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ST. EUGENE

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Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Entrance is located at SW corner of Rectory

WEBSITES

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REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

DEVOTIONS

Recitation of the Rosary is Monday – Saturday at 7:25 a.m. in the Cathedral

Chaplet of Divine Mercy is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

CATHEDRAL SHOPS

Cathedral Thrift Shop Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cathedral Books & Gifts Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 22, 2023

PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 22

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00,
1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm
RCIA – PLC – 10:30 am
Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

MONDAY JANUARY 23

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

TUESDAY JANUARY 24

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Women of the Word – PLC – 9:00 am
PSR – School – 3:45 pm
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am
Baptism Class – PLC (Charity Rm) – 5:00 pm
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm
Bible Study – PLC – 7:00 pm

THURSDAY JANUARY 26

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

FRIDAY JANUARY 27

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

SATURDAY JANUARY 28

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am
Confession – Cathedral 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm
(Spanish)

SECOND COLLECTION INFORMATION

~ THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA ~

This weekend, January 21 & 22, the Second Collection will be for the Church in Latin America. This money helps fund Catholic education and foster religious vocations from Mexico to the Caribbean to the Southern tip of South America. Next weekend, January 28 & 29, the Second Collection will be for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

~ K of C TO HONOR MILITARY ~

Are you currently, or were you in the past, a member of our Armed Forces? If so, the Knights of Columbus would like to honor you! Our latest project is to update the sign in the PLC that honors our veterans. We would like to include all St. Eugene's parishioners who serve, or have served, our country. Forms are available for you to fill out in the Parish Office and in our Gift Shop/Bookstore. Please return the form to either of those locations by February 15th. For more information, please call Dan Ramos at: 707-217-1858.

Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

ADMINISTRATION

For the Week of 01/8/23

Sunday Donations Received:	\$16,239.
Second Collection: Homeless Appeal	\$4,650.

~ CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS ~

January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. The mystery and beauty of the Name of Jesus should be shrouded in silence and reverence, therefore, to respect this reverence, in January, our modest and beautiful veils are on sale at 25% off all month. They are all breathtaking in their colors, softness, and intricate patterns. Start the New Year with the understated beauty and modesty of a veil and buy the one that you've always wanted. We have an extensive Spanish language section, as well, so please, let your Spanish-speaking friends know! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Call us at: 542-0250.

~2022 CHARITABLE DONATION LIST~

St. Eugene's greatly appreciates your donations to the Cathedral. A year-end list of donations suitable for tax purposes is provided to registered parishioners. Please note that year-end donation lists are sent **upon request only**. Email your requests to bookkeeper@steugenes.com, leave a message at 707-852-0376, or come to the parish office. Let us know if you want your statement mailed or emailed.

~UPDATE YOUR RECORDS ~

Have you changed your address? Phone number? Email address? Have new family members since you registered in the parish? Have your children grown up and left home? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know your changes so that we can update your parishioner record. Email changes to maria@steugenes.com or call her at 542-6984, extension 10.

SCHOOL NEWS

~CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK~

Please join us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week starting next Sunday, January 29th., with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Vasa at 10:30 am and followed by an Open House at the school/preschool from 10:00 am -12:30 pm and a pancake breakfast in the Becker Center from 8:00 am – 12:00 noon. Enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice and coffee for only \$10 per person. Please join us! For more information, please go to: www.steugenesch.org or call (707) 545-7252.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 21
8:00 am	William Avilla, deceased
4:30 pm	Thomas Patrick, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Familia Jimenez Garcia, living
Sunday	January 22
7:30 am	Brian Campbell, deceased
9:00 am	Richard Anthony Macdonell, deceased
10:30 am	People of the Diocese
12:00 pm	People of St. Eugene's
1:30 pm (EF)	Familia Rodriguez-Duran, living
5:30 pm	Everick James Montilliano, deceased
6:00pm Newman Ctr.	Pauline Goslovich, living
Monday	January 23
6:45 am	Respect Life and Protection of the unborn
8:00 am	For all unborn children
Tuesday	January 24
6:45 am	George Skikos, deceased
8:00 am	Roberto Gomez, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Dr. Howard Whitcraft, deceased
Wednesday	January 25
6:45 am	Rosemarie Dalton, living
8:00 am	Devlin & Reilly Families, living & deceased
9:20 am (Sch)	Noah Huerta-Miller, living
Thursday	January 26
6:45 am	Millie Plagge, living
8:00 am	Anne & John Renfree, living
Friday	January 27
6:45 am	Elizabeth Tallman, deceased
8:00 am	Carol Gore, deceased
12:00 pm (Hosp)	Lisa Tran, living
Saturday	January 28
8:00 am	Elizabeth Tallman, deceased
4:30 pm	Deborah J. Drewes, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Familia Jimenez Garcia, living

