

Fr. Perozich comments —

This is a long post. The first article is from Church Militant which describes the current church's efforts to accommodate itself to the world in order to keep people in the church no matter what it has to do.

What our church cannot do is to take away the affluence and the independent minded spirit of people who, while claiming to think for themselves, are subject to every whim of the world.

While many claim a faith in Jesus, it is their own invented faith, not the revealed faith nor the timeless truths of the lived faith of the Catholics who have gone before them.

Their faith is not in Jesus. It is in themselves.

Their relationship with Jesus is one of feeling good just to be associated with Him, but not to let Him guide their lives. This is all too obvious in the second article in the "example of one" wherein the secular press cites the defection from faith and from Christ of a Gloria Emmons because the church has not gone along with abortion, homosexual behavior, the perversion of marriage, everyone else's idea of hospitality and welcome, all of which she values above Christ and the truth needed to come into His heart.

The second article is the secular press's presentation of the decline of church attendance in Michigan. If the church does not tickle the ears of the congregants, but challenges them to live according to Jesus, they walk away and criticize the church for not conforming to the world. It uses the argument fallacy of denigration of the past, "the church of the 1950's", as if something then should not have value now. The truth is timeless, and does not adapt to an age or to a new date in human history.

We have so much material wealth, we do not look to Jesus for the salvation of our souls, rather we seek comfort and approval from the world and give ourselves over to it, risking damnation.

If people cannot find the truth in the church because the church is afraid to preach it or if she is muzzling her preachers, she will continue to fail Jesus in her mission to proclaim Him as the only way to salvation and eternal life, to lose people who don't need one more organization to tell them what they already believe, no matter how wrong it may be.

Following that are two truth bombs from me, one in 2016 for which I was told my teachings are not Catholic by Bishop Robert McElroy, and one from 2009 when the democrat government was trying to enshrine abortion into law. At that time Bishop Robert Brom had one of his deans tell me not to write these truths.

We have gone from holy matrimony to the perversion of marriage by courts.

We have gone from abortion to save the life of the mother to killing children born alive

We have gone from chastity to homosexual predation in our church leaders

We have gone from financial independence to government control over health care and other aspects of citizens' lives.

We have gone from truth to "liberalism", a free thought with no grounding in reality in the church in its unmooring from Thomistic philosophy/theology, from our U.S. constitution, and from the Bible and Tradition.

And people who say they are leaving the church love it!

I stay in the church because of the hard truth bombs that destroy the sophistries, the sin that clings to me, and for the real freedom it brings to my soul in Jesus, the Son of God.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. We will lose people because of affluence, because of pride in thinking they know as much as church leaders, because of poorly formed church leaders some of whom may not believe and who proclaim worldly values rather than Jesus' command to repent and believe in the gospel.

In the years of 50, 1050, 1950 or 2019, the truths of the faith are the same. Believe them, stay in the church, receive the sacraments, proclaim Jesus and be saved. Walk away, and the path leads to damnation.

It never is too late to turn back to Christ in the timeless truth of His Holy Catholic Church. Repent and believe in the gospel.

NEVER tell the truth — it upsets people.

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Every now and then — likely unintentionally — the secular media actually gets something right.

Such is the case with a recent report which we've attached a link to in case you want to read the whole thing for yourself.

It's from a very established statewide Michigan news outfit, and it focuses on the severe drop-off among Catholics in Michigan and the archdiocese of Detroit in particular. And for the record, this is the story in virtually every diocese in the country.

First, as background, understand that the archdiocese of Detroit was ground zero for the implosion that happened to the U.S. Church immediately following Vatican II.

The then-archbishop, Cdl. John Dearden, was a liberal disaster who used Detroit as a petri dish for the destruction of the Faith with liturgical abuses, ordaining gay men and so forth.

Dearden also was instrumental in setting up and running the national bishops' conference, and from that position, he exported his liturgical and faith destruction across the entire U.S. Church from the mid-1960s and onward.

His work was carried on by homosexualist Joseph Bernardin who Dearden raised from obscurity to be his successor in destroying the Church after he had left the scene.

So with that background, now let's turn to the article.

It looks at the devastating drop in the practice of the Faith here in Detroit, focusing especially on the years from 2000–2018. What's noteworthy about those years is that the first nine — from 2000–2009 — are when Cdl. Adam Maida was archbishop here.

