

“Clear, brief and easily assimilated by all”

Christians — “In this Sign, conquer” 2017 for Christ

These words accompanied by the vision of a cross were given to Constantine to end the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire in A.D. 313 — cf. “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven” (Matthew 24:30)

A.D. 2017 will be crucial for the apostolate:

In Christ’ Name, *we uphold* His Gospel of Life:

- the life-giving family, hence **marriage**,
- the life-giving Church., hence **priesthood**.

In Christ’s Name, *we oppose* Satan’s death plans:

- contraception & divorce;
- perversion & pornography;
- abortion & euthanasia & other murders.

WITHOUT A VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH

We need the seven *spiritual* senses:

- a sense of **faith** and a sense of **compassion**;
- sense of **The Sacred** and a sense of **humour**,
- a sense of the **apostolate** and a sense of **history**,
- and a sense of **urgency**.

What is most needed in the world today is to have in each parish a group of laity who are at the same time virtuous, enlightened, determined and really apostolic.

St Pius X

The times are very evil and no one speaks against them. There are some who rest their divine mission on their own unsupported assertion; others on their popularity; others on their success; and others on their temporal distinctions. I fear we have neglected the real ground on which our authority is built — our apostolic descent.

Blessed John Henry Newman, *Tracts for the Times*. 1833

Our values are under attack and our catechists, far from strengthening them, serves only to weaken them further.

Brother Christian Moe, FSC

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Sydney Mass for Ordinariate

- WHO FOR? All Catholics can participate in liturgies of the Ordinariate (a non-territorial diocese) of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, and communicate at its Masses — it’s a new branch of the Roman Rite (see *Handouts* n. 134).
- WHEN? **Sunday 5th February, 2017, at 12 noon**, and hence weekly. *Veni et vidi: Come and See!*
- WHERE? Parish church of St Thomas a’Becket at Lewisham located next to Lewisham railway station.
N.B. — **Don’t** confuse with Immaculate Heart Chapel.
- PRIEST: **Father Richard Waddell** VG, JCL, pastor of this Sydney community, lives at the Presbytery, 2 Halley Street, Fivedock NSW 2046, phone 02 9713 7960, email yg@ordinariate.org.au .
- PARKING? Ample.

BATTLE FIELDS in 2017

SAFE SCHOOLS COALITION

Both Federal and State Governments are pouring taxpayers money into promoting sexual immorality, i.e. **child abuse**, from pre-school and all K-12.

SAME SEX UNIONS

The proposed legislation for same-sex “marriages” contradicts God’s plan and is quite immoral. Even when discussing the proposals, free speech is restricted and rights of assembly and religion threatened. The verbal engineering and anti-discrimination tribunals are a foretaste of the persecutions to come.

New books for the coming battles of 2017 and suitable as presents for loved ones in their lay apostolate are so potent that, as soon as CNFRI listed them, a hacker slew our website, but it is now Provisionally resuscitated:

STEALING FROM A CHILD, *The Injustice of ‘Marriage Equality’*, June 2016, by Dr David Van Gend, Queensland family doctor. This is essential reading for Christians in Australia. 273 pp **\$29.95**.

LGBTQ activists (Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transsexual-Queer) felt so threatened by this book that, the day before the book launch, the original printer refused the job, so the heroic publisher Connor Court had to find another printer at the last moment.

THE GLOBAL SEXUAL REVOLUTION, *The Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom* by Gabriele Kuby, who is a convert, a mother and a sociologist: original German edition, 2012, of which **Pope Benedict XVI** wrote, “Mrs Kuby is a brave warrior against ideologies that ultimately result in the destruction of man.” English translation, 2015, 283 pp **\$28.95**.

Our local battles against same-sex “marriages” and Safe Schools Coalition immorality are against Satan’s world-wide strategy. And our problems are not yet as bad as overseas.

STRAINED RELATIONS, *The Challenge of Homosexuality* by Bill Muehlenberg 2011/2014 (4th printing). He documents its health hazards, its impermanence and infidelities, whereas marriage is healthy, “for life” and “to the exclusion of all others”: 256 pp.