~ICF SCHOLARSHIPS~

The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) is offering scholarships to high school graduates (class of 2023). You are eligible to apply if you are a Catholic, have any Italian ancestry and a GPA of at least 3.20. See your school counselor for an application or go to www.ICF.org.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

~PRAY THE ROSARY~

Just a reminder that every morning, Monday-Saturday, the Rosary is prayed in the Cathedral at 7:25 am. We also gather every Wednesday, at 6:00 pm, at our Fatima Grotto to pray this most powerful of prayers. Please join us!

~ CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF~

Nicodemus Vera Margarita Vera

Maria de La Torre

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

~SINGLES POTLUCK~

Please join us as we hold our first potluck for Singles! Starting on Saturday, Feb. 4th, and on the first Saturday evening of every month thereafter, we will meet in the Parish Life Center immediately following the 4:30 pm Mass (5:30 pm). Each meeting will begin with us praying the Rosary. We will then discuss the Faith, marriage and the importance of discerning one's vocation. Then, we'll enjoy a potluck dinner and mingle! We will likely end our meeting by or before 7:30 pm. *For more information and to sign up for a dish/drink/dessert to share, please call Deborah Jones at: 310-600-2359.*

IN MEMORIAM

†Wynn Hayes†

Please remember Wynn Hayes and his family and friends in your prayers. He passed away on 1-2-23. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him." *May he rest in peace.*

†William Joseph Ruhl†

Please remember William Joseph Ruhl and his family and friends in your prayers. He passed away on 1-5-23. "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him." *May he rest in peace.*

~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales, Nick Sidjakov, Sandi Picconi, Margaret Keifer, Joan Cosgrove and Denise Ealy.

The bulletin submission deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. We reserve the right to edit or omit items. E-mail items to: office@steugenes.com.

MY CATHOLIC FAITH

CHURCH UNITY & ECUMENISM

~FROM THE PASTOR~

In our second reading, taken from 1 Corinthians 1, 10-13, 17, we read: "I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." Paul is telling us that the Church is called to be unified; Christ established **one** Church, (headed by **one** shepherd who in turn leads **one** flock.) How sad that Christianity has become so splintered! Beginning with the errors of Luther and continuing on through the centuries with the erroneous teachings of, to name just a few, John Wesley (Methodism), Joseph Smith (Mormons) and Mary Baker Eddy (Christian Science), most denominations claim to be the one, true church. Of course, we know that they cannot all teach the absolute truth, for they all contradict each other in one way or another. Logic tells us that either all of the various Christian churches are false or one is true. As Catholics, we maintain that Catholicism contains the fullness of Truth and was indeed established by Jesus Himself. We need to remember that all religions are not equal. To say, "each religion offers a path to salvation" is false. The only way that a person can be saved is through the Catholic Church. Sound un-ecumenical? Well, let's take a look at what constitutes true ecumenism vs. false ecumenism and then, the beliefs of "universalism" and "indifferentism". In Catholic author, Matt Abbott's article, "What is Ecumenism" we read ...

~ECUMENISM: TRUE vs FALSE~

"Ecumenism is a vital mission of the Church that needs to be understood more fully and correctly, especially as we enter this ostensibly pivotal third millennium. Does ecumenism require Catholics to compromise their faith? The answer lies in whether we are talking about authentic ecumenism or false ecumenism. " ... [t]here is such a thing as authentic ecumenism -- and it is essential for Christian unity. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Christ bestowed unity on His Church from the beginning. This unity, we believe, subsists in the Catholic Church as something she can never lose, and we hope that it will continue to increase until the

end of time. Christ always gives His Church the gift of unity, but the Church must always pray and work to maintain, reinforce, and perfect the unity that Christ will for her.... The desire to recover the unity of all Christians is a gift of Christ and a call of the Holy Spirit" (n. 820). In *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, Pope John Paul II also speaks of the urgent need for Christian unity: "By the year 2000 we need to be more united, more willing to advance along the path toward the unity for which Christ prayed on the eve of His Passion. This unity is enormously precious. In a certain sense, the future of the world is at stake. The future of the Kingdom of God in the world is at stake."

