



Star of the Stormy Sea

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“... When your souls suffer temptations and are immersed in grief ...turn to her with confidence and say,

Star of the stormy sea of my mortal life, May your light shine upon me so that I do not stray from the path that leads me to heaven. ”

(Taken from “The Testament of Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres” January 16th, 1635)

What’s New ?

- ❖ Update on our apostolate work
- ❖ “In Defense of Fr. Luigi Villa”
- ❖ **“Honor to You, Cardinal Mindszenty”** and **“My Meeting with Cardinal Mindszenty”** by Fr. Luigi Villa
- ❖ **Article: “Moratorium With The Devil” By Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand** The article appeared in the “Chiesa viva” n. 4 December 1971
- ❖ Annual fundraiser for Conceptionist Sisters in Quito, Ecuador – It’s that time again- the feast day!!!
- ❖ New Relic cards of Mother Mariana- Send a donation for our fundraiser and receive one!
- ❖ **Available In Print: one of Fr. Villa’s last issues in English: “The AntiChrist in the Church of Christ” \$7.00; Dr. Adessa’s “Antipope” \$5.00; Fr. Villa’s “The Crucifix of Cevo” \$1.00 plus shipping please Call our office: 262-567-0920**
- ❖ New and Improved photographic reprints of Mother Mariana and “La Dolorosa” now available
- ❖ We are looking for donations to reprint:
 1. Chiesa viva #413 Feb 2009 **“Our Lady Condemns Masonry”**
 2. Fr. Luigi Villa’s **“Paul VI Beatified?” 3rd printing - the 2nd Printing of the 2011 version - 353 pages**

Dear Members and Friends of the Apostolate of Our Lady of Good Success,

A Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas to all of you!

The Apostolate has been kept quite busy since our last newsletter. We have been working diligently to prepare and reprint some pertinent “Chiesa viva” issues for you to help to disseminate the truth. We believe this is imperative due to what is currently happening in the Church as it seems that we are living through one of the most confusing, diabolical and apocalyptic epochs the Church has ever witnessed since Her foundation.

We would like to remind our members that all of the money and donation that comes to us (we are all volunteers here) is either used for:

- ❖ Printing and spreading devotion to Our Lady of Good Success and the Holy Face - even to Third World countries and prisons.
- ❖ Dissemination of Fr. Villa’s works in print and website: www.padrepioandchiesaviva.com.
- ❖ Donations to the Conceptionist and Carmelite convents in Quito, Ecuador.

We continue to work to spread devotion of Our Lady of Good Success throughout the world. We were recently contacted by some good souls in Nigeria who have asked if they could help to spread the message of Our Lady of Good Success in their country and several of their neighboring countries there. We are currently aiding them in creating a “compendium of works” to be used there in Nigeria. **With this great effort and sacrifice, Our Lady of Good Success will be made known in over 50 countries!!!**

Last month, we were contacted by the editor of a brand new traditional Catholic journal in Scandanavia called: *Skandinavisk Katolsk Tidsskrift*. They asked us if we would like to place an ad in their paper for free. He also told us that this journal was going to feature an article mentioning some of Fr. Villa’s works. This newspaper

will be launched in November. It will come out twice a year. **If anyone is interested in subscribing contact Erik Persson at the website: <http://katolska-akademien.se/SKT.aspx>**

We are getting requests from prisoners for us to send our books, magazines, periodicals to prisons all over the USA! Anyone wishing to help us with that please contact us. Donations are appreciated

This November - we have decided to add a new special benefit for our spiritual members of the Apostolate. We are going to have a set of Gregorian Masses offered for the repose of all the souls of the members of our Apostolate every November (or sometime near November) for as long as we are able to do so. These Masses would be offered by Catholic priests in the Ukraine. If you would like to be a part of this initiative and donate towards this cause and also become a spiritual member let us know.

We know so many of you have been offering prayers; rosaries and even Masses for us-please continue to do so!!!! We can't tell you how much they are appreciated as we do always seem to have some unusual mishaps happen around here- the latest being a total crash of our new computer that had all of our files on it. Currently, it is in the shop- we just have gotten word that the cause was some little motor that stopped working and has locked the hard drive. They tell me that it is very rare to see this happen but in order to salvage our files, the hard drive has to be shipped somewhere and it will cost between \$500-\$1600 to save our most necessary and important files.

"Dios te bendiga!" [God bless you!] ☺

IN DEFENSE OF REV. FR. LUIGI VILLA

By Mrs. Kathleen Heckenkamp



Father Luigi Villa

I will start with a little background... I had lost my own father in December, 1991- I was suffering my second "spiritual awakening" as a result- perhaps one could call it a mini-purification of which I have suffered a few. As a result, I decided I needed another father figure in my life...but who?

I became a spiritual daughter of Padre Pio in 1996 – accepted by Fr. Alessio Parente who sent the card back stating that I indeed was accepted as his spiritual daughter. This was no small feat for me for reasons I will not go into now. But in a word, I had feared Padre Pio. However, as he accepted me via his good friend, I was thrilled yet a little apprehensive. I knew that Padre Pio would most definitely be "working on me" now for sure! And what would that entail? I shuddered to think. But, as we are all supposed to strive toward heaven and we know it is never easy, well...I decided he was the one who could whip me into shape...

Over the years, I personally believe I have been placed on a path that my spiritual father had put me on even before I knew of him... but let's fast forward to the present...

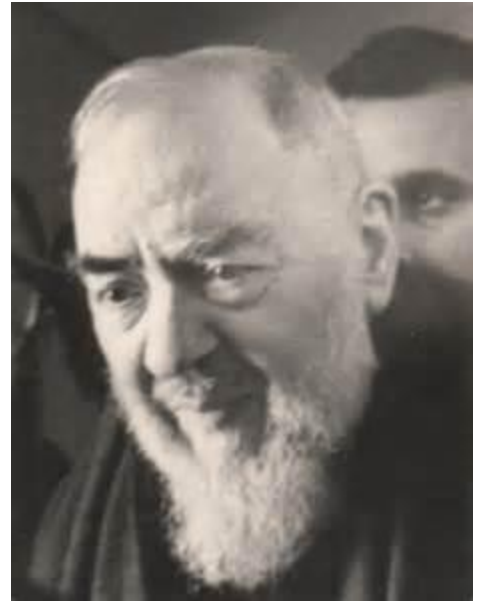
In 2008, at the announcing of the supposed body of Padre Pio, I was upset and angry. I had read in 2002 an article written by Anne Cillis on how there had been a secret exhumation of his body and the tomb had been found empty. Where had the body gone? And whose body with that mask with yak fur for a beard did they place in a gaudy, gold "elevator shaft" for a tomb??? Or was it a mannequin?

When the writer, John MacCafferty had been visiting Padre Pio, he commented to him on the immense crowds that were coming to see him and how many more would come to visit him after his death. Padre Pio responded to him: **"Let them come, I won't be here!"** So even Padre Pio hinted he knew he would not be there.

