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The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News

The Papal "Penitential Pilgrimage" to Canada

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In 2021 hundreds of unmarked graves were discovered on the grounds of Canadian Indian Residential Schools formerly run by the Roman Catholic institution, and many Romish church buildings were burned down across the country in reaction. I wrote about these things in an article published exactly a year ago, entitled *Children's Graves Discovered at Roman Catholic Schools in Canada*. Follow the link in the endnote to read it.

And on 24 July 2022, Francis, pope of Rome, arrived in Canada on a visit described, oh so humbly, as a "penitential pilgrimage",² as its purpose was for him to "meet and embrace the indigenous peoples", and apologise to them for alleged abuses committed at these schools from the 1870s to the 1990s.

Brief History Leading Up to the Visit

Back in November 1993, the Canadian Bishops' Conference (CBC) acknowledged that "the various types of abuse experienced in some residential schools have led us to a profound examination of conscience in the Church." Thereafter the CBC, as well as religious orders such as the Jesuits, offered apology statements. In addition, the bishops established a \$30 million national pledge in September 2021.

Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission operated from 2008 to 2015; and at the end of it the conclusion reached was that thousands of children died while attending Indian Reservation Schools. The commission called for action on 94 points, of which four were directed at the "Church" of Rome. It called on the pope of Rome "to issue an apology to Survivors, their families, and communities for the Roman Catholic Church's role in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic-run residential schools."

Then on 29 May 2017, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visited the Vatican and invited Francis to visit Canada, so that he could "apologise" for the harm done by the Roman Catholic institution to Canada's Indian tribes.

And in 2021 the storm broke, with the discovery of the unmarked graves.

Media and Government Lies

In May 2021 it was reported in the media that hundreds of unmarked graves of Indian children had been discovered at the site of a former residential school, Kamloops Indian Reservation School, which had been run by the Roman Catholic institution. The news made international headlines and such was the anger in Canada that a number of Roman Catholic church buildings were set alight.

However, critics emphasised that what had been discovered were unmarked graves – *not* (as the media reported) a "mass grave site"! And now, over a year later, no bodies have actually been discovered at the site! Ground penetrating radar had picked up images, but it was still uncertain as to whether the images represented graves. After the initial announcement, a chief of the Indian community said, "This past weekend, with the help of a ground penetrating radar specialist, the stark truth of the preliminary findings came to light – the confirmation of the remains of 215 children who were students of the Kamloops Indian Residential School." Note: "*preliminary findings*". It was still far from certain. But politicians (including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, a smarmy, pandering-to-

the-media politician if ever there was one) and the media claimed that a mass grave had been found – even though there was no proof of this at all.

Jacques Rouillard, professor emeritus in the Department of History at the University of Montreal, was far from convinced. He stated that in the case of the Kamloops school, ground penetrating radar could reveal little about what was actually under the ground: "By never pointing out that it is only a matter of speculation or potentiality, and that no remains have yet been found, governments and the media are simply granting credence to what is really a thesis: the *thesis* of the 'disappearance' of children from residential schools."

He pointed out that Sarah Beaulieu, the anthropologist who carried out the initial radar testing, had said at a press conference, "We need to pull back a little bit and say that they are 'probable burials,' they are 'targets of interest,' for sure"; but even though the sites "have multiple signatures that present like burials", she said, "we do need to say that they are probable, until one excavates." To which Rouillard remarked: "All of this is based only on soil abnormalities that could easily be caused by root movements, as the anthropologist herself cautioned."

Some time later a second story made headlines, this time about ground penetrating radar discovering 751 graves at the Marieval Indian Residential School. And again the media referred to it as a "mass grave" – even though (once again) there was no solid evidence of this at all. Even Indian leaders themselves stated that there were *no mass graves* at the site. Chief Cadmus Delorme said, "This is not a mass grave site. These are unmarked graves." Big difference!

As was pointed out by a journalist, Terry Glavin, the graves were detected by the radar *because there* was an existing cemetery there. It was a Roman Catholic cemetery connected with the Mission of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Marieval. Glavin wrote that this was the likely explanation for the graves. But were the politicians and the media listening? No. They had made up their minds.

However, even if these unmarked graves are eventually shown to have nothing to do with children who died through neglect or abuse at these Roman Catholic schools, we must also never forget that many children, Indian and others, *did* suffer horrifically at the hands of Romish priests and nuns – and some, perhaps many, *were* killed and disposed of in some way. Murray Sinclair, the former chairman of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, told of survivors testifying that infants who were fathered by priests and born to young girls were killed.⁸ And this was not unusual in the long history of the Roman Catholic institution in many lands. For centuries, ex-priests and ex-nuns have testified that children fathered illegitimately by priests of Rome have frequently been murdered.

