

Dutch bishop blasts 'cowardly' Fiducia Supplicants, urges scandalized Catholics not to leave Church

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([LifeSiteNews](#)) — *Fiducia Supplicans* – the controversial Declaration of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith – is above all a cowardly document. It refuses to name homosexual practices as intrinsically evil. It is now clear that *Fiducia Supplicans* is not about an expansion of the meaning of blessings, but of a deliberate modification of what is sin. Objections from numerous bishops – indeed, bishops’ conferences – and hundreds of priests and faithful are arrogantly dismissed.

FS explains “blessings” in such a way that they no longer have a clear meaning. This happens more often under this pontificate. When concepts become vacuous they are easily manipulated. Don’t call a child in his mother’s womb a child but a clump of cells, and you can do whatever you want with him. Then abortion is not murder, but surgery. Give “blessing” a new meaning, and you can do anything with it. The magic word that is then easily pulled out is “pastoral.” A formal blessing is not allowed, the Declaration says, but a spontaneous blessing is. That is “pastoral.”

How often the word “pastoral” is used to set aside the Magisterium, to set doctrine and life in opposition to each other, and then to condone life that is at odds with doctrine. Pastoral care is no longer soul care; it has become soulless. Doctrine is set aside; after all, it is only words; it says nothing about the real meaning, or so people reason. Nominalism is back from (never) being gone. Subjectivism and relativism reign supreme today at the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. “Dicastery of Deconstruction” would be a more appropriate name.

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Where this all leads is clear to me. In my country, Holland, this development began in the 1960s with a so-called “Pastoral

Council.” All doctrinal concepts were eroded. Thomas Aquinas was cancelled, William of Ockham was put on the throne. They called this council “pastoral.” By now, the Netherlands is the most secularized country in the world. There was only one bishop who resisted. He really cared about the souls of the faithful. The rest were silent. In the Netherlands, the subject of “pastoral theology” was invented. But it is not a science. It is used to relativize real science. That is exactly what Pope Francis is doing, that is exactly what Cardinal Fernández is doing, that is exactly what *Fiducia Supplicans* is doing. Morality is pitted against dogmatics. That is exactly what *Amoris Laetitia* has been doing.

One thing is forgotten. **All these concessions to secular culture have no appeal to young people. Liberal seminaries and congregations are dying. On the contrary, it is the traditional seminaries and congregations that are flourishing.** While the Church in the Netherlands is nearly in a coma (average age of churchgoers is over 70), I see meetings of youth groups growing. They often come from atheist backgrounds but are searching for the truth. Through word of mouth they come to the Catholic Church, to pastors who are simply Catholic, who do not proclaim vague theories, but are faithful to Tradition. What is the desire of these young people: they long for the Eucharist, to worship, to dive into the deep. It is they who have rediscovered the sacrament of Confession. In time, things will turn out fine.

Perhaps the current developments in the Vatican are a blessing. Now the state of affairs in Rome is clearly coming to light so that a reversal is possible. Look at those with whom the pope surrounds himself. With James Martin. Francis is promoting McElroy, the man who believes the Church should change its teaching on sodomy – let’s just call it by its name. He promotes Hollerich to cardinal, Hollerich who believes that the Church’s morality regarding sexuality is scientifically and sociologically

wrongly based. He writes to Sister Jeannine Gramick that he supports her New Ways Ministry.

He promotes his Argentinian friend Fernández to cardinal and head of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. This Fernández has written a pornographic book in which, among other things, he blasphemously describes how a 16-year-old girl has a sexual experience. He also expands enormously on orgasms. And it is this Fernández who is to judge sexual abuse in the Church. Any bishop who finds out that one of his priests has written such an unsavory book would immediately suspend him. Pope Francis doesn't. He doesn't see the problem. By the way, it is not the only pornographic book Fernández has written. He wouldn't do it now, he says. But he in no way distances himself from it. And this man is the author of *Amoris Laetitia*.

“Is the pope Catholic?” was until recently a rhetorical question. Nowadays it is a question. **What to do? This pontificate will naturally come to an end. Is he the valid pope? Yes. Should you obey him? No. Stay in the Church! Don't leave the Church! It is the Church of Christ. That Church is holy. The personnel are not.**

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([LifeSiteNews](#)) – In an interview for German Catholic website [kath.net](#) with LifeSiteNews journalist Maik Hickson, Cardinal Gerhard Müller expounded on his three-week long trip to the U.S. and Mexico and other pressing matters in the Church and society.

On the topic of his [recent interview on EWTN](#), Hickson asked Müller to expand on his [criticism](#) of the Synod on Synodality, including his criticism of remarks by some leaders of the process which seem to subvert Catholic teaching on sexuality.

He echoed remarks he gave to LifeSiteNews in another [interview](#) and stated: “When the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh and brought to us all grace and truth, declares against the pragmatism of the Pharisees that God created man male and female and that therefore marriage was made in God and is essentially indissoluble, how can a bishop know better than the divine teacher?”

