

Cardinal Müller: ‘False prophets’ will try to use Synod on Synodality to push UN’s 2030 Agenda

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*German cardinal Gerhard Ludwig Müller at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, January 6, 2015.
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VATICAN CITY (LifeSiteNews) — Former prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith Cardinal Gerhard Müller has argued about the Synod on Synodality that “false prophets” are looking to transform the Church “into an aid organization for Agenda 2030.”

Müller has already emerged as a vocal critic of the Synod on Synodality, being one of the few prelates in the Church who has issued statements critical of the Pope’s initiative. In a recent [interview](#) with Spanish-language outlet *InfoVaticana*, Müller expanded on his thoughts about the synod’s October 2023 meeting – a meeting which he has in fact been personally [invited](#) to by Pope Francis.

Asked whether there is “something to fear” at the synod, Müller replied:

Yes, the false prophets who present themselves as progressives have announced that they will turn the Catholic Church into an aid organization for Agenda 2030.

In the opinion of such individuals, argued Müller, “only a Church without Christ fits in a world without God.”

He made multiple references to the recent World Youth Day in Lisbon – an [event marked](#) by aspects of particular controversy, including [promotion](#) of the U.N.’s [pro-abortion 2030 Agenda](#) – saying how “many young people returned from Lisbon disappointed that the focus was no longer on salvation in Christ, but on a worldly doctrine of salvation.”

“Apparently,” continued Müller, “there are even bishops who no longer believe in God as the origin and end of man and savior of the world, but who, in a pan-naturalistic or pantheistic way, consider the supposed

‘Mother Earth’ to be the beginning of existence and climate neutrality the goal of planet earth.”

Possible changes to Church teaching?

The latest text which is guiding the upcoming month-long meeting of the synod participants in Rome this October is **notable for its inclusion** and promotion of a number of topics which run in contradiction to Catholic teaching. The working document (*Instrumentum laboris*) proposes discussion of women’s diaconal “ordination,” married priests, and a need to “welcome... remarried divorcees, people in polygamous marriages, LGBTQ+ people.”

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In light of this, many lay Catholic faithful have expressed concerns about attempts being made to alter Church teaching. However, Müller downplayed fears of such actions actually taking place.

“No person on earth can change, add to or take away from the Word of God,” he outlined.

As successors of the apostles, the Pope and the bishops must teach people what the earthly and risen Christ, the only teacher, has commanded them to do. And it is only in this sense that the promise that the army and the head of his body remain always with his disciples (Mt 28:19f) applies.

Müller cited the modern crisis of a “lack of basic theological education even among bishops” as fueling a confusion which had spread through the Church. Without proper formation, people are confusing “the content of the faith and its unsurpassable fullness in Christ with the progressive

theological reflection and growth of the Church's awareness of the faith throughout the ecclesiastical tradition," he argued.

Indeed, Müller's words appeared online one day after the current CDF prefect, Cardinal-designate **Victor Fernández**, argued that **Pope Francis has "a living and active gift" equal to the "deposit of faith."** But, as he has done [previously](#), Müller drew from the documents of Vatican II to state how **"the Pope and the bishops do not receive a new revelation."**

Synod approving same-sex blessings?

In particular, Müller responded to queries about the synod's possible approval of same-sex blessings – an event which the new CDF prefect has signaled an [openness](#) to on more than one occasion, despite it being in violation of Catholic doctrine.

"Blessing immoral behavior by persons of the same or opposite sex is a direct contradiction of God's word and will, a gravely sinful blasphemy," he noted. Referring to such blessings, and the promotion of female deacons, Müller argued that such developments "would be obsolete *a priori*."

"Nor could they be implemented in canon law by the entire college of bishops with the Pope, or by the Pope alone," he said, **"because they contradict revelation and the clear confession of the Church."**

He also issued a firm pronouncement against a widely, permissive interpretation of papal authority, carefully outlining that the Pope's "formal authority... cannot be separated from the substantive connection with Sacred Scripture, Apostolic Tradition, and the dogmatic decisions of the Magisterium that preceded him."