Francis "Apologises"

In a speech delivered to a crowd of indigenous Canadian Indians on 25 July, Francis publicly "apologised" for the Roman Catholic institution's role in the alleged abuses. I put the word "apologised" in quotation marks because, even if we assume that the facts are accurate in this case, no one in the present can apologise on behalf of people who committed crimes in the past! The only ones who can apologise for a wrong are those who actually committed the wrong. This modern mania for politicians and religious leaders issuing "apologies" in the name of people who are no longer alive is an exercise in utter futility. It is a totally empty and meaningless gesture. It is fake and hypocritical.

"I am here," said Francis, "because the first step of my penitential pilgrimage among you is that of again asking forgiveness, of telling you once more that I am deeply sorry." Note his use of the words "again" and "once more". Even assuming for a moment that he could apologise for sins committed by others – and he cannot – if he had apologised before, why was he doing so again? Just how many times would he be expected to do so? Surely, if the apology was genuine the first time, that should be the end of it? This just demonstrates that this entire papal trip to Canada was a carefully-crafted public relations exercise, playing to the cameras of the world media. As a Roman Catholic publication admitted, "Every detail of the pope's journey has been carefully chosen."

Francis continued: "Sorry for the ways in which, regrettably, many Christians [he meant Papists]

supported the colonizing mentality of the powers that oppressed the indigenous peoples. I am sorry. I ask forgiveness, in particular, for the ways in which many members of the Church [of Rome] and of religious communities cooperated, not least through their indifference, in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time, which culminated in the system of residential schools." In truth Rome is not in the least bit sorry for how it supported the brutal Roman Catholic colonial powers of yesteryear. This was after all precisely how the Papacy came to oppress, dominate and rule over native peoples around the world! It would not be in its position of power over them today if it had not done so. No, it is not sorry about it at all.

But he wasn't done yet. "What our Christian faith tells us is that this was a disastrous error, incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Well then, Rome has committed *innumerable* "disastrous errors" all over the world, against all kinds of people, for centuries! But Francis was only "apologising" for *this* one, because people were not clamouring for "apologies" for the other ones – at least not yet. "It is painful to think of how the firm soil of values, language and culture that made up the authentic identity of your peoples was eroded, and that you have continued to pay the price of this. In the face of this deplorable evil, the Church [of Rome] kneels before God [the Roman god] and implores his forgiveness for the sins of her children... I myself wish to reaffirm this, with shame and unambiguously. I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians [Papists] against the indigenous peoples." Yeah, yeah, sure. Again, the "apology" was a farce, firstly because he could not apologise for sins committed by others in the past, and secondly because it was utterly insincere anyway, and it should be rejected for the drivel it was.

There was much more that fell from his lips along similar lines, including in an address to top Canadian government officials and representatives of the Indian nations of Canada;¹¹ but we need not waste time on any more of it. It was just more of the same. It was worthless.

Francis Embraces Paganism – Again

In 1887 a priest of Rome, Joseph Lestanc, built a Popish shrine at Lac St. Anne in Canada, a lake that was sacred to the Canadian Indians. The shrine was dedicated to the supposed *grandmother* of Jesus. When priests of Rome blessed the water, they did it with a cross that pointed towards the cardinal points – a nod to Indian religious practices. And when Francis delivered his speech there on 25 July, he explained the meaning behind this symbolism and showed his commitment to the Jesuit practice of taking over the religious rites and symbols of pagan societies and "catholicising" them. He said: "The indigenous peoples attribute a powerful cosmic significance to the cardinal points, seen not only as geographical reference points but also as dimensions that embrace all reality and indicate the way to heal it, as embodied by the so-called 'medicine wheel.' This church appropriates that symbolism of the cardinal points and gives it a Christological meaning. Jesus, through the four extremities of his cross, has embraced the four cardinal points and has brought together the most distant peoples; Jesus has brought healing and peace to all things. On the cross, he accomplished God's plan: to reconcile all things." ¹²

And what about the shrine being dedicated to Jesus' supposed grandmother? "The cult of [the shrine of] St. Anne fits perfectly with the particular veneration that the indigenous people have for their Kokum, their grandmothers." ¹³

All this is nothing but Jesuitical cunning at work, the syncretistic merging of Romanism with the native religion, so as to more easily win over the people to the Romish faith. Jesuits have used the very same technique in China, Japan, India and elsewhere throughout the world. If there is a custom, a tradition, or even a religious rite that can possibly be adapted and incorporated into Romanism, this is always done. It was done with the pagan festivals of Christmas and Easter, ¹⁴ as well as others in the early centuries; and it has been done numerous times since. This is one of the main reasons for the growth of Roman Catholicism around the world through the centuries. No total break is made with the heathenism of a person's past life. Instead, as much of it as possible is incorporated into his Roman Catholicism, which keeps him happy. The gods are renamed, but they remain the ancient gods of the

What was *Really* Behind the Papal "Apology"?