The second nine years — 2009–2018 — the archbishop has been Allen Vigneron.

Under Vigneron's watch, practically nothing has changed. The same Church of Nice garbage has continued to flow freely, and the numbers across the board have continued to plummet.

Finally, after reigning over and contributing to the collapse of the Faith here, a couple years ago, Vigneron produced what he classed as a work of the Holy Spirit called "Unleash the Gospel."

It wasn't really a work of the Holy Spirit — insiders tell Church Militant it was ghostwritten by seminary instructor Mary Healy — and is little else than the recycled same Church of Nice garbage which brought the Detroit archdiocese to its knees; in short, Cdl. Dearden would like this plan.

The article from MLive does a masterful job of drawing out that the entire plan centers around drawing people back to the Faith by avoiding "truth bombs," the hard teachings, usually about sexual morality.

Here's the relevant line, quoting directly from "Unleash the Gospel": "In addition, Vigneron has promised 'practical help' to ensure priests provide empathetic pastoral care and present homilies 'meeting people where they are at and avoiding "truth bombs" that will only turn them away.'"

And there you have it, ladies and gentlemen, in black and white, avoid the hard truths in order to get people back in Mass. How is this any different than what's been going on here for the past half-century?

If Vigneron thinks people have left the Church in this archdiocese because they have been hearing "truth bombs" from the pulpit, then he must be somehow partaking in Michigan's recently legalized pot stores.

This is one of the most gay-friendly dioceses you will find. It's home to the oldest gay Mass in the world.

A huge number of clergy are gay or gay-friendly. Bishop Thomas Gumbleton is from here, the man who backed the

seminary in the 1980s showing homosexual porn to the seminarians under the guise of a human sexuality class.

Even the ghostwriter herself, Mary Healy, said Vigneron won't do anything about the gay stuff here because he's scared of what the gay priests will do in response.

So his plan — or her plan, depending on how you look at it — is more guitars, less truth and lots more hospitality as the aging hippie population is drawn back into the "never give offense" Church.

Perfect, what could possibly go wrong? What insight, what brilliance, what forward-thinking — let's just do more, much more, of what we've been doing since before the Vietnam War and it will all pay off.

We're going to continue to focus on this theme for a few more days, using the Detroit disaster as a backdrop because, one, we are located here and know an awful lot of the inner workings; and two, Detroit is emblematic of what has happened in the Church all over the country, which is fitting because it really all started here.

There's even been speculation that Dearden himself may have been one of the Communist plants back in the day who infiltrated the Church to destroy Her as Joseph Stalin ordered.

Having been born in 1907 and ordained in 1932, the timing certainly works out, but that will probably be impossible to determine really one way or the other.

What can safely be said is if he wasn't one of the Communist infiltrators, he sure could easily pass for one.

All of this rot has got to come out into the open and be exposed. Vigneron's ridiculous plan is little else than the warmed-over poor formation he received in seminary in the early 1970s when the madness had already seized control; much more throughout the week in our continuing effort to help Catholics understand what went wrong so that the mistakes will not be repeated.

MICHIGAN RESIDENTS LEAVING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AS MANY TURN AWAY FROM RELIGION

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Congregation members stand for prayer during the Good Friday noon service at the Cathedral of St. Augustine in Kalamazoo, Michigan on Friday, April 19, 2019.

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The Catholic Church has loomed large over Gloria Emmons' life.

Growing up in metro Detroit in the 1950s and '60s, her devout Catholic family was surrounded by other devout Catholics. Everybody went to church on Sundays. Nobody ate meat on Fridays. Almost every home had a statue of Mary.

Emmons attended Catholic schools through college. She married in the church, sent her two sons through Catholic schools and the family attended weekly Mass for years.

But today, Emmons describes herself as an “ambivalent” Catholic.

“There are lots of conflicts” between Catholic doctrine and contemporary values such as equality for gays and women, said Emmons, 65, who lives near Kalamazoo. “As we move forward as a society, they stare you in the face.”

Emmons still considers herself Catholic. “I still love the Mass,” she said.

But she no longer belongs to a local parish, and when she attends Mass nowadays, it’s typically to accompany her 93-year-old father to his church in Oakland County.

For Emmons’ sons, former altar boys now in their 30s, the estrangement with the church has gone even farther. Both sons now reject Catholicism. One son is gay. The other son married another graduate of Catholic schools, but the couple didn’t have a church wedding and haven’t baptized their children.

