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FROM BISHOP DOLAN

My dear Friends,

Bergoglio has had an immense effect in only two and a half years, and it is all for the better. Oh, it is true that his is a perfectly left wing secular agenda down the line, from the destruction of the Church to “global warming” to the final destruction of marriage and the family. And while it may seem to be an odd conglomeration of liberal ideas and Marxist ideology – with a few quirky notions coming from an old 1960s-style Jesuit – all of this is being said and done according to plan, carefully organized each day, for the worst possible results upon the ruins of the Church and Christendom in our day.

If there is any positive side to this horrific and humiliating charade on the part of someone who dresses like a pope and plays the role, it is that many more eyes are being opened to the sad *sede vacante* reality fifty years after the revolution of Vatican II. Many Novus Ordos are recognizing this reality, the utter devastation of our day, without even acknowledging in particular the heresies and the sacrileges of the new religion. But they see the results.

I read this recently in a conservative Novus Ordo journal, *Crisis*, and could not have said it better myself:

What shall we do now? The answer is both daunting and liberating. *We do everything.* That doesn't mean that I do everything, or that you do everything. Suppose you find yourself in a bombed out city. There are all kinds of things to do, and all of them have to be done. Some needs are more pressing than others, and some things can be done only after other things are in order. But everywhere you turn, there's work to do. You have to find clean water. You have to find food. You have to tend to the wounded and bury the dead. You have to erect shelters. You have to see which of the few buildings left standing are actually safe. You have to demolish those that are ruined beyond repair. You



In what has become an early summer tradition at St. Gertrude the Great Church, the blessing of the bonfire to celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and to mark the beginning of the new season, provided a wonderful opportunity for a nice get together for our parishioners. A solemn high Mass having been sung, a picnic dinner of bratwurst, wieners, and various side dishes was followed by light-hearted entertainment provided by Fathers Cekada and McKenna (not to mention the twinkling fireflies), the blessing of the bonfire, camp songs, and roasted marshmallows. The recitation of the rosary, led by Bishop Dolan, rounded out the warm and pleasant evening.

have to organize work teams. Someone has to prepare the meals. Someone has to keep the children out of trouble. In such a situation, it's almost absurd to ask whether it's more important to build a latrine than to gather together some undamaged books. All of it has to be done. So you do what you can do—the work that is ready to your hand. [Esolen, Anthony, 2015, July, Reform and Renewal Starts with Us, *Crisis Magazine*, Retrieved from <http://www.crisismagazine.com>]

Indeed, I have often used similar words to describe this world left to us by the nuclear bomb of The Changes. What remains to be done is to identify the false principles, the heresies, which are at the root of the rubble that remains, and to reject them, along with those responsible for this destruction. They are not Catholics,

nor do they have any authority in the Catholic Church. Those who do not recognize this, such as the woefully blind “Recognize and Resist” crowd, the Society of Pius X, and Bishop Williamson, are part of the problem, and could never contribute to the solution.

You, dear friend, *are* a part of the rebuilding of the Church, the saving of souls which continues even in our sad day. “Behold I Am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world.” Your support of our particular apostolate, of good priests, of churches and schools, of religious and seminaries, all make such a difference. The same goes for your willingness to educate yourself on the great issues of the day, in order to lead a logical and consistent Catholic life. This is the building up of the Mystical Body of Christ, even in the face of God’s just chastisement. Persevere.

Thank you for helping us do our work, whether it be the apostolate of St Gertrude the Great, or the support of materially poor priests who are dependent upon our charity, the missions, helping with the education of seminarians, teaching Catholic truth in sermons and via Internet. All of this is “the next step,” the building up part so desperately needed.

We’ve been working with our youth this summer, as usual. Both the Girls’ and Boys’ Camps have been a great

success. In June we concluded a good school year, more students than ever before. To see our young people is to be filled with hope, even with all the challenges of the day.

Bishop Sanborn recently visited a priest in Austria, and offered Mass for twenty-five faithful souls in London. Father Nkamuke is teaching two seminarians now, as well as attending to three or four growing young missions. The white upper Midwest lags a bit behind black Africa, but Father McKenna is doing his best every three weeks in Minnesota and North Dakota. With legal help from two of our lawyer-parishioners he was finally able to win permission from the new warden to bring Holy Communion to our prisoner in northern Ohio, who for six months he has been without. As I write these lines, I remember scattered Catholics, also “without,” who must one day be able to receive Our Lord again. Much work remains, for all the Catholic world, and society necessarily with it, remains in ruin. But we are rebuilding!

Thank you for buying a brick or two, or even lending a hand at the work site.

Yours in St Joseph, who watches over the work,

– **Most Rev. Daniel L. Dolan**



At St. Gertrude the Great Church our annual youth camps were held during July. The camp for the girls took place on July 15, 16, and 17, and was again directed by two of the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas from Brooksville, Florida, along with the excellent assistance of several of our dedicated ladies. We all appreciate the Sisters’ visit each summer. While high waters from the heavy rains earlier in the month caused the Little Miami River to rise well above safe levels forcing the cancellation of the much anticipated canoe trip, the spirits of the girls remained buoyed. Other fun activities such as volleyball, crafting, sewing, and bowling filled their days. On July 28, 28, and 30, the boys enjoyed hiking, various sporting activities, and swimming, in addition to the excitement of outdoor camping and all that it entails. The excellent direction of our young Fathers McGuire, McKenna, and Lehtoranta – not to mention the generous help of the fathers of our young campers, made the dog days of a Cincinnati summer enriching and most enjoyable.