On one level, this was all a massive public relations exercise by the Papacy, in a country which had always been extremely Roman Catholic but which has in more recent times fallen away from that rigid Roman Catholicism which defined its past. And with the worldwide media interest generated in the story of the "mass graves" found on Roman Catholic property, it was obvious the pope of Rome and his henchmen had to act, and act fast, if they wanted to salvage anything of the previous high reputation enjoyed by the Romish hierarchy in Canada.

But there was more to it than simply a PR campaign. Carlo Maria Viganò, the conservative and traditionalist Romish archbishop about whom I have written much in the past, and who has been in hiding for a number of years now, has been a thorn in the side of the Francis Papacy, exposing the agenda of the Jesuit Order and its pope to completely change the Roman Catholic institution, thereby enabling it to keep up with the times and embrace the spirit of the modern age. "Viganò argues that the apologies the Pope made were part of a carefully prepared, ultimately very biased, agenda to cast doubt on the goodness of the Catholic missionaries of past centuries, and today, adding: 'The purpose of this filthy media operation is all too obvious: to discredit the past of the Catholic Church as being guilty of the worst atrocities, in order to legitimize her present persecution, both by the State and by the Hierarchy itself." 15

We would of course strongly discount the notion that Popish missionaries of the past and present were "good". They were promoting the false religion of Romanism. But Viganò was correct in the rest of what he said. The Jesuit-run Papacy of Francis is aiming to completely alter Roman Catholicism, to liberalise it so as to make it acceptable to the masses in the modern world; to make it pro-abortion, pro-sodomy, pro-priestesses, pro-paganism, pro-everything that Rome always claimed it was against. And in order to accomplish this, it has frequently criticised or condemned *its own priests of the past*, and indeed the Roman Catholicism of the past; thereby seeking to endear itself to modern liberal, radical, Socialist, and Marxist sensibilities, and to actually *persecute* those Roman Catholics who remain loyal to the doctrines and practices of Rome as proclaimed in the past.

In his comment on the papal visit to Canada, Viganò wrote: "We also learn that the alleged 'cultural genocide' of the indigenous people that the *Commission de vérité et réconciliation* had to deal with in 2008 was then transformed, without any basis of truth or probability, into 'physical genocide,' thanks to an absolutely false media campaign that was supported by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, a pupil of Klaus Schwab and a notorious proponent of globalism and the Davos Agenda." In other words, first it was claimed that the Romish missionary priests and nuns of the past had committed *cultural* genocide against the Canadian Indian tribes by annihilating their culture; and then, particularly after the "mass graves" headlines appeared, it was claimed that they had also committed *physical* genocide against them.

Now we do not defend the Roman Catholic institution for its numerous hideous crimes through the years. It has been guilty of atrocities without number, century after century, in countries all over the world. But true Christians must also be honest at all times – and thus far, there has been *no solid* evidence of physical genocide of Indian children at Roman Catholic schools in Canada in the past. Were babies who were born to women raped by priests murdered? Absolutely. There is plenty of evidence for this through the years. But were Canadian Indian children annihilated *en masse* in these schools? That has simply not been proven. This whole sordid business of "apologies" is designed simply to demonise the traditional priests of the past, make the present fawning priests of Francis look very good, and enable them to persecute those priests who do not support their agenda of radically changing the Roman Catholic institution.

Viganò continued: "But if the truth [that the "mass graves" story is not all it seems] has also been officially recognized by experts and non-partisan historians, nevertheless the cult of lies has continued

its inexorable process, culminating in the official apologies of the head of the Church, demanded by Trudeau and immediately made his own by Bergoglio [Francis], who could not wait to humiliate once again the institution he unworthily represents. In their eagerness to indulge the official narrative and please their masters, Trudeau and Bergoglio consider as a negligible detail the total non-existence of evidence about the phantom mass graves in which hundreds of children were supposedly secretly buried."