~OUTSIDE THE CHURCH ...~

"So why is ecumenism so controversial? One central issue is the oft-misinterpreted and misrepresented teaching *extra ecclesiam nulla salus* ("outside the Church there is no salvation"). The Catechism quotes Vatican II's *Lumen Gentium* on this subject: "Basing itself on Scripture and Tradition, the council teaches that the Church, a pilgrim now on earth, is necessary for salvation.... Hence they could not be saved who, knowing that the Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or remain in it. This affirmation is not aimed at those who, through no fault of their own, do not know Christ and His Church" (nn. 846-847). The Catechism goes on to quote Vatican II's teaching on what is known as Baptism of desire: Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or His Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and, moved by grace, try in their actions to do His will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience -- those too may achieve eternal salvation" (n. 847). And in its section on Baptism, the Catechism teaches what is known as Baptism of blood: "The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament" (n. 1258). In summary, we know that everyone's salvation -- Catholic and non-Catholic -- is through the Catholic Church, either as

faithful members of the Church (Baptism of water), or as persons who give their life for Christ (Baptism of blood), or who would belong to the Catholic Church if they knew it was the one, true Church founded by Jesus Christ (Baptism of desire)."

~FALSE ECUMENISM~

"Now there also is such a thing as false ecumenism, which seeks to promote religious indifferentism (all religions are of equal value and therefore it doesn't matter which one you belong to), universalism (the heretical belief that all people are saved), and syncretism (the combining of various beliefs and practices of different religions as a "compromise"). But none of these are taught -- and could never be taught -- by the Church or the Vicar of Christ. Yes, it is (unfortunately) true that some Catholics go too far in this arena and end up promoting erroneous doctrines and ideologies instead of authentic ecumenical dialog." By: Matt Abbott. To read the entire article, please go to: <http://www.catholic.org/featured/headline.php?ID=635> Used with permission.

UNIVERSALISM

~A HERESY~

"What is universalism? The belief that "everyone will eventually be saved no matter what." Semi-universalism is "we hope and believe that everyone will be saved no matter what." In other words, semi-universalism is universalism for those who don't have the guts to be universalists. Universalism is a heresy because it is a half truth. Christ did die for all, but the universalist only holds on to that part of the truth. He denies the other half of the full truth, that not everyone will accept that grace and therefore some will go to hell. It is a sentimentalist heresy because it is based not on clear thinking or logic or the authority of Church teaching or the catechism or the Sacred Scriptures, for there is no support anywhere for universalism in the Catholic faith. Instead it is based on people's longing to be nice and 'not hurt anyone's feelings' and the syrupy sentiment that, "God is too loving to send anyone to hell."

~CATASTROPHIC RESULTS~

The effects of universalism on the church are catastrophic. It's not real hard to understand. People aren't dumb. If everyone is going to be saved, then why bother to go to church? If everyone is going to be saved there is no such thing as mortal sin. If everyone is going to be saved there is no need for

evangelism. If everyone is going to be saved there is no need to feed the hungry, become a priest, build the church and become a saint. Of all the various Hydra heads of modernism, universalism is probably the most insidious and diabolical and destructive of them all. It is a wolf in sheep's clothing. It's sweetness and light and sentimentality and underneath it's poison. " Standing On My Head, by Fr. Dwight Longenecker. For complete article go to: <http://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=43802>

RELIGIOUS INDIFFERENTISM

~AGAIN, A HERESY~

"The Catholic Church condemns indifferentism in the name of reason, of the Sacred Scriptures, and of Christian tradition. The god of indifferentism is not a God to be adored by rational men. God is Essential, Absolute and Eternal Truth; He is likewise Essential, Absolute and Eternal Holiness. A God of Truth and Holiness, He cannot be equally pleased with truth and error, with good and evil. To assert, therefore, that God does not care what men believe, is indeed blasphemous. A man indifferent to truth--a liar, in other words,--cannot have the respect of his fellows. A God indifferent to truth could not demand the homage of thinking men. No wonder, then, that those who formed so low a concept of the Deity finally denied Him altogether. Indifferentism is merely atheism in disguise. To declare all religions equally true, or that their differences are immaterial, is to deny objective truth altogether with the pragmatist--a denial which is the curse of our age." by Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C.S.P, 1929, For complete article, go to: <http://catholicharboroffaithandmorals.com/The%20Heresy%20of%20Indifferentism.html>

~THE TRUTH DOES NOT CHANGE~

"Let us note that the very tradition, teaching, and faith of the Catholic Church from the beginning was preached by the Apostles and preserved by the Fathers. On this the Church was founded; and if anyone departs from this, he neither is, nor any longer ought to be called, a Christian." — St. Athanasius

"Truth never changes. It cannot be destroyed by any decision or legal act."

— Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko

MI FE CATOLICA

~DEL PASTOR~

~UNIDAD DE LA IGLESIA Y ECUMENISMO~

En nuestra segunda lectura, tomada de 1 Corintios 1, 10-13, 17, leemos: "Os ruego, hermanos, en nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que todos estéis de acuerdo en lo que dicen, y que no haya divisiones entre vosotros, sino que estéis unidos en una misma mente y en un mismo propósito." Pablo nos está diciendo que la Iglesia está llamada a estar unida; Cristo estableció una sola Iglesia, (encabezada por un solo pastor que a su vez dirige un solo rebaño.) ¡Qué triste que el cristianismo se haya dividido tanto! Comenzando con los errores de Lutero y continuando a través de los siglos con las enseñanzas erróneas de, por nombrar sólo algunos, John Wesley (Metodismo), Joseph Smith (Mormones) y Mary Baker Eddy (Ciencia Cristiana), la mayoría de las denominaciones afirman ser la única y verdadera iglesia. Por supuesto, sabemos que no todas pueden enseñar la verdad absoluta, ya que todas se contradicen entre sí de una manera u otra. La lógica nos dice que o todas las iglesias cristianas son falsas o una es la verdadera. Como católicos, sostenemos que el catolicismo contiene la plenitud de la Verdad y que, de hecho, fue establecido por el propio Jesús. Debemos recordar que no todas las religiones son iguales. Decir que "cada religión ofrece un camino hacia la salvación" es falso. La única forma en que una persona puede salvarse es a través de la Iglesia Católica. ¿Le parece poco ecuménico? Bueno, echemos un vistazo a lo que constituye el verdadero ecumenismo frente al falso ecumenismo y, a continuación, a las creencias del "universalismo" y el "indiferentismo". En el artículo del autor católico, Matt Abbott, "Qué es el Ecumenismo" leemos ...

~ECUMENISMO: VERDADERO vs FALSO~

"El ecumenismo es una misión vital de la Iglesia que necesita ser entendida más completa y correctamente, especialmente cuando entramos en este ostensiblemente crucial tercer milenio. ¿Requiere el ecumenismo que los católicos comprometan su fe? La respuesta está en si hablamos de auténtico ecumenismo o de falso ecumenismo."... existe el auténtico ecumenismo, y es esencial para la unidad de los cristianos. Como afirma el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica: "Cristo ha dado la unidad a su Iglesia desde el principio. Esta unidad, creemos, subsiste en la Iglesia católica como algo que nunca puede perder, →

y esperamos que siga aumentando hasta el fin de los tiempos. Cristo da siempre a su Iglesia el don de la unidad, pero la Iglesia debe rezar y trabajar siempre para mantener, reforzar y perfeccionar la unidad que Cristo quiere para ella.... El deseo de recuperar la unidad de todos los cristianos es un don de Cristo y una llamada del Espíritu Santo" (n. 820). En Cruzar el umbral de la esperanza, el Papa Juan Pablo II habla también de la urgente necesidad de la unidad de los cristianos: "En el año 2000 necesitamos estar más unidos, más dispuestos a avanzar por el camino hacia la unidad por la que Cristo oró la víspera de su Pasión. Esta unidad es enormemente preciosa. En cierto sentido, está en juego el futuro del mundo. Está en juego el futuro del Reino de Dios en el mundo".

