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Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice are very proud to announce that  
His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Burke  
(Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura in the Vatican)  
will address our next **FAITH OF OUR FATHERS CONFERENCE**  
on Saturday 18th June 2011

His Eminence has chosen to speak to us about  
**THE RESTORATION OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE  
AND THE NEW EVANGELISATION.**

The supporting speaker is Bishop Mutsaerts of Holland who will speak first on  
**THE CRISIS IN THE CHURCH –  
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO HOLLAND**

This Conference will be held in the Lecture Hall at  
Westminster Central Hall - doors will open at 1 p.m.

## “THE RESTORATION OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE AND THE NEW EVANGELISATION”

THE title the Cardinal has chosen for his talk seems most appropriate, considering the problems so common in the Church in this country today.

When Our Blessed Lord commissioned His Church, He gave Her the Authority necessary to ensure His faithful people would receive only sound teaching given by Leaders they could trust. It is only because this God-given Authority has been properly exercised that the Church has remained intact for almost twenty centuries, teaching the Truth with one voice and obeying properly appointed Authority ‘in all that is not sin.’

We all know converts from the various Protestant bodies who, once they have ‘come home’ to the one true Church, rejoice in having, at last a legitimate Authority they can reliably depend on instead of having to pick and choose or guess (?) themselves.

Sadly in England and Wales we now have Catholic priests who delight in disobeying those they should rightfully obey. I am sure you all have stories of your own, but a sad example was told to me recently by one of our supporters. His parish priest is holding a service devoted to enneagrams as part of his Lenten programme. When it was explained to him that this has been condemned and Rome would not approve, he replied “*All the more reason for doing it, then,*” laughed, and declared he was going ahead anyway because he had attended a Course on them!

Higher up the scale we can find bishops who allow false teaching of religion in their schools, paying lip-service to *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* but failing to implement it even though it was declared the ‘*norm for religious instruction*’ by Pope John Paul II, and promoted by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI on his recent visit.

So the restoration of proper Church discipline can only be good for the Catholics of this country. The proper wielding of this discipline as well as proper obedience would sort out so many of our problems and lead the way to a new Evangelisation.

Bishop Robert's talk on Holland's part in the present Church crisis is also appropriate as it leads up to this very question of Authority. The main manifestation of the crisis and also its principal cause is the failure, for the last forty years, to pass the Truths of the Faith on to the next generation effectively. Unfortunately Holland led the way in this with the notorious *Dutch Catechism* which was translated into English and eagerly followed in this country.

Both talks will certainly enrich our understanding of the crisis and so enable us to address it more positively.

Tickets for the Conference are £20 each with concessions – (£10 for Students, £5 for Clergy and Religious in their habits.)

Make sure of your ticket for this important Conference by applying early to *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, 4, Fife Way, Great Bookham, Surrey. KT23 3PH. enclosing s.a.e.

If you visit [http://www.proecclesia.com/page\\_newsflash.htm](http://www.proecclesia.com/page_newsflash.htm) you will see a poster for the Conference which you can download and display.

If you have a question for either of our speakers enclose it with your ticket application. Only questions already submitted in writing can be put at the Conference.



## WHY NOT TELL IT HOW IT IS?

1. The Soho Masses. These Masses with their sacrilegious Communion are still continuing and because no action has been taken by those in Authority, they are spreading. Could this be because Archbishop Nichols, in whose Archdiocese they take place, and Archbishop Longley, who helped to set them up, are both persisting in the fiction that all is well, saying '*these homosexuals are leading chaste lives!*'

Anyone who has been to their Masses or visited any of their web-sites knows perfectly well that this is absolutely contrary to the truth. Their newsletters,

the activities they publicise, their promotion of the London Gay Pride March, their rainbows and their bows and even the homilies given at their Masses all proclaim that they are openly living actively homosexual lives. They flaunt their homosexual life-styles because they have an agenda. They want the Church to change Her constant and universal teaching against homosexual activity. Obviously the Church can never do that and this should be made clear to them by those in Authority. Until it is, they will continue to promote their sinful life-style as publicly as they can, hoping in vain that the Church will start listening to them and stop giving the true teaching she was founded to give by her Divine Master.

