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A Diabolical Possession

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When Saint Dominic was preaching the Rosary near Carcassone, an Albigensian was brought to him who was possessed by the devil. Saint Dominic exorcised him in the presence of a great crowd of people; it appears that over twelve thousand had come to hear him preach. The devils who were in possession of this wretched man were forced to answer Saint Dominic's questions in spite of themselves. They said that:

1. There were fifteen thousand of them in the body of this poor man, because he had attacked the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary;
2. They went on to testify that by preaching the Rosary he put fear and horror into the very depths of hell and that he was the man they hated most throughout the whole world, because of the souls which he snatched from them through devotion to the Holy Rosary;
3. They then revealed several other things.

Saint Dominic put his rosary around the Albigensian's neck and asked the devils to tell him who, of all the saints in Heaven, was the one they feared the most, and who should

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therefore be the most loved and revered by men. At this they let out such unearthly screams that most of the people fell to the ground, faint from fear. Then, using all their cunning, so as not to answer, the devils wept and wailed in such a pitiful way that many of the people wept also, out of purely natural pity. The devils spoke through the mouth of the Albigensian, pleading in a heartrending voice:

"Dominic, Dominic, have mercy on us – we promise you that we will never hurt you. You have always had compassion for sinners and those in distress; have pity on us, for we are in grievous straits. We are suffering so very much already, so why do you delight in heightening our pains? Can't you be satisfied with our suffering without adding to it? Have pity on us! Have pity on us!"

Saint Dominic was not one whit moved by the pathos of these wretched spirits and told them that he would not let them alone until they had answered his question. Then they said they would whisper the answer in such a way that only Saint Dominic would be able to hear. The latter firmly insisted upon their answering clearly and out loud. Then the devils kept quiet and refused to say another word, completely disregarding Saint



Dominic's orders – so he knelt down and prayed thus to Our Lady: "O, all powerful and wonderful Virgin Mary, I implore you by the power of the Most Holy Rosary, order these enemies of the human race to answer me."

No sooner had he made this prayer than a glowing flame leaped out of the ears, nostrils and mouth of the Albigensian. Everyone shook with fear, but the fire did not hurt anyone. Then the devils cried:

"Dominic, we beseech you, by the passion of Jesus Christ and by the merits of His Holy Mother and of all the saints, let us leave the body of this man without speaking further – for the angels will answer your question whenever you wish. After all, are we not liars? So why should you want to believe us? Please don't torture us any more; have pity on us."

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A Church Without Priests

As the American bishops prepare for their conference on "policies" to deal with the innumerable sex crimes which their ordination of homosexual males has led to, Catholics must contemplate the inevitable call for "greater involvement" of women in parishes bereft of priests. For as Michael Rose has so ably documented, the homosexual infiltration of the seminaries has driven out thousands of good men who were victimized by the feminist nuns and the homosexual Gestapo who now control seminary admission and advancement.

In the *Saginaw News*, we read of a very sad case in point. The article extols one Sister Honora Remes, who for sixteen years "has carried out all of the duties of a parish pastor — all except for one. She participates in the Mass, but a priest consecrates the bread and wine for Holy Communion. 'The only thing I don't do,' Remes says, 'is administer any sacrament.'" Oh, is that all! A mere technicality.

The article notes that Remes "manages" St. John the Baptist parish in Carrollton Township, Michigan. Remes enthuses that she is doing things "she 'never would have imagined' during her first 19 years with the Daughters of Charity, when she was a teacher." And now, at age 65, Remes says "she envisions a day 'when whether man or woman, married or unmarried, ordination to the priesthood will be open to all people who are qualified.'"

As the article observes, with evident approval, "Women in Catholic religious vocations have moved into leadership

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"Woe unto you wretched spirits, who do not deserve to be heard," Saint Dominic said, and kneeling down he prayed to Our Lady:

"O most worthy Mother of Wisdom, I am praying for the people assembled here who have already learned how to say the Angelic Salutation properly. Please, I beg of you, force your enemies to proclaim the whole truth and nothing but the truth about this, here and now, before the multitude."

