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When Pope Francis Totally Bans the Latin Mass

In his rage against anyone and anything that stands in the way of his ecumenical vision of a Church bleached of its Catholicism, it is widely reported that Francis soon plans to crush, *once and for all time*, what he sees as the principal obstacle to this agenda: the Latin Mass. It is, as he sees it, the last vestige, not simply for the Catholic Church to become sufficiently de-Catholicized (much in the way that much of the *Novus Ordo* “Mass of Paul VI” has been) but totally expunged.

The Latin Mass alone cannot easily be aligned with, nor could it ever, even marginally, be embraced by other “ecclesial communities” that long ago, during the Protestant Revolt, left the Church, finding her teachings and worship abhorrent and hateful.

Francis, then, has decided, to stamp it out! Every extant remnant that could in some way, however remote, recall the life of the Church as it existed before Vatican II is to be remorselessly expurgated from living memory.

I had written about this some time ago in another article (<https://www.boston-catholic-journal.com/loss-of-language-and-other-paradigms-in-catholic-church.htm>) outlining the ecumenical need for the extinction of any memory of the Catholic Church prior to Vatican II, much in the way that North Korea implemented the “Three Generations Solution” to eradicate any memory of what life was like in North Korea prior to the Communist Kim dynasty extending from Kim Il Sung in 1948 to present day Kim Jong Un. By programmatically throttling the transmission of culture from one generation to the next, it succeeded — within three generations — in isolating the last generation from any memory of the first. Only the State remained.

In a similar manner, Pope Francis is equally determined that only Vatican II will remain.

For this to happen, the Latin Mass must go. It is the most monumental, emblematic, and visible institution that is the *sine qua non* of anything identifiable as uniquely Catholic. And for this reason it is seen by Francis as the most dangerous.

After 2000 years it just will *not* go away by itself! It has survived 200 centuries of persecution, oppression, infiltration, corruption, scandal, intrigue, pagan armies, heretics, apostates, dictators, unworthy pontiffs, depraved cardinals, craven bishops; every imaginable adversary — and never folded.

There is a reason. And this time will be no different.

Even if Francis closes all the doors to all the Churches that celebrate the Latin Mass, he does not (because he *cannot*) abolish, let alone stop, the Mass of the Ages celebrated in Latin as it has been celebrated without interruption for nearly 2000 years. The Apostolic Constitution *Quo Primum* of 1570 binds us *forever* to the Mass as it was celebrated prior to 1962. As the Church survived previous disasters, it will survive Francis.

For a time, the Master gave the Steward keep of the House, and even keys to the doors, but what is written on the hearts of men is etched more deeply and universally than the instructions that came with the keys — instructions that the Steward in the Master’s absence tossed away, seizing the House and imagining it his own. There is a parable to this effect, yes?

I will come to the point: Francis cannot take your being *Catholic* away from you. He can seize all the properties belonging to the “Post-Catholic-Conciliar-Church” of Vatican II: the buildings, the chattel, the real estate, the bank accounts; in a word, everything *tangible* that is the “property” of the Church. St. Athanasius spoke poignantly of this in a deeply moving letter to his flock during the Arian heresy (included below). Your Traditional Catholic Church may be taken from you, yes.

But your *Catholic* Faith, that treasury of Seven Sacraments, countless prayers, devotions, litanies, chant, Rosaries, hours, vigils, fasts, novenas, relics — these beautiful and sacred gifts that God Himself has nurtured within you — these can *never* be taken from you by papal decree — and simply because they are likely to be offensive to other “ecclesial communities” *outside* the Catholic Church! Communities in many ways deeply antagonistic to the Church and what she *authentically* teaches.

How would this be possible? Can the sacred *love* in your heart that is inescapably bound up with your being Catholic, be subject to law, interdiction, suspension? Can it be abolished as ecumenically “incorrect”? Are you no longer a “Catholic” in the eyes of the Post-Catholic-Conciliar-Church if the word “Traditional” is prefixed to it, or in some way is predicated of it?

We opened this article with a question: “*Where do We Go From Here?*” that is to say, *when* Pope Francis totally prohibits the Latin Mass in parishes throughout the world.

This — unquestionably — is the foremost question in the mind of virtually every traditional Catholic throughout the world. “Where do I go now?”

It is a question in desperate need of answering. By some accounts, the answer will be required before mid-July of this year, 2024.

In the few days ahead, we will attempt to provide something of an answer, if only the *beginning* of an answer — and for that, we ourselves desperately pray.

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The Commemoration of the holy Apostle Paul.

