

*What We Believe... Why We Believe It*

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## **Darkness to Light—Part II**

In the last issue of this series, I focused on two things: who is responsible for the homosexual network in the priesthood, and how the Neo-Modernists robbed us all of a good catechetical education. Let's begin by looking deeper into who's responsible.

Certainly blame can be laid at the feet of our hierarchy, from popes on down to the local bishops. While only a few have been guilty of active participation in this mess, others are guilty by their silence. I'm sure they told themselves they wanted to avoid scandal, but at the end of the day it was pure cowardice. I know it was that way for me.

Men of the priesthood are equally responsible. Obviously some are homosexuals and active participants, but most simply kept silent. Again, they wanted to avoid scandal, but in actuality it was pure cowardice.

What of the laity? Do we share in responsibility here? You betcha! First of all, many of us knew about homosexuals in the priesthood, but we did nothing. I'm ashamed to tell you I've known since the early '90s. Like bishops and priests, I told myself I wanted to avoid scandal, but it was actually pure cowardice. I'm a weak and sinful man. But what about those laymen who didn't know, despite all the signs were there?

As I wrote last week, Neo-Modernists intentionally dumbed-down catechesis to keep us ignorant, because the wool can be pulled over the eyes of an ignorant laity. A well-catechized laity couldn't have been fooled and would have recognized all the signs that something was wrong. So in that respect, culpability is greatly reduced for most lay people. Unfortunately, I'm not one of them. But there's still plenty of guilt to be laid at the feet of an ill-catechized laity.

God made the human mind to know truth. Because of this, it is our task to constantly seek divinely revealed truth. "But, Joe, I'm not a theologian, priest or catechist. It's not fair for you to put that on me." Sure it is, and I'll tell you why.

What is the first great commandment? It's to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. So God is and must be the most important Being in your life. He's more important than your spouse, your kids, your job... anything! If you aren't committed to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, you really need to re-examine your priorities in life. After all, you can't even breath without God.

Because you are to love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, you are just as obligated to seek the fullness of truth as theologians, priests or catechists at all times. And the fullness of divinely revealed truth exists only in the Roman Catholic Church. So despite that Neo-Mod-

ernists robbed us of a good catechetical education, we still had an obligation to verify that what we were taught was true, find out what we weren't taught, and confront those who would mislead us. If you didn't do that (and few of us did), there are only two logical explanations why we didn't: either we don't place God first in our lives, or we're simply too lazy to care.

Now it's time for you to commit a little robbery of your own. It's time to defeat your laziness and rob yourself of the catechetical ignorance that was perpetrated on you by Neo-Modernists, replacing it with knowledge of our holy and ancient faith. The obvious question to that is how? Where do you start? There are several ways, actually.

You could always start with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Despite that this is a beautiful document, it is admittedly as much of a page-turner as a textbook on nuclear physics. Furthermore, since it was written primarily for bishops, priests, deacons, theologians and catechists, it often creates almost as many questions for a thinking laity as it answers. So the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* may not be your best option to begin, but it's still a great option.

Books from good solid publishers such as Ignatius Press and TAN Books are great resources, but they are really more for supplemental information on specific topics. Still, it's a great way to go.

I'll tell you what I would do if I were you. Forget about your weekly Bible study group. It's feckless to have a Bible study group when participants don't know the fundamentals of our faith anyway. Instead, turn your Bible study group into a Church teaching study group. Once you learn all the fundamentals of the faith, *then* go back to studying the Bible.

Don't belong to a study group, or your group isn't interested in learning divinely revealed truth? Then start your own group! Get a group of people together and agree upon a way to systematically learn our faith. Then implement it and stick to it.

I'll tell you what, I'm so intent at helping you learn our holy and ancient faith that, if you'll put a group together, I'll use the magic of the internet to come to you over a computer and teach your group live. We'll open the mics and cameras (despite that I have a face made for radio), and you can ask and get answered any question pertaining what we are studying at the time.

Although I've only taught over the internet for a couple of years, I've been teaching for 30 years. No one ever yawns during my classes, they're lively, and they're challenging. In fact, I can teach an hour and you'll think I've only been at it fifteen minutes! Don't expect "nice Catholicism" or political correctness, as they are diametrically opposed to truth. I don't use them.

As far as my *bonafides*, I'm a consecrated member of the Marian Catechist Apostolate, under the immediate direction of Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. I've undergone rigorous training, and over the last 30 years the Holy Spirit has used me to make hundreds of converts... 84 of whom are my adult godchildren. So I have a little bit of experience.

Why am I pushing this? Because we've got to get serious about our faith so they can't pull the wool over our eyes again, and so we can fight the devil on his own turf: our society in its current godless culture. We need this so we can do as Ven. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said: "*Who is going to save our Church? Not our Bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to the people. You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops like bishops and your religious act like religious.*" So contact me today through the "Ask Joe" page at [JoeSixpackAnswers.com](http://JoeSixpackAnswers.com). and let's learn What We Believe... Why We Believe It.