To argue or act otherwise, continued Müller, would be to imitate Martin Luther's erroneous impressions of

the Pontiff as one who puts himself “in the place of God, who is the sole author of his revealed truth, instead of simply testifying faithfully, in the authority of Christ, to the revealed faith in an unabridged and unadulterated manner. and presenting it authentically to the Church.”

Thus presenting a striking scenario, Müller noted that in “such an extreme situation” God “can save us.” He further added how “every ecclesiastical official would have lost his authority and no Catholic is any longer obliged to religiously obey a heretical or schismatic bishop.”

Müller has previously gone on record in [calling](#) the synod a “hostile takeover” of the Church that threatens to “end” Catholicism.

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Responding to [an image](#) published by the synod’s Facebook account that featured a women priest and LGBT “pride” imagery, Müller said last year that, “I think there’s a desire to take over a power which doesn’t exist. They want to be more intelligent than God Himself.”

The month-long event is set to begin on October 4, with synod participants widely expected to be bound under some level of secrecy and the Vatican’s press office to be in charge of controlling the information fed to the outside world about the progress of the various meetings.

Cardinal Müller says Pope Francis' Synod is a 'hostile takeover of the Church' in explosive interview

'This is a way to undermine the Catholic faith,' said Cardinal Gerhard Müller about the Synod on Synodality in some of his sharpest comments yet about direction of the Church under Pope Francis.



Raymond Wolfe

(LifeSiteNews) – Cardinal Gerhard Müller ripped into the Synod on Synodality in some of his strongest comments yet about the direction of the Catholic Church under Pope Francis, describing the synodal process as a “hostile takeover” of the Church that threatens to “end” Catholicism.

In an explosive interview Thursday on EWTN’s *The World Over*, the former head of the Vatican’s highest doctrinal office condemned heterodox ideas expressed by Synod leadership and in synodal reports and slammed the initiative’s focus on “self-revelation” as opposed to the Catholic faith.

“This is a system of self-revelation and is the occupation of the Catholic Church” and “the hostile takeover of the Church of Jesus Christ, which is a column of the Revealed Truth,” Cardinal Müller told EWTN host Raymond Arroyo. **“This has nothing to do with Jesus Christ, with the Triune God, and they think doctrine is only like a program of a political party who can change it according to their voters.”**

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The [Synod on Synodality](#), launched by Pope Francis in 2021, is a multi-year process that involves gathering opinions of lay Catholics – and [even non-Catholics](#) – in every diocese in the world ahead of the Synod of Bishops in Rome next October. Pope Francis has described the goal of the Synod as creating “a different Church,” and top synodal officials have indicated that it could lead to changes in Church [doctrine](#) and [leadership](#).

The relator general of the Synod, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, sparked outrage and **accusations of heresy** earlier this year for claiming that Catholic teaching on the sinfulness of homosexual acts is “no longer correct” and needs “revision.” National synodal reports from multiple Western countries have also **highlighted calls** for doctrinal change, including on homosexuality and the ordination of women, and the official Vatican website for the Synod has **repeatedly infuriated** Catholics by promoting **homosexual relationships** and **dissident activist groups**.

Asked whether the Synod on Synodality is shaping up to be “an attempt to destroy the Church,” Cardinal Müller responded starkly, “Yeah, if they will succeed, but that will be the end of the Catholic Church.”

He compared the state of the synodal process with the heresy of Arianism and the “Marxistic form of creating the truth,” insisting that **Catholics “must resist” it.**

“It’s like the old heresies of Arianism, when Arius thought according to his ideas what God can do and what God cannot do,” the cardinal said. “The human intellect wants to decide what is true and what is wrong.”