Some in Italy – lawyers of Pia Forgionne - Padre Pio's niece- on hearing the news of the secret exhumation believed that Padre Pio had been taken up body and soul into Heaven as he had been a living crucifix for 50 years. Was it possible? Well anything is possible with God, but probably unlikely. More likely his body had been hidden or stolen. However, I as a personal spiritual daughter would like to think it was hidden...like the body of St. Francis in some little unknown tomb.

I was upset about this exhumation and wrote an email about this topic questioning who was in the tomb. A response from a fairly well known writer even upset me more. He wrote an article against us – even had help from a good friend of mine- (wow-that hurt!) that we were fanatics and were **“re-crucifying Padre Pio.”** This raised my Catholic righteous indignation for if I was right, who was really “re-crucifying him” with this false body and showy exhumation to a church Padre Pio would have abhorred?

I, then, remembered that someone had, in fact, sent an email to me which quoted an Italian magazine called **“Chiesa viva.”** In 2006, this magazine had done an excellent expose on the “Satanic Temple” dedicated to Padre Pio. I figured that writer of that article must somehow know the truth about this phony exhumation and Padre Pio’s body. And that started my quest to find the author... which I eventually did – Father Luigi Villa. Father Villa did also accept me as his spiritual father. My husband and I eventually met with him in 2010 asking for his blessing to help propagate his writings as we felt there was a real need to reprint his works sensing the growing darkness spreading over the Church, Her shepherds and Her flock. He gave us his blessing and smiled saying: **“So you adopted 4 children and now you want to adopt ‘Chiesa viva’?”**



Padre Pio

Was Padre Pio perhaps the one who led me to this priest? I don’t know... we will leave that for Heaven ... But this poor unworthy writer has been humbled by this and would like to thank God for this undeserved gift.

So- upon finding this treasure that we found in Fr. Villa, we knew we had to make his work known. Many of you already know the story as you know him from his writings and his short biography i.e. what sort of man he is/was. Like Padre Pio, he was a fighter! A fighter for Truth, and Justice! One of the greatest defenders of the Church in our time perhaps even the greatest next to Padre Pio! He had been given a Heavenly directive from Our Lord via Padre Pio to fight ecclesiastical Freemasonry -a mission that he did not feel worthy to accept. But he took on this mission as all good Catholics do who are called to fight for the Church.

Father Villa had not known about the secret exhumation but upon reading the Anne Cillis article, he fully believed in its authenticity. As a result, he did a long series of installments in his magazine that began with that very article.

The first project Father Villa and Franco Adessa asked the Apostolate to assist with a special edition of the **Chiesa viva #413** on the topic of Our Lady of Good Success titled: **“Our Lady Condemns Masonry.”**

When Father read about her, he told us: **“She is now my General for our work on Chiesa viva. She will lead us on in this fight!”** This was in 2009 and we worked together – trying to help wherever and whenever we could, until his death on November 18th, 2012. (And we are determined to continue this work until Heaven decides differently.)

In that special edition #413, Fr. Villa was able to show exactly why this particular Marian devotion is the most important one for our times as She is the one to clearly reveal to us why exactly we are in the mess we are in today – why Our Lady of Fatima’s directives have been largely ignored by the Hierarchy- denying Her most direly needed Consecration of Russia. She – under the title of **“Our Lady of Good Success”** explains the reason for this crisis by stating to the visionary in Quito Ecuador, Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres: **“for Satan will reign almost completely by means of the Masonic Sects....During that epoch the Church will find herself attacked by terrible hordes of the Masonic sect...”**



Our Lady of Good Success

Our Lord appeared to Mother Mariana as well as instructing her that **“the hideous and pestiferous wild boar of Masonry would enter the beautiful, flourishing vineyard of the Church, leaving it destroyed and in complete ruins...she [Mother Mariana] saw the infidelity of the ministers of the altar to their holy vocation, and the unworthy way that some would approach the Holy Sacrifice...”**

So now, I will fast forward to the present. Since the beginning of this venture with Fr. Villa, we had heard whisperings that there were those who did not believe that Father Villa was **“verifiable.”** Of course, there will always be those who do not believe or perhaps refuse to believe. But lately, since his death, these comments that are coming from supposedly traditional Catholic priests and laymen are getting more frequent and even louder, boisterous and defiant. I have recently been told that Fr. Villa’s writings were taken off traditional Catholic forums. A friend told us that the reason was that certain traditional priests do not feel Fr Villa’s works to be of any importance and really **“not exactly in common with what the XXXX preaches”** – so not in common with what traditional priests are supposed to preach about... This is disturbing to say the least!

Additionally, despite the fact that Our Lady of Good Success came specifically for us in the 1600’s to warn us about Freemasonry’s infiltration into the Church because **“in this supreme moment of the need of the Church, the one[s] who should speak remain silent”**- this particular traditionalist group thinks there is **“not much to be gained by dwelling on such matter.”** So Catholics wanting to hold fast to the Faith would not gain anything from what Our Lady of Good Success warned us about i.e. Freemasonry???

One of the last comments made was that **“the stress you and others seem to lay on devoting one’s energies to acquaint themselves with Fr. Villa is borderline cultish”** So there you have it! Those of us who wish to know the truth of what is happening in the Catholic Church are cultish!!!

We can take this all of this name calling and put downs- that’s ok! But the real issue here is whether or not Father Villa was/is **“verifiable.”** Perhaps it is well meaning - done out of ignorance? However, if intentional, these types of tactics have been known to be used by the enemies of the Church and Society in order to sow discord, doubt, and despair into the minds of the masses.

The opposition to Fr. Villa began basically from the start of our association with him. In 2011, the Apostolate asked Dr. Adessa for a small biography made on Fr. Villa to stop these naysayers. But it was still not good enough - and I imagine -it will never be good enough for these people. However, once again, I feel compelled to write a defense. For those who are of good will, we compiled this issue to strengthen you and dispel any doubts. For those of you who are not, well I leave that to God...

During his mission, Father Villa was a secret agent who worked within the Church. He was chosen by Heaven via Padre Pio. When **Pius XII** learned that Padre Pio had told Fr. Villa of this mission, Pius XII then gave Fr. Villa a mandate to do so making sure he had the right tools by entrusting him to **three Cardinals: Ottaviani, Parente, and Palazzini** to work under which he did until their deaths – the last one dying in 2000. He began his work during the papacy of Pope Pius XII who cherished him and his work. He was considered a valuable asset for the Church at this time. During the reign of Paul VI, the atmosphere changed drastically so much so that one could say that Father felt like a **“persona non grata.”** It was during this pontificate that Fr. Villa decided to publish an Italian Catholic magazine called: **“Chiesa viva”** in order to expose the darkness. His motto was **“The Truth shall set you free!”** But before he began this work, Fr Villa decided he needed someone to help him direct this operation. So he traveled to the United States to ask this person to



Mother Mariana



Dr. Alice von Hildebrand

join him in this battle. His name was **Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand.**

I had the good pleasure of contacting Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand’s wife, **Dr. Alice von Hildebrand**, this summer, August 14th, 2014, in regards to this subject. Most of you would know her as a philosopher and an extremely accomplished Catholic traditional writer. She wrote me a lovely email back on the actual meeting of Fr. Luigi Villa and her husband, it read:

“I forgot when Chiesa Viva was founded. Probably in the late sixties. We had never heard Father Villa's name. But one fine day, he came all the way to New Rochelle to meet my husband. I assume (I might be mistaken) that it was after the publication of the Trojan Horse in the City of God, that made quite a wave. My husband was born and raised in Italy and Italian was his first language so they had no difficulty communicating. Father Villa was no linguist. He told my husband that he wanted to found a magazine to make people aware that the evil men had penetrated into the Church. My husband accepted : I do not remember whether it was then or later that Padre Villa told us that Padre Pio asked him shortly before his death (1967) to fight against the free masons who had penetrated into the Church We went to Europe every summer (for lectures, and to visit our families) Each year we saw Padre Villa. The last time was I believe in 1975. My husband died in 1977. Then I remained in contact with him, and saw him when I was giving talks in Gardone (not too far from Brescia). The last time I saw him was in 2002...”



Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand

He chose wisely, for Pius XII even had called him, unofficially “**a twentieth century doctor of the Church.**” From the very first issue of “Chiesa viva,” in 1971, Dr. Dietrich Von Hildebrand worked with Fr. Villa as Vice-Director of “Chiesa viva” until his death in 1977.

As consolation for those of us who are trying to continue the noble fight that our virtuous friends, who are now enjoying their eternal reward – Padre Pio, Fr. Villa and Dr. von Hildebrand had fought so gallantly, we have included a quote here below by Dietrich von Hildebrand, whose nickname was the “**Knight of Truth,**” is:

“One of the most horrifying and widespread diseases in the Church today is the lethargy of the guardians of the Faith of the Church. ... I am thinking [here] of the ... numerous bishops ... who make no use whatever of their authority when it comes to intervening against heretical theologians or priests, or against blasphemous performances of public worship. ... But it is most especially infuriating when certain bishops who themselves show this lethargy toward heretics, assume a rigorously authoritarian attitude towards those believers who are fighting for orthodoxy, and who are thus doing what the bishops ought to be doing themselves! ... The drivell of the heretics, both

priests and laymen, is tolerated; the bishops tacitly acquiesce to the poisoning of the faithful. **But they want to silence the faithful believers who take up the cause of orthodoxy, the very people who should by all rights be the joy of the bishops' hearts, their consolation, a source of strength for overcoming their own lethargy. Instead, these people are regarded as disturbers of the peace.** ... The insult to God which is embodied in heresy is often not as tangible and irritating for them as a public act of rebellion against their authority.” [taken from: <http://www.cuf.org/2011/09/dietrich-von-hildebrand-his-fidelity-his-life-his-legacy/>]

Further on in this newsletter, you will find Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand’s first article that he wrote for “Chiesa viva” Dec, 1971: “**Moratorium with the Devil**” which continues along these lines. Additionally, we have included an interview with Dr. Alice von Hildebrand that Latin Mass Magazine had done in 2001 on the subject of Paul VI, Fr. Luigi Villa and the Crisis in the Church. In closing, we ask: How are we to continue to fight this battle? We have an answer from the words of Padre Pio:

“Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, FOR HER ROSARY IS THE WEAPON AGAINST THE EVILS OF THE WORLD TODAY. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother... Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!”

Present at the Demolition

An interview with Dr. Alice von Hildebrand - Summer 2001 (Keep the Faith-Thank you for permission to reprint!)
Taken in its entirety from: http://www.latinmassmagazine.com/articles/articles_2001_su_hildebran.html

The following conversation with Dr. Alice von Hildebrand opens our discussion of this issue's focus: The Crisis in the Church: Scenarios for a Solution. Dr. von Hildebrand, professor of philosophy emeritus of Hunter College (City University of New York), has just completed *The Soul of a Lion*, a biography of her husband, Dietrich.

TLM: *Dr. von Hildebrand, at the time that Pope John XXIII summoned the Second Vatican Council, did you perceive a need for a reform within the Church?*

AVH: Most of the insights about this come from my husband. He always said that the members of the Church, due to the effects of original sin and actual sin, are always in need of reform. The Church's teaching, however, is from God. Not one iota is to be changed or considered in need of reform.

TLM: *In terms of the present crisis, when did you first perceive something was terribly wrong?*

AVH: It was in February 1965. I was taking a sabbatical year in Florence. My husband was reading a theological journal, and suddenly I heard him burst into tears. I ran to him, fearful that his heart condition had suddenly caused him pain. I asked him if he was all right. He told me that the article that he had been reading had provided him with the certain insight that the devil had entered the Church. Remember, my husband was the first prominent German to speak out publicly against Hitler and the Nazis. His insights were always prescient.

TLM: *Had your husband ever talked about his fear for the Church before this incident?*

AVH: I relate in my biography of my husband, *The Soul of a Lion*, that a few years after his conversion to Catholicism in the 1920s, he began teaching at the University of Munich. Munich was a Catholic city. Most Catholics at the time went to Mass, but he always said that it was there that he became aware of the loss of a sense of the supernatural among Catholics. One incident especially offered him sufficient proof, and it greatly saddened him.

When passing through a door, my husband would always give precedence to those of his students who were priests. One day, one of his colleagues (a Catholic) expressed his astonishment and disapproval: "Why do you let your students step ahead of you?" "Because they are priests," replied my husband. "But they do not have a Ph.D." My husband was grieved. To value a Ph.D. is a natural response; to feel awe for the sublimity of the priesthood is a supernatural response. The professor's attitude proved that his sense for the supernatural had been eroded. That was long before Vatican II. But until the Council, the beauty and the sacredness of the Tridentine liturgy masked this phenomenon.

TLM: *Did your husband think that the decline in a sense of the supernatural began around that time, and if so, how did he explain it?*

AVH: No, he believed that after Pius X's condemnation of the heresy of Modernism, its proponents merely went underground. He would say that they then took a much more subtle and practical approach. They spread doubt simply by raising questions about the great supernatural interventions throughout salvation history, such as the Virgin Birth and Our Lady's perpetual virginity, as well as the Resurrection, and the Holy Eucharist. They knew that once faith – the foundation – totters, the liturgy and the moral teachings of the Church would follow suit. My husband entitled one of his books *The Devastated Vineyard*. After Vatican II, a tornado seemed to have hit the Church.

Modernism itself was the fruit of the calamity of the Renaissance and the Protestant Revolt, and it took a long historical process to unfold. If you were to ask a typical Catholic in the Middle Ages to name a hero or heroine, he would answer with the name of a saint. The Renaissance began to change that. Instead of a saint, people would think of geniuses as persons to emulate, and with the oncoming of the industrial age, they would answer with the name of a great scientist. Today, they would answer with a sports figure or cinema personality. In other words, the loss of the sense of the supernatural has brought an inversion of the hierarchy of values.

Even the pagan Plato was open to a sense of the supernatural. He spoke of the weakness, frailty and cowardice often evidenced in human nature. He was asked by a critic to explain why he had such a low opinion of humanity. He replied that he was not denigrating man, only comparing him to God.