The quote on p. 5 from a quite unexpected source is refreshingly startling and will surprise the reader:

Even in purely non-religious terms, homosexuality represents a misuse of the sexual faculty and, in the words of one educator, of ‘human construction.’ It is a pathetic little second-rate substitute for reality, a pitiable flight from life. As such, it deserves fairness, compassion, understanding, and, when possible, treatment. But it deserves no encouragement, no glamorization, no rationalization, no fake status as a minority martyrdom...

And the author of this statement? Fred Nile? Jerry Falwell? No. It was uttered by *Time* magazine on January 21, 1966. Would *Time* magazine ever dare to utter such comments today? Of course not.

RECONSTRUCTION after *deconstructionism*

RECONSTRUCTION starts with an old principle:

Quidquid recipitur per modum recipientis recipitur,

“Whatever is received

is received according to the **measure** of the recipient.”

Now embellish this with a new principle:

“Whatever is uttered

is uttered according to the **mindset** of the utterer.”

In other words, when journalists, politicians, judges and academics are atheists, unsympathetic to religion or morality, they prove less capable of fair treatment. Schools, universities and media have wrecked them.

This becomes evident in Royal Commissions and Discrimination Tribunals, so don't expect justice.

DECONSTRUCTION is a modern “Politically Correct” philosophy of many academics in our universities.

It *deconstructs* literary works of history and fiction, and their authors and ideas, with a ruthless skepticism grounded in its fundamental “truth” that there is no truth, nor could truth be known even if it exists. There's no room for morality except what each makes up for himself.

In other words, it's founded on a contradiction, and is illogical and impractical, and has nothing to offer anyone, but skepticism, doubt, depression, despair and ultimately suicide:

Everyone hates me, nobody loves me,

Think I'll go and eat worms...

Deconstruction is a **half-truth**: it often does make a difference to know who said what; what authority he or it has; what are the circumstances and the author's background. After all, *nihil eligitur nisi sub specie boni*, “nothing is chosen except under the species of good”.

Deconstruction collapses like a balloon with:

- *argumentum ad hominem*, “arguing to the man” by deconstructing him: Did he have an unhappy childhood with an absent father? etc.
- *reductio ad absurdum*, by “reduction to an absurdity” of his propositions. The rude put-down is, “You've just proved nothing can be known, so there's no point in me listening to you, and so you'd better shut-up.”

Calling all lay apostles, priests and bishops:-

For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of goodness, master of himself, upright, holy, and self-controlled; he must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to confute those who contradict it. For there are many insubordinate men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially the circumcision party; they must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for base gain what they have no right to teach. One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

Titus 1:7-13

“Cretans are always liars” means that if someone says, “I am a Cretan,” he must be lying, but if he is not a Cretan, he is certainly telling the truth.

Verbal tricks with ‘always’ and ‘only’ give philosophy a bad name, which it does not deserve, because good philosophy soon demolishes rubbish. However, our aim is less to convince an opponent and more to protect his listeners.

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“WE MUST OBEY GOD rather than men.”

Acts 5:29

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's

Matthew 22:17-22

History is now being repeated, here and overseas:

Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image which I have made, well and good; but if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace; and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was wont to be heated...

Daniel 3:14-19

This a scenario we Christians in Australia can expect from ISIS and the Communists and even the local Greens if and when they come to power.

Other issues over which we might expect a showdown:

Homeschooling, Euthanasia, Abortion, Compulsory Contraception for population control.

Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Matthew 10:16

Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone.

Dare to have a purpose true And dare to make it known.

Sunday School chorus

BE OF GOOD HEART

MY LIFE'S WORK, now drawing ever closer to the finishing line, climaxed in the *Catholic Family Catechism*, the *Cardinal Newman Catechist Centre* (now *Faith Resources*), and the *Bush Boys'* series. The focus has been the “faith once delivered to the saints” by God-Incarnate, Whose priest I am.

My creative work in old age usually amounts to less than two hours daily, what with answering letters, faxes and phone calls and their exhausting of my dwindling inspiration and energy.

However, I am working on a third edition of the prayer book, *Heart Speaks to Heart*, to be subtitled the *Millennium Edition*. It will have some new prayers, plus upgrades of others.

NEW BOYS GO BUSH AGAIN, the long delayed sequel to *New Boys in the Bush* is a **FREE DOWNLOAD** of 512 pages (with many pictures) and includes 78 pp of Appendices (with many diagrams): now at www.cardinalnewman.com.au.

Hopefully, it will soon be printed as a book.

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