

Dear Faithful,

May God bless all of you. This Holy Mass is celebrated for the good of your souls and for all of your relatives living and dead.

Today we celebrate, with the whole of Holy Mother Church, the First Sunday of Advent. Today we begin the preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord, and at the same time a new liturgical year begins; a year which will bring the hundredth anniversaries of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima.

Our Lady, in her immense charity, spoke to men in that year, 1917, in which the Communist Revolution in Russia was exploding. That great scourge which was going to cost the world 60 million deaths was beginning; a scourge which today has changed its economic practices while keeping its principles.

When the Most Holy Virgin announced her messages to the children at Fatima, she asked men to pray, she asked the popes to consecrate the world and Russia to her Immaculate Heart and if they didn't do it then Russia would spread its errors around the world.

Some will say: "Communism doesn't exist anymore."

Our answer to those people is, "Heaven is never wrong."

The sacred voice of the Most Holy Virgin clearly said: "will spread her errors." They have been spread before our eyes.

Those errors are the ones which are gnawing away at our societies without the need of rifles to impose them.

When the powers that be sat down to decide the fate of countries Russia was sitting there. Nowadays when the big problems are dis-cussed, Russia can veto the solutions. What did Russia do to earn these rights? Was it the blood of its innocent dead or its principles that were condemned by the Church? When it earned, those rights Communism were in its prime.

It is not our intention to talk about politics; we wouldn't know how. Our duty is to teach the Truth of the Gospel and the Faith and to teach the morality which flows from that Truth.

But just for that reason our societies are suffering a profound malady which rejects the teaching of the Truth of the Gospel and its Moral Law.

It's logical that our countries are disturbed and the world falls downhill from one war into the next because it rejected Him Who said "I am your Peace" He said it and He is the only one who has the power to give it

What are the errors that Communism has spread?

How has Communism occupied and how does it occupy the West even today?

Communism has occupied the lifestyle of our cultures and has slowly been changing the way of thinking because when men don't live the way they think then end up thinking the way they live.

What are these ways of thinking, what are these ideas?

The first is materialism - the most important thing in life is "stuff". "Stuff" monopolizes all man's attention, all his efforts and his whole life. To have, to have a lot, to have so we won't suffer, to avoid all suffering whatsoever.

The second is hedonism. If the most important thing is material things, goods, comfort, and wealth, then that necessarily pushes man to the pursuit of pleasure. If man is not in Grace, if he doesn't live close to God, if he isn't looking to imitate our Divine Savior, then little by little he will look for the exact opposite and from pleasures he will go on to sins or to passions beyond any control.

Third: The destruction of marriage and the family: It's the logical consequence of the last two ideas. If people only care about material things and wealth, if the virtues that require effort are uncomfortable, if Christ Our Lord invites us to take up the Cross and the World says to us: "Just have fun, enjoy, eat, drink, and make merry" and men prefer the voice of the World, then marriage and family become inconvenient. Free relationships, changeable, temporary, passing relationships, are more in agreement with that new, novel way of thinking and living.

Now they don't even respect the normality which God thought and willed for men and, looking for pleasure at any price, they accept any disorder and any immorality. Then from the disorder they move on to the law. From the conduct, which God considers degenerate they move on to civil laws made by men who take God's place and say: "This isn't a sin, this is just as right as what you do."

Fourth: The denial of God. Materialism and hedonism lead to the denial of moral law. Sacred Scripture says that what caused Sodom and Gomorra's downfall along with the other three cities of sinners was "the beauty of their daughters, and the abundance of goods."

If the moral law is bothersome and becomes an obstacle for doing whatever they like, then they need to emancipate themselves from Him Who established the moral law and from the Church who requires it of us on earth. If we deny God then there won't be moral law any more, if we deny Holy Church then no one will be around to require its fulfillment.

But what are we going to do with the Catholics, with the believers? All we have to do is convince them that all religions with their gods all have the same rights. Don't we realize that giving equal rights to all the so-called gods is the same as taking all the rights away from all of them? Isn't that like saying that there isn't any one true God?

Don't we see that putting all religions on the same level is the same as saying that one's Truth is worth as much as another's error?

The fifth idea: If we deny God, then everything about human life falls apart, the ultimate foundation of all rights and laws, the respect between men and the key of all social coexistence disappears.

The fifth idea of practical Communism which is invading our society is the destruction of liberty. Some will say: "But we are free! What is freedom? Freedom is the moral capacity to act within the boundaries of good. Moral correctness is the only territory wherein freedom operates. Outside of good and outside of order there is no liberty but only libertine immorality and the destruction of liberty, there's only slavery and subjugation. To talk, to think, to say, to write, to teach against objective good-ness and order is to kill freedom and to do away with free men.

The sixth idea: Now that men don't know what freedom is and what they can use it for it's natural for them to seek to escape anything and everything that's uncomfortable to them. Hence couples and pleasure but without marriage and without children. Hence abortion so that they can eliminate the children so they won't have to take any pains to care for them. Hence enough with sick people and uncomfortable old people who take up young people's time. Hence callous and savage euthanasia disguised as a dignified death.

This idea finds its full realization in slow death by drugs which drag their victims from one to the next in their craze for greater pleasures.

Beyond a doubt, our societies live as if they were Communist believing that they are free and democratic.

What is the fundamental error in all of this?

The one we mentioned a moment ago. Freedom doesn't mean the absence of boundaries; it is the ability to do good. It is a quality of rational beings and reason is the daughter of truth and truth is that which good declares that we may love and we may seek.

We know truth because of the intellect that God gave us. Through it we know what things are, their nature, their way of being, their purpose, what they're for, what we may use them for and how.

Nobody crosses the train track while the train is going by, that's common sense, nevertheless man uses creatures and uses him-self causing damage and damaging himself, making others sick and making himself sick. Offending others and offending God.

We live in a world invented for pleasure and sin, for enriching those who offer entertainment and enslaving those who are entertained so that those who don't want us to reach God will triumph.

Those are the ideas of disorder, of material-ism, atheism, and antichristianity. Don't those ideas belong to Communism?

There's no blood in the streets as there was during the Communist revolutions but the blood of unborn children, of the discarded elderly and corrupted youth is flowing.

What is the solution?

The respect for Christian values. There isn't anything else. If any religion could be used to save us, then Jesus Christ would not have died to found ours. If natural values were enough, if it were enough to not have smog and respect the ecosystem then Grace, the Sacraments, Holy Church, all the things which were born from the open side of Our Lord wouldn't be necessary.

We were born for Heaven, not to live and die like animals. It's something which we should write with fire in our souls, in our families and in the young.

We live in a world of inverted values.

The parents' task is to teach the true values every day and by their example which is the best school for children.

It is the great task of all rulers: To establish and re-establish order upon good, to give rights only to goodness and truth. It is the whole life of priests and religious, to point to Heaven with their very lives, to sustain everyone in the search for good. To be men who every day seek to give glory to God Who is the only one who can deserve it.

These are the graces which we will ask God Our Lord for during this Holy Mass.

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