Meanwhile Catholics who write to either Archbishop, if they actually get a reply, are glibly told that all is well and they needn't worry as the position has been falsified by concerned Catholics – though why anyone would do this is hard to understand. Archbishop Longley in an interview with *The Tablet* quite gratuitously and at some length, castigated as 'judgemental' those of us who pray outside the Church in reparation for the sacrileges committed there. But we need make no judgements because they admit to us quite openly that they are in sexual relationships with their same-sex partners. When the Archbishop was in Westminster, he would often lunch with ex-Father Martin Pendergast, who helped him set these Masses up, and he knew all about his relationship with his live-in 'boyfriend' Julian Filochowski, so how can he claim we are being 'judgemental'?

2. False Religious Instruction in our schools. Here again the Bishops, who are the ones responsible for the R.E. in the schools of their diocese, are in constant denial. Most faithful Catholics, priests and lay, are well aware that the Truths of the Faith are no longer effectively taught in most Catholic schools, so how is it our bishops are the only ones unaware of it? What planet are they living on to be so out of touch? Official figures show that over 90% of school leavers lapse as they leave school each year while more youngsters who attend State schools stay faithful.

Why can't our bishops hear these figures shouting out that something is gravely wrong with our schools? Bishop McMahon, the Bishop in overall charge of R.E. in our schools, even wrote to me recently "*As Chairman of the Catholic Education Service I am proud of what our schools are*

*achieving...* “Really, My Lord? Are you proud that they are leading over 90% of our youngsters out of the Church? Or that Catholic youngsters are better off in State schools than in Catholic schools?”

Later in the same letter he confirmed that the Bishops’ Conference has approved the R.E. Syllabus used in our schools.

This delegation on the part of bishops may be part of the problem. Instead of deciding individually on good religious textbooks for their schools, as they should, Diocesan Bishops go along with a syllabus decided by a vote at the Bishop’s Conference. They carry this delegation further to abdication and even to grave dereliction of duty by never ever glancing at the R.E. textbooks they enforce and by appointing self-styled catechetical ‘experts’ who make all their decisions for them. Recently a mother from Birmingham, worried about her children’s lack of understanding of the Faith, wrote about her concerns to Archbishop Longley. Instead of a reply from him she got a letter from a Father Veasey who styled himself as “Director of Religious Education” saying “*Archbishop Bernard Longley has no direct responsibilities for this department (R.E.)....*” This is not true. **Archbishop Longley is directly responsible for the religious instruction given to the children and youngsters in his schools, and one day he will have to answer for it to the Lord - as will all Bishops.** So when Bishops are appointed, are they instructed to delegate essentials to the Diocesan Liturgical and Catechetical ‘experts’ so they can concentrate on trivialities? If so this is the wrong way round. Some good Bishops in America and Australia have, on appointment, immediately involved themselves with Liturgy and with Religious Instruction and have succeeded in turning failing dioceses into thriving centres of Catholicity with full churches and crowded seminaries. Our good priests, if they were made Bishops, would do the same but without proper Authority the good they can do is limited. We must all work and pray for the appointment of good priests as bishops.

*Humanae Vitae.* Why silence from our bishops on this important Encyclical? Until it is properly presented to us, the laity will remain confused and the Authority of the Church will continue to be undermined, to the detriment of all Church teaching.

## PRO FIDE - MARCH 8th 2011

**W**E were very pleased with the *Pro Fide* Meeting at St Vincent's Centre on the evening of Tuesday March 8th. Dr Joseph Shaw gave us a superb talk on *The Reformation in Oxford*, a subject he obviously knows a great deal about and one which is important for our understanding of the Reformation. He spoke for an hour without a single note or hesitation and not only made the situation extremely clear but also managed to make it very interesting. I noticed that no-one in the audience coughed or fidgeted as they were all listening so attentively – a compliment not all speakers receive!

There were some excellent questions after the talk which Dr Shaw answered easily and fully until, finally, we had to draw the Meeting to close.

Thanks to Greg and Joe Clovis all this has been captured on CD and on DVD, either of which you can order from 4, Fife Way, Bookham, Surrey. KT23 3PH. The DVD sells for £5 and the CD for £2. They will also be on sale at our "FAITH OF OUR FATHERS" CONFERENCE on June 18th.

This was such a good talk we have decided it is well worth while holding another *PRO FIDE* Meeting and we hope to arrange one at St Vincent's Centre in Autumn 2011. Details will be in the September 'Flock'.