“I’m close to my father’s priest, and I’ve talked to him” about her children’s loss of faith, Emmons said. “He said he’s seeing the same thing” among his congregation.

It’s a trend backed by numbers. Between 2000 and 2018, membership in Michigan’s Catholic parishes dropped from 2.2 million to 1.8 million, according to Georgetown University’s Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), which collects annual data from U.S. Catholic dioceses.

Even more striking in the CARA data are the declines in Catholic sacraments and education. Infant baptisms, down 49% since 2000. Weddings blessed by the Catholic Church, down 54%. First Communions, down 46%. Enrollment in Catholic grade schools, down 49%. Enrollment in K-12 religious education classes, down 48%.

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Summary.

Catholic sacraments in Michigan churches. 2000 vs. 2018

Chart graphic.

Catholic sacraments in Michigan churches Created with Highcharts 5.0.0

Sacrament

Catholic sacraments in Michigan churches

2000 vs. 2018

32,536

29,587

25,435

10,378

18,393

16,581

16,025

16,413

4,728

15,920

2000

2018

Baptisms

First Communion First Communion

Confirmation

Weddings

Funerals

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10,000

20,000

30,000

40,000

<u>Sacrament</u>	<u>2000 totals</u>	<u>2018 totals</u>	<u>% change</u>
Baptisms	32,536	16,581	-49.04%
First Communion	29,587	16,025	-45.84%
Confirmation	25,435	16,413	-35.47%
Weddings	10,378	4,728	-54.44%
Funerals	18,393	15,920	-13.45%

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The number of sacraments in the 2000 and 2018 CARA reports reflect the totals for the previous 12 months. The number of weddings include all marriages blessed by the church, regardless of whether it was performed in a Catholic church. One number not included in this chart are the number of adults baptized in another Christian faith who converted to Catholicism. That number was 3,793 in 2000 and 2,322 in 2018, a 39% drop.

“Those are huge drops, a huge erosion,” said Brian Wilson, a American religious history professor at Western Michigan University.

But he and other experts say Michigan is not an outlier in the U.S. Catholic Church -- and the U.S. Catholic Church is not an outlier among the nation’s Christian denominations, most of which are losing members.

“There are a whole lot of societal factors converging together,” said Mary Gautier, a CARA senior researcher.

“Younger people today are less likely to get married,” she said. “If they do get married, they’re unlikely to get married in a church. Everybody wants a beach wedding.”

Birth rates also are down, and when women do have children, they are less likely to have been married in the Church or be married at all -- which makes it less likely the child will be baptized. And a child who isn’t baptized is highly unlikely to be enrolled in a Catholic school, attend religious education classes or have a First Communion.

In short, Catholics are less likely today to stay in the church out of habit or social pressure, Gautier said. “They want a faith that is meaningful for them. If a pastor can’t provide that, they’ll find it elsewhere” -- or eschew religion all together.

Growth of the ‘nones’

Today, America’s fastest-growing category of religious identity is “none.”

In a 2014 survey by the Pew Research Center 24% of Michigan adults answered “none” when asked their religion. That compares to

25% who identified as evangelical Protestants, 18% as Catholic and 18% as mainline Protestants.

This chart shows the breakdown of religious identify for Michigan adults in the 2014 Pew survey. About 70% of survey-takers identified themselves as Christians; of these with a non-Christian faith, about 1% each identified as Jewish, Muslim or Buddhist.

“There’s a religious change in the United States that is very much generational, and that’s just not for Catholics,” said Greg Smith, associate director of research at Pew.

Americans born before 1946 “by and large are very religious,” he said. But as they die off, they are being replaced by millennials, a generation far less inclined to link spirituality to organized religion. Emmons points to her own family as an example of the generational shift: Her elderly father is an unwavering Catholic; she is a Catholic skeptical of the institutional church, and her children have eschewed organized religion entirely. “I think I’m typical of Catholics my age,” she said.

“There’s no societal pressure anymore to be religious,” Wilson said, which means fewer people attend church -- and as fewer people attend, societal pressure lessens even more. “It’s a feedback loop.”

Moreover, people today are less inclined to belong to organizations in general. “It’s not just organized religion” but everything from sports leagues to civic groups, Wilson said. “People are much more comfortable being on their own. They have networks of friends and contacts, but it’s less formal.”

