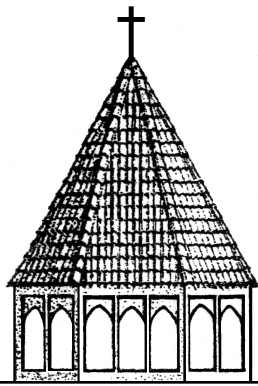


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## THE TRUE MARKS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE PROPOSED (5)

Most religions do not have marks that can prove that theirs is the true religion or that they have the true God. Attempts to do so are a failure. So we are now proposing the true Marks that can prove that the Catholic God is the only true God; and that the Catholic Church is the only true Church. The Catholic Church has many marks, or testimonies, and signs, which discern her from every false religion of the pagans, of Jews and heretics. Indeed, they are not evidently believable, for it is not the same thing to be evidently true and evidently

believable. For something to be called evidently true, it must appear to be either in it, or in its principles. For something to be called evidently believable, it does not need to appear so in itself, or in its principles, nevertheless it has so many and such serious testimonies, that any wise man you like rightly ought to believe it.

As though a judge should see a man to be killed by a thief, or lethally wounded and dies afterward, he has the evidence of truth, that the thief is a murderer; if however he

Our turning aside from the way is not a loss to us only, but a weariness for the angels and for all the saints in Christ Jesus. Our humiliation gives grief to them all, and our salvation gives joy and refreshment to them all.

St. Anthony the Great

might not have seen the killing done, but might have twenty serious men as witnesses, who say they saw it, he has evidence of believability.

The Marks of the Catholic Church are not evidence of truth; they are mere evidence of the believability of the truth that the Catholic Church is the only one true Church. For this reason many refuse to accept these Marks. In fact, many do not even know these as Marks of the true Church because these are articles of Faith; and, therefore, cannot be clearly seen.

These Marks, however, are evident hypothetically, that is, by supposing the truth of the Scriptures. If Scriptures is supposed to be true, what is evidently deduced from Scriptures is evidently true. And the Marks of the Church are taken from Scriptures.

St. Augustine proposed six marks, St. Jerome two marks, St. Vincent of Lerins three marks. Friedo and Pedro de Soto three others. Cardinal Hosius four. Nicolas Sanders, six. Miguel de Medina, eleven. Gunther of Peter places twelve. St. Robert Bellarmine proposed fifteen marks. All of the above marks may be reduced to the four visible signs mentioned in the Nicene Creed: one, holy, Catholic and apostolic.

Everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.

If, whenever Christ's blood is shed, it is shed for the forgiveness of sins, I, who sin often, should receive it often. I need a frequent remedy.

The sinner is not cast out, he casts himself out.

We avoid the eyes of men, and in God's presence we commit sin.

St. Ambrose

## DEFECTIVE WAY OF TEACHING THEOLOGY.

In his last papal visit to the Philippines, Pope John Paul II mentioned the defective theological training of the seminaries and commanded the Bishops present at Radio Veritas in Fairview to revamp the theological course in the Seminary.

The Bishops's Conference Committee on Seminaries made a

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thorough study of all theological courses in the Philippines and found it defective; defective in that the seminarians become priests without knowing how to go to heaven or enter the Catholic Church.

The Committee further studied the curriculum of other seminaries, both in Rome and in religious houses in an attempt to find a model that they can copy; but found those other curricula defective; defective in that they do not conform to the traditional way found in the ascetical tradition of the Catholic Church.

All the curricula were tainted with the “modernist” heresy. So the Committee on seminaries adopted an old traditional ascetical curricula which was speedily approved by the CBCP. But until now, the approved proposal has not been implemented. Seminarians still graduate and become priests without knowing how to enter the Catholic Church or to go to heaven.

A simple test on ascetical theology will expose this sad state of affairs. It means that seminarians, who by now are priests and bishops, do not know how to establish the Catholic Church in their locality; unless by the grace of God, they had privately studied how it is done. The way cannot be learned from men and, therefore, cannot be learned

from the seminaries and theological schools. Christ, Himself, said so. “This can only be taught by My Father in Heaven.”

## THE APPROVED PROPOSAL ON SEMINARY TRAINING.

The proposal was approved by the CBCP. It was available to all. It was a proposal based on Scriptures, the Fathers and Doctors of the Church. And it was presented in a way based on the Liturgy.

In other words, the entire theological course, consisting in Dogmatic, Moral and Ascetical theology and taught as these truths are presented in the Liturgy using the Words of Christ, will enable the seminarian to teach the people on how to enter the Catholic Church as it is presented in every Sunday Mass.....when they begin preaching as priests.

The priests will only need their own lecture notebooks as the only source of their Sunday preachings.

Of course, before the priests can preach effectively, they must not only understand the teachings of Christ in the spiritual sense. They

must also have practiced what they teach.

What we have here, if the proposed curricula was followed, is that we will have holy priests preaching to people on how to be holy.

We would be having parishes and dioceses of true Catholics.

The approved proposal was never implemented. So what we have are parishes and dioceses that do not have the four visible signs of the true Catholic Church as enumerated in the Nicene Creed.



### *WHAT DO WE DO NOW?*

Be a self made Catholic. First the priest must do this. Then let the priest teach the parishioners how to become self-made Catholics. If the priest is not yet Catholic due to his defective seminary training, then the layman has to be a self-made Catholic.

A self made Catholic priest will already be a great help in the parish. And a self made bishop will be a very great help in the Diocese. By themselves and with the grace of

God they can found a parish and diocese that will have the four visible signs of the true Catholic Church as found in the Nicene Creed; One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

First step: study the commandments of Christ in the New Testament. Skip the Gospel of Mark. Proceed to Matthew. Secondly, study the interpretation of those commands made by the Fathers of the Church, like St. Augustine. A better option is to study all the interpretations of the Fathers as collated by St. Thomas of Aquinas in his *Catena Aurea*. St. Thomas interpreted the four Gospels using the writings of the Fathers of the Church.

Thirdly, put those commands as interpreted by the Fathers into practice.

When you put into practice the interpretation of St. Thomas as taken from *Catena Aurea*, you are putting into practice the Tradition of the Catholic Church or the writings of the Fathers of the Church.

This is working on the fourth visible sign Apostolic. You are putting into practice the teachings of the Apostles ... thus Apostolic.

Having done that, just wait for God to do the rest. And the three other visible signs will appear.

