

At the moment of the schismatic act of Archbishop Lefebvre (cf. #106, August 7, 1976, and #385, June 29, 1988 – messages that refer to the infallibility of the Pope) it is those who believed that they were preserving the **true faith** against apostasy who set themselves against the Pope, because the celebration of Holy Mass was put in danger. The danger was present, but it was even more dangerous to set themselves against the Pope.

Even today, **no danger against the faith can permit us to set ourselves against the Pope – to doubt the dogma of papal infallibility.** A dogma, by definition, is part of our Faith. I just reminded you of what our Pope emeritus said, “*God guides his Church...let us never lose this **vision of faith!***” (the words of Pope Benedict XVI at the end of his last Wednesday audience - February 27, 2013)

“*[Abraham] did not doubt God’s promise in unbelief; rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God and was fully convinced that what He had promised, He was also able to do.*” (Rom 4:20-21)

The promises of Jesus for his Church remain, as well as the promises of Our Lady in her Blue Book. Abraham made an act of faith in God who is able to raise the dead, if necessary, (Heb 11:19), so that his promises are not found to be false. And so it must be with our faith in the infallibility of the Pope. It is not possible for the infallibility of the Pope to be questioned. **“Let us never lose this vision of faith.”**

Let us instead take literally, with a “powerful” act of faith like that of Abraham, that which Our Lady said at the time of the crisis of Archbishop Lefebvre. “*And therefore, you should at this time proclaim to all, by your words, that Jesus has made Peter alone the foundation of his Church and the infallible guardian of truth. Today whoever is not with the Pope will not succeed in remaining in the truth. The seductions of the Evil One have become so insidious and dangerous that they are succeeding in deceiving almost anyone.*” (106j-l, August 7, 1976)

While there is a great danger of being deceived by listening to this theologian or that bishop, “Today whoever is not with the Pope will not succeed in remaining in the truth.”

“*If I have told you that, in the greatest darkness, the light will come to you from my Immaculate Heart, I have wanted in this way to inform you that, **at the decisive moments, I myself will suggest everything to you. I will tell you whom you must follow in order to be faithful to the Vicar of my Son Jesus and to my Church.***” (140 n-o, Dec. 8, 1977)

“*In the greatest darkness*” in which we are now, the Blessed Mother didn’t tell us not to follow the Vicar of Christ, but rather, “*I will tell you myself whom you must follow to be faithful to the Pope.*”

In this period of darkness in which we are now, Our Lady did not tell us to change our three fundamental commitments: “There are three commitments which characterize the spirituality of the Marian Movement of Priests: consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, unity with the Pope and with the Church united to him, and the leading of the faithful to a life of entrustment to Our Lady.” (“To the Priests...”, Introduction - pg. xviii) That can never change.

And so I pray thus: “Dear Blessed Mother! Now that we are here, in the darkest period, You yourself, by the means that You choose, show us how to remain faithful to the Holy Father, who is now Pope Francis.”

“*I am the Mother of the Faith; I am the faithful virgin, and today you should ask me for help to remain in the **true faith.** For this reason I summon you to listen to and **follow the Pope**, who has from Jesus the promise of infallibility...*” (May 13, 1984, 289n). We see how these two things go together: “*remain in the true faith*” and “*follow the Pope, who has the promise of infallibility.*”

“*Bear within yourselves the witness of Jesus in these times of the apostasy in order to be strong and courageous witnesses of faith. For this, I invite you to be ever more **united to the Pope**, to sustain him with your prayer and with your love, to accept and spread his teaching: in this way you will indicate to souls the secure way to follow in order to remain in the **true faith.***”

Maintain the witness of Jesus in these times of the great tribulation. The days foretold by the Gospel and the Apocalypse have arrived. The forces of evil, united by the power of the one who opposes himself to Christ, will perform great prodigies in heaven and on the earth (Mt 24:24; Rev 13:13) in order to thus seduce a great part of humanity. You must remain solid in your heroic witness to Jesus and fight with me against the powerful force of him who manifests himself as the enemy of Christ.” (408 f-g, June 28, 1989)

To be united to the Pope and to preserve the true faith are one and the same thing in the Blue Book, sometimes occurring in the same sentence. We do not have the criteria by our own authority or by a personal choice to accept one part of the Blue Book and to reject another. It seems to me safer and more sensible to say: “Blessed Mother, I make an act of total trust in Your Word as found in the Blue Book. I am not “big” enough to make choices about the things that you have so constantly and insistently told us in Your Message, and which is one of our three fundamental commitments – fidelity to the Church, to the Gospel and therefore also to the Pope.”