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U.S. religious identity by age

55%
68%
78%
83%
9%
7%
6%

6%
36%
25%
17%
12%
 Christian
 Non-Christian faith
 None
 18-29
 30-49
 50-64
 65 plus
 0%
 100%
 25%
 50%
 75%

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<u>Religion</u>	<u>18-29</u>	<u>30-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65 plus</u>
Evangelical Christian	20%	25%	28%	29%
Mainline Protestant	10%	13%	16%	22%
Catholic	16%	20%	23%	24%
Historically black Protestant	6%	7%	7%	6%
Other Christian	3%	3%	4%	2%
Non-Christian	9%	7%	6%	6%
None	36%	25%	17%	12%

This shows the breakdown of religious identity by age, according to the 2014 Pew survey.

Yet another factor may be the convergence of politics and religion.

“There are plenty of churches that are apolitical and focus on the spiritual,” Wilson said. “But they can be overshadowed in the media by conservative evangelicals and conservative Catholics who are very political and outspoken.”

“That turns off millennials, who might see this strong connection between religion and conservative politics and think this must be what every church looks like,” he said.

Wilson said he’s seen the changes among his students at Western Michigan University. Comparative religion classes are less popular than they were 20 years ago, he said, and those who do enroll are much less knowledgeable.

“More and more of my students have no background in religion,” he said. “Even among those who say they come from Christian homes, a lot have never cracked open up a Bible. They are religiously illiterate.”

Trends within Catholicism

About 41% of American adults raised as Catholic are no longer Catholic, according to the 2014 Pew survey.

By comparison, 55% raised in a mainline Protestant denomination and 35% raised as evangelical Protestants no longer identify with their childhood religion.

While the Catholic retention rate is about average, what’s more problematic for the church is the lack of converts, said Smith, the Pew researcher. While 13% of Americans are former Catholics, only 2% are Catholic converts -- a 6-to-1 ratio.

“Other religions have a much more favorable ratio,” Smith said.

Among former Catholics, half have joined another religion and about half are “nones,” according to various surveys.

“In 2008, we asked people why they changed religion,” Smith said about Pew surveys. “For Catholics, about a fourth cited the sex-abuse scandals. But when asked for the most important reason they left, the abuse scandal didn’t come up much.”

Rather, survey respondents gave a variety of answers -- from no longer believing in God, to disagreements with Catholic teachings on issues such as gay marriage and birth control, to issues with a priest or congregation.

“Many just drifted away,” Smith said. “It wasn’t a conscious decision.”

Bringing people back

These numbers come from the 2014 Pew survey. About a third of all U.S. Catholics are Hispanic, according to multiple surveys. But most of the Hispanic influx has occurred in Western and Southern states. The Catholic Church is shrinking in the Northwest and Midwest, including Michigan.

The Archdiocese of Detroit is a prime example of what's happening in longtime Catholic strongholds.

The archdiocese -- which includes Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lapeer and St. Clair counties -- serves 1.1 million Catholics, more than 60% of all Catholics in Michigan.

But church membership is down 22% since 2000. Marriages blessed by the Church are down 60%. Baptisms, down 55%. Since 2000, half the Catholic schools in the archdiocese have closed and the number of parishes has dropped by almost a third through church closures and mergers. The diocese has 30% fewer priests than in 2000, and 60% fewer nuns.

"It's not a good thing at all," said Father Steve Pullis, director of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

He recognizes traditional Catholic teachings can be a difficult sell in today's culture. "I get that it's hard for my contemporaries," said Pullis, who is 37. "To hear what Christ propose may be at odds with the values of the world."

Still, he said, "We need to help the next generation know why it's important to stay in the church."

To that end, Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron has unveiled an "Unleash the Gospel" movement that calls on Catholics to see southeast Michigan as ripe for missionary efforts.

"It's not about a membership drive or the number," Pullis said. "We're about bringing hearts to Jesus."

To spread this message, the archdiocese has launched a number of initiatives: Small-group Bible studies; creation of a Young Catholic Professionals group; a speaker series in bars called Theology on Tap; podcasts; Facebook posts promoting video testimonials; an Unleash the Gospel magazine.

His vision also includes encouraging congregations to find ways make Mass a more meaningful experience through “radical hospitality,” better use of music and more dynamic homilies.

In addition, Vigeron has promised “practical help” to ensure priests provide empathetic pastoral care and present homilies “meeting people where they are at and avoiding ‘truth bombs’ that will only turn them away.”

