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Open Letter to the **Successors of the Apostles** for the Fifth Plenary Council

Dear Archbishops and Bishops,

Let's take up His Cross & say "no" to a Synodal Church

I grew up in a Synodal Church, the Church of England, until aged 20.

It was a disaster, bedevilled by Parish Councils, Diocesan Synods and bishops tolerating almost anything -- resenting only a call to insist on orthodox Christian doctrine. For many years now, converts from Anglicanism have witnessed fellow Catholics **slipping into Anglicanism**, with all its collapse and disintegration already apparent. Converts from Anglicanism have **seen it all before**.

Those who want to engineer our Plenary Council towards an Anglican-style synodal church pay little heed to our Apostolic Descent in the handing on of the Sacred Deposit of Christian Doctrine as "a trust committed to us" (2 Timothy 1:14; cf. 1 Timothy 6:20; 1:14), or in the apostolic succession in Holy Orders.

Back in 1833, John Henry Newman began his conversion from Anglicanism to Catholicism:-

There are some who rest their divine mission on their own unsupported assertion; others who rest it 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**.

A Great Reset Synodal Church has fantasies of independence making for efficiency. It will end in Anglican chaos and become a mere puppet in a One World Religion of a One World Dictator Government, subjugated and controlled as is China's National Catholic Church today.

Doctrinal development was misconstrued in some preparations for the Plenary Council. Real development relates the mysteries one to another, to enrich faith and piety, not destroy them.

It never falsifies earlier teaching, rather it builds on it (see website below for *Handouts* nn. 167/2; 175/2; 176/2).

Contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 1:3

Some Plenary Council proposals claim to cure present ills by updating structures, doctrine and morals to conform to the "spirit of the times", like the Synodal Church of Anglican "comprehensiveness" (cf. "cafeteria Catholics" in a b-i-g Church) which tolerates contradictory doctrines and moral relativism -- with numerous laity fleeing from "female priests" and divorced clergy remarrying, etc.

Repent & Believe is Christ's only Way to Truth and Life for our Plenary Council (cf. Romans 12:1-2). Proclaim the Kingdom, Call to Repentance (3rd Luminous Mystery). Designing new structures is a delusive distraction when time-tested structures work well when actually practised. So let each say, "**I must restructure myself.**" We need to **take up His Cross** -- it's the only way to **live His Risen Life** and personally defeat Satan's current campaign of massive distraction and deceit.

PLEASE TURN OVER for some **positive suggestions** for your consideration.

Please give me your bishop's blessing and be assured of my prayers for you, as I remain always,

Yours sincerely, obediently and gratefully in Our Lord,

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Christ's New Man for a New Creation -- not Satan's Great Reset

FIX the FLAWS and REPENT & BELIEVE

We've GOOD NEWS for fixing flaws

Bishops, Priests & Religious who **activate** the laity with Doctrine, Sacraments, Spirituality, and Liturgy in all its transcendent beauty.

Seminarians & young priests with orthodox theology -- trendy theology has proved fatally sterile.

NO NEW STRUCTURES are needed to start/revive apostolates already in harmony with present canon law:-

Family Prayers & Catechetics (& Homeschooling) with children & youth gladly coming to Mass; N.B. often from **big families**, (cf. HV n. 9).

Catechetical Reforms, so long overdue, are proving successful in pilot Catholic Schools.

RCIA, convert classes, marriage prep & adult education.

Latin Mass is restoring the Sense of the Sacred for Liturgical Reconciliation (*Handouts* nn. 190-193, 201).

Lay Initiatives -- Educational/Social/Political etc

Campion College, a unique triumph;

New schools taught by practising Catholics conscious of parental primacy: e.g. Mary Mackillop Colleges; Opus Dei schools (priests activating laity).

National Civic Council (NCC) and its Young Professional Activist Training (YPAT);

Family Life International and Right to Life;

St Vincent de Paul and Legion of Mary;

Faith Resources bookshops;

Culture Project, Prayer Groups, Bible Groups..

ALL canonical, and neatly balancing hierarchical authority and the charismatic freedom of all the faithful.

We don't need any new diktat bureaucracies

YET WE FAILED our country by not defeating

Aggressive Atheism, Agnosticism, Amorality, Usurping of parents, Abortion, Euthanasia, Suicide Contraception, Divorce, mocking Marriage, Pornography, Perversions.

FLAWS in the Church we can FIX

Cafeteria Catholicism from trendy theology/catechetics revealed in submissions for Plenary Council.

Drop since 1960 from 60% to 10% coming to Mass -- especially the absence of the young (<50).

Rarity of Church Marriages & marital vocations, prevalence of contraception and worldliness.

The scarcity of vocations to the priesthood and the collapse of Religious Life.