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In light of the fact that many bishops are supporting the heretical direction of the Synod on Synodality, Hickson asked: “Will faithful Catholics no longer be able to go to every Mass and every bishop, but have to look for those clergy who will still teach them the true faith and will not lead them to compromise with the world?”

The Cardinal replied that **“one does not have to obey an obviously heretical bishop just for reasons of formal fidelity.”**

Blind obedience such as this, he continued, “would be cadaveric obedience, which not only contradicts reason but also faith.”

The Cardinal went on to say that objections are justified when related “strictly to the revealed truth,” but that “termination of visible communion with the competent bishop” cannot be based on “differences of opinion ... worldly or personal questions.”

He continued: **“If Rome fails to correct bishops for anti-faith teaching and anti-Church behavior, there are plenty of other high dignitaries [in the Church] who will not bow their knees to the Baal of public opinion (the media cartels) or political power (the pagan Roman emperors, the atheistic dictators of yesterday and today).”**

He went on to blast the usage of the rainbow as a symbol for the LGBT movement, saying:

In the Old Testament, the rainbow is a sign in the sky that God commemorates the everlasting covenant between Him and all living beings on earth (Gen 9:12-16) and especially with the people He created in His image. And those [people] as man and wife are fruitful, and in the succession of generations inhabit the earth as their home (Gen 9:6). With the “rainbow flag,” the LGBT ideologues demonstrate their opposition to God’s benevolent and wise creative will and celebrate their godlessness with a dance of death on the volcano.”

Cardinal Müller defies globalist LGBT agenda in bombshell interview

Cardinal Müller’s first stop during his trip was in Mexico, where he spoke at a family convention, where he gave a lecture on the subject of transhumanism. Hickson asked what his central message was in that lecture.

He stated that Transumanists, who include “high-tech operators” like Elon Musk, conflate “our consciousness” with “pure computing power without personal memory.”

Müller added that this is done in an attempt to be “immortal” so that we can “continue to exist as a kind of bio-techno-hybrid with unlimited duration.”

“Transhumanism turns into posthumanism. The biological human species would then be a superseded evolutionary precursor to a purely technological world of artificial intelligence of reproducing avatars in cyberspace. It will be a world without feelings, without ethics, without a perfection of man in the love of God, without an immortality of the person and a resurrection of the body[.]”

Transhumanism or posthumanism is “just the technological variant of atheism,” he added.

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Fr. Gerald Murray

[LifeSiteNews](#)) — Father Gerald Murray strongly rebuked Pope Francis’ document endorsing homosexual “blessings” and encouraged Catholics to “reject this innovation” on Raymond Arroyo’s *The World Over* on Thursday.

The respected canon lawyer and New York pastor said that *Fiducia Supplicans*, authored by Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF), and approved by Pope Francis in December, contains “heretical teachings” and blasted the text’s “horrible” acceptance of “blessings” for homosexual “couples.”

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“Cardinal Fernández has not upheld the Catholic faith with *Fiducia Supplicans*,” Murray said. “And the pope has not upheld the Catholic faith with *Fiducia Supplicans*.”

“What’s inevitably going to happen here is that the Catholic bishops and faithful of the world have to tell the Holy See, ‘We do not believe that immorality is blessable, and therefore we reject this innovation,’” he declared. “This innovation of a blessing of what’s immoral will not stand.”

“And that’s got to be quite crystal clear to Pope Francis and the others.”

“And that’s an act of charity, by the way,” the priest noted. “If the pope or any of his assistants make a mistake, to keep your mouth shut and pretend they’re right is wrong. To tell them with charity, but with forthrightness, you’ve made a mistake here, Holy Father... that’s the charity that Saint Paul [showed to Saint Peter](#).”

‘There are heretical teachings contained in *Fiducia Supplicans*’

Fr. Murray defended recent comments made by former Vatican liturgy chief Cardinal Robert Sarah, who repudiated *Fiducia Supplicans* and suggested that it proposes a “heresy that gravely undermines the Church, the Body of Christ, because it is contrary to the Catholic faith and tradition.”

READ: Cardinal Sarah strongly rejects *Fiducia Supplicans*, ‘heresy’ of same-sex ‘blessings’

In a particularly strong statement this week, the eminent Guinean cardinal said that the faithful should not even enter “into discussion” with *Fiducia Supplicans* and endorsed many bishops’ conferences “firm opposition” to it, calling for further resistance to the text from “national or regional episcopal conferences and each bishop.”

“Cardinal Sarah is expressing the common opinion of people who look at this document and compare it with what’s been taught by every pope up till this moment and saying that this is not true,” Murray remarked. “There are heretical teachings contained in *Fiducia Supplicans*.”

“So, sad to say, the pope has approved something that he never should have, because it teaches wrongly that the Catholic Church considers homosexual ‘couples’ a worthy subject to receive a blessing, as ‘couples.’ That is horrible,” the priest said.

“That’s teaching, basically, that the mortal sin committed by homosexuals is not a big deal and, in fact, they deserve a blessing,” he continued, criticizing the document for describing homosexuals as “couples” and falsely equating them with married and engaged couples.

