

Re: Feedback concerns

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Thanks Eileen. I appreciate your positivity.

By no means do I mean to disparage or discourage anyone of you. My comments might be hard-hitting, but it is important that the illness is diagnosed so that a remedy can be found. If an illness is not properly diagnosed, it will persist and worsen until it becomes deadly. Hence the importance of **constructive** criticism, and my intention is exactly that. Even God declares: "Those whom I love, I reprove" (Rev. 3:19). We are all brothers and sisters in the church, and we all share the love which the outside world knows nothing about. The newborn rainbow religion claims "love", but underneath the crust it is merely selfishness; true and genuine love seeks to give, not to take.

In my comments, I was not manufacturing an illness for the church. The illness of the church is self-evident: Christianity is sadly **dying** in the west. Not to add to the negativity, but here is one last piece of evidence before I suggest a solution:

The secular world outside the church treats our priests no differently than Christians anywhere in society: A single word against any of the Satanic and modernist ideologies causes them to be persecuted. For an employee, a university professor for example, it means immediate expulsion (we have numerous witnesses from the University of Sheffield in our parish). For a priest, a politically incorrect comment can get the priest suspended (with no immediate cause other than that we are reaping the fruits of what had been sown over decades of tolerated internal corruption). Imagine a priest reading out loud the church teachings which are meant to guard the natural family: That abortion is a "moral evil" (CCC 2271), in other words murder. Or that the **practise** of homosexuality is "intrinsically disordered" (CCC 2357), lustful therefore sinful and against the God given natural law. Even children who are taught these teachings faithfully and righteously by their parents, get suspended from *namely* Catholic schools for merely stating their opinions! All this is done in the name of "free speech" and "freedom of expression" which the modern western culture hypocritically claims; both of which are fruits of Christianity, sadly being destroyed at the hands of the followers of the new Satanically rebellious religion.

So, what is the solution?

Our faith has been paid for with innocent and holy blood. First by that of our Lord on the cross, and second by countless saints who offered up thier lives without a blink, in this country during the reformation as much as in my country with the arrival of Islam as an example. God allows corruption to continue for a good purpose which only he can see.

In the meantime, He "laughs at the wicked" (Psalm 37:13), who in due time shall be blown away like "chaff in the wind" (Psalm 1:4). The solution is not that we capitulate to the relativist, selfish and idol worshipping ideologies. Nor that we negotiate with Satan. But to fight back, to declare and defend the truth with **courage** (CCC 1831) and the one true and living God will be on our side.

An overnight u-turn is unrealistic, in addition to that there is no political policy that can change the present situation, because our fight is not against "flesh and blood", but against the evil spirits of the dark world. The solution is that each one of us lives the holy life we are **invited** to live. Let us not be afraid of declaring the truth in everything we do: first in our own lives, and second, and according to capacity, in our commitments at the Cathedral. From serving, to writing, to preaching, to everything else; "fulfilling the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2)

The rest is up to your consciences. Mention me in your prayers, I will do the same.

"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever!" (Isa. 40:8)

God bless you all.

Christ is risen!

Elias.

On Saturday, 23 March 2024 at 09:55, Eileen Maher <eileen.maher@stmariecathedral.org> wrote:

Dear Elias, I am replying to your comments /concerns as Chair of the PPC, although other members may wish to respond also.

The Diocesan Questionnaire which is what I think you are referring to, is simply that. It is asking us all to think about our parishes and how we and the church are doing(given, as you mention, the lack of priests and smaller congregations) and then ,not to criticise, but to offer ways forward!

In my experience, people welcome an opportunity to be asked to respond to certain questions. Let's see what happens.

We shall discuss all of this at our next meeting in April, and of course, parishioners are also welcome to attend.

Thank you for your thoughtful concerns.

Eileen

Chair - St Marie's PPC