With the loss of a sense of the supernatural, there is a loss of the sense of a need for sacrifice today. The closer one comes to God, the greater should be one's sense of sinfulness. The further one gets from God, as today, the more we hear the philosophy

of the new age: "I'm OK, You're OK." This loss of the inclination to sacrifice has led to the obscuring of the Church's redemptive mission. Where the Cross is downplayed, our need for redemption is given hardly a thought.

The aversion to sacrifice and redemption has assisted the secularization of the Church from within. We have been hearing for many years from priests and bishops about the need for the Church to adapt herself to the world. Great popes like St. Pius X said just the opposite: the world must adapt itself to the Church.

***TLM:** From our conversation throughout this afternoon, I must conclude that you don't believe that the accelerating loss of the sense of the supernatural is an accident of history.*

AVH: No, I do not. There have been two books published in Italy in recent years that confirm what my husband had been suspecting for some time; namely, that there has been a systematic infiltration of the Church by diabolical enemies for much of this century. My husband was a very sanguine man and optimistic by nature. During the last ten years of his life, however, I witnessed him many times in moments of great sorrow, and frequently repeating, "They have desecrated the Holy Bride of Christ." He was referring to the "abomination of desolation" of which the prophet Daniel speaks.

***TLM:** This is a critical admission, Dr. von Hildebrand. Your husband had been called a twentieth-century Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII. If he felt so strongly, didn't he have access to the Vatican to tell Pope Paul VI of his fears?*

AVH: But he did! I shall never forget the private audience we had with Paul VI just before the end of the Council. It was on June 21, 1965. As soon as my husband started pleading with him to condemn the heresies that were rampant, the Pope interrupted him with the words, "Lo scriva, lo scriva." ("Write it down.") A few moments later, for the second time, my husband drew the gravity of the situation to the Pope's attention. Same answer. His Holiness received us standing. It was clear that the Pope was feeling very uncomfortable. The audience lasted only a few minutes. Paul VI immediately gave a sign to his secretary, Fr. Capovilla, to bring us rosaries and medals. We then went back to Florence where my husband wrote a long document (unpublished today) that was delivered to Paul VI just the day before the last session of the Council. It was September of 1965. After reading my husband's document, he said to my husband's nephew, Dieter Sattler, who had become the German ambassador to the Holy See, that he had read the document carefully, but that "it was a bit harsh." The reason was obvious: my husband had humbly requested a clear condemnation of heretical statements.

***TLM:** You realize, of course, Doctor, that as soon as you mention this idea of infiltration, there will be those who roll their eyes in exasperation and remark, "Not another conspiracy theory!"*

AVH: I can only tell you what I know. It is a matter of public record, for instance, that Bella Dodd, the ex-Communist who reconverted to the Church, openly spoke of the Communist Party's deliberate infiltration of agents into the seminaries. She told my husband and me that when she was an active party member, she had dealt with no fewer than four cardinals within the Vatican "who were working for us."

Many a time I have heard Americans say that Europeans "smell conspiracy wherever they go." But from the beginning, the Evil One has "conspired" against the Church – and has always aimed in particular at destroying the Mass and sapping belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. That some people are tempted to blow this undeniable fact out of proportion is no reason for denying its reality. On the other hand, I, European born, am tempted to say that many Americans are naïve; living in a country that has been blessed by peace, and knowing little about history, they are more likely than Europeans (whose history is a tumultuous one) to fall prey to illusions. Rousseau has had an enormous influence in the United States. When Christ said to His apostles at the Last Supper that "one of you will betray Me," the apostles were stunned. Judas had played his hand so artfully that no one suspected him, for a cunning conspirator knows how to cover his tracks with a show of orthodoxy.

***TLM:** Do the two books by the Italian priest you mentioned before the interview contain documentation that would provide evidence of this infiltration?*

AVH: The two books I mentioned were published in 1998 and 2000 by an Italian priest, Don Luigi Villa of the diocese of Brescia, who at the request of Padre Pio has devoted many years of his life to the investigation of the possible infiltration of both Freemasons and Communists into the Church. My husband and I met Don Villa in the sixties. He claims that he does not make any statement that he cannot substantiate. When *Paulo Sesto Beato?* (1998) was published the book was sent to every single Italian bishop. None of them acknowledged receipt; none challenged any of Don Villa's claims.

In this book, he relates something that no ecclesiastical authority has refuted or asked to be retracted – even though he names particular personalities in regard to the incident. It pertains to the rift between Pope Pius XII and the then Bishop Montini (the future Paul VI) who was his Undersecretary of State. Pius XII, conscious of the threat of Communism, which in the aftermath of World War II was dominating nearly half of Europe, had prohibited the Vatican staff from dealing with Moscow. To his dismay, he was informed one day through the Bishop of Upsala (Sweden) that his strict order had been contravened. The Pope resisted giving credence to this rumor until he was given incontrovertible evidence that Montini had been corresponding with various

Soviet agencies. Meanwhile, Pope Pius XII (as had Pius XI) had been sending priests clandestinely into Russia to give comfort to Catholics behind the Iron Curtain. Every one of them had been systematically arrested, tortured, and either executed or sent to the gulag. Eventually a Vatican mole was discovered: Alighiero Tondi, S.J., who was a close advisor to Montini. Tondi was an agent working for Stalin whose mission was to keep Moscow informed about initiatives such as the sending of priests into the Soviet Union.

Add to this Pope Paul's treatment of Cardinal Mindszenty. Against his will, Mindszenty was ordered by the Vatican to leave Budapest. As most everyone knows, he had escaped the Communists and sought refuge in the American embassy compound. The Pope had given him his solemn promise that he would remain primate of Hungary as long as he lived. When the Cardinal (who had been tortured by the Communists) arrived in Rome, Paul VI embraced him warmly, but then sent him into exile in Vienna. Shortly afterwards, this holy prelate was informed that he had been demoted, and had been replaced by someone more acceptable to the Hungarian Communist government. More puzzling, and tragically sad, is the fact that when Mindszenty died, no Church representative was present at his burial.

Another of Don Villa's illustrations of infiltration is one related to him by Cardinal Gagnon. Paul VI had asked Gagnon to head an investigation concerning the infiltration of the Church by powerful enemies. Cardinal Gagnon (at that time an Archbishop) accepted this unpleasant task, and compiled a long dossier, rich in worrisome facts. When the work was completed, he requested an audience with Pope Paul in order to deliver personally the manuscript to the Pontiff. This request for a meeting was denied. The Pope sent word that the document should be placed in the offices of the Congregation for the Clergy, specifically in a safe with a double lock. This was done, but the very next day the safe deposit box was broken and the manuscript mysteriously disappeared. The usual policy of the Vatican is to make sure that news of such incidents never sees the light of day. Nevertheless, this theft was reported even in *L'Osservatore Romano* (perhaps under pressure because it had been reported in the secular press). Cardinal Gagnon, of course, had a copy, and once again asked the Pope for a private audience. Once again his request was denied. He then decided to leave Rome and return to his homeland in Canada. Later, he was called back to Rome by Pope John Paul II and made a cardinal.