The abandonment of Confession and humility -- motivation for requests for the Third Rite.

Indiscriminate Holy Communion by those in sin, or given to lapsed-Catholics or non-believers.

A religion of **cosy comfort without the Cross**;

-- a mistake not having Friday abstinence.

DISASTROUS TRENDS in Australia as Feminism claims sexes interchangeable:-

In 1934 Vladimir Lenin's *Women* & 1970s feminism:

- forcing unwilling mothers into paid work;
- enslaving women to contraceptive pill & abortion;
- true femininity often lost in careerism
- crèches reducing "bonding" of children;
- escalation of divorces and cohabitation;
- words like "equality" weaselled into "same";
- Social engineering via verbal engineering: "use our words, think our thoughts: do our deeds".

Gender-mutants now displace feminism

- Surrender to absurdity -- promoted by media;
- Faking reality negates biology & psychology;
- Feminism self-destructing on its unisex fallacy;
- Equality with *same-sex* union negates marriage;
- Government tolerance/promotion of vice.

MATRIMONY -- normative lay vocation:

men become husbands & fathers, breadwinners

women become wives & mothers, homemakers.

These are sublimated in virginity and celibacy consecrated to God in the even nobler vocations of spiritual marriage, fatherhood and motherhood.

The matrimonial vocation, to sanctify spouse & children, then do works of mercy for neighbours, is even nobler than a career glorifying God by perfecting creation using the creative power He gives us.

HOLY ORDERS of Bishops, Priests & Deacons are for a few men specially chosen by God. Women are not deprived when no one has any right to claim ordination which the Church cannot give on demand; cf. science can't reverse XY to XX chromosomes on request, nor society make one a millionaire as a right. Wanting "power in the Church" negates Christ: "I came not to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45).

Sanctuary service best be for males, as images of the Bridegroom (no unisex on the sanctuary), complementing a Bridal image of the Church in the nave.

PLENARY COUNCIL

- All Christian vocations are a call to **holiness**;
- Teach **doctrine** to proclaim God's Good News.
- **A Church** of Faith, Hope, Charity, Contrition.
- **No power** for power-hungry to oppress others.
- **No Synodal Way** redefining faith & morals (cf. Cicero: majority vote can't change Natural Law).
- **The Truth**, not Satan's lies, will set us free,
- **Peace Prayer** of St Francis recommended;

Christ send us to bring God to the people and to bring people to God.

First Priority -- the Adoration of God

TEACHING the FAITHFUL to ADORE GOD

Pray better: Meditate the Mysteries

along with Moses, David, Mary, Zachary, Angels, Christ, Church

Thou shalt **adore** the Lord Thy God (Deuteronomy 6:13; cf. Matthew 4:10;)

Come, let us **adore...** the Lord Who made us (Psalm 94[95]:6)

My soul **magnifies** the Lord (Luke 1:46)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel (Luke 1:68)

Glorify to God in the highest (Greater Doxology cf. Luke 2:14)

Glorify be to the Father... (Lesser doxology)

Our Father... **hallowed** be Thy Name (Matthew 6:9)

Thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God (Mark 12:30)

We **praise** Thee, O God (*Te Deum laudamus*)

All **glory & honour** is yours, almighty Father (Canon)

Spirituality flows from adoration into apostolate.

Adoration through Sacrifice in the Liturgy

"It is evident that the liturgy must favour the **SENSE** of the **SACRED** and make it shine forth.

"It must be permeated by a spirit of reverence, **ADORATION** and the glory of God."

Final Report 20 years after VCII of 1985 Synod of Bishops, IIB (b) 1.

N.B. 1962 Latin Mass is **not a problem** but a **symptom** of faulty implementation of VCII's SC, an **unconscious yearning** for its real implementation. We need sermons on the Redemption and its personalization in Liturgies accurately implemented. (See *Handouts* nn. 190-193, 201)

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

i.e. my own conscience, not other people's !

Essential credentials for reaping pastoral benefits from participants in the Plenary Council.

- Do I really believe Church teaching ?
- i.e. the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* ?
- Doctrine affirmed in *The Code of Canon Law* ?
- Do I practise the Church's moral teaching ?
- Do I still go to Confession ?

The Church in Australia is divided -- just like the Anglican High, Low, Middle and Broad Church.

Satan has stirred up **dissent** from Faith and Morals, hence distrust, suspicion, division, factions, dislike and even hate bedevilling us today. Dissent begets worldliness, conflict, stagnation of apostolate:

As we wax hot in faction,

in battle we wax cold'

Wherefore men fight not as they fought

in the brave days of old. MacAulay

Christ's Gospel requirements demand we be **counter-cultural and not a politically-correct Great Reset**; rather a New Creation in Jesus Christ, by matrimony & families, with priest activation, to prove God's life and love to the world by living the Cross and Resurrection.