Those approaches are backed by research, according to Gautier, the CARA analyst.

Priests “can do real damage” in driving people away from Catholicism, she said.

“Any parish who wants to attract people needs to work on hospitality and making people feel welcome,” Gautier added. “The research we find is that people are looking for a sense of welcome and a sense of belonging” in a church.

Mary Henige, strategic communication director for the archdiocese, said Detroit-area Catholics are “supercharged” about the new approach of joyful discipleship.

“I love our Church, and I want other people to love it,” she said. “This world needs Christ more than ever.”

The loss of joy

But people such as Emmons see a disconnect between the teachings of Jesus and the institutional church.

As the mother of a gay man, the church’s stance on homosexuality is especially painful. “It’s hard,” Emmons said. “It’s been hard for my son.”

For years, Emmons and her husband centered their lives around St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Kalamazoo, where their children attended school and Emmons’ husband was on the school board.

It was a warm, tight-knit, loving community, Emmons said. That changed in the late 1990s with a new priest, Emmons said. “He was a young guy, but he was a 1950s-style priest” with rigid ideas.

Emmons and her husband looked for another parish, but “they didn’t seem that friendly.” Meanwhile, Emmons said, the sex-abuse scandals, the church’s role in banning gay marriage in Michigan, the

efforts to limit access to abortion and contraceptives, the treatment of women as “second-class citizens” all took their toll on her.

“Church should give you joy, and it’s not there anymore,” Emmons added. “I miss when church was joyful.”

Part of the problem, she said, is the new crop of young priests, who tend to be much more conservative. “It’s not the 1960s, ’70s or ’80s,” when liberals felt at home in the Catholic Church, she said.

But for all her disillusionment with the institutional Church, Emmons said she still prays and still takes comfort in Catholic rituals. She’s dismayed that her sons have lost their faith. She’s especially unhappy her grandchildren are not baptized.

“The Catholic part of me feels so bad, and I’ve talked to other parents who feel the same way,” Emmons said.

Still, she said, she understands why her sons no longer attend church. Her gay son stopped going to Mass after a priest “went on a rampage about gay marriage,” Emmons said.

The judgmental stances of the Church are especially galling considering the sexual-abuse scandals, which has undermined the church’s moral authority, Emmons said. And she scoffs at the idea a celibate, all-male priesthood can offer effective insights on marriage and family life.

It’s not the relationship with Jesus that has changed, but her relationship with the church, she said. “People now realize they don’t have to go through a priest to have a relationship with God.”

2 TRUTH BOMBS

VOTING CATHOLIC

October 30, 2016

As children of God, we share in the ministry of Jesus to free the world from slavery to sin for goodness in Jesus, and to offer faith in Him that leads to everlasting life.

The sins to which our American society are enslaved today have come from our elected officials, appointed judges, and Catholics who have voted for them and supported them. These officials are unyielding in their imposition of sin upon us.

Among the slavery imposed upon us is killing the unborn child in the womb, abortion, even with monies from our taxes. Another is the threat of punishment for rejecting homosexuality in all its forms: in its teaching in the schools, in “so called same sex marriage” with fines resulting in loss in business, income, and employment. A third enslavement is using embryos which have a soul as experiments. A fourth is cloning wherein now scientists are experimenting with human and animal DNA to create hybrid creatures. A fifth is euthanasia, the direct killing of human beings either with or without their consent. A sixth is the silencing of the Christian to express his faith in public, wherein our churches are complicit for fear of losing their tax exempt status. A seventh is the importation of immigrants whose religious values are to eradicate every belief except those of their own prophet and god, and to impose this on America. An eighth slavery is the government cave in to allow anyone to come into the country, and to support them monetarily, in part adding to a debt of \$20 trillion, while paying Americans to sit home and not work, thus enslaving the soul of our own citizenry in depriving them of real work which sustains the immortal soul of a man and a woman. A ninth is playing policeman for the world, sending military might to try to control people who do not wish our presence in their affairs. A tenth is regulating the right to bear arms for free citizens in a nation where criminals and terrorists will always have weapons, and where government is now in opposition to the citizenry. And there are others wherein we are called to be as clever as serpents, yet guileless as doves.