Saint Dominic had hardly finished this prayer when he saw the Blessed Virgin near at hand, surrounded by a multitude of angels. She struck the possessed man with a golden rod that She held and said: "Answer My servant Dominic at once." (Remember, the people neither saw nor heard Our Lady, but only Saint Dominic.) Then the devils started screaming:

"O You who are our enemy, our downfall and our destruction, why have You come from Heaven just to torture us so grievously? O Advocate of sinners, You who snatch them from the very jaws of hell, You who are the very sure path to Heaven, must we, in spite of ourselves, tell the whole truth and confess before everyone who it is who is the cause of our shame and our ruin? O woe unto us, princes of darkness:

"Then listen well, you Christians: the Mother of Jesus Christ is all-powerful and She can save Her servants from falling into hell. She is the Sun which destroys the darkness of our wiles and subtlety. It is She who uncovers our hidden plots, breaks our snares and makes our temptations useless and ineffectual.

"We have to say, however reluctantly, that not a single

soul who has really persevered in Her service has ever been damned with us; one single sigh that She offers to the Blessed Trinity is worth far more than all the prayers, desires and aspirations of all the saints.

"We fear Her more than all the other saints in Heaven together and we have no success with Her faithful servants. Many Christians who call upon Her when they are at the hour of death and who really ought to be damned according to our ordinary standards are saved by Her intercession.

"Oh if only that Mary (it is thus in their fury that they called Her) had not pitted Her strength against ours and had not upset our plans, we should have conquered the Church and should have destroyed it long before this; and we would have seen to it that all the Orders in the Church fell into error and disorder.

"Now that we are forced to speak we must also tell you this: nobody who perseveres in saying the Rosary will be damned, because She obtains for Her servants the grace of true contrition for their sins and by means of this they obtain God's forgiveness and mercy."

Then Saint Dominic had them all say the Rosary very slowly and with great devotion, and a wonderful thing happened: at each Hail Mary that he and the people said together a large group of devils issued forth from the wretched man's body under the guise of red-hot coals.

When the devils had all been expelled and the heretic was at last entirely free of them, Our Lady (who was still invisible) gave Her blessing to the assembled company, and they were filled with joy because of this.

A large number of heretics were converted because of this miracle and joined the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. †

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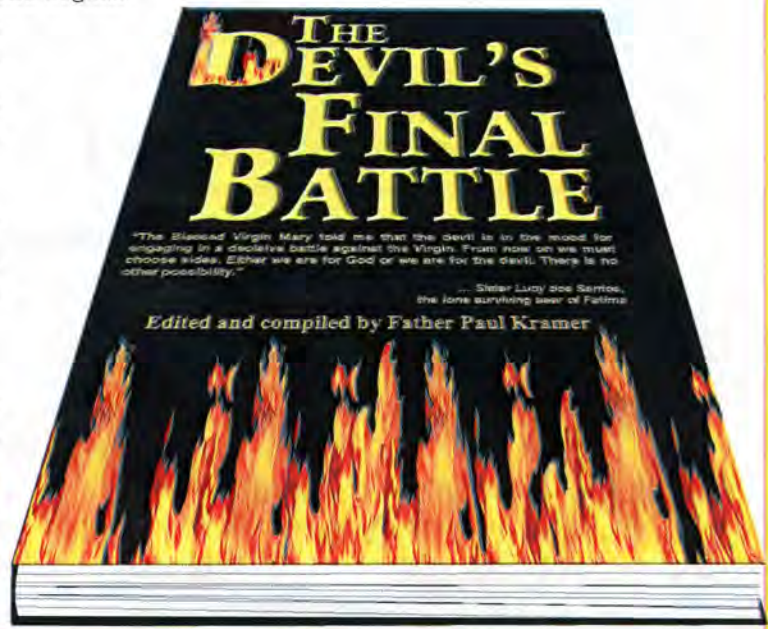
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following the Vatican II reforms of the early 1960s, pushed faster because of priest shortages. They are poised for even more responsibility during a time when the Church's male hierarchy is focused on revelations of priests involved in child sex abuse cases ..."