Synod leaders are “dreaming of another church [that] has nothing to do with the Catholic faith” and is “absolutely against” it, Cardinal Müller slammed. “They want to abuse this process for shifting the Catholic Church and not only in another direction, but in the destruction of the Catholic Church.”

“Nobody can make an absolute shift and to substitute the revealed doctrine of the Church,” he emphasized, **“but they have these strange ideas,” such as that “doctrine is only a theory of some theologian.”**

That’s not at all the case, the German prelate stressed:

The doctrine of the Apostles is a reflection and manifestation of the Revelation of the Word of God. We have to listen to the Word of God, but in the authority of the Holy Bible, of the Apostolic Tradition, and of the Magisterium, and all the councils said before that is not possible to substitute the Revelation given once and forever in Jesus Christ by another revelation.

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Responding to a [recent image](#) published by the Synod's Facebook account that featured a women priest and LGBT "pride" imagery, Cardinal Müller said, "I think there's a desire to take over a power which doesn't exist. They want to be more intelligent than God Himself."

He also agreed that the Synod on Synodality is an attempt to create an unofficial Third Vatican Council. "It is very astonishing that is allowed under the authority and in this context of the Vatican," he said, "and that gives the impression that this is really possible, that the Church with the Pope or with this secretary general of the Synod, they are authorized to be the audience of the Holy Spirit. **And the Holy Spirit is only a function for them, it's only instrumentalized.**"

"This has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit ... who reveals Himself in the Holy Trinity," Cardinal Müller continued. **"This is a way to undermine the Catholic faith and Catholic Church."**

'How is it possible that Cardinal Grech is more intelligent than Jesus?'

Cardinal Müller reserved some of his most scathing comments for **staunchly liberal, pro-LGBT** Cardinal Mario Grech, the secretary general of the Synod of Bishops, whose office is responsible for synthesizing synodal reports submitted to the Vatican from around the world.

Grech, who is widely seen as a possible papal candidate, **suggested** last month that the Synod could usher in radical changes to Catholic teaching on marriage and sexuality and said that “complicated issues” such as giving Communion to the divorced and remarried and “blessing” homosexual relationships “are not to be understood simply in terms of doctrine.”

“What has the Church to fear if these two groups within the faithful are given the opportunity to express their intimate sense of spiritual realities which they experience?” Grech said in a presentation to more than 200 U.S. bishops and other Catholic leaders. “Might this be an opportunity for the church to listen to the Holy Spirit speaking through them also?” he asked.

Cardinal Müller blasted Grech’s comments as “absolutely against Catholic doctrine” and compared them with Protestantism and the heresy of Modernism:

Here is a hermeneutic of the old cultural Protestantism and of Modernism, that the individual experience has the same level as objective Revelation of God. And God is only a wall to you, [onto] which you can project your proper ideas, and to make a certain populism in the Church; and surely everybody outside of the Church who want to destroy the Catholic Church, and the fundamentals, they are very glad about these declarations. But it is obvious that is absolutely against the Catholic doctrine. **We have Revelation of God in Jesus Christ. And it is definitely closed and finished in Jesus Christ. ... This is absolutely**

clear: that Jesus has spoken about the indissolubility of matrimony.

“How is it possible that Cardinal Grech is more intelligent than Jesus Christ?” asked Cardinal Müller, questioning where Grech gets “his authority to relativize the Word of God.”

He also rebuked Grech’s [recent claim](#) that the Synod on Synodality is able “to open up scenarios” not even “imagined” by the Second Vatican Council.

“Everybody knows who studied the first semester of theology that the Church and the authorities of the Church cannot change Revelation,” Cardinal Müller retorted.

He added that Grech, moreover, is not even “a recognized theologian” and “has no importance in academic theology.”

“How he is here presenting a new hermeneutic of the Catholic faith, only because he is a secretary of a Synod which has no authority about the doctrine of the Church?” Cardinal Müller asked.

“All these synods of the bishops and the synodal process have no authority, in no way magisterial authority.”