TLM: *Why did Don Villa write these works singling out Paul VI for criticism?*

AVH: Don Villa reluctantly decided to publish the books to which I have alluded. But when several bishops pushed for the beatification of Paul VI, this priest perceived it as a clarion call to print the information he had gathered through the years. In so doing, he was following the guidelines of a Roman Congregation, informing the faithful that it was their duty as members of the Church to relay to the Congregation any information that might militate against the candidate's qualifications for beatification.

Considering the tumultuous pontificate of Paul VI, and the confusing signals he was giving, e.g.: speaking about the "smoke of Satan that had entered the Church," yet refusing to condemn heresies officially; his promulgation of *Humanae Vitae* (the glory of his pontificate), yet his careful avoidance of proclaiming it *ex cathedra*; delivering his Credo of the People of God in Piazza San Pietro in 1968, and once again failing to declare it binding on all Catholics; disobeying the strict orders of Pius XII to have no contact with Moscow, and appeasing the Hungarian Communist government by reneging on the solemn promise he had made to Cardinal Mindszenty; his treatment of holy Cardinal Slipyj, who had spent seventeen years in a Gulag, only to be made a virtual prisoner in the Vatican by Paul VI; and finally asking Archbishop Gagnon to investigate possible infiltration in the Vatican, only to refuse him an audience when his work was completed – all these speak strongly against the beatification of Paolo VI, dubbed in Rome, "Paolo Sesto, Mesto" (Paul VI, the sad one).

That the duty to publish this depressing information was onerous and cost Don Villa great sorrow cannot be doubted. Any Catholic rejoices when he can look up to a Pope with boundless veneration. But Catholics also know that even though Christ never promised He would give us perfect leaders, He did promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail. Let us not forget that even though the Church has had some very bad popes, and some mediocre ones, she has been blessed with many great popes. Eighty of them have been canonized and several have been beatified. This is a success story that does not bear parallel in the secular world.

God alone is the judge of Paul VI. But it cannot be denied that his pontificate was a very complex and tragic one. It was under him that, in the course of fifteen years, more changes were introduced in the Church than in all preceding centuries combined. What is worrisome is that when we read the testimony of ex-Communists like Bella Dodd, and study Freemasonic documents (dating from the nineteenth century, and usually penned by fallen-away priests like Paul Roca), we can see that, to a large extent, their agenda has been carried out: the exodus of priests and nuns after Vatican II, dissenting theologians not censured, feminism, the pressure put on Rome to abolish priestly celibacy, immorality in the clergy, blasphemous liturgies (see the article by David Hart in *First Things*, April 2001, "The Future of the Papacy"), the radical changes that have been introduced into the sacred liturgy (see Cardinal Ratzinger's book *Milestones*, pp. 126 and 148, Ignatius Press), and a misleading ecumenism. Only a blind person could deny that many of the Enemy's plans have been perfectly carried out.

One should not forget that the world was shocked at what Hitler did. People like my husband, however, actually read what he had said in *Mein Kampf*. The plan was there. The world simply chose not to believe it.

But grave as the situation is, no committed Catholic can forget that Christ has promised that He will remain with His Church to the very end of the world. We should meditate on the scene related in the Gospel when the apostles' boat was battered by a fierce storm. Christ was sleeping! His terrified followers woke Him up: He said one word, and there was a great calm. "O ye of little faith!"

TLM: I take it by your remarks about ecumenism that you don't agree with the current policy of "convergence" rather than "conversion"?

AVH: Let me relate an incident that caused my husband grief. It was 1946, just after the war. My husband was teaching at Fordham, and there appeared in one of his classes a Jewish student who had been a naval officer during the war. He would eventually tell my husband about a particularly stunning sunset in the Pacific and how it had led him to the quest for the truth about God. He first went to Columbia to study philosophy, and he knew that this was not what he was looking for. A friend suggested he try philosophy at Fordham and mentioned the name Dietrich von Hildebrand. After just one class with my husband, he knew he had found what he was looking for. One day after class my husband and this student went for a walk. He told my husband during this time that he was surprised at the fact that several professors, after discovering he was Jewish, assured him that they would not try to convert him to Catholicism. My husband, stunned, stopped, turned to him and said, "They said what?!" He repeated the story and my husband told him, "I would walk to the ends of the earth to make you a Catholic." To make a long story short, the young man became a Catholic, was ordained a Carthusian priest, and went on to enter the only Charter House in the United States (in Vermont)!

TLM: You spent many years teaching at Hunter College.

AVH: Yes, and several of my students became Catholics. Oh, the beautiful conversion stories I could relate if I had time – young people who were swept up by truth!

I want to make one point very clear, however. I did not convert my students. The most we can do is to pray to be God's instruments. To be an instrument we must strive to live the Gospel every day and in every circumstance. Only God's grace can give us the desire and ability to do that.

It is one of the fears I have about traditional Catholics. Some flirt with fanaticism. A fanatic is one who considers truth to be his personal possession instead of God's gift. We are servants of the truth, and it is as servants that we seek to share it.

I am very concerned that there are "fanatical" Catholics who use the Faith and the truth it proclaims as an intellectual toy. An authentic appropriation of the truth always leads to a striving for holiness. The Faith, in this present crisis, is not an intellectual chess game. For anyone not striving for holiness, that's all it will ever be. Such people do more harm to the Faith, particularly if they are proponents of the traditional Mass.

TLM: So you see the only scenario for a solution to the present crisis as the renewal of a striving for sanctity?

AVH: We should not forget that we are fighting not only against flesh and blood, but against "powers and principalities." This should elicit sufficient dread in us to make us strive more than ever for holiness, and to pray fervently that the Holy Bride of Christ, who is right now at Calvary, comes out of this fearful crisis more radiant than ever.

The Catholic answer is always the same: absolute fidelity to the holy teaching of the Church, faithfulness to the Holy See, frequent reception of the sacraments, the Rosary, daily spiritual reading, and gratitude that we have been given the fullness of God's revelation: "Gaudete, iterum dico vobis, Gaudete."

TLM: I cannot end the interview without asking your reaction to a well-worn canard. There are those critics of the ancient Latin Mass who point out that the crisis in the Church developed at a time when the Mass was offered throughout the world. Why should we then think its revival is intrinsic to the solution?

AVH: The devil hates the ancient Mass. He hates it because it is the most perfect reformulation of all the teachings of the Church. It was my husband who gave me this insight about the Mass. The problem that ushered in the present crisis was not the traditional Mass. The problem was that priests who offered it had already lost the sense of the supernatural and the transcendent. They rushed through the prayers, they mumbled and didn't enunciate them. That is a sign that they had brought to the Mass their growing secularism. The ancient Mass does not abide irreverence, and that was why so many priests were just as happy to see it go.

TLM: Thank you, Dr. von Hildebrand, for this time and the opportunity to speak with you.

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Pictured at the right: Another testimony to Fr. Villa's important work. The 1st issue of "Chiesa viva" September, 1971 received Cardinal Josef Mindszenty's approval with his autograph on the first page obtained by Fr. Luigi Villa. During their meeting together on December 14, 1971, Card. Mindszenty told Fr. Villa that his magazine, "Chiesa viva" was «TRULY INSPIRED BY GOD!»

