

*Fr. Perozich comments —*

*Around the year 2010 I learned to offer the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) at the request of some parishioners.*

*At an already busy parish with 8 Sunday Masses, about 160 regularly attended the TLM at 3 pm, the only time slot available.*

*These Catholics participated in the entire life of the parish.*

*While on a short vacation in Naples, FL, my host told me of a couple that only attends the TLM there. She asked if she should switch.*

*I accompanied them to a daily traditional Mass in Latin offered by a priest of the Fraternal Society of St. Peter (FSSP). It was relegated to a small extra chapel of a parish church with about 50 attendees for Mass, and about 40 for confession.*

*The next day, we went to daily Mass at her regular parish.*

*This woman now had a choice of worship.*

*She said she felt more comfortable at her regular parish and continued to worship there. Her friends, however, preferred the TLM.*

*All remain faithful Catholics.*

*As a priest, the older form of traditional worship deepens my understanding of what I offer in the new form of the Mass of St. Paul VI.*

*When asked, I supply for the FSSP. These parishioners belong to a parish in the diocese of Venice. They contribute to the diocesan spiritual life and finances.*

*Most often I supply at the other parishes in the diocese of Venice where these parishioners also contribute to the diocesan spiritual life and finances.*

*For me there is no conflict here except in the minds of some bishops.*

*Dr. Janet Smith, who has served in seminaries and other church leadership positions, who knows church leaders, gives her opinion on why some bishops are so aggressive against the traditional form of worship for faithful Catholics.*

## **Why they hate the Latin Mass**

*All those children and vocations*

November 30th, 2025|

- **From A Blog for My Mom**

*The [author and scholar](#) Janet Smith posted the following story on Facebook before Thanksgiving and said, “This essay states precisely what I think.”*

The past week has been buzzing with rumors to the effect that Leo XIV has instructed the Dicastery for Divine Worship to issue “extensions” on the TLM whenever bishops ask for them. In this way, as Kevin Tierney explains, he has begun the practical repeal of *Traditionis Custodes*, however long its actual replacement with a better policy will take.

And yet... even if the rumor is true (the nuncio to Great Britain has affirmed it with a classic non-denial), it still means that the fate of the TLM is left entirely to the local bishop; legally the situation remains worse than it did under John Paul II’s 1988 indult. Nothing prevents anti-TLM bishops from continuing to shut it down, as we have seen most recently in Detroit, Charlotte, and Knoxville (to name only the most notorious). Worst of all, the vicious lies and theological errors underlying *Traditionis Custodes* — a document whose claims entail what a French author refers to as “latent schism”—remain official and operative.

**Which brings me to the point of this post.**

Very often people will ask, as I myself asked for years: “Why in the world would the Church’s leaders persecute some of the most faithful Catholics — those who form the TLM communities?”

The answer is not an agreeable one, but sometimes we must take bitter medicine in order to get well. Truth can be the bitterest of medicines. And of all the sicknesses in the Church, denial of reality is one of the most widespread and most unacknowledged. When this sickness is not diagnosed, the sufferer cannot take the steps he needs to take in regard to spiritual diet and exercise.

**Here, then, is my answer to the question with which we started.**

The reason the Church's leaders persecute the most faithful Catholics is that, broadly speaking, the leadership of the Catholic Church on earth at this time is dominated by a network of active homosexuals and theological modernists. They are not always the same people but they rely on, and receive, one another's support. We all know individual good bishops or cardinals but such exceptions are a controlled opposition, with very limited mobility. The more they act or speak out, the more ostracized they are, and sometimes they can even be canceled, as priests are canceled lower down.

Now, let us consider the enormity of the evil represented by each of these forces. Homosexuals reject the first principles of natural law. Modernists reject the first principles of divine revelation. Together, they reject the foundations not only of Christianity but of religion as such, and therefore of morality.

Their "religion," if such it can be called, is one of self-actualization and self-regard—a secularized inversion of the Christian mission to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Theirs is the fashionable subjectivism and flexible relativism of the postmodern West, where "anything goes"—except, of course, traditional faith and morals, for this faith and these morals would eliminate them, possibly even in the old-fashioned method prescribed by pre-modern popes who did not think the death penalty "inadmissible."

