

Calumny, Detraction, and Judging

From: AR to RJMI

Date: May 1, 2002

My dear friends in Christ:

... *Benedicite'* ...

I can no longer sit idle and keep my holy mouth closed. We all know too well the condition of the "Church" today. But within that same Church, gives us the ammunition we need to not only defend our Faith - but to live our Faith.

There is NO ONE doing it right today ... no one. Why? Because we simply do not have the proper teachers, scholars and/or magisterium to make any canonical pronouncements. But we MUST try to live our Faith to the best of our ability given the extremely limited amount of tools that we do have available to us.

I have read, mostly with dismay and heartache, the never endingness of nothing more than pure SIN. "*Judge not lest ye be judged*" ... None of us have the right nor the authority to judge others - that is absolutely reserved to Almighty God Himself!

Yes, we as Catholics *must* defend our Faith. But the Church also instructs us on how, when and where to use applied Apologetics. It is one thing to be able to quote Canon Law, Theology, Sacred Scripture, Papal Encyclicals, Dogma's, etc. ... but one must remember, that in all Her wisdom, Holy Mother Church again, through the Holy Ghost, has given us tools. The tools for interpretation of matters of Church come from years of training and experience - applying theological logic as well as theological philosophy - all these must come into focus and be taken into consideration in any matter. But once again - we today - are forbidden any type of "pronouncement" for we canonically do not have the authority nor the wisdom to do so.

As individuals, we MUST rely on Faith and knowledge of the Precepts of Holy Mother Church. What one decides to do, cannot be judged by others, for we know not what is in their heart nor what their intent. That is strictly between them and God.

Passing judgment upon others through calumny and detraction IS NOT the Christ-like approach - nor can it ever be pleasing to God. I'm sure, that our Blessed Lord's most Sacred Heart is bleeding ... again ... over all these exchanges of hurtful words.

Might I suggest for all concerned, one simple solution: EVERYONE back-off and take a few days off. Go to our Lord and Blessed Mother in prayer, fasting and forms of mortification (and IT DOES take all three) for it is only there and then that we can see and realize the depths of our iniquities, and know what God is truly asking of us.

I'm sure that there is not one out there in Internet land that has the malicious intention of hurting our Lord or any one of His people - and we are ALL children of God - each one of us. And accordingly, each one of us are fashioned after His Image. If our intent is to sin and cause harm - then we CANNOT be Christ-like and have fallen to the depths of the fallen angels. But if our hearts are pure - and our cry for justice without blemish - then and only then will our Lord use us in HIS way - not our way.

I have always been told, that the Internet is Satan's playground - I think these past few weeks have been a prime example of that statement. But out of every evil CAN come good - IF we seek God with a pure heart and honorable intent.

I take no sides - I simply ask in the Name of Christ - that this needless and senseless war of words cease and desist immediately - as they are ALL SINFUL! I also ask, that in the name of Christ, if someone respectfully asks to be removed from this list - then without hesitation, not only should they be removed - but also WITHOUT retaliation.

I hope to receive in the future (a couple of weeks, as I suggested) copies of the communicate's that are of Holy value - if not, the I too, can in good conscience, be the recipient of communications that could lead one to sin.

I thank-you for hearing me out. I know it's not Sunday but I felt it was time to PREACH. I pray this will be sent to all those who receive everything else - as I am not computer literate and I know not how to send to all those on the list.

Remember those infamous words: *"Let he who is without sin ... cast the first stone !"*

In the meantime, ALL will be remembered in my prayers and at Holy Mass.

AR

From: RJMI to AR:

Date: May 10, 2002

May 10, 2002

St. Antoninus

Ss. Gordian and Epimachus

Dear AR,

You must follow what the Church teaches. Just because there is no Pope or hierarchy does not mean we are left orphans and free to sin. Sin is still sin. Most men are still damned to hell. Dogmas are dogmas and mortal sin is mortal sin. Dogmas still bind under pain of anathema and cast the offenders outside the Church and on the road to hell, and Catholics who die in mortal sin go to hell. Heretic bishops and priests are still heretic bishops and priests, and Schismatic bishops and priests are still schismatic bishops and

priests—they are outside the Catholic Church. No amount of wresting the Scriptures or Church dogmas will change these facts.

