

Drawing Aside the Purple Curtain

The Papal System Today: an Analysis of the News

Are Huge Changes On the Horizon For the Papal System?

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The Upcoming Synod: Creating a Different “Church” of Rome

In October 2023 the first session of what is called the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality will be held in the Vatican, with the second session scheduled for October 2024. “Just another Vatican synod,” one might say, and dismiss it. This would be a mistake. This is no ordinary synod. It could change the worldwide Roman Catholic institution, doctrinally and practically, in such far-reaching ways that what emerges could be essentially a radically different Romish “Church”. Francis I admitted this, saying that the synod would not be about creating another church but a different church.¹ Yes, astonishingly different.

Why is this synod being held? Why is it so important to Rome, and why will it have such far-reaching consequences?

The answer is really quite simple: the world has changed massively in recent decades, and these changes have resulted in the Roman Catholic religion shedding millions of members. And the only way to arrest this decline, as far as the Jesuits who control the Francis Papacy are concerned, is to make staggering changes to Rome’s doctrines and practices, so as to retain its relevance in the world today and to enable it to advance and conquer.

I have written about these things at length over the years. Indeed, ever since the Jesuit Order saw to it that one of their own became pope in 2013 (Francis I), everything that they have done has been leading up to this synod. It is make or break time. If things go their way, the Jesuits will swing the global Papal system to the ideological left of the spectrum, causing it to embrace all those things which the world now holds dear and is promoting aggressively; such as the LGBT agenda; radical environmentalism; Socialism/Communism; as well as such matters as allowing priestesses and married priests; making divorced Roman Catholics feel at home again; etc.

The German “Synodal Way”: A New Direction for Rome

For some years now, the Vatican has allowed the bishops of Germany to “go their own way”, with the so-called “German Synodal Way” of the past few years pushing the boundaries and tossing aside official Roman Catholic teachings which have been part and parcel of Romanism for centuries – all in a desperate attempt to catch up with the world and remain relevant in it. For example, in March 2023 the German Roman Catholic “Church” voted to permit its priests to “bless” homosexual couples in German Roman Catholic church buildings with immediate effect! These German bishops have embraced outright heresy according to official Romish teaching – but absolutely nothing has been done to rein them in, other than some indignant-sounding tut-tutting noises emanating from certain Vatican quarters just to give the impression that Rome disapproves of what is happening in Germany. It is all a smokescreen: Germany was the designated test case for the rest of the Roman Catholic world. In the past, any radical decision taken by a country’s bishops which blatantly went against official Roman Catholic teaching would have been swiftly and severely dealt with. But not this time. The German bishops have not been so much as reprimanded, let alone sanctioned or excommunicated. “According

to resolutions passed by the German Synodal Way, priests who bless homosexual unions will not face disciplinary sanctions, despite the DDF [the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, the old Inquisition, the Vatican's doctrinal watchdog] categorically ruling out the possibility of blessings for same-sex couples as 'illicit' and 'unlawful.' The Vatican failed to impose disciplinary sanctions on scores of priests who conducted two seasons of same-sex blessings in over 110 churches in Germany in May 2021 and May 2022.”²

Even the new head of the Inquisition, an archbishop named Victor Manuel Fernández, when asked about the German Synodal Way, replied: “The Germans always call attention....For now I must say to you that I don't believe that there is not something good in this German ‘move.’”³ He said this despite the fact that the German Synodal Way had already approved “blessings” for sodomite couples contrary to Roman Catholic doctrine. As this man is pro-sodomy himself, not to mention pro-other radical “progressive” issues, this is a clear indication of how, despite all the noise about the German bishops being heretical, what they have been promoting in Germany is *what the Francis Vatican wants* for the entire “Church” of Rome.

By a process of gradualism, the shocking things which the German bishops have embraced are being pushed onto the rest of the Roman Catholic faithful everywhere. Already the “Church” of Rome is radically different from what it was before Francis took up residence in the Vatican.

But much more is to come, if the Jesuits get their way.

The Jesuit Order Directing the Synod

The working document of the upcoming synod is known by its Latin title, *Instrumentum laboris*. And – surprise, surprise! – it was presented at a press conference in the Vatican on 20 June 2023 by cardinals Mario Grech and Jean Claude Hollerich *S.J.*, respectively the secretary general and relator general of the upcoming synod, and priest Giacomo Costa *S.J.*, the consultor of the secretary general. What do the letters “S.J.” stand for? The Society of Jesus; the *Jesuits*! Wherever one looks, one finds the Jesuit Order directing everything about the upcoming synod. Theirs are the guiding hands on the entire process.

This document states many Roman Catholics report that too many baptized Roman Catholics – particularly those who are LGBT, divorced, poor, as well as women and those with disabilities – are excluded from active participation in the life of the “Church” and its decision-making structures.

Grech said that the document was “the fruit of a synodal process” which commenced in October 2021, and involved the exercise of “listening” to the “people of God”. Whenever high-ranking Vatican officials speak of “listening” to ordinary Roman Catholics, they are lying: the hierarchy *never* listen to those in the pews. They “listen” only to themselves, and they are guided by the direction in which the world is moving. But it sounds so nice to say “we have listened to you”. It makes the Roman Catholic faithful feel important, as if they are contributing much to the process. It's all an act.

The working document lays out the Jesuit vision for the “Church” of Rome. It reads like a manual of liberal and Socialist/Communist causes: declaring that the synodal journey so far “has made it possible to identify and share the particular situations experienced by the church in different regions of the world”. And these include: “the threat represented by climate change”, “an economic system that produces exploitation, inequality and a throwaway culture”, and “cultural colonialism that crushes minorities.”

Let's break these down: so-called “climate change” has been a favourite theme of Francis and the Jesuits for many years. *There is no threat* to the world posed by changes in the climate – this is simply a very useful tool in the hands of globalists to increase world control under the guise of “saving the planet”. As for “an economic system that produces exploitation, inequality and a throwaway culture”, this is the Vatican's not-too-subtle attack on Capitalism and the free market in favour of a Socialist economic system. The evidence for this is available to anyone willing to look. Lastly, “cultural colonialism that crushes minorities” is an assault on people of European extraction or descent around the world, and upon the great Western civilisations. It is the deliberate and callous manipulation of

black and other minority populations in Western countries, the purpose being (in classic Communist style) to stir up and foment rebellion and revolution so that the UN can come in and “restore peace”. Note that you will not see the Vatican standing up for the *white* minority in South Africa, which (unlike black and other minorities in Western countries) really *is* under threat. No, oppressed minorities always means non-whites as far as Communists are concerned, including those religious Communists in the halls of power in the Vatican.

The October synod could very possibly produce changes as huge, and as far-reaching in their consequences, as the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. Time will tell. Watch carefully.

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