

Re: Knowing the Teachings of the True Catholic Faith

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Dear Friend of Our Lady,

Back in 2005, a Fatima Center staff member met with a North American bishop regarding the Fatima Message and the Consecration of Russia.

During the meeting the bishop said something quite unexpected.

He said: "There are two, maybe three, generations of Catholics that need to be re-catechized. They don't know the Faith."

According to Webster, the definition of a generation when referring to a period of time is: "the average span of time between the birth of parents and that of their offspring."

That means a generation is at least 20 years or more. The bishop said 2-3 generations (that was 8 years ago) need to learn the Catholic Faith, which means Catholics born in the last 45-65 years, need to be taught the True Catholic Faith.

Though the promoters of the errors of Modernism and heresy have been trying to infiltrate Catholic institutions for at least 100 years (and had already made some impact before 1965), the greatest invasion occurred starting right after the Second Vatican Council, which ended in 1965.

After the Council, Catholic schools, and the Church in North America as a whole, stopped teaching important segments of the true Faith, by commission and omission.

Catholic institutions slowly began introducing ideas of the Modernists and the heresies of Protestantism, mixing them with Catholic Truth. Over time the spreading and teaching of heresy and error increased while the teaching of Christ's One True Faith, outside of which there is no salvation, decreased.

The reality of the lack of knowledge of the True Faith among those believing themselves Catholic became apparent to

Fatima Center staff with the thousands of phone calls, emails and postal mail received from North America and also around the world.

Over the years, the teaching of lies and lack of educating in the True Faith both in schools and by priests from the pulpit and in the Confessional has become increasingly evident in the correspondence we receive.

Knowledge of the true Faith is critical for a Catholic to save his soul. Catholic teaching is: there is no salvation outside the Catholic Church. Being a baptized Catholic is just the beginning of the road to salvation. A Catholic must believe what the Church has been given by God as the deposit of Faith.

A Catholic who refuses to believe or accept even one of the infallible dogmatic definitions separates himself from the Catholic Faith. Once separated, he cannot be restored into the Church unless he repents and recants his rejection of Catholic dogma.

And having learned heresy or error from a Pope, bishop or priest does not excuse a Catholic who follows clergy into error. God gives us one job to do in this life and that is to work toward our salvation. We have to do the work and cooperate with God's grace.

We are held accountable for knowing the Catholic Faith even if we are being led astray by Catholic clergy.

We must understand that anyone, clergy or otherwise, who would try to convince us to believe something contrary to the Faith, will not be standing next to us to defend us when we stand before Our Lord and have to give an accounting to Him.

The afore-mentioned is not the teachings of Catholicism according to Joanna Swords or any other person. It is the teaching of the Catholic Faith for 2000 years.

Recently a supporter called the Fatima Center and during the conversation, she relayed that she has heard a number of "Catholics" who question the existence of hell.

Even the heretical Protestants know that hell exists! Our Lord spoke more of perdition and damnation in the Gospels than Heaven, quite likely as a warning because the greater number of souls go to hell.

To question or deny the existence of hell is to reject Christ Himself and the Catholic Faith. It is demonic error and

most definitely an error of wishful thinking. Certainly satan wants us to believe there is no hell. That makes his job of dragging us down into the pit to spend eternity with him much easier if he can convince us hell doesn't exist.

As witnesses of the errors that have snuck in, and in some cases openly stormed the Church over the last 50 years, let's do our part to start turning things around.

First and foremost we must defend the Faith when we are confronted with erroneous statements and actions. We must defend with prayer, words and actions and always with charity.

And let's include with our actions, spreading the Faith. Let's start with the basics, the Ten Commandments.

With the New and Everlasting Covenant established by Our Lord, the Messiah promised in the Book of Genesis, the Ten Commandments didn't go away. They are the building blocks.

Yet today, it is likely many are unable to recite them. Others may know the Ten Commandments but not necessarily understand the territory each Commandment covers. And no wonder, with every government in the world, without exception, violating many, if not all the Commandments.

You may recall that a number of years ago Judge Roy Moore of the Alabama Judiciary System was removed from his position for refusing to remove the plaque hanging on the wall in his courtroom which listed the Ten Commandments.

On March 29, 2013 C-FAM (Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute) reported: "*International Lawyers Claim Malta's Protection of Unborn is 'Torture'.*"

Here is the first paragraph of the article:

"The tiny island nation of Malta has been singled out as a human rights abuser by legal experts in Europe in preparation for its next review by the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Malta's unforgivable offense is protecting human life in the womb."

How low humanity has sunk and continues to sink becomes more evident daily.

Help spread the True Catholic Faith beginning with basics. To help with this we have enclosed a copy of the leaflet, [The Ten Commandments](#). For more copies of the leaflet, call us at 1-800-845-3047.

And please, if anyone believing themselves to be Catholic starts speaking or teaching of things as acceptable that are contrary to the Faith, in charity, set them straight.

They need to understand the Catholic Faith is not a cafeteria style religion like Protestantism, where we can pick and choose what we want to believe instead of what Our Lord taught us we must believe.

We have the obligation before God to correct those in error and do all we can to help them with their eternal salvation.

Good News

On April 11, it was released in the news on-line at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Fatima, Portugal the following: *Pontificate of Pope Francis to be consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima on May 13, 2013.*

This is tremendous news for those of us who understand the necessity of the Pope and bishops consecrating Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary if the Church and the world are to get out of the immoral diabolical mess we are in.

The Pope has asked Cardinal Polycarpo and the bishops of Portugal to join him in consecrating his papacy to Our Lady of Fatima.

Our Lady's Apostolate asks all our supporters to pray for the Holy Father. Especially, we should ask Our Lady to give Pope Francis the grace and courage needed to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as She requested.

The Fatima Center is writing to all the Catholic bishops in the world, asking them to join in this prayer of consecration for the Holy Father and to consecrate their own Episcopal Apostolates to Our Lady of Fatima.

"Fatima: The Path To Peace!" Conference, September 8 - 13, 2013

Enclosed with this letter is a [flyer](#) with information on our upcoming September conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, which is about 25 minutes from Buffalo, New York.

We are sending this to you for your information, hoping you, your family and others will be able to join us. You will soon receive a brochure, but we wanted you to have as much information as possible, as quick as we are able to provide it.

Please review the information and call us to reserve your hotel room, etc. Call us at 1-800-845-3047 to get more copies to pass on to others.

We look forward to hearing back from you.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

Joanna Swords

P.S. Don't forget about our apostolate *Examination of Conscience for Adults* booklet. The booklet helps you to prepare for confession and examine your conscience and it outlines various sins and which of the Ten Commandments each sin violates. The booklet is available in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Portuguese](#).