it out.

We hear so much that simply is not true. Ronald Reagan said, ““It isn't so much that liberals are ignorant. It's just that they know so many things that aren't so.”

Clergy in the church are to preach the timeless truth of Jesus, not to interpret secular values through a religious lens.

When you hear a multiplicity of words come from leaders, they are trying to change our thinking. We are Catholics. When our leaders speak of Jesus life, death, resurrection, the Real Presence, the dogmatic truths of the faith, we listen; when novelties like immigration, refugees, communion for all, praising the reformation, promoting adultery and homosexuality, etc are promoted, not so much. The National Review magazine had an ad from which I quote, “Ingesting the day's headlines and the liberal spin on them via the news media, you often probably find yourself thinking, “Hang on, THAT can't be right.” But do you have time to delve into the details and locate the defective assumption or flawed reasoning? As Catholics we have prayer to Jesus, the Bible, the Catechism of the Church

In homilies, I have told the assembly that if they're feeling that what I say does not conform to the truth, then go to the Catechism and the Bible, authorities above me to verify what I say. Sometimes the preacher is dead wrong. Sometimes the soul of the listener is not well formed. The pope is only the high authority when he confirms ex cathedra what has ALWAYS been taught and believed, not some novelty that falls off his lips today. It is the same with any bishop or priest.

I was born in the morning, but not THIS morning. I know when I am being bamboozled, and I run from that preacher to Jesus in prayer, to Him in the Bible and the Catechism. I encourage all to do the same. — Fr. Perozich

What do sociopaths and leftists have in common?

By [Linda Goudsmit](#)

Sociopaths and Leftists share a common behavior trait – projection – accusing someone else of doing exactly what you are doing yourself. The crucial difference between sociopaths and Leftists is that Leftist projection is conscious and sociopathic projection is unconscious. The sociopath has a personality disorder that manifests itself in extreme antisocial attitudes and behavior and a lack of conscience. Let's compare and contrast the nature of psychological projection with political projection.

Sigmund Freud described psychological projection as the defensive mechanism of denying in oneself the existence of unpleasant behavior while attributing that exact behavior to others. ("Case Histories II, PFL 9, p.32) Accusing someone else of lying when in fact you are the liar is a prime example of projection. Projection is a characteristic blame-shifting defense mechanism for sociopaths – it keeps them from acknowledging and taking responsibility for their own behavior. The work of the sociopath's therapist is to help the sociopath get in touch with the objective reality of his behavior so that he can change it.

Interacting with a sociopath is very confusing and creates cognitive dissonance in those unfamiliar with psychological projection. Cognitive dissonance is the psychological stress of holding two or more contradictory beliefs at the same time. Consider sociopath Bill who accuses his honest business partner Joe of embezzling money from their company. At first Joe is confused – he cannot reconcile being accused of stealing when he knows for a fact he did not steal anything. Joe is immediately put on the defensive by the accusation. Joe examines the accounts and sees that money is indeed missing – he is determined to discover who the thief is so he can be reimbursed and clear his name. It never occurs to Joe that it is Bill who is stealing because Bill is the accuser!

In a political context psychological projection is a deceitful conscious strategy to put your political opponent on the defensive. There are fair fights and there are dirty fights in politics. Fair fights are honest debates about the merits of opposing policies and ideas – dirty fights are deliberate, personal, and deceitful tricks

designed to discredit your opponent and put him on the defensive. Political projection is a very dirty fight.

The following is an excerpt from a fascinating article written on the subject by [Bill Federer](#). It exposes the staggering dishonesty of political projection and its source:

Karl Marx is attributed with saying, "Accuse the victim of what you do." In the political context, be the first to accuse your opponent of what you are guilty of:

- If you are lying, accuse your opponent of it
- If you are racist, accuse your opponent of it
- If you are intolerant, accuse your opponent of it
- If you have something to hide, accuse your opponent of it
- If you or your spouse have been sexually immoral, accuse your opponent of it
- If you are receiving millions from globalist and Hollywood elites, accuse your opponent of it

Democrat political advisor David Axelrod verbalized this Machiavellian tactic in an NPR interview, April 19, 2010: "In Chicago there was an old tradition of throwing a brick through your own campaign office window, and then calling a press conference to say that you've been attacked." Naive individuals who join these disruptive groups were referred to by Lenin as "useful idiots."

Hillary Clinton and the DNC honed political projection to an art form during the 2016 pre and post election. They commissioned and financed a fake dossier on candidate Trump to discredit him by accusing him of colluding with the Russians to influence the presidential election. Thanks to Tom Fitton, the courageous Judicial Watch truth warrior, we now know that Hillary and the DNC accused candidate Trump of doing exactly what they were doing themselves. Karl Marx would be proud.

Like honest businessman Joe, Donald Trump knew he hadn't colluded with the Russians, but the American people did not so President Trump was immediately put on the defensive. A kangaroo court still in session headed by compromised Robert Mueller and corrupt Rod Rosenstein began investigating the matter. What a surprise! Hillary and the DNC were exposed as actually colluding with the Russians!

Projection is a very familiar behavior trait for Hillary – she is a repeat offender. In the now infamous Uranium One deal Hillary still brazenly accusing Donald Trump of colluding with the Russians has been exposed as having sold 20% of our American uranium assets to Russia through a secret deal she made while serving as secretary of state under Obama. Hillary illegally sold influence and made millions of dollars for herself and the equally corrupt Clinton Foundation.

Next up are Hillary's infamous "missing" emails. Again, Tom Fitton and his multiple Freedom of Information Act requests, have exposed the staggering dishonesty and duplicity of crooked Hillary. It is too bad that Tom Fitton is not the attorney general instead of disappointingly ineffectual Jeff Sessions.

The only good news here is that the Leftist Democrat Party in the United States is easy to figure out. Just examine what they are accusing President Trump of doing and you will know exactly what they are doing themselves. Their formula is childishly easy to decipher. The problem for President Trump is that the Obama leftovers in his administration continue to sabotage his America-first agenda. It is time for President Donald Trump to do what citizen Donald Trump did so effortlessly – say YOU'RE FIRED!! It is time to clean house. Americans are sick of the Left consciously projecting their own deceit onto others and they are sick of the sociopaths among those politicians on both side of the aisle who actually believe their own projections. America no longer cares if they are sociopaths or just plain dirty politicians – we want honesty and accountability and representatives who will do what is good for America not what is good for themselves. Enough is enough!