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Coming to Colorado Springs, Colorado —

## **Traditional Roman Catholic School**

— William S. Zeitz

Roman Catholics who properly survey the damage wrought to Christ's Church by the Second Vatican Council point to the destruction of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as the revolutionary pinnacle of success. Except for the precious few traditional Latin Mass centers and circuits that God has seen fit to preserve, the devastation has been near total. The same can be said for the once doctrinally sound and orthodox Catholic educational system. The United States alone possessed thousands of solidly Catholic schools supporting all levels of education under both religious and diocesan sponsorship. Sacrifice and dedication were the rule as children studied without the frills of modern education, parents paid double tuition, instructors taught for lower than competitive salaries and generous benefactors contributed to building funds and programs.

The same enemy that ravaged the Mass also set its sights on the education of Catholic youth. The attack was both external and internal, with the secular world wearing down financially strapped Catholic parents raising large families while the modernists gnawed at the tenets of faith presented to the eager minds assembled before them. Readers of this newsletter alone could fill volumes with heart-breaking testimony of the damage done to the faith of so many by the very institutions established to safeguard it! Sons, daughters, brothers and sisters were lost to Catholicism because of this insidious work of Satan and his agents.

It is not the task of this article to document the destruction of Catholic education, but rather to offer a solution for readers of *The Athanasian* and other traditional Catholics who would like to see the Catholic Faith taught as it once was. It is with great pleasure, then, that the Traditional Catholics

of America, Inc. announce the opening of a truly Catholic day school in the Colorado Springs area for the 1981-1982 academic year. Initial plans call for a full complement of instruction, K through 8, with courses also offered for students in grades 9-12.

This school project is obviously an immense undertaking, but one that absolutely must be achieved if we are to do what is right and with God's help restore the Faith, thus insuring the future for our children. Let there be no mistaking the grave obligation that all Catholic parents have in providing for the Catholic education of their children. Pope Leo XIII stated:

By nature parents have a right to the training of their children, but with this added duty that the education and instruction of the child be in accord with the end for which by God's blessing it was begotten. Therefore it is the duty of parents to make every effort to prevent any invasion of their rights in this matter, and to make absolutely sure that the education of their children remain under their own control in keeping with their Christian duty, and above all to refuse to send them to those schools in which there is danger of imbibing the deadly poison of impiety.\*\*

Canon Law 1113 shows the wisdom of the Church in this matter when it states: "Parents are under a grave obligation to see to the religious and moral education of their children, as well as to their physical and civic training, as far as they can, and moreover to provide for their temporal well-being." Readers of *The Athanasian* know these words have not been abrogated by the modern world in which we live but are actually more binding today than ever.

The Traditional Catholics of America is cognizant of its Catholic responsibility in this urgent matter. Our project will be family oriented, since, in the encyclical On The Christian Education of Youth, Pope Pius XI clearly placed the primary responsibility for the education of youth in the hands of the parents. The pontiff states: "But let it be borne in mind that this institution (school) owes its existence to the initiative of the family and of the Church, long before it was undertaken by the State." Families desiring to move to the Colorado Springs area are encouraged to do so, knowing they will be an integral part in this tremendous project, since the home environment sustains traditional family values far better than any school atmosphere.

We hope to have a resident traditional Catholic priest in the Colorado Springs area to aid us in this challenging venture, since the Mass, Sacraments and religious instruction are pivotal to a Catholic spiritual life and the proper functioning of a school. As Pope Pius XI reiterated in his encyclical, the whole educational process must be imbued with Catholic moral and doctrinal thinking. Anything less will not result in true education.

We plan to have a staff of qualified traditional Catholic lay instructors and, where God provides, religious. Pope Plus XI correctly observed:

Perfect schools are the result not so much of good methods as of good teachers, teachers who are thoroughly prepared and well-grounded in the matter they have to teach; who possess the intellectual and moral qualifications required by their important office; who cherish a pure and holy love for the youths confided to them, because they love Jesus Christ and His Church, of which these are the children of predilection; and who have therefore sincerely at heart the true good of family and country.