This false religion, combined with unlimited vanity and lust for power, explains why much of our senior leadership is hell-bent on erasing the TLM from the Church and uprooting the communities that grow around it.

Thus, when people exclaim — baffled by *Traditionis Custodes* and its ongoing implementation — "But look at how the TLM attracts young people! Look at the large families and numerous vocations!," they are exactly missing the point. It's

precisely because of this fruitfulness, not in spite of it, that its enemies want to crush it. The more fruitful it is, the more furious they will be.

Nor is it hard to see why. The more children you have and the more vocations your community nurtures, the more you are destabilizing the leadership's hegemony and diluting its ideology. Young people in particular are not supposed to care about tradition, beauty, transcendent meaning. Youths are supposed to be predictable rebels against human and divine order. After all, that's what would qualify them to be useful participants in the synodal process.

You can easily see through the “sodomodernist” arts of deception by asking a question you're not supposed to ask. If traditional Catholic communities are being shut down because they “reject Vatican II and the reformed liturgy,” why, then, are the vastly larger number of Catholics who reject vastly more things and more serious things — from *Humanae Vitae* on contraception, to *Evangelium Vitae* on abortion, to *Mysterium Fidei* on the Real Presence, to *Familiaris Consortio* on the need for the civilly divorced and remarried to abstain from marital relations (the list could go on, and note that these truths are taught infallibly by the universal ordinary Magisterium) — why are THOSE Catholics not being pursued even more vigorously with canonical penalties, separated off into ghettos, and finally liquidated? Why is a rite of thundering orthodoxy and majesty that existed in the Church for at least 1,600 years impermissible, intolerable, doomed to extinction, while the vast majority of new Masses are allowed to be at loggerheads with what Vatican II itself said about the liturgy, allowed to be done in never ending violation of laws, norms, and customs of one kind or another that are still “on the books” but might as well not exist?

The answer is simple: such Catholics and their Masses do not pose any threat at all to the homosexuals and modernists, the chaplains of secularism and the euthanists of Western civilization.

In fact, secularized Catholics are their trophy—the desired outcome of decades of deconstructing Catholicism into a this-worldly program.

### **The key to understanding our situation**

To sum up: there's a lot of "the world" in "the Church" right now, especially in its leadership, which is constantly speaking the language of, and shaking hands with, worldlings who follow the prince of this world. And for that reason, nothing that's happening should surprise us: "If the world hate you, know ye that it hath hated me before you. If you had been of the world, the world would love its own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:18–19).

My analysis explains the constant flow of evidence documented from the early 2000s about clerical sex abuse, its connection to homosexuality, and its elaborate coverup.

It explains the complicity that came to light in the McCarrick network (which, by the way, is still humming along).

It explains how a sodomite like Jeffrey Burrill could become the general secretary of the USCCB — and would undoubtedly have become a bishop—had he not been caught by journalist-initiated private investigators using the gay hookup app Grindr, and why he is now a pastor of a parish (!) instead of doing penance till death in a remote monastery. It explains how Burrill is "in good standing" and with access to children, while priests of impeccable zeal and orthodoxy have been canceled and even threatened with laicization simply because they refuse to give Holy Communion in the hand—even when their flocks, having been well catechized, are perfectly fine with receiving in the mouth only. (I am describing here priests I know personally.)

It explains why the notorious serial abuser and blasphemer Marko Rupnik is still in active ministry, with well-substantiated allegations sliding off him like eggs from teflon.

It explains why Fr. James Martin gets away with confirming openly gay ABC anchor Gio Benitez, whose “husband” Tommy DiDario acted as sponsor — and why, when Bishop Strickland had the courage to stand up at the November USCCB meeting and say in front of all the US bishops that something like this “needs to be addressed,” he was met with silence and the meeting proceeded on as if nothing had happened....

*Original posting from Peter Kwasniewski*  
<https://www.cal-catholic.com/why-they-hate-the-latin-mass/>