**HONOR TO YOU,
CARDINAL JOSEPH
MINDSZENTY
MARTYR OF FAITH
AND COUNTRY**

by Father Luigi Villa
(Doctor of Theology)

Written March, 2012 – we include this as a testimony to Fr. Villa's faith and courage and love for this blessed Prince of the Church.

Many letters have continued to pour in from Communist Europe, and all full of despair. Here is an example: «You have perhaps forgotten our revolution ... Us, no! Not me! Why? - Because I think of **Janos**, my eldest, crushed by a Soviet tank. And then, in my maternal heart, a revolution is unleashed against everything ...»

Here's another: «... **Tibor** was shot. This morning at 6 am, they dragged him, pale before a firing squad. Day and night, my baby's face is imprinted in my mind ... I pray the Lord to call me as soon as possible, so that I can see Tibor and all my loved ones again in heaven ...»

It is for these poor people, for the unknown priests who have never sold out, for the elderly bishops who never begged for help from a Communist State, it is for all them that **Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty first condemned Communism** and then resisted under house arrest in Liberty Square, Budapest.

His silences were long, his loneliness was absolute, without a friend, with no comfort, alone, despised, betrayed, maligned and misunderstood. But he never yielded, remaining a living symbol and testimony!

His story was **the tragic story of Catholic and anti-Communist Hungary**, and Her [Hungary's] **"Iron Cardinal"** identified with all those who would not bow before the most savage repression in modern history.

An example, his example, which was not in vain or useless. Unfortunately, today, many have forgotten him or judged **Card. Mindszenty** as a figure of another era, perhaps even exaggerated, and



therefore useless and almost futile in his role as **former Primate of the Ecclesiastical life of Hungary.**



Hungarian Uprising

Crown of St. Stephen, which made the Cardinal state:

«For a thousand years, the Hungarian Catholic Church has always suffered disasters together with Her own People. She has never hidden from the threatening storms, but She is always with the people, for the people. »

This hero of Hungary was born in the town of **Ceshi-Minddszehty** from a peasant family [in 1892]. After studying and graduating, he became the pastor of Ezstergens, **Archbishop and Primate of Hungary.** On August 16, 1945, he was elevated to the dignity of **Cardinal** by **Pius XII.**

However, early in life, he had become acquainted with Communism. The first time was in 1919 during the “**hundred days**” [reign] of the fanatical Communist, **Béla Kun,** which made Hungary go mad. The second time was in 1944, when he rebelled against the **Nazi, Scalasi.** On the morning of November 17, 1944, the Nazi police entered the bishop’s palace and placed him under arrest. He only asked to change his clothes and left dressed in his Episcopal garb. Twenty seven priests followed him to the door of the “**Prison of Death**” in **Sopron-Kohila,** where he remained several months, suffering from hunger, shoveling snow, chopping wood.

He returned to his diocese at the end of the war. Seeing the destruction of his home, and having lived as a beggar and deprived of hardly any food, he then launched his first message to the world: «**The Hungarian people have a pride and dignity that does not allow them to beg for mercy and help, but I, the Primate of Hungary, do not hesitate to launch the SOS to all peoples and civilized Nations and asking Christians: Save the souls of my dying people, give alms so that they can save a life ... every minute.**»

But in Hungary, times quickly changed. In came the “**new Nazis,**” raised in the schools of the Comintern [“**The Communist International**”]. The new criminal leaders, **Rakosi** and **Gero,** tried to



Cardinal Josef Mindszenty -arrested

entice the Cardinal Primate, but in vain! The dictators then threw off their masks. On June 19, 1948, **the Hungarian Communist Government issued a decree nationalizing all private schools, especially Catholic ones.** Mindszenty, then, had all the bells tolled throughout Hungary, as a protest to save the trampled rights of the Church.

For many months previously the Cardinal had protested in every possible way: with radio messages, with **“pastorals”** in defense of religious education, with joint protests with the bishops against the dissolution of Catholic organizations, with his letter of November 19, 1947 to defend the freedom of the press, and even with his dramatic appeal to bishops around the world on July 10, 1948: **«If Hungary succumbs to Marxism, the freedom of almost all of Europe is compromised.»**

Card. Joseph Mindszenty saw everything clearly: the persecution against him and against all his people. But he had no intention of becoming their tool. So, just hours before his arrest, he wrote to his priests: **«I will be subjected to unimaginable suffering, and I pray fervently to the Lord to give me strength and courage. But remember that my possible “confessions” must be attributed to human weakness.»**

In fact, the shout of the Communists already echoed: **«A rope for Cardinal Mindszenty!»** In the evening of December 26, 1948, the police came to pick him up, along with his Secretary **Msgr. Andrea Zakar.**

No one saw him until the following February, when he reappeared in a **“People’s Court”**, as a ghost of a man, bent over, with glazed his eyes. A few days before his arrest, the Cardinal had written: **«Be careful, I know that they will reduce me to a state that I will no longer be myself. They will make me say what they want, but I, at this very moment, deny the “confessions” that they will wrench out of me with their systems.»**



Cardinal Josef Mindszenty in court

The Cardinal had been physically reduced to a rag of a man. He had succumbed, of course, physically but not morally. **«I am guilty,»** the Cardinal repeated. The eyes of the world were fixed upon him. **Pius XII raised a cry of distress and accusation against the culprits.** At the United Nations, the Bolivian Delegate, De Deks, cried: **«What has been perpetrated against Cardinal Mindszenty is the most serious violation of natural rights and individual freedoms that have ever occurred.»**

But all this had no effect on his persecutors.

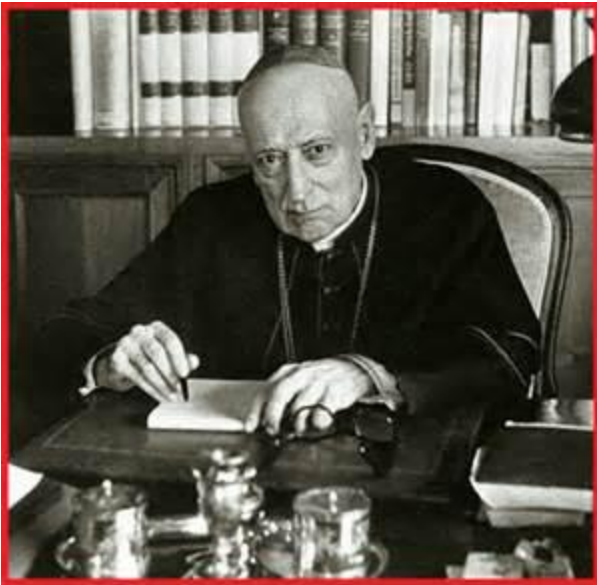
Mindszenty returned to prison and remained there until October 31, 1956, when the popular Revolution broke out against the tyranny of the Communist murderers. The signs on the walls read, **«Give us back Cardinal Mindszenty!»** He was picked up and triumphantly brought to his residence.

