A Blessed Christmas to All of Our Benefactors and Readers
My dear Catholic people,

As always, I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of our benefactors for their generous contributions to the seminary during the year. Without your help, it would be impossible to carry on this apostolate which is so necessary for the Church.

The seminarians have completed the first trimester of the academic year, and are now taking their trimester examinations. It is a time of stress for them, but one which is necessary in order that they organize the material in their heads. It also gives to the faculty objective evidence concerning their academic performance.

This year my Christmas will be low key, as I will be saying only a low Mass in the morning, and will take a flight on Christmas Day to London, in order to be there for Mass on December 27th. Our London Mass Center is doing quite well. We thank Fr. van Steenbergen of the Institute of Our Mother of Good Counsel and Fr. Trauner, who have been helping out this year in bringing the Holy Mass — Bergoglio-free — to the people of England.

From London I will proceed to France where I will give a small conference in Brittany and also meet with an ex-SSPX priest, now sedevacantist.

From Paris I will proceed to Budapest, where I will give conferences, confer Confirmations, and say Mass.

During the trip, I will be in the company of the people who run True Restoration, notably Stephen Heiner, who is the founder and head, as well as others who do the interviews and who are in charge of production.

The shows which we have produced on True Restoration have been a help to many people. I encourage you to subscribe to it, and to give contributions to it, since it is a very successful means of getting our message out to Catholics all over the world.

Our monthly Francis Watch show, which I do with Father Cekada, draws many thousands of listeners. It has convinced many people of the truth of our position.

Death of Bishop McKenna. In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Robert McKenna O.P., who passed away on December 16th. He was 88 years old.

“Life is bigger than explanations.” Such was Bergoglio’s comment concerning Lutherans’ receiving the Novus Ordo communion wafer, which purports to be the Catholic sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

In November, Bergoglio went to the Lutheran church in Rome for an ecumenical dialogue. In the course of this visit, a woman put to him the question of whether it was permitted that a Lutheran receive the communion wafer in the Novus Ordo church, which purports to be Catholic.

This was Bergoglio’s answer: “I can only respond to your question with a question: what can I do with my husband that the Lord’s Supper might accompany me on my path? It’s a problem that each must answer [for themselves], but a pastor-friend once told me that ‘We believe that the Lord is present there, he is present’ — you believe that the Lord is present. And what’s the difference? There are explanations, interpretations, but life is bigger than explanations and interpretations. Always refer back to your baptism — one faith, one baptism, one Lord: this Paul tells us; and then consequences come later.”

In saying this, Bergoglio reduced the Catholic doctrine of transubstantiation to a mere theological explanation. He is saying essentially this: the Lutherans believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and so do Catholics. The rest — meaning what divides Lutherans and Catholics on this issue — is merely explanations of theologians.

The Council of Trent, however, defined otherwise:

And because that Christ, our Redeemer, declared that which He offered under the species of bread to be truly His own body, therefore has it ever been a firm belief in the Church of God, and this holy Synod doth now declare it anew; that, by the consecration of the bread and of the wine, a conversion is made of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of His blood; which conversion is, by the holy Catholic Church, suitably and properly called Transubstantiation.

If any one says, that, in the sacred and holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, the substance of the bread and wine remains conjointly with the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and denies that wonderful
and singular conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the Body, and of the whole substance of the wine into the Blood — the species only of the bread and wine remaining — which conversion indeed the Catholic Church most aptly calls Transubstantiation; let him be anathema.

**The Catholic doctrine is clear.** Transubstantiation is not some explanation of theologians, but it is part of the sacred canon of defined dogmas of the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore it is defined that the Lutheran explanation of the Holy Eucharist is not merely an alternative theory, but is a heresy.

Once again, therefore, Bergoglio proves himself to be the heretic, by reducing dogma to a theological opinion which admits of other contradictory explanations.

**Bergoglio again condemns Catholic “fundamentalism.”** Also in November, in the airplane returning to Rome from Africa, Bergoglio for the umpteenth time attacked what he calls Catholic “fundamentalists.” He said: “In the Catholic Church we have some – many – who believe they possess the absolute truth and they go on sullying others through slander and defamation and this is wrong. I say this because it is my Church. Religious fundamentalism must be combatted. It is not religious, God is lacking, it is idolatrous.”

Again Bergoglio manifests his heretical spirit. For what is Catholic dogma except absolute truth? If someone does not believe that Catholic dogmas are absolute truths, that is, truths that never change, then he is not a Catholic. The words “dogma” and “absolute” go necessarily together.

We have seen Bergoglio, however, attack the notion of dogma in many other places. Criticism of “rigid” Catholics for him is an idée fixe. He cannot get it out of his mind.

**Birth control devices.** In the same airplane ride, Bergoglio was asked about the use of birth control devices. He flippantly compared the question to the pharisees’ objection to Christ’s healing on the sabbath day, clearly relegating to pharisaism the notion that the use of birth control devices would be wrong. This is what he said:

There is a greater problem than this: this question makes me think of the question they once asked Jesus: tell me Master, is it acceptable to heal on a Saturday? Healing is obligatory! Malnutrition, exploitation, slave labor, the lack of drinking water, these are the problems. We’re not talking about which plaster we should use for which wound. The great injustice is social injustice, the great injustice is malnutrition. I don’t like making such casuistic reflections when there are people dying because of a lack of water and hunger.

Bergoglio falsely compares the use of birth control devices, which is intrinsically evil and always a mortal sin, to “healing.” Why is it healing? Because birth control devices prevent AIDS.

Consequently Bergoglio approves of the ever condemned principle of the end justifying the means. The good end of preserving someone’s health supposedly justifies the intrinsically evil act of perverting God’s plan of procreation. Bergoglio ridicules as pharisaism any objection to his moral heresy.

It would be necessary to conclude that the Roman Catholic Church has been pharisaical in its teaching for two thousand years.

There is a single way in which to preserve the health of people, and it is *abstinence*. Those who are infected with venereal diseases must abstain from any procreational acts. It is very simple. Not only does the approval of the use of birth control devices violate the natural law, but it also promotes sexual promiscuity in a land which needs to learn chastity and purity.

Bergoglio just turned 79. Many are hoping for his death and a new conclave. The real death to hope for, however, is the death of Vatican II, which like an insect queen, can produce a thousand Bergoglio’s.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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1 The Lutheran doctrine concerning the Holy Eucharist is what is specifically condemned as heresy by Trent, namely, that there is in the Eucharist *both* the substance of bread *and* the Body of Christ. Ratzinger holds to the Lutheran doctrine, and Bergoglio refers to the Catholic dogma as an “explanation.” Yet no conservative Novus Ordite or SSPXer will accuse these men of heresy.
At Long Last – A Catholic Cemetery

We have applied to Hernando County for approval of a cemetery on the seminary grounds. The pictures here illustrate the four-acre cemetery, which can hold 1250 deceased persons. The cemetery will be one of very few in the country which will be truly consecrated ground. Most once Catholic cemeteries are desecrated because of the Novus Ordo policy of burying non-Catholics and other unworthy people in them. There will be a special section for clergy, and a special section of unconsecrated ground for unbaptized infants.