

"Clear, brief and easily assimilated by all"

## 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

of the Cardinal Newman Catechist Centre, July 1974,  
and, from 2000, renamed Cardinal Newman Faith Resources Inc., now helping  
to **GUARD** against the doctrinal errors put to our **PLENARY COUNCIL**  
and to **TEACH** those whose agendas are ignorant or rejecting of the Faith

Dear Friends,

- Proclaim the truth, refute error!
- Help the hierarchy to **guard** and **teach** the faith
- so EMAIL, PHONE, WRITE to ask your BISHOP

**"to GUARD & TEACH the DEPOSIT of FAITH more efficaciously"** — the purpose of VCII, as declared by St John XXIII on the very day he opened it, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1962 (see Abbott's *Documents of Vatican II*, p. 713).

### Listen to St Paul

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, **convince, rebuke, and exhort**, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will **not endure sound teaching**, but **having itching ears** they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will **turn away from listening to the truth** and wander into myths.

2 Timothy 4:1-4

### TRACTS FOR THE TIMES — precursor of the Cardinal Newman Catechist Centre

In 1971, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) revolutionized its weekly lessons given by parish catechists to First Form (Year 7) 'scripture' classes' in State High Schools in a program called *Growth*.

*Growth's* lessons were based on the **ego-philosophy of self-fulfilment** rather than the adoration of God.

The CCD February-March catechist training (ten weeks/year for 3 years) **abandoned the doctrine lectures** and kept only teaching method and sample lessons.

The first protest in defence of teaching doctrine to school pupils came in a pamphlet called *Teaching Religion?* accusing the CCD's *Growth* of infidelity.

In 1972, *A Programme for Apostles of Christ in High Schools*, a booklet of 9 lessons/term, 3 terms/year, for 4 years of junior high school up to the (then) School Certificate, was my positive alternative to *Growth*.

Writing and distributing further *Tracts for the Times* proved too extensive to be run from my study in the front room of Ryde presbytery.

Hence in 1974, Cardinal Archbishop James Freeman authorized me to set up, in the teeth of intense opposition, the **Cardinal Newman Catechist Centre**, in the upstairs of a disused presbytery in Parramatta.

See the 40 year history of 1971-2011 in 10 pp. in *Vera Doctrina — True Doctrine* (alphabetical's at end of numbered list) in the *Handouts*, on the battles for the faith: [www.cardinalnewman.com.au](http://www.cardinalnewman.com.au).

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The idea of *Tracts for the Times* came from John Henry Newman (1801-1890), then an Anglican priest in 1833. He and others were rediscovering the

Christian Tradition of the Fathers of the Church, which had been long lost to the Church of England. He said, "The Fathers rise up before me..."

Newman's revolt stimulated the Oxford Movement and his subsequent conversion to Catholicism in 1845 — and of mine in 1955.

In his Tract 1, he addressed the Anglican clergy:-

I am but one of yourselves, a Presbyter, and therefore I conceal my name, lest I should take too much on myself by speaking in my own person. Yet speak I must, for the times are very evil, yet no one speaks against them... There are some who rest their divine mission on **their own unsupported assertions**; others who rest it on **their popularity**; others on **their successes**; and others on **their temporal distinctions**.... I fear we have neglected the **real ground on which our authority is built — our APOSTOLICAL DESCENT**.

*A Tracts for the Times* 1833 (first of the ninety tracts)

Newman's early mindset is revealing:-

**From the age of fifteen, dogma has been the fundamental principle of my religion: I know no other religion; I cannot enter into the idea of any other sort of religion; religion, as a mere sentiment, is to me a dream and a mockery. As well can there be filial love without the fact of a father, as devotion without the fact of a Supreme Being.**

*Apologia pro Vita sua*, 1864

This climaxed when he was made a Cardinal:-

...to one great mischief I have from the first opposed myself. For thirty, forty, fifty years [i.e. back in his Anglican days] I have resisted to the best of my powers the spirit of Liberalism in religion. Never did Holy Church need champions against it more sorely than now, when alas, it is an error overspreading, as a snare, the whole earth... **Liberalism in religion is the doctrine that there is no positive truth in religion but that one creed is as good as another...** It is **inconsistent with any recognition of any religion as true. It teaches that all are to be tolerated, for all are matters of opinion...** what strikes his fancy...

Newly created Cardinal John Henry Newman, 1879

Hence our Catechist Centre upholding Catholic doctrine as a follow-up to our new *Tracts for the Times* had to be named after Cardinal Newman, now a Blessed and about to be named a Saint.

Yours sincerely in Our Lord,

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# Submissions to Australia's Fifth Plenary Council for 2020/2021

**SOME SUBMISSIONS** to the Plenary Council are really quite Anglican! They ignore or negate:-

- Christ's teaching in the Scriptures and Tradition;
- the Council 1962-1965, Code of Canon Law 1983, Catechism 1992/1994, 1997/2000, Compendium 2005.