Conclusion: We do not change anything in our three fundamental commitments. We do not change anything in our Act of Consecration. “Above all, we wish to be united with the Holy Father and the hierarchy, firmly adhering to all their directives, so as thus to set up a barrier to the growing confrontation directed against the Magisterium, that threatens the very foundation of the Church. Under your maternal protection, we want moreover to be apostles of this sorely needed unity of prayer and love for the Pope, on whom we invoke your special protection.” (from the Act of Consecration for Priests)

With regard to Pope Francis, I will say this to those of you among us who are very confused: Let us pray for him, as he himself repeatedly asks of us, and as we have done in all our cenacles for the past forty-five years. Let us never speak ill of him, and let us love him in Mary. (cf. Nov. 9, 1975, 86 q-r)

“*The time has now come when only the little children, consecrated to my Immaculate Heart and entrusted completely to their heavenly Mother, will have **the gift of keeping themselves intact in the faith** and of bringing to the true faith the souls entrusted to them.*” (304i, Feb. 9, 1985) But Mary, Mother of the Church, “*must be loved, listened to, and followed by each one of us*”, especially in these troubled times.

“*But the more severe the trial will become, the greater will be my presence at the side of each one of you, that you may be comforted and encouraged by me. If you live in my Immaculate Heart, nothing that can happen will be able to disturb you; within this motherly refuge of mine, you are always safe, **wrapped in the light and the presence of the Most Holy Trinity**, who loves you and surrounds you with its divine protection. (...) Thus you become also instruments of divine mercy, in these times in which the greatest triumph of the merciful love of my Son Jesus is in preparation.*” (302 l,o, January 1, 1985)

I am delighted to be able to visit with you in all parts of the world. I ask for many prayers, and I assure you of mine and of my affection as a little brother in this beautiful Movement of Mary. Thank you.



Fr. Laurent Larroque

FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Ave Maria!

Genoa, January 1, 2017
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Dear brothers and sisters of the Marian Movement of Priests,

It is a joy to be able to communicate with all of you spread throughout the entire world, members of the Movement that the Blessed Mother herself created and which She herself has made flourish. She told Fr. Gobbi: “*Here also you are aware that my Movement has spread spontaneously everywhere. This is yet another confirmation that it is solely my work and that I act in silence and hiddenness. I continue to choose as my preferred instruments those whom no one notices, and who know how to be silent, **to pray, to suffer and to love.***” (To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons, #187e, Nairobi, Kenya, Dec. 3, 1979)

2016 Cenacles

• With 44 flights, I visited 97 cities in 21 countries, presiding over 192 cenacles which were attended by 2 Cardinals, 27 Archbishops and Bishops (two of them through a letter read publicly), 860 priests, a few deacons, and 230,000 faithful (2/3 of which were in the Democratic Republic of Congo). I also met with 1 Cardinal, 12 Archbishops and Bishops and many groups of priests, seminarians, religious and faithful, to introduce them to the Movement.

• 1 Cardinal, 4 Bishops, 200 priests and 70 faithful participated in the Spiritual Exercises held in the form of a continuous cenacle in Collevalenza (Umbria), Italy.

• Fr. Geremia, the assistant Director General of the MMP, conducted many regional Cenacles in Italy and in Canada, where he also held a retreat for priests. In the name of Our Blessed Mother, **I thank the many responsables and zealous apostles** who work for Her Movement, many times at the cost of great sacrifices.

• To begin the **beatification process for Fr. Stefano Gobbi**, we need a Postulator. Please pray for this intention. The life of Fr. Gobbi can be a model of holiness for many, as it was for those of us who knew him. All for the glory of God, through Mary. Fr. Quartilio Gabrielli, who was his secretary, and Fr. Ivan Pojavnik, who is the oldest living responsible, have already written their precious **witnesses**; but **this should be done by all those who knew Fr. Gobbi**, even if only in a small way. I ask for your assistance please, because it is very important!

2017 Spiritual Exercises

As previously announced, the international spiritual exercises for this centenary year of the Apparitions will be held at Fatima, from Sunday evening, July 2, to Saturday morning, July 8. This is a retreat for Bishops and Priests but, as in the past, those laypersons who have a position of responsibility in the MMP are welcome. The registration form is available on the following website: **www.mmpfatima.com**. On the 8th, there will be a worldwide gathering of the MMP (see details below).