## GOOD THINGS TO THANK GOD FOR

**W**HEN I first started protesting about Modern Catechetics in 1970 I seemed to be a lone voice, but now the terrible fruits of this atrocity are becoming evident, more and more voices here, and around the world are being raised and this will win the battle for Truth eventually. So, although we have enormous problems with top officials of the 'Establishment' in this country there are good things going on in some places and even here lower down the scale.

American Bishops are continuing to correct the teaching in their own

Diocese. One excellent example is Bishop Robert Finn of Kansas City who, when he took over, replaced the existing Catechetical Institute and provided new Programmes “*with a substantive change in their content*”. Another recent example is Bishop Robert Vasa of Baker, Oregon who called the Modern Catechetics he found being taught in his Diocese “*spiritual harm*” comparing it with emotional and physical abuse. Of course, bishops who do this meet some opposition but fortunately they have the Authority to insist. One day – soon I hope – this will start happening here.

The statistics that are coming out now are really alarming because they show the decline is not just continuing it is accelerating. For instance it has recently emerged that, for the first time, the number of Anglicans in church on Sundays in England and Wales is now greater than the number of Catholics at Mass. Also, the most recent official statistics on Religion in Britain show that between 1980 and 2010 the number of Catholics in England and Wales declined from two million in 1980 to just under 900,000 in 2010. **So, we have dropped by more than half in just thirty years!**

Why have I put the terrible statistics among ‘good things’? Because we need to know these facts if we are to wake up before it is too late and take the vigorous action so urgently needed. So, pray but also stand up and be counted – speak out, challenge error, and get writing.

Support sound initiatives like CUT *Catholics Unplug Your Television*.

Write to them for their newsletter at St Winefride’s Presbytery, Mynd Close, Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. ST2 5RA or visit them at [www.cutunplugtv.co.uk](http://www.cutunplugtv.co.uk) <<http://www.cutunplugtv.co.uk/>>.

Summer Vocations discernment week-end Father Armand de Malleray

FSSP invites young men aged 18-35 who are considering the priesthood, to St John Fisher House, 17, Eastern Avenue, Reading. RG1 5RU The week-end begins on Friday 22nd July at 6 p.m. and ends Sunday 24th July mid-afternoon. For more information visit – [www.fssp.org.uk/england/pages/vocations](http://www.fssp.org.uk/england/pages/vocations) <<http://www.fssp.org.uk/england/pages/vocations>> Those of us who are not

fortunate enough to belong to this group can keep this initiative in our prayers.

Sacred Heart Nightly Devotion. This devotion has been set up in response to Our Lord's requests to St Margaret Mary, to pray in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and for blessings on our homes and families. The night adoration consists of family members giving up one hour a month to pray in their own home between the hours of 9p.m. and 5a.m.

Father Mateo who helped to re-launch this devotion suggested we also pray for good Catholic schools again in the U.K. To learn more visit [www.sacredheartnightlydevotion.com](http://www.sacredheartnightlydevotion.com)

A First Holy Communion Catechism produced by Clonmacnois Press, No 4 Aran Centre, Blessington Business Park, Co. Wicklow Ireland would make an excellent gift for children receiving this Sacrament for the first time. Write or visit [clonmacnoispress.com](http://clonmacnoispress.com) for further details.

Sex-ed in Primary Schools. Fortunately the Coalition Government has not so far taken up the ruling tabled by Labour and postponed because time ran out before the Election. **So the present situation is that no Primary School is forced to give explicit classroom lessons on sex.** If the School Governors decide that these lessons should not be given, they are not given. The National Curriculum, which must be taught, only covers information 'that animals, including humans move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce' no details, (5-7), and 'the life processes of humans and animals, including nutrition, movement, growth, reproduction and the main stages of the human life cycle, (7-11). **Nothing about sexual organs, sexual intercourse, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases or same-sex relationships is required in primary schools.**

This is good news, but it does not mean that all primary schools will keep to these rules. However, it does mean that parents can point this out and insist that Governors of Catholic Primary Schools have no choice but to keep them if they are faithful to Church teaching. Learn more at [www.famyouth.org.uk](http://www.famyouth.org.uk)

Exploring our Glorious Faith. This set of four DVDs covering the basic Teachings of the Church, which we advertised in the last issue of *The Flock* has now sold over eighty sets. This is very encouraging, especially as many have been bought by parish priests. One set was bought by an Anglican vicar and now, so his sister-in-law tells me, he bases his weekly sermons on them. (*Let's pray that they all become Catholics!*) There are still some left so if you want one send your £25 to Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, 4, Fife Way, Bookham. KT23 3PH.