On October 28, **Pope Pacelli [Pius XII],** sent his encyclical letter to all Catholic Bishops: **“Luctuosissimi Eventus,”** to solemnly protest before the entire world about the injustices inflicted on tortured Hungary. The same day, **the Pope summoned the Consistory of Cardinals in the Vatican to solemnly protest before the world, on the bloody repression inflicted on the Magyar people.** On November 5, the Pope wrote a second encyclical letter to the Catholic Bishops, the **“Datis Nuperrime,”** and on November 10, he launched a radio message to humanity, denouncing the Communist iniquity perpetrated on the defenseless population of Hungary.

In conclusion, it is just and right to reaffirm that fundamental principle that the coexistence of **“Truth and Error”** is one of the worst crimes of our time.

MY MEETING WITH CARDINAL MINDSZENTY CONFESSOR, MARTYR AND GIANT OF FAITH

by Father Luigi Villa
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Cardinal Josef Mindszenty

This great Confessor and Martyr has for many years, illuminated the catacombs of the East, and shook the calm spirits of the lovers of freedom against the monstrous face of Communism. **I had the great grace of meeting Him, in Vienna, in Pazùameum, December 14, 1971.**

The interview (of approx. two hours) took place in his studio. I had before me an emaciated man, tried by terrible suffering, but whose eyes were still very lively and determined. In that room, there was only a coffee table. On it was a crucifix, a portrait of his mother with a flower, a few books, and beside it, other books piled on the floor.

The Cardinal spoke to me, almost continuously, in perfect Latin, effortlessly, which I had never before heard from anyone. He never pronounced a word of resentment against his persecutors, physical and

moral. **But he was all a flame of zeal for the Church,** for all his people, and for those suffering for the whole Church, **«WHY - I said, embracing him- DOESN'T ROME COMPREHEND WHAT COMMUNISM IS? »**

Of that meeting with this great Cardinal-Martyr, I was left with only a torn notebook **with his thoughts, his confidences, his voice, the memory of his embrace and his signatures, the first of which he signed on the cover of the first issue of my magazine, “Chiesa viva”, which he wished to bless, encouraging me to continue with the phrase: «TRULY INSPIRED BY GOD! »**

It was an unexpected gesture that revealed his most vivid **“TESTIMONY OF LOVE”** for our Magazine! I expressed my most heartfelt love for HIM, **when I knelt and kissed the feet of this Cardinal-Martyr of the Faith,** who lived in constant readiness to give his blood for the Gospel, the Church of Christ and his Fatherland.

It is impossible to comprehend the advancement of that apocalyptic **“red beast”** of the **“Godless”!**

“Without God”- This is the motto and the program of Communism: i.e. to eradicate the idea of God and Religion from the souls of men and Catholic institutions.

However, even today, we must remember the words of Christ: **«In mundo pressuram habebitis, sed confidite: EGO VICI mundum. »** [“In the world, ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer: I have overcome the world.”]

So, one thing is certain: **Marxism is not eternal; indeed, its story is now already old, worm-eaten, decayed. The blood of the martyrs and their terrible sufferings are now preparing a new blossoming of the Church.**

Among Her martyrs, we will always remember the incomparable figure of **Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty**, as it is proper to place him in the forefront: his figure, his sacrifice, which is an example for the entire Catholic world.

By now, **Mindszenty** has become one of the most valuable and lively symbols in the **unfortunate West, which seems to ignore the basic principle that the coexistence of "Truth" with "Error" is one of the worst crimes of our time.** Not only does this coexistence creates a dangerous confusion and a great bewilderment, but **its main purpose is to dismantle the defenses of every bulwark of Christianity placed against the errors of the enemies of our Faith, and to disarm us before the onslaught of the tide of materialism whose goal is always to conquer the entire world!**

MORATORIUM WITH THE DEVIL

By **Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand**

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(This was the first article written by Dr. Dietrich von Hildebrand for "*Chiesa viva*")

One is continuously hearing the warning - even from ecclesiastical authorities: **"Keep the peace!"**; **peace between Catholics; peace with the Protestants; peace with the Jews; peace with the Atheists; peace with the Communists; peace between nations ...** and you are saying: This continued insistence on peace, even in sermons and prayers, gives me the impression that the worst evil that afflicts our age is the lack of unity and war.

But when we consider the world - without prejudice! - We see, yes, the situations of war, but, more importantly, we see the progressive steps towards the enslavement of entire nations, through the work of **Communism**; we see the torture that the Communists use against Christians and against so many innocent people in the countries subject to this regime; we see totalitarianism making its way even into democratic countries; we see the evil of collectivism that is rampant and, last but not least, **we see a gradual apostasy from Divine Revelation within the Church; a systematic destruction of the Christian life in Catholic schools, through heretical catechism; we see the spread of sex education and a growing amorality even in our Catholic universities. So we wonder: Is the call for peace, perhaps, a moratorium with the Devil?**

In fact: today, is there not an urgent need to return to battle? A battle, that is, against error, against immorality, against the spirit of the world; a spiritual battle against the mafia [Freemasonry] that infests the Church, against Her secularization and desecration. **In a few words, should we not return to fight once more against the Devil and His allies?**

But we are still waiting, in vain, for an anathema, a condemnation of the many heresies - horrible and flagrant - that are circulating! While, on the contrary, we get nothing but a monotonous repetition of the word "peace" in every possible way.

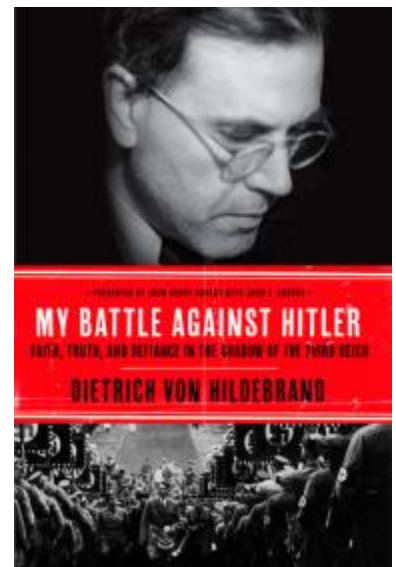
There is a "slow" well-known saying: **"vox temporis, vox Dei" [the voice of time is God's voice]**; but the interpretation made of it, is wrong, if you believe that God calls us to conform to the general trends of an era, as if we were to adapt Divine Revelation to this mentality.

The true interpretation, however, of these words, demands the recognition of what the true situation is in any given period, to be able to discover the greatest dangers present that are threatening our sanctification and eternal happiness; to see clearly how the Devil tries to prevent the coming of the Kingdom of Christ.

Instead, there are those that say that the Church does not excommunicate heretics anymore and that the terms: "anathema", "heresy", "excommunication" belong to the past and are, so to speak, antiquated. This, however, has made us spectators of serious consequences and a dangerous compassionate pastoral attitude.

If you believe that to defend Revelation against false prophets is part of the Church's "raison d'etre" [reason for existence] and that the Church can only survive by condemning heresies and that the term "anathema" has been enshrined since the time of St. Paul, in all the councils up to Vatican II, then you would also see the serious consequence of this one-sided emphasis on the word "peace", which pushes the current Church towards a sort of official moratorium with the Devil.