“They’re not couples,” Murray said. “They’re two people who are misusing their bodies with each other. This has nothing to do with how a couple is conceived in Catholic theology.”

According to Catholic teaching, “couple” refers specifically to a man and a woman, and homosexual relationships do not bear

any resemblance whatsoever to legitimate relationships, even remotely.

In *Ecclesia in Europa*, Pope St. John Paul II criticized “attempts... to accept a definition of the couple in which difference of sex is not considered essential.”

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’s 2003 [document](#) condemning same-sex civil unions likewise states, “There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God’s plan for marriage and family.”

Such “unions” are “totally lacking in the biological and anthropological elements of marriage and family” and “the conjugal dimension, which represents the human and ordered form of sexuality,” adds the document, approved by St. John Paul II.

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‘We have to be very frank and blunt here’

Murray dismissed [attacks](#) against Cardinal Sarah by [scandal-plagued](#) papal biographer and propagandist Austen Ivereigh, who claimed that the conservative prelate should “resign” for denouncing *Fiducia Supplicans* as heretical.

“Cardinal Sarah’s only done his duty as a cardinal to uphold the Catholic faith,” the New York priest said.

“We have to be very frank and blunt here, that all of these bishops in Africa are not mistaken in what they understand this document to mean,” he insisted, pointing to pro-LGBT priest [Father James Martin](#) “blessing” two “married” homosexuals immediately after the release of *Fiducia Supplicans*.

“You’ll recall that Father James Martin, a day after this came out, had his picture in *The New York Times* – there was a reporter

conveniently invited – when he blessed two homosexuals, who we find out are civilly ‘married,’” Murray related. “So, here are two people who are living in an immoral relationship, who explicitly reject Catholic doctrine by the way they live, and now they’re being blessed?”

When you see that – being done by a priest, by the way – no wonder the bishops in the world are looking at us and [saying], “Wait a minute, when in the history of the Catholic Church did we ever say God will favor people who commit unnatural sex acts with each other, consider themselves to be married, and we’re just going to give them a blessing as if they were married, all the while saying, ‘We’re not really blessing their union because the union is different than a couple.’” Nonsense.

“When people are deluded and think they’re married, we shouldn’t contribute to that delusion by this nonsense of blessing them,” he said.

“What’s really at stake here is, does the Catholic Church consider homosexual activity – sodomy – to be a mortal sin?” Murray stressed. “Do people who promise to commit this sin with each other on an ongoing basis, are they blessable in that promise, in that relationship?”

“The Vatican has said yes. The Vatican may deny it by saying, ‘We don’t bless unions, we only bless couples.’ That’s double-talk,” he charged.

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The Catholic Church **condemns** homosexual activity as “intrinsically disordered,” gravely sinful, and a “**sin that cries to heaven**,” in accordance with Sacred Scripture and the **constant Tradition** of the Church.

The Church also **teaches** that the homosexual orientation is itself “objectively disordered.”

And though ignored by Pope Francis and other pro-LGBT ecclesial figures, homosexuality carries serious physical harms. Practicing homosexuals face a nearly **30-times higher** risk of HIV and a 80-times higher rate of anal cancer, as well as elevated risks of other cancers and STDs.

“The sexually active homosexual population suffers disproportionately from HIV, anal cancer, chlamydia trachomatis, cryptosporidium, microsporidia, gonorrhea, syphilis, herpes, hepatitis B and C, genital warts, scabies, HPV, and other conditions,” Catholic pro-family organization Fieles a la Verdad **observed**. “As a result, the average life expectancy of sexually active homosexual males is reduced by many years.”

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Global backlash to *Fiducia Supplicans*

Pope Francis has taken a permissive approach to LGBT ideology throughout his papacy and repeatedly contradicted Catholic teaching on sexuality, resulting in **widespread confusion** within the Church.

The Argentinian Jesuit pontiff has **endorsed** same-sex civil unions on several occasions, in explicit contradiction to Catholic doctrine, which teaches that laws granting legal recognition to homosexual relationships are “gravely unjust.” He previously appeared to authorize priests to “bless” pairs of homosexuals in a letter **issued** by the DDF in November.

Francis also regularly promotes dissident, pro-homosexual clerics, like **Fr. Martin, Cardinal Robert McElroy, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, SJ, and Cardinal Blase Cupich**, as well as **LGBT activists, pressure groups, and events** around the world.

But *Fiducia Supplicans* has led to an unprecedented wave of backlash against Francis’ pro-LGBT heterodoxy, with more than a

dozen bishops' conferences, mostly in Africa and Eastern Europe, **rejecting** "blessings" for same-sex "couples" in defiance of the papal document.

On Thursday, the bishops of Africa issued a unified statement **declaring** that there will be "no blessing for homosexual couples in the African churches."

Hundreds of priests in the U.S., U.K., and Australia have also repudiated homosexual "blessings" in response to *Fiducia Supplicans*, as have priestly orders, such as the Congregation of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and the Transalpine Redemptorists, high-ranking prelates like **Cardinal Gerhard Müller**, and numerous diocesan bishops.