The prince of this world is opposed to Jesus, to us, and to our efforts. Satan has deceived many Christians to convert to worldly values from Christian ones: from morality as given by God, to rights decided by politicians and judges; from truth of the Bible to the lies of the world; from true freedom in God, to slavery to socialism decided by the state; from biblical righteousness to fairness decided by those in authority through their own decisions; from God given freedom to a false equality of outcome with no basis in truth.

The devil does this through the tactics outlined by Saul Alinsky with the outcome as Hillary Clinton has stated, “And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed”, to draw us away from God’s teachings regarding the sanctity of life to those of the world and its prince.

First, the Christian people are desensitized by a constant barrage of evil in the media: adultery, homosexuality, pornography, abortion, cloning, euthanasia. After we see these things so frequently, we become numb to the horror of their evil.

Second, the worldly people use “jamming”, harsh criticism against the truth of God and against those who proclaim it in order to silence any objection to Satan and his views.

Third, is conversion away from the classic Catholic terminology, theology, truth to an ambiguous language and different practice that permits sin along side the goodness of Jesus.

We see this conversion in our clergy who, instead of building up the faith of the Christians, despise us, call us names, or to jam us, or create things that don't exist such as islamophobia and islamophobes, homophobia and homophobes. We are called by some bishops rosary counters, hiding behind Christian doctrine, pickled pepper-faced Christians, little monsters, fundamentalists, anesthetized Christians, among many other insults. We are called by politicians such as Hillary Clinton, deplorables.

In every election, a Catholic must choose an elector who promotes that Catholic's beliefs, and rejecting one who is opposed to Jesus and his religious teachings. In 2004 Cardinal Ratzinger as prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith wrote to Cardinal McCarrick,

[N.B. A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate's permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate's stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons.]

There is no utopian solution to all of the problems of this country. There is no amount of money that will solve poverty, homelessness, drug addiction, or whatever else ails us.

Jesus Christ is the only answer along with faith in Him. When you vote, regardless of your affinity or dislike for the personality of the candidate, vote Catholic to save your soul and to promote faith in Jesus and eternal life.

Protect the most vulnerable: the unborn, the terminally ill, religious freedom. Reject the sin that the governments have imposed on us. Know the candidate's position on these things and what types of judges they will impose upon us. In the propositions, look carefully at how much more you want to pay in taxes, and if what those taxes will buy us are moral, Christian, and attainable, or do they merely serve an ideology that is already oppressing us.

Because of the loss of faith in Jesus and increasing dependence on government, the USA is at a crossroads of a continued downward trajectory as it has been on for these last years; or it can change. It depends on your faith in Jesus Christ and which candidates believe most what He has taught us to believe.

Pray for all the candidates. Vote for the one who most closely reflects Catholic truth.

100 DAYS OR END OF DAYS

February 01, 2009

The "governator" Arnold Schwarzenegger starred in a 1999 movie called "End of Days" where the devil was to come to take over the world. In the story line the devil must mate with and be born of a certain mortal if he is to escape hell and begin his reign of dominance over human hearts and freedom, to oppress people with death, pride, avarice, greed, sloth, ire, gluttony and lust. Arnold plays a man wounded spiritually and emotionally who ultimately opposes the devil who is defeated and reconsigned to hell for another 1,000 years. In real life, however, his legislation works for Satan.

The first 100 days of a new presidency is the time when legislation desired by the new leader is rammed through the congress without much discussion and over the objections of the minority party. It often is not good legislation, has been brewing in the hearts of special interest groups for years, who now have a vehicle to impose their will on the American people.

If the special interest groups have their way, the first 100 days will spell the end of days for the American nation as we have known it since 1776. Abominations will be forced on us by the new

government, such as which our founders never had intended, and certainly opposed to the Christian life: abortion on demand, homogenital sex, lust in all its forms, euthanasia, stem cell killing, cloning, taxes, oppression of opportunity and entrepreneurs, silencing of faith and free speech among many.

In the old testament, God's chosen people abandoned Him and sacrificed their own innocent children to a demon god called Moloch in hopes of a good harvest to feed themselves. The cult of Moloch lives on today, but just not under the god's formal name, but in the name of abortion, or rightly put, murder of children in the womb to promote false promises, ruined lives, and degraded humanity.