## "TWO NATIONS ARE IN THY WOMB"!

Like Rebecca, wife of Isaac the Patriarch, the coming Plenary Council has two nations fighting in its womb. They are the Catholic Faith from Christ versus the political correctness of this "evil and adulterous generation"; (cf. Genesis 25:23; Matthew 12:39).

## Some problems within the Church

Submissions to the Plenary Council are revealing many deep flaws in beliefs and attitudes on:-

- the adoration of God, Sense of the Sacred and meditation on the 20 mysteries found in the Rosary;
- Catechesis on (1) Creed, (2) Sacraments, (3) Covenant-Commandments and (4) Prayer;
- Confession of sins to a priest and the zeal for personal holiness;
- contracepting the plan of God for Holy Orders and Matrimony.

See *Handouts* nn. 168-175 for vital 16 pp within my entire 40 pp submission (half is appendices) In *Handouts* nn. 166-176, plus cross-references to earlier *Handouts*, on [www.cardinalnewman.com.au](http://www.cardinalnewman.com.au).

## Some problems in the World

Urgent issues for us to fix with Gospel remedies:-

- Atheism and amorality against the Natural Moral Law;
- Abortion and euthanasia in particular;
- Adultery, divorce, contraception, perversion, pornography;
- Governments asserted unisex; abolition of marriage as matrimony; State schools promoting masturbation, fornication, anal & oral sex in Safe Schools Coalition.

## "COMMUNITY"

**SOME** submissions stress "building community", almost as the chief object of our worship. Yet "our common unity in faith" (Ephesians 4:13, Knox) depends on the **complete** Faith, not part thereof, with full catechesis and preaching of the Creed, Sacraments, Covenant-Commandments and Prayer. The "spirit of Vatican II" is a self-deception of mere personal whims:-

Their hearts are astray, these people do not know my ways

Psalm 95 [94]:10

## "POWER IN THE CHURCH"

**THERE IS** an unhealthy grasping for power in the Church, specially women seeking power over others, ironically linked with their condemnations of clericalism! It contradicts the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Aggressive laity are imitating a few ambitious clergy who also seek "power in the Church". Unwittingly they think and act on **Satan's master plan of pride..**

"Power in the Church" is often confused with her **God-given authority to be of service**, not to push other people around. Authority in the Church is for humility and charity, which are God's plan:-

Thine is the kingdom... the power... and the glory...

1 Chronicles 29:11

Christ's plan is for a **servant hierarchy** of Bishops, Priests and Deacons in the Sacred Ministry. Ministry means service, at the service of the lay faithful, not to wield dictatorial power over them:-

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave; even as the Son of man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28

Tend the flock of God that is your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, **not as domineering over those in your charge** but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:2-3

## "UNISEX"

**THERE IS** evidence of deep seated surrender to the feminist falsehoods of unisex, that male/female interchangeable, and Freudian-Marxist transgender errors of the Yogyakarta Principles to be spread worldwide from conferences in Indonesia, 2007/2017.

The ongoing feminist philosophy of the sexual revolution of the 1960s is full of contradictions:-

- affirmative action with quotas contradicts equal opportunity;
- even 'equal opportunity' with 50% of the paid work force female **demeans motherhood**, the unique female vocation;
- there is no 'choice' or equal opportunity for full-time mothers, but contempt and **severe financial discrimination**;
- besides, there is no equal opportunity for **aborted pre-born babies**, not even the females;
- unisex evils of contraceptive copulation are **mutual masturbation** according to atheist George Bernard Shaw;
- acts of **sodomy** are also mutual masturbation;
- 'women's lib' got support from the book *Women* by Lenin (1870-1924) — Communist bookshops sell it;
- 'femspeak' **language-control is thought-control** imposed by a growing Freudian-Marxist dictatorship in Australia;
- it is **brainwashing** to censor out words like 'man': "If you use our words you will think our thoughts," said Mao;
- clumsy **horse-trading** over 'man' in new English Mass translation, despite other improvements, is brainwashing;
- 'altar girls/women' on the sanctuary **inhibit vocations** of young men to the priesthood: solution in *Handouts* n. 131.

## Council and Catechism negate the unisex philosophy:-

... In the entire educational program they [teachers] should, together with the parents, make full allowance for the differences of sex and for the particular role which providence has appointed to each sex in the family and in society.

Vatican Council II, *Gravissimum Educationis* n. 8(c)

Everyone, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity. Physical, moral, and spiritual difference and complementarity are oriented toward the goods of marriage and the flourishing of family life. The harmony of the couple and of society depends in part on the way in which the complementarity, needs, and mutual support between the sexes are lived out.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 2333

**APPEAL** therefore to your bishop(s) to **STAND FIRM** as in 1 Corinthians 16:13; 2 Corinthians 1:24; Philippians 1:27; 4:1; and 2 Thessalonians 2:15, which adds **hold to the traditions you were taught, either by word of mouth or letter.**

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