The Traditional Catholics of America, then, offers several areas of participation in this enterprise for all dedicated traditional Roman Catholics and especially the readers of *The Athanasian*:

(1) We implore all who hear or read about this project to dedicate some of their prayers for its success. Novenas, rosaries, Mass intentions and special prayers are essential to our work, for without prayer this seed will not bear fruit. Let us beseech Heaven's intercession on our behalf!

(2) Our second need will, of course, be financial assistance; we think our approach here merits careful consideration. There are many fund-raising solicitations within the traditional Catholic movement. Vast sums have been raised and disbursed without a full accounting to the donors. To this writer's knowledge the Traditional Catholics of America will be the first organization to provide donors with a financial statement of funds raised and disbursed. All donations will be carefully recorded and placed in an interest-bearing account. In the unlikely event that insufficient funds are raised for this worthy project, donors will be paid back all contributions, plus interest. A ninetyday time period will be followed for fund-raising appeals, and, if the project fails, the funds and interest will be returned shortly after June 1, 1981. Future issues of The Athanasian will serve to keep donors informed. Solid progress will depend on the attainment of our financial goals. Please do not hesitate to support this venture immediately since time is of great importance in hiring staff, ordering materials, and locating a suitable building. We hope to raise the first year's budget for all items by June 1, 1981, and to apply the year's tuition and outside fund-raising for next year's operations (1982-1983). This year's budgetary goal is \$150,000 -\$200,000. Catholic schools "traditionally" have run in the red but it is hoped that through the intercession of Our Lady our needs will be met. All checks for the school (donations are tax deductible) should be made payable to:

TCA, Inc. - Christ the King School Fund and mailed to:

William S. Zeitz Christ the King School Project c/o Traditional Catholics of America, Inc. P.O. Box 6827 Colorado Springs, Colorado 80934

(3) The third major need in our project is a dedicated staff. We are seeking professional and non-professional staff members who are, first and most importantly, truly traditional Catholics and, secondly, conservative, anti-Communist Americans. We will need qualified teachers on both the primary and secondary levels in all major areas of study. Interested prospects should send resumes and background information to the name and address above. The underlying philosophy on all salaries will respect the Church's teaching on justice. Salaries will be based on the principle of the just wage with recognition of such aspects as experience, educational background and family need. Any religious who apply will have special considerations, meeting all material needs, negotiated with the TCA. continued on page 7





# The Influence of the Roman Catholic Church

- Fr. Francis E. Fenton

Upon reading the above title one might well remark: what influence? The implication of that question would be, of course, that such influence is either non-existent or is, at best, of no great significance. And this is the sad and sorrowful truth of the matter. While it would be false to say that the influence of the Church upon the American scene is non-existent, there is no arguing the fact that that influence is hardly an imposing one. Here, as always, in speaking of the Roman Catholic Church we refer to the traditional Church or traditional Catholicism and not to the Conciliar or Novus Ordo Church. It would certainly simplify things if the Conciliar Church would, in the name of truth and for the sake of clarity, cease calling itself Roman Catholic. Unless or until it does though, such a definition of terms is essential to avoid misunderstanding. The Roman Catholic Church today is, or is to found in, traditional Catholicism. To label the Conciliar Church as Roman Catholic is a monstrous perversion of truth, a hideous distortion of reality.

With the above distinction understood then, what weight does the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church carry in this country at the present time or, in other words, what influence do we traditional Catholics have in the USA today? What impact do our doctrinal and moral beliefs exert upon the American scene here and now? The answer: precious little indeed. Due in part to the horrendous destruction inflicted upon the Church over the past two decades or so and due in part to the wave of secularism and materialism and immorality and atheism that has inundated this nation in recent vears (the two causes are very much interrelated) - the current spiritual and moral influence of Roman Catholicism upon American society is, I contend, a rather pitiful one. Take a few examples:

(1) Sunday is becoming ever more and more unrecognizable as the Lord's Day. For millions of Americans it's business as usual on Sunday or it's merely a day off to be given over to manifold mundane interests and pleasures. The idea that Sunday is primarily God's Day and that priority should be given to Him on that Day - that notion is decidedly passé in the minds of perhaps the vast majority of Americans.