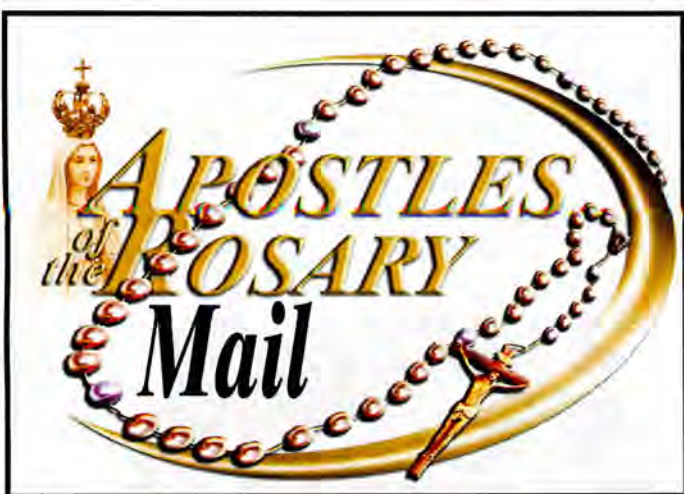
The Diocese of Saginaw, of course, shows all the signs of ecclesial decline that we are told represent the "renewal" of Vatican II. Today Remes's order has only 130 Sisters, "down from 190 in 1982. ... Numbers are declining, but not as sharply as in the priesthood, says Sister Janet Fulgenzi, vicar of religious for the diocese." No kidding.

Fulgenzi notes — somehow without seeing the significance of it all — that "I started out in a full Dominican habit", but then "Vatican II came along, requesting that all religious communities go back to look at their findings. In doing that, women in religious life expanded their ministries in many other ways." Indeed, Fulgenzi never even changed her name upon entering the order — another sign of the great "renewal." And we can see how attractive these changes have made her rapidly declining order of nuns.

Another member of the order, one Joann Plumpe, started out as "Sister Rose Joseph", but then resumed her birth name once "the Vatican II reforms took effect." Plumpe puts the matter quite succinctly: "Every step I've taken has been away from the traditional role of the Sisters." And just look at how her order is thriving as a result!

Remes makes another equally telling observation: "In the olden days we were saying Mass in Latin, thinking that was the best way to be universal. Now that we better understand the vernacular, we realize that the Mass in each country's own language is more meaningful." And she adds: "We evolve in our consciousness."

Behold the nuns of Vatican II, ministering to the priestless parishes of Vatican II, and waiting for the day when (so they think) women can be priests themselves. The prideful testimony of these nuns of Michigan is all the proof one needs on the folly of abandoning the traditions of the Church. May Our Lady of Fatima, ever humble in the sight of Her divine Son, intercede to end this insanity soon. †



Below is the text of a letter to Federal Justice Minister Martin Cauchon from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Ontario Court of Appeal's decision to redefine marriage in order to allow same-sex unions.

Dear Mr. Cauchon:

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I urge you to appeal the recent decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal in the case of Halpern et al. v. The Attorney General of Canada that redefined marriage to be "The voluntary union for life of two persons to the exclusion of all others."

Marriage as a public commitment between a man and a woman has profound cultural, religious and social significance. As a word and as an institution marriage is full of history, meaning and symbolism. The State has a fundamental interest in this social institution where most children are procreated and nurtured and, according to recent statistics, continues to be the most stable environment in which to raise a family.

The reasons for the Court's finding that "the Attorney General of Canada did not demonstrate any pressing and substantial objective for maintaining marriage as an exclusively heterosexual institution" are unconvincing and disappointing. We know that not every married couple has children, that not all children are born in marriages, and that not all marriages lead to stable and nurturing environments for children. We also recognize that, with the help of new technologies and the intervention of a third party of the opposite sex, same-sex unions can have children. Exceptions, however, do not invalidate but prove the rule;

individual practices and choices do not determine the objectives of an institution such as marriage which plays such a pivotal social role.

The Court's conclusions about the objectives of marriage should concern Canadians about the future of our country and Members of Parliament who are ultimately (sic) responsible for the development of social policy in this country.

The written argument filed in the Ontario Court of Appeal by you as the Attorney General of Canada echoed this concern very well: "The Charter was never intended to effect a wholesale alteration of the fundamental societal structures and institutions within which it emerged."

As you know, members of the House of Commons affirmed on June 9, 1999, by a vote of 216 to 55, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary, in light of public debate around recent court decisions, to state that marriage is and should remain the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others, and Parliament will take all necessary steps within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada to preserve this definition of marriage in Canada."

We respectfully ask you to live up to this resolution and do everything necessary to preserve the definition of marriage, including appealing the recent decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal. Millions of Canadians, who have invested a great deal of hope and meaning in marriage, are counting on you.

Sincerely,

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