There are limited accommodations on the grounds of the Shrine itself. Please note that **priority will be given to those who are staying for the entire week.**

I invite the priests to bring their extra Mass intentions to be offered as fraternal assistance to those who find themselves in financial difficulty.

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Next year, we will again return to Collevallenza.

Spiritual Exercises for the Laity - Fatima 2017

From Saturday, July 8 - Wednesday, July 12, there also will be spiritual exercises in the form of a cenacle for the faithful, immediately following those for priests. Priests are also invited to stay on **Saturday, July 8** to make this day a **WORLDWIDE MMP GATHERING of clergy and laity**. Everyone is invited. After the limited number of rooms reserved for the faithful are filled (please register by going to the above-mentioned website), participants will have to arrange for their own accommodations. We are planning only the spiritual program for the laity.

The daily schedule will be as follows:	9:30 AM Rosary and Meditation
	11:30 AM Holy Mass
	4:00 PM Rosary and Meditation
	6:00 PM Adoration

In the evenings we will join the candlelight procession in the main square, especially the one at midnight.

Meditation

The Blessed Mother tells us, *“The Marian Movement of Priests is My Work alone.”* In these moments of Gethsemane for the Church, she brought it forth in Fatima and in continuity with the message of Fatima. We are in the centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, to understand the actuality and the realization of the message that was given there. It is a Movement that does not come from man but, as she told Sr. Lucia and as she repeats to us in her book and often, as well, through Fr. Gobbi, *“I came from Heaven.”*

“Here, I caused the Marian Movement of Priests to spring up, and by means of this little son [Fr. Gobbi] whom I have brought to every part of the world during these years, I have formed for myself the cohort, now ready for the battle and for my greatest victory.”(539d, March 11, 1995)

The victorious cohort is that of the **little ones**, of the “two-month-olds in the arms of their Mother” (as Fr. Gobbi would say), so that **She can use us** for her design of Victory, which has yet to be fulfilled. “We would be mistaken to think that Fatima’s prophetic mission is complete.” (Pope Benedict XVI, May 13, 2010 Homily at Fatima) *“In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph!”*

This triumph already occurs in our hearts when we are in the state of grace, and it will culminate with an “end” which has yet to arrive. May this centenary year, which is an occasion for the entire Church to take an interest in the message of Fatima, hasten this promised Triumph.

“I am the Mother of the Church. Today there shine forth from my Immaculate Heart luminous rays of love and grace which I am pouring out upon my children: upon the Pope, the bishops, the priests, the religious and all the faithful. Have great confidence in the special action of your Immaculate Mother.”
(165 d-f, December 8, 1978)

Following are the last words of Pope Benedict XVI, at the end of his final Wednesday audience on February 27, 2013: “Let us call upon the maternal intercession of the Virgin Mary, **Mother of God and Mother of the Church**, that she may accompany each of us and the whole ecclesial community; **to her let us commend ourselves with deep confidence.** Dear friends! **God guides his Church, he sustains it always, especially at times of difficulty. Let us never lose this vision of faith, which is the one true way of looking at the journey of the Church** and of the world. In our hearts, in the heart of each of you, may there always abide the joyful certainty that the Lord is at our side: he does not abandon us, he remains close to us and he surrounds us with his love. Thank you!”

“On this day, which for you marks the beginning of a new year, while all of you in the Church – bishops, priests, religious and faithful – look to me as to your Mother, I say to you if that is what I am and if you honor me as such, I must be loved, listened to, and followed by each one of you. And so it is today, on the solemnity of my Divine Maternity, that I wish to give a message to the Church to be heard and welcomed by her. It is a message of trust and of hope (...) of comfort and of consolation (...) of salvation and of mercy.” (302, January 1, 1985)

“Notwithstanding the difficulties and the sufferings which the Church is called upon to bear, and the painful hours of agony and of passion which mark the time of her bloody purification, the moment of a renewed splendor and of a second Pentecost is in preparation for her. My dearly beloved children, never lose confidence and hope. (...)