- (2) The subversive and effective efforts to destroy the family, the fundamental unit and cornerstone of society, by radical feminist organizations and others, aided and abetted by government funds (that is, with money extorted from the taxpayer).
- (3) The abhorrent and rampant crime of abortion and the widespread practice of contraception. A spokesman for the Conciliar Church has stated that some 80% of the female members of that Church practice birth control.
- (4) The pollution of our nation with illicit sex in the so-called entertainment media (cable TV pornography is the latest) and in the printed word. Pornographic book stores abound where every conceivable kind of lewd and perverse and incestuous material is obtainable. Sexually immoral books and magazines once available, if at all, only under the counter are now displayed by the scores in "respectable" stores and shops across the country.
- (5) In the approximately ten-year period preceding the infamous Vatican Council II there were more than 100,000 converts to the Roman Catholic Church each year in this country alone. Primarily because of the extreme scarcity of traditional priests the number of converts to the Church today that is, to traditional Catholicism is pitifully small, one of the major tragedies of our time.
- (6) In the "government" schools secular humanism is the reigning philosophy, and situation ethics the code of (im)morality. God is a non-entity in those schools and prayer is forbidden.
- (7) The immorality of the American government, manifest in so many ways and ever more and more audacious. To cite but one of the numerous examples: the multiple and gross injustices against multitudes of innocent people committed by that government in its despicable collaboration with the mass murderers of atheistic Communism, and its utterly contemptible betrayal of its anti-Communist allies (Rhodesia, Taiwan, Nicaragua, etc.). (Is there presently a single truly traditional Roman Catholic in either the U.S. Senate or the U.S. House of Representatives? Not to my knowledge.)





The foregoing are but a few of the scores of examples that could be listed to make the point that the influence of the Roman Catholic Church upon the American scene is anything but an impressive one. The godlessness and immorality with which this nation is today so extensively contaminated speak volumes against the Church as a significant force for God and His eternal law upon the generality of the American people. In times past the spiritual and moral authority wielded by the Roman Catholic Church in the USA was a power to be reckoned with - and who will dispute the fact that the state of our nation was far, far better for it than it is today? But all that was radically changed by Vatican Council II, surely the most significant and far-reaching brainwashing job ever. Today the once-Catholic bishops of the Conciliar Church occupy themselves with such "profound" matters as changing the "sexist" language of the Novus Ordo service - while satanic forces continue their ongoing destruction of the USA.

With the Roman Catholic Church (traditional Catholicism) being now so small a religious body in this nation, the impact of its doctrinal and moral teachings upon American society is at best a very minor one - a most obvious fact indeed. But there is a religious influence being exerted and felt upon the American scene today, is there not? Yes there is, and it comes from a non-Catholic source: from fundamentalist and "born again" and Bible Christians. Nor can anyone honestly dispute the fact that some concrete results beneficial to our nation have been produced by this "evangelical" movement or crusade. But it is not my intention to discuss such organizations as Moral Majority in this article. I mention the subject merely to note that Moral Majority and current similar crusades (at least the well publicized ones) are all Protestant in their origin and orientation. Not one of them is Roman Catholic - and what more striking commentary is needed on the present dire state of the Roman Catholic Church?

That Church which alone contains the fulness of divine truth, which alone possesses and teaches unerringly the moral law of God in its entirety, which alone traces its history back to Christ and His Apostles and which alone speaks with the authority of God Himself in matters of faith and morality - that Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, the infallible teacher and interpreter of divine revelation, the possessor and guardian of the

deposit of Faith and the dispenser of the God-given means of sanctification and salvation (the Mass and the Sacraments) - that Church, as it were, sits on the side lines while non-Catholic religious leaders and organizations take the initiative and wage the battle to restore God and morality to America. How thorough indeed has been the subversion of the Church! Far from leading the way in a gigantic crusade "to restore all things in Christ", the One True Church today but survives as a remnant among truly traditional Roman Catholics across this country and around the world.

But it is in and by that remnant alone that the Faith is being preserved in its purity and totality. The Roman Catholic Church today is traditional Catholicism where alone is to be found the fundamental remedy for the spiritual and moral ills of our nation. That that Church has been reduced to a remnant and so, for lack of numbers, is presently unable to wield any perceptibly significant influence upon the USA - this, to give the devil his due, is a striking example of how successful the enemies of the Church have been in their work of destruction. Hence, we behold the fundamentalist and the "born again" and the Bible Christians attempting to do what the Roman Catholic Church is so singularly qualified to do by divine mandate.