Blaise Pascal wrote: **"It would be a crime to threaten peace, when truth triumphs; but it is no less serious a crime to maintain the peace, when truth is offended!"**



New book by von Hildebrand

There is, therefore, a time when peace is right and there is a time when peace is unjust. It is written that there is a time for peace and time for war; and it is the law of truth that distinguishes one from the other. But there is not time for both truth, and error, because the truth of God will exist at all times. That is why Christ said He came to give peace and at the same time, He came to bring a sword.

He never said to give the truth in conjunction with error.

The true meaning of the adage: "*vox temporis, vox Dei*," means you must understand whether truth or error has the upper hand; then, decide, as a result, if you must keep the peace or declare war.

Again, there is not only a time for peace and war, but there is also a time of peace that should reign until the end of the world and a time of war that must not be interrupted, ever, as long as there is the struggle against error and against evil - the evil that is in us and in the world - the struggle of the Spirit against the spirit of the world; a battle to which Christ does not cease to call us to fight.

Peace! It is a blessed word - a word that echoes constantly throughout Scripture. Already in the message of the angels to the shepherds on Christmas night in Bethlehem, we hear the words: "*Peace to men of good will.*" The Lord is called the "*Prince of Peace.*" In one of the beatitudes, the peacemakers are called "blessed." Jesus, Himself, said to His Apostles: "*I give you My peace which the world cannot give,*" and when He appeared in their midst, after His resurrection, His word was still, "*Peace be with you!*"

Peace! It is a beauty that never fails; glorious and indissolubly united to happiness. After supporting many afflictions in the course of his exile, Dante, knocking on the door of the Franciscan convent in Ravenna, a monk asked him what he wanted, he said, "*Peace.*" Is not the last petition, addressed to the Lamb of God, during the Holy Mass, perhaps, the "*dona nobis pacem?*"

Yes, but the gift of perfect peace does not exclude a state of war we must wage throughout the time of our earthly exile - war against Satan; war against the spirit of the world, war against temptation; war against sin; war against error and evil. This war is, in fact, a prerequisite for true peace. Today, though, you are no longer encouraged to fight this holy war. True peace, reconciliation with God, with our souls, with our consciences, and with our neighbor is no longer attained. And this reminds us of Pascal said: "It is a crime to want to keep the peace when error triumphs."

The term "peace" then, nowadays, is almost used as a slogan, but it's an **uncertain peace, a pseudo-peace**. Too many things are called "peace," that in reality are in total opposition to it.

There is a certain type of men, for example, who want to be left alone. But this peace is an understatement; it just means that these people do not wish to be disturbed in their lazy everyday life. They shun every effort, every decision, and every trouble. They do their daily work, but live a life of a robot, smoothly gliding with inertia, without anything disturbing their peace; without taking a step to the other side of the tracks. Living in this type of peace, however, appears to be an inner drowsiness; a drowsiness, that is, which hates every generous impulse of the soul. In a word: for them, **peace means: not being disturbed in their soft nest of mediocrity.**

For others, however, peace is a euphemistic mask of their cowardice. They never get involved in the fight, even when they see evil. While seeing the Lord offended by heresies and many other evil deeds, they say, "*Yes, it is true, but it is not something that concerns me, I do not want to fight. I love peace.*" In reality, this means: I'm afraid to step in and fight!

Finally, the **most odious perversion of the concept of peace** is that which is formed by the slogan: I do not want to be pulled into the middle! These hateful words reveal a total lack of love, a selfish withdrawal into oneself, even against the duties given to us by God; they are the epitome of irresponsibility; **they are the words of a hireling who flees when the wolf attacks the flock.**

Today, unfortunately, there are many priests and even bishops who use the word "peace" with one of the meanings listed above. When a representative of "**CUF**" [**Catholics United for the Faith**] wanted to draw **Cardinal Deardon's** attention to the many heresies that were circulating, scandalous catechisms unfaithful to dogma, and abuses that were sowing destruction in the Church in the United States, he received the answer [from the Cardinal]: "*No! Everything is in perfect order in the American Church, with the exception of you, the prophets of doom.*" But that being said the Cardinal is a prime example of what St. Augustine wrote: "**Who is the hireling who runs away, seeing the approaching wolf? Look, someone has committed a sin, a great sin, and should be admonished by the Church. But he who is looking out for himself and not the things of Jesus Christ is silent and does not admonish him. It is you who are silent, Oh hireling, you who does not warn! ... Your silence is your escape: the escape of the soul!**"

So, isn't this desire to maintain such peace what inspired the policy of the ostrich in many Bishops, today, with the despicable excuse of not wanting to disturb the peace of the Church?

The worst perversion, however, is this concept that peace, in its most real and sublime sense, can be achieved by giving up the battle against the devil, wherever he may be: heresy, immorality, spiritual sleepiness, indifference, apostasy, spiritual betrayal in a word: sin.

I mention again Pascal: "*There is a lack of unity which is a symptom of disease and, therefore, an evil: but there is also a lack of unity which is a sign of truth and assumes, therefore, the weight of a real value.*" To disregard it, you make a fatal error: to place unity over truth ultimately means: to place it above God! To put unity above truth, therefore, is one of the biggest mistakes in the Church today. They forget that real union, unity, is not possible except on the basis of truth.

To understand better the dangers still facing the Church, we must reevaluate the different dimensions of authentic peace. First, there is the peace of the soul with God. The absolute and insurmountable antithesis of that peace with God is sin, and any compromise with the Devil.

Peace with God involves obedience to His commandments, imitation of Christ, readiness to be transformed by Him. This also requires a complete surrender to God, an unconditional surrender to His Will, a completely confident surrendering into His hands: *"In manibus tuis tempora mea". "In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum!"* ["My time is in your hands." "Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit!"]

Thus, the murmur against God, a rebellion, more or less hidden, against His will and against the crosses that He requires of us, are also incompatible with the peace of God. And this peace with God is not merely the absence of any discord with God, but it is also a positive good, a gift filled with an ineffable sweetness. St. Paul calls Christ our peace and our reconciliation, in a totally positive sense, as a source of light and holy joy.



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The Sisters asked us this May if we could print up thousands of Novena booklets, and holy cards for them this year which we promptly did. We received a part of the tunic that the body of Mother Mariana has worn. So you may write us to request a relic card. Look at the photo above:



*Mother Inez gazing down on the incorrupt body of Servant of God,
Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres*

This is true incorrupt body of Mother Mariana. Unfortunately, there were other photos of her taken this spring with a mask and fake hands. We know some of these photos were circulated online - by well meaning people even priests! - as the true face of Mother Mariana. This was incorrect. The Mother Abbess, Mother Inez, decided that it looked too counterfeit so she returned Mother Mariana to her original appearance.

Send a donation for the Feast of the Purification – before February 2nd – and we will send you a relic card!!! One of our **next projects** for them is that we would like to reprint **"The Little Office of the BVM"** in Spanish for them as their books are ancient. **Please remember – we are not Amazon.com – we do not operate like Amazon.com- so please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery** as we all work as volunteers – working around a home school schedule. Thank you!



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