Any still left will be on sale at the Conference.



## DEAR FRIENDS

FIRST I must thank all of you who responded so generously to our appeal for funds. You are the people who make it possible to hold Conferences like the one on June 18th which, hopefully, will benefit all the Catholics in this country and their descendants. With the Church in this country in its present perilous state, help like this is really timely and valuable. We all owe you a great debt of gratitude.

Others who are still considering donating might like to know that Standing Orders are especially useful as they make it possible for us to plan ahead. Also *Gift Aiding* your donation means we receive more than you give, thanks to the Government provision, even though from last April Charities like us will lose 3p more in every pound donated.

In case you have lost the address to send to here it is - P O BOX 636, Enfield. EN2 9HX. Our grateful thanks to you all.

We cannot ignore the 'green shoots' of true Catholicism which are springing up here in spite of the confusion among our leaders. More voices are heard exposing the scandals. For instance, Dr William Oddie has written some excellent 'blogs' which are followed by good well-informed comments. John Smeaton, Chairman of SPUC has also made his views heard though he does

tend to concentrate solely on the importance of Pro-Life teaching. Although this is understandable, we get nowhere if we try to teach only part of the Faith instead of it in its entirety. The Truths of our Faith make a beautiful harmonic whole, so pro-life and other teaching should always be given in that context. It just won't stand up by itself.

Other countries too are coming out more and more in favour of Truth. Recently the Canadian Bishops' Conference, who have had their problems, produced a joint eight page Pastoral Letter urging young Catholics to dress modestly; choose uplifting entertainment; go regularly to Confession where sins of impurity committed alone or with another can be forgiven; to live chastely, reminding them that sex belongs only in marriage; and for married couples to remember that the sexual act must be 'unitive and procreative'.

The American writer, Jerome Gilmartin has produced a simple 7 step invitation to return to the Catholic Church designed to help our many lapsed Catholics. If you go into <http://7step.catholic.org> <<http://7step.catholic.org/>> you will be able to download them free and explore his other works.

It is very fortunate that English is such a universal language. People in many parts of the world can access these tapes as they can the 250 tapes available free on our web-site [www.proecclesia.com](http://www.proecclesia.com) <<http://www.proecclesia.com/>> I get e-mails of appreciation from India, Taiwan, Slovenia and even Moscow where young Catholics use them to increase their knowledge of the Faith. This is the legacy from the late John Edwards who travelled the country for years recording good Catholic talks.

One of our most popular speakers is the late Bishop Fulton Sheen and I would like to leave you with a short quotation from him.

*“Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you, the people. You have the minds, the hearts, the eyes, and the ears to save the Church. Your Mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops like bishops and your religious like religious.”*

So, we have our instructions from a Bishop and a very saintly one. Let's see what we can do.

Wishing you all every blessing,

*Daphne McLeod*

## REVERENCE

I remember Dr John Rao, explaining that proper Reverence is really sanity because it means being realistic, seeing things as they are and treating them appropriately – a definition of sanity. So, if we are in the presence of God it is only sane to behave with reverence. This is why believing Catholics do not talk to each other in church but keep a respectful silence. It is also why they genuflect carefully before kneeling in their place.

Although I am sure our supporters are always reverent I have noticed that some Catholics now fail to genuflect. This is something that no Catholic ever neglected once but now it is becoming quite common and if it is not stopped it will spread. I have written this short poem which you might like to submit to your parish magazine as a reminder.

### FLECTAMUS GENUA

(We genuflect)

We nod to friends and bow to kings,  
(And Jesus Christ is both these things.)

But he is also so much more  
We bend our knee and we adore.

*Flectamus Genua*

Even a thousand years from now  
Enjoying the Bliss above  
We'll rejoice remembering how  
We often knelt in Faith and Love.

*Flectamus Genua*

That here we owned His presence  
And did not Him deny  
But glorified His greatness  
Each time we passed Him by.

*Alleluia!*