Any realistic appraisal, then, of the present state of this nation forces the conclusion that traditional Catholicism exerts precious little influence on it. While our woeful lack of numbers offers a ready and reasonable explanation for this, yet the fact of the matter is that, at least from my observation, the large majority of traditional Roman Catholics do not even seem to make any appreciable effort along these lines. In other words, most traditional Catholics, while living commendable personal and family lives, are not zealous, are not apostolic, are not particularly dedicated in any activist manner to the spiritual and moral betterment of the USA. At any rate, so it would appear. If true, and I believe it is, how exceedingly regrettable! We traditional Catholics have the greatest thing in the world where alone can be found the divine solution to the problems of both individuals and nations - the Roman Catholic Faith. Our nation and the world are in the mess they are because the revealed truth and moral law of God as taught by the Roman Catholic Church have been rejected. That Church alone offers the one sure remedy for the spiritual and moral evils that so grossly afflict the USA at the

present time. Unless and until its teachings become the dominant force in the life of this nation, there will be, I submit, no substantial and enduring change for the better upon the American scene. And what, traditional Roman Catholic, are you doing to hasten that day?

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Some 45 articles on a variety of topics have appeared in this newsletter in the ten issues that have been published to date. Although we have received numerous words of commendation on many of those articles, we have until now refrained from putting any one of them in reprint form. For several reasons, however, we have decided to reprint the article, "Abortion is **the** Issue", which appeared in *The Athanasian* of January 15, 1981. If this first reprint of ours is well received in terms of orders for it, then reprints of other newsletter articles will be made from time to time.

"Abortion is **the** Issue": a reprint from *The Athanasian* 

- 7 copies for \$1.00
- orders must be in quantities of seven
- price includes postage
- payment must accompany order
- mail to: TCAP.O. Box 6827Colorado Springs, CO 80934

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The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, commonly known as the Maryknoll Fathers, was founded in 1911 by the bishops of this country "to recruit, train, send and support American missioners in areas overseas". For many years the Maryknoll Fathers were held in high esteem by Roman Catholics, and their noble labors for the propagation of the Faith in the foreign missions was one of the glories of the Church in the USA and throughout the world. Today, of course, the Maryknoll Fathers are a part of the "ecumenical" establishment known as the Conciliar or Novus Ordo Church.

But it is the monthly magazine, Maryknoll (an official organ of the Maryknoll Fathers), which prompts this article - specifically, the March, 1981 issue. It could well have been published in Moscow rather than in the USA. Having as its stated theme the "use and abuse of power", it deals with the political and revolutionary situation in a number of strife-torn countries in Latin America and with the involvement of the Conciliar Church in that situation. Although Communism is at the root of the turmoil in Latin America, nowhere in the 68 pages of the magazine is this vital fact brought to the reader's attention. Marxist bishops and priests are pictured as heroes while anti-Communist leaders are either ignored or portrayed as villians. Take a few examples:

- the current Communist Sandinista government in Nicaragua (in which several priests hold significant positions) is described as one offering "hope and freedom" after some 50 years of "oppression under the Somoza dynasty".
- the leftist Archbishop Oscar Romero, killed about a year ago in El Salvador, is described as a martyr and a prophet for whom the magazine has the highest praise.
- every anti-Communist country mentioned (including South Korea) is dealt with disparagingly for such things as their real or alleged violation of "human rights" while not one word is said about those nations under the tyranny of Communism where "human rights" are nonexistent.
- in referring to Salvador Allende, former head of the Chilean government, not a hint is made to the fact that he was a Communist who was on his way to destroying Chile before he was overthrown in 1973.
- throughout the entire issue of the magazine the impression is clearly conveyed that the enemy is

not Communism and that Marxist bishops and priests and their "liberation theology" are on the side of the angels.