Viganò is incorrect in thinking that Francis is merely a pawn in the hands of worldly politicians like Trudeau, or that they are the ones with the real power. As for his statement that Francis is working for higher "masters" than himself, this is only true of Francis with regard to his Jesuit general, the real power in the Vatican, a man whom he obeys without question, having sworn to do so as a Jesuit. He does *not* obey secular political leaders or those who control them. Francis calls the shots, and many of the world's leaders have to listen and obey. It was not a case of Trudeau demanding and Francis submitting to his demand, but rather of two men, both one-worlders, working in tandem for the same result.

But Viganò is certainly spot-on when he states that Francis once again deliberately humiliated the Roman Catholic institution. To many Roman Catholics and others this seems utterly impossible: why would a pope of Rome deliberately do this to the religious system over which he presides? But they do not understand Jesuitism or how it works. Francis and the Jesuits are seeking to create an entirely new kind of Papacy, built on what they sincerely hope will be the ruins of the old. As Viganò put it: "The purpose of this filthy media operation is all too obvious: to discredit the past of the Catholic Church as being guilty of the worst atrocities, in order to legitimize her present persecution, both by the State and by the Hierarchy itself."

Truthfully, of course, the Roman Catholic "Church" was guilty of all kinds of atrocities in the past! But unlike previous popes who sought to sweep Rome's crimes under the carpet, this Jesuit pope is content to let many of them get exposed, so that he can "apologise" for them (which makes him look good in the eyes of the world), and then rebuild the Roman Catholic institution as the Jesuits want to see it in the future. To do this, not only does the Francis Vatican "apologise" for the past, but it also persecutes its own priests and people if they oppose these plans. By these means it plans to gradually swing the entire institution in an entirely new direction, in which centuries-old Roman Catholic doctrines will be overturned or ignored, and new ones, in keeping with the liberal, Socialist and Marxist "values" of the New World Order, will be shoved down their peoples' throats.

But why?

Viganò explains in the following words. Keep in mind when reading this that he is a devoted Papist, who loves the traditional Roman Catholic "Church" of the past, that institution which is being so rapidly altered under the Francis Papacy; so that he speaks of traditional Romanism in words which no true Bible Christian would ever accept, regarding its "preaching the Gospel", etc.; and he blindly believes it was *not* intolerant and rigid, whereas of course it most certainly was. But that being said, his analysis of what Francis is doing is spot-on:

"Because *that Church*, the 'intolerant', 'rigid' Catholic Church, which preached the Gospel to all peoples and which allowed its missionaries to be martyred by tribes immersed in the barbarity of paganism must no longer be allowed to exist, must not 'proselytize' – 'a solemn nonsense', 'a very serious sin against ecumenism' – and she must not claim to have any Truth to teach the nations for the salvation of souls. And Bergoglio wants us to know that he has nothing to do with *that Church*, just as he detests the doctrine, morality and liturgy of *that Church*, to the point of mercilessly persecuting the many faithful who have not yet resigned themselves to following him towards the abyss of apostasy and who would like to honor God with the Apostolic Mass."

Francis, his Jesuits, and all other liberal, Socialist, NWO-supporting Roman Catholics have rejected the traditional Roman Catholicism of the past, and are embracing the filthy "values" of the corrupt West of today. For them, the new and really the only important "sins" are such things as "harming the environment" (i.e. not caving in to the radical environmentalist agenda), "denying women's reproductive rights" (i.e. opposing abortion), denying "gay sex" and "gay marriage" (i.e. opposing

sodomy), denying the validity of the rites and beliefs of other religions (i.e. opposing the interfaith and syncretistic movement), promoting the free market (i.e. opposing Communism), etc. To remain relevant in the hideous new world that has come into being, Francis and his cronies want a "Church" that embraces the world's values. This explains the recent clampdown by Francis and his sycophants on those Roman Catholics who continue to support the traditional mass. It also explains why he is so pathetically weak when it comes to condemning the homosexual sins and the paedophilia of so many priests.

Conclusion

Seen in this light, then, the "penitential pilgrimage" the Jesuit pope made to Canada had a very sinister purpose, going way beyond a mere "apology" for alleged crimes committed in the past. The world is changing rapidly, and Rome is changing with it. It is determined to dominate the new world that is emerging, and to do that it believes it must cater to the "values" (what a laugh) of the modern age. This is not the Rome of earlier generations of Roman Catholics. But the same demonic spirit, the spirit of Antichrist, still energises it and guides it. But the sovereign Lord sees all, and will pour out His judgments upon it in His perfect time.

That day is fast approaching.

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