Abortion is our god and Obama, Pelosi, Kennedy are his prophets. His sacrifice is the life of infants and the souls of mothers. His priests are doctors who perform abortions. His church is Planned Parenthood and FOCA, (freedom of choice act). His covenant promises rights and freedom for women. It delivers death of infants, permanent damage to the souls of women, of men, of politicians

Homosexual lust is our god and Obama, Bishop Gene Robinson, and the Democratic Party are his prophets. The sacrifice is personal integrity and corruption of the body and spirit. Its priests and priestesses are men who have sex with men (MSM) and women who have sex with women (WSW). Its church is the Human Rights Campaign and other activist organizations, Pride clubs and "gay" and "lesbian" centers. Its covenant offers false promises of equality with those who have normal sexual feelings and inner peace. It delivers disease, prolonged adolescent immaturity, and oppression of the church and good people who live upright moral lives.

Money is our god, and the the wealthy and welfare are its prophets. Its sacrifice is hard earned savings and retirement. Its priests are those taking obscene profits by defrauding investors, and those who choose government money over honest work. Its church is a non vigilant Securities and Exchange Commission and congress. Its covenant promises self reliance and security in wealth or sustenance. It delivers collapse of the economy, unfair distribution of wealth, and a drain on the tax system.

Socialism is our god, and Obama is his prophet. Its sacrifice is personal freedom. Its priests are politicians and communist ideological organizations. Its church are legislatures and executive branches in government. Its covenant promises fairness and sameness for all. It delivers power and wealth those who already possess it and takes away opportunity for those out of power and destroys of the economy and future for others.

Liberalism is our god and the Democratic Party is his prophet. Its sacrifice is freedom, integrity, opportunity, and wholeness. Its priests are the fascist elites in government, education, and bureaucracies, who wish to control others' thoughts and actions. Its churches are political parties, universities, and corrupt professional organizations. Its covenant promises unbridled freedom for perversion of the natural law and oppression for all who disagree with it. It delivers the breakdown of society, constitutional government, and true freedom for morally minded people, especially faithful Christians.

For us Christians, these are abominations, and the people who promote them are truly overcome by evil. 2 Peter 2:19-20 "They promise them freedom, though they themselves are slaves of corruption, for a person is a slave of whatever overcomes him. For if they, having escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of (our) Lord and savior Jesus Christ, again become entangled and overcome by them, their last condition is worse than their first."

This may not be the change you wanted when you voted for new government, but it is the change you voted for if you did not clearly listen to the evil promises of the new prophets and priests of the new "churches" and ignored the warnings about the new evils that this government clearly promised to impose on America.

The Father is our God, and Jesus Christ is His prophet. His sacrifice is the life of His Son Jesus celebrated at Mass. His priests are those ordained and faithful clergy who teach fully the Catholic faith from the Bible and magisterium, and who celebrate the sacraments of the church faithfully according to its tradition and rites. Its Church is the Holy Catholic Church in which salvation is found in Jesus, the only name in heaven or on earth by which man can be saved, through Jesus, the only mediator between God and

man who saves us by grace through faith in Him and not in abortion, homosexual lust, money's greed, socialism, or liberalism. He delivers forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

Jesus came to save us from abortion, homosexual lust, socialism, liberalism, and greed of money. He begins by gathering us into His Holy Catholic Church in baptism, giving us faith in HIM rather than the perversions and evil legacies of the world and worldly people. He fills us with His Holy Spirit in confirmation to give us the gifts of HIS wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, courage, piety, and fear of the Lord, so that we are formed to conquer the world. He nourishes us with His Body and Blood to fortify our Spirit to hear the counsel of the Holy Spirit to reject not only for ourselves the evil legacies, but to fight for others who are under evil's influence.

So we pray each day, and worship on Sunday. Renewed in Spirit, we begin the fight for the faith and the souls of all in our country and world. We march, telephone, fax, write, protest, inform all those in power of our beliefs and interests to show them we will resist their impositions, remove them from office and employment if they pervert our nation.

We began with the passage of Proposition 8. We continue the fight there which is far from over.

Please, take the time to sign your pledge card to urge all senators and congressmen to vote against the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) which would enshrine into law the killing of infants in the womb and make it a crime to oppose it, and use your money to promote it through taxes.

Jesus has called you out of the darkness of abortion, lust, greed, socialism, and liberalism into His marvelous light of freedom. Fight for that freedom now, so that you will not be oppressed like the Christians of the first centuries. Evil has acceded to power in this administration. We must pray as if it all depends on God, and work as if it all depends on us.