The March, 1981 issue of Maryknoll magazine serves well the Communist cause. There is certainly nothing Roman Catholic about it. Indeed, so "ecumenical" is it that one would never know, except from a reading of its masthead, that it purports to be a Catholic publication. It is an excellent propaganda piece on behalf of those "Catholic" bishops and priests throughout Latin America who, with their phony "liberation theology", are revolutionaries masquerading in cassocks and Roman collars. They are a powerful force on the Communist side in the continuing Red takeover of Latin America, with the once-Catholic Maryknoll magazine making no small contribution to facilitate that takeover. It follows, of course, that no informed Roman Catholic would contribute a single penny to the Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America (Maryknoll).

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other words, while the TCA is legally incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado, it is purposely a loosely knit organization otherwise in terms of the religious and laity who are in any manner a part of its thoroughly traditional Roman Catholic apostolate.

As for this newsletter, its content is the sole responsibility of its editor. It is, as far as the teachings of the Church are concerned, a traditional Roman Catholic publication in every respect. Articles therein by the editor on technically non-religious subjects (some of them controversial) are solely the expression of his convictions or opinions. Articles by others on such subjects which may appear in *The Athanasian* may or may not necessarily reflect those convictions or opinions in every detail. The main point to be made here is merely that, except where the teachings of traditional Catholicism are presented, this newsletter does not speak for, or necessarily express the thinking of, the priests working with the TCA. Again, the content of *The Athanasian* is the sole responsibility of its editor.

(4) No school would be complete without all the necessary materials and texts. We will utilize extant traditional Catholic texts both old and new, but we also hope to have available a small copier to provide reprints of out-of-date materials. We would appreciate any donations of books, textbooks, school supplies, maps, audio-visual equipment, statues and crucifixes for classroom use, and any other appropriate religious articles or teaching aids. Anyone donating such materials should enclose an estimate of the financial worth of the materials so the TCA can provide a statement for income tax deduction purposes. We ask that any such materials be shipped to:

Mr. & Mrs. William Quinn 712 Orion Drive Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906

(The Quinns have graciously offered their home as a receiving depot for your gifts to prevent Father Fenton from being buried in an avalanche of old textbooks!)

(5) Our last appeal is directed to traditional Catholic parents seeking a good Catholic education for their children. We promise you a school and a staff of dedicated teachers you can trust, with a curriculum devoid of secular humanism, sex education, lax discipline, "liberalism", Communism, etc., etc.! Our tuition scale will be competitive with other private day schools and will include family discounts. We are also checking into the possiblities of providing a tax deduction for tuition payments. For those families moving into the Colorado Springs area we will provide an information packet on this lovely resort community and thriving city, containing data on real estate, employment, etc. Please address all enrollment inquiries to the same name and address listed in number two of our appeal.

It would perhaps be far easier to despair and yield to an increasingly pagan world where Christ's Kingship is denied and derided. Our Faith tells us we cannot give in. In offering true Catholic education we hope to supplement and fortify the Catholic family, which in turn will provide vocations and build for the future of the Church. Whatever your particular motivation may be whether it is concern for your children or the strength of your ideals - we ask you to join in this noble undertaking in whatever way you can. Our goal: the restoration of the Kingship of Christ through the apostolate of truly Catholic education.

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- married to Nancy Lajeunesse parents of eight children (ages 1 to 12)

# pray the rosary daily

### Mr. Zeitz' Article on School

Since it seems to accomplish its purpose quite thoroughly, there is really nothing to be added to it. As time goes on, the need for solidly traditional Roman Catholic education becomes ever more apparent and imperative. Rather than merely to bemoan, however, the pathetic state of what currently passes for education in the USA, it is our obligation as traditional Catholics to do something about it. And so we will. We ask the prayers of our fellow traditionalists that Almighty God may deign to bless our efforts.





#### COLORADO

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OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHAPEL
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Masses at 9 & 11 a.m. (every Sunday)
Weekday Masses at 8:00 a.m.

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March 1, April 5

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Sundays of month

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#### **MONTANA**

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Holiday Inn
45 Industrial Highway
(one mile from airport)
(215) 328-1348
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Mar. 15, Mar. 29, Apr. 12, Apr. 26

#### UTAH

#### SALT LAKE CITY

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#### **VIRGINIA**

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