Be on your guard against three serious dangers which are threatening your growth in goodness and which have been pointed out to you by me many times: that of departing from the true faith by following the many errors which are being taught today; that of separating yourselves from the interior unity of the Church through contestation directed against the Pope and the hierarchy, which is still spreading within ecclesial life; and that of falling victims to secularism and moral permissiveness, which leads you to yield in the daily struggle against evil and sin. If you allow yourselves to be led by me, you walk along the sure road of love and of holiness.” (302 e-h, January 1, 1985)

Concerning the second danger indicated by Our Blessed Mother in the above quote, I feel the need to say a few words regarding Pope Francis. There are some among us who would like, in part or even totally, to identify him with the person spoken of by St. Paul in 2 Thes 2:3, and by Our Lady in her book – for example, in the messages given on June 7, 1986; Sept. 15, 1987; June 17 and 28, 1989; Sept. 8, 1989; May 13, 1990; Sept. 8, 1990; May 19, 1991; March 15, 1993; Jan. 1, 1994; May 13, 1994; Jan. 1, 1995; March 11, 1995; but this identification cannot be made, because it would mean setting ourselves against God!

On seeing all of these references, we can say that Our Blessed Mother has warned us adequately and repeatedly in her and our Blue Book about these events. But reading the Blue Book and taking it – as we should – as a decisive argument for us means that we must **read the book in its entirety.**

“(...) the third part of the secret (...) will now be made evident by the very events themselves which are about to take place in the Church and in the world. My Church will be shaken by the violent wind of apostasy and unbelief, as he who sets himself against Christ will enter into its interior, thus bringing to fulfillment the horrible abomination which has been prophesied to you in Holy Scripture.”
(489 d-e, March 15, 1993)

What events? The Blessed Mother responds to this question on December 31, 1992 (#485). The sign of the end of times will be the fulfillment of this abomination of desolation – that is to say, the culmination of the gradual process of the protestantization of the Mass. *“The Sacrifice of the Mass renews that which was accomplished by Jesus on Calvary. By accepting the Protestant doctrine, people will hold [say] that the Mass is not a sacrifice but only a sacred meal, that is to say, a remembrance of that which Jesus did at his Last Supper. And thus, the celebration of Holy Mass will be suppressed. In this abolition of the daily Sacrifice consists the horrible sacrilege accomplished by the Antichrist, which will last about three and a half years, namely, one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”*
(485u, Dec. 31, 1992)

But, *“in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph!”*

“People will ‘say’ that the Mass is not a sacrifice...” What does this “saying” really mean? Again I quote from Saint John Paul II’s “Ecclesia de Eucaristia”, #10 (2003), to attest with him that this reducing of the Mass to a meal – without any official “saying” – already exists in the interior of the Church. If it is not at the level of being “said” or being “law”, at the very least it exists at the level of the “facts.” *“At times one encounters an extremely reductive understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. Stripped of its sacrificial meaning, it is celebrated as if it were simply a fraternal banquet.”* (Ecclesia de Eucaristia, #10)

I would add that this passing from *fact* to *law* could be easy and could pass almost unnoticed (perhaps even without an official proclamation), because this entire liturgical movement of the protestantization of the Mass has progressed in this manner for many years in Holy Mother Church, which is violated and struck from within in a subtle but determined way, right up to this “welcoming” of the Protestant doctrine. The day of this “people will say”, under the influence of the “man of iniquity”, truly will be the beginning of the “about three and a half years” spoken of in Holy Scripture.

But there is no man in a position of responsibility in the Church who has already “said” this officially; therefore, no one can be accused prior to the **“events themselves”**.

“Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect another?” To this question, Jesus in essence replied: “look at the events, to understand that Christ is in your midst.” (cf. Mt 11:3-5). Our Lady tells us the same thing: “It will be the events themselves that will lead you to understand that the antichrist is in your midst”, and “happy those who will not let themselves be scandalized.” (Mt 11:6) Let us be careful: “It will be the events” and not our prejudices – and still less if these prejudices lead us to pass judgment prior to God’s Judgment. She asks us to “unmask the errors” (393e, Nov. 12, 1988), and not to denounce people.

“I, the Lord, explore the mind and test the heart.” (Jer 17:10) “I, the Lord!” “Who is like God?” Let us not scrutinize the mind and the heart of Pope Francis, but let us pray for him, with the love of the Blessed Mother, especially more since many Catholics are confused by his Magisterium.

Let us again revisit the Blue Book, where a thousand times Our Blessed Mother invites us to remain faithful to the Pope. I refer you to only a few passages.