By using the verse “Judge not lest you be judged” out of context, you attempt to prohibit true Catholics from denouncing sinners and calling them to repentance and/or conversion. You have denied a Catholic’s very obligation to profess the faith and duty to perform the spiritual acts of mercy of converting and admonishing the sinner. That alone makes you a heretic. (See my RJMI books *On Judging* and *Sins of Omission*.)

You are right about calumny and detraction. It is certainly sinful, and many times mortally sinful. Jesus, as well as all God’s chosen that speak the truth, are calumniated and detracted, and it is truly ugly. But they do not initiate it. It is heaped upon them when they justly condemn men for the sins they are committing. What Jesus did do was harshly condemn public sins and sinners who were endangering the souls of others. He called the Pharisees a brood of vipers and serpents, and even whipped them out of the Temple. But Jesus did not calumniate or detract them. When a Catholic, not out of malice, rightly accuses a man of being a heretic, apostate, idolater, blasphemer, or schismatic, he is not committing the sin of calumny or detraction. Rather, he is performing a spiritual act of mercy that is well pleasing to God, and is an act of love toward the one he is condemning, as he may be the only one that is warning the sinner that he is on the road to hell. The more obstinate the sinner, and the more danger he is of leading souls to hell, the more firmer and harsher the condemnation. Generally it is those who have been justly condemned that resort to calumny and detraction, which only exposes them even more to those who are of good will. Birds of a feather flock together, the good willed with the good willed and the bad willed with the bad willed. All this is a separation of the wheat from the chaff, as dirt diggers never respond to the questions regarding the faith that are posed to them, but instead resort to personal attacks. The dirt diggers, calumniators and detractors, deserve one another, and as sure as God is the God of the Holy Catholic Church, He promises to take vengeance on them. I pity them and pray for them. None of us can escape being punished from God when we sin, even if we confess our sins we must still do penance and make reparation for them.

You sound like you are infected with the heresy of false ecumenism—for the sake of peace and unity let us all concentrate on what we have in common and forget our differences, even if they be apostasy, heresy, idolatry, blasphemy, or schism. We are not all brothers and children of God. Only Catholics are brothers and children of God. “You are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” (Gal. 3:26) “My mother and my brethren are they who hear the word of God and do it.” (Lk. 8:21) And even at that Catholics must condemn other Catholics who are living in mortal sin. St. Paul tells Catholics not to even eat with other Catholics if their sins are public and of a serious nature. “But now I have written to you, not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator or covetous or a server of idols or a railer or a drunkard or an extortioner: with such a one, not so much as to eat.” (1 Cor. 5:11) Your false interpretation of, “judge not lest you be judged” certainly makes this verse null and void.

You also said that you believe in “theological philosophy” and thus my duty as a Catholic obliges me to denounce you as an idolater for glorifying philosophy and for mixing it with theology. This explains why you are a non-judgmentalist heretic, as this is one of the traits of the scholastics.

You are right that prayer alone is not enough. Acts of true sacrifice and mortification are absolutely necessary; fasting, self-denial, and other acts of mortification such as the discipline, hair shirts, sleep deprivation, etc. “Unless you do penance you shall all likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:3) But even these acts are useless if you do not have the faith or are in obstinate mortal sin or do them for a wrong motive.

What I have said in this letter is without the least bit of malice, but for the love of God and the love of your own soul. Us abjured Catholics will be praying for your repentance, conversion, and abjuration, so that we may have another zealous Catholic to fight side by side with.

May Jesus Christ, who ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, through the Joyful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, grant you the graces you need to save your soul.

Soli Deo Gloria

Richard Joseph Michael Ibranyi
“To Jesus through Mary”

Revised 2/2016

Mary’s Little Remnant
302 East Joffre St.
TorC, NM 87901-2878
Website: www.JohnTheBaptist.us
(Send for a free catalog)