Unity of faith begets loyalty without which all else wilts: co-operation, goodwill, reverence, obedience to Church authority to achieves the aims of Vatican II and the Plenary Council -- holiness, Christian unity, conversion of pagan world.

THE DECEPTIONS OF UNISEX

Satan's **half-truths** hide **falsehoods** to lead us from error into sin. At present. we urgently need to guard & teach **complementarity** of male & female.

1. "men & women are equal in every way" hides the **falsehoods** of unisex and **interchangeability**,

2. "Women must be let do whatever men can" hides a **falsehood** that women are "denied their rights" if not made bishops, priests, deacons, sanctuary servers.

3. Other Satanic falsehoods are **banning words** to achieve **mind-control**. This campaign has successfully defeated the gullible (cf. Lenin's "useful idiots").

4. Unisex accepts or tolerates masturbation, contraception, sodomy, gender-negation by declaration or surgery, and renders birth-sex barren.

5. Outcomes are gloom, depression, despair, suicide,

The priesthood

1. Pastors need **stability**, canon 522, not 6 years -- bishops are not on 6 year terms, nor husbands and fathers swapped around every 6 years...

2. Big **bureaucracies** take a bishop's time from his ministry to his priests and reduce mutual trust.

3. Bishops, & **priests as his ordained co-operators**, are vital to activate the lay apostolate.

4. **Celibacy** is not the problem but part of a solution to our society's self-destruction by sexual impurity.

Bureaucracy, Structures & Programs

1. The larger the *Official Directory of the Catholic Church*, the weaker seems the actual mission to Church members, and theirs to an unbelieving world.

2. Apostolate flow from spiritual life, so priests, by preaching/teaching, sanctifying & guiding, **activate the laity to set up & run** apostolates.

3. "What is most necessary at the present time is to have in each parish a group of **laity** at the same time

• **VIRTUOUS,**

• **ENLIGHTENED,**

• **DETERMINED and**

• **REALLY APOSTOLIC.**" ...St Pius X; cf. Vatican II

"When the quantity does not possess the quality, great risks are run of getting naught but a display of noisy, empty, delusive, religious feeling. *The Soul of the Apostolate.*

4. May the Fifth Australian Plenary Council inspire and enliven clergy & laity with the Seven Senses:-

• **Sense of Faith**

• **Sense of the Sacred**

• **Sense of Compassion**

• **Sense of Humour**

• **Sense of History**

• **Sense of the Apostolate**

• **Sense of Urgency**

5. First things first: weed out what hinders our mission to "Repent & believe the Good News".

MEDITATION on the PRESENCE of GOD
for the Plenary Councillors and their Consulters
Proclaiming the Kingdom and the Call to Repentance
A Golden Chain of texts -- *Catena Aurea*

O God Almighty
the mystery awesome & wondrous
Mysterium tremendum et fascinans

Truly Thou art a **hidden** God, the God of Israel, the Saviour. (Isaiah 45:15)
Be **still**, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46 [45]: 10)
Heaven and earth are full of Thy **glory**. (Psalm 18[19]:1; Isaiah 6:3)
Speak, Lord, Thy servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:10)

O Blessed Trinity, the Holy One

Jesus rejoiced in the **Holy Spirit**... and said,
All things have been delivered to Me by My **Father**;
and no one knows who the **Son** is except the Father
and no one knows who the Father is except the Son
and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him...
Come unto Me. (Luke 10: 21; Matthew 11:28)

Glorify be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. (Luke 2:14; Matthew 28:19)
as it was in the **beginning**, is **now** and **ever shall be**, world without end. Amen. (Apocalypse 1:2)

O Son Incarnate

In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God;
the same was in the beginning with God;
all things were made by Him, and without Him was nothing made that was made...
and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld **His glory**,
the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1; Apocalypse 1:4, 8)

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ,
Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity,
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar:-
contained in a Presence-Sacrament,
offered to & accepted by God in a Sacrifice-Sacrament,
received by us in a Communion-Sacrament.

And behold! I am with you always [until] I come in glory. (Matthew 28:20; cf. 25:31)
With desire have I desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer. (Luke 22:15)
Do this in memory of Me. (Luke 22:19)
Eat this Bread and live for ever. (John 6:58)

His Abiding Presence
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar

Truly, the Lord is in this place **and I knew it not**...
How **awesome** is this place!
It is none other than the **House of God** and the **Gate of Heaven**. Genesis 28:16-17
The Lord is in His holy temple; let the whole earth keep **silence** before Him. Habakuk 2:20
The Master is here and calls thee. John 11:28