~FUERA DE LA IGLESIA ...~

"¿Por qué es tan controvertido el ecumenismo? Una cuestión central es la enseñanza extra ecclesiam nulla salus ("fuera de la Iglesia no hay salvación"), a menudo mal interpretada y tergiversada. El Catecismo cita la Lumen Gentium del Vaticano II sobre este tema: "Basándose en la Escritura y en la Tradición, el Concilio enseña que la Iglesia, peregrina ahora en la tierra, es necesaria para la salvación.... Por tanto, no podrían salvarse quienes, sabiendo que la Iglesia católica fue fundada como necesaria por Dios por medio de Cristo, se negaran a entrar en ella o a permanecer en ella. Esta afirmación no se dirige a quienes, sin culpa suya, no conocen a Cristo y a su Iglesia" (nn. 846-847). A continuación, el Catecismo cita la enseñanza del Vaticano II sobre el llamado Bautismo de deseo: "También quienes, sin culpa alguna, no conocen el Evangelio de Cristo ni su Iglesia, pero buscan a Dios con corazón sincero y, movidos por la gracia, se esfuerzan con sus acciones por cumplir su voluntad, tal como la conocen por los dictados de su conciencia, pueden alcanzar la salvación eterna" (n. 847). Y en su sección sobre el Bautismo, el Catecismo enseña lo que se conoce como Bautismo de sangre: "La Iglesia ha tenido siempre la firme convicción de que los que sufren la muerte por causa de la fe sin haber recibido el Bautismo, son bautizados por su muerte por y con Cristo. Este Bautismo de sangre, como el deseo del Bautismo, realiza los frutos del Bautismo sin ser sacramento" (n. 1258). En resumen, sabemos que la salvación de todos -católicos y no católicos- pasa por la Iglesia católica, ya sea como →

miembros fieles de la Iglesia (Bautismo de agua), o como personas que dan su vida por Cristo (Bautismo de sangre), o que pertenecerían a la Iglesia católica si supieran que es la única y verdadera Iglesia fundada por Jesucristo (Bautismo de deseo)".

~FALSO ECUMENISMO~

"Ahora bien, también existe el falso ecumenismo, que trata de promover el indiferentismo religioso (todas las religiones tienen el mismo valor y, por tanto, no importa a cuál pertenezcas), el universalismo (la creencia herética de que todas las personas se salvan) y el sincretismo (la combinación de varias creencias y prácticas de diferentes religiones como un "compromiso"). Pero ninguno de estos son enseñados -- y nunca podrían ser enseñados -- por la Iglesia o el Vicario de Cristo. Sí, es (desgraciadamente) cierto que algunos católicos van demasiado lejos en este terreno y acaban promoviendo doctrinas e ideologías erróneas en lugar de un auténtico diálogo ecuménico." Por: Matt Abbott.

UNIVERSALISMO

~UNA HEREJÍA~

"¿Qué es el universalismo? La creencia de que "todo el mundo acabará salvándose pase lo que pase". El semiuniversalismo es "esperamos y creemos que todos se salvarán pase lo que pase". En otras palabras, el semiuniversalismo es el universalismo para aquellos que no tienen las agallas de ser universalistas. El universalismo es una herejía porque es una verdad a medias. Cristo murió por todos, pero el universalista sólo se aferra a esa parte de la verdad. Niega la otra mitad de la verdad completa, que no todos aceptarán esa gracia y por lo tanto algunos irán al infierno. Es una herejía sentimentalista porque no se basa en el pensamiento claro o en la lógica o en la autoridad de la enseñanza de la Iglesia o del catecismo o de las Sagradas Escrituras, porque no hay apoyo en ninguna parte para el universalismo en la fe católica. En cambio, se basa en el anhelo de la gente de ser amable y "no herir los sentimientos de nadie" y en el sentimiento enmielado de que "Dios es demasiado amoroso para enviar a nadie al infierno".

~RESULTADOS CATASTRÓFICOS~

Los efectos del universalismo en la iglesia son catastróficos. No es difícil de entender. La gente no es tonta. Si todo el mundo se va a salvar,

entonces ¿por qué molestarse en ir a la iglesia? Si todo el mundo se va a salvar no existe el pecado mortal. Si todo el mundo se va a salvar no hay necesidad de evangelismo. Si todo el mundo se va a salvar no hay necesidad de alimentar a los hambrientos, hacerse sacerdote, construir la iglesia y convertirse en santo. De todas las cabezas de hidra del modernismo, el universalismo es probablemente la más insidiosa, diabólica y destructiva de todas. Es un lobo con piel de cordero. Es dulzura y ligereza y sentimentalismo y por debajo es veneno. "De pie sobre mi cabeza, por el P. Dwight Longenecker.

INDIFERENCIA RELIGIOSA

~DE NUEVO, UNA HEREJÍA~

"La Iglesia católica condena el indiferentismo en nombre de la razón, de las Sagradas Escrituras y de la tradición cristiana. El dios del indiferentismo no es un Dios que deba ser adorado por los hombres racionales. Dios es Verdad Esencial, Absoluta y Eterna. Santidad Absoluta y Eterna. Un Dios de Verdad y Santidad, no puede complacerse por igual con la verdad y el error, con el bien y el mal. Afirmar, por lo tanto, que a Dios no le importa lo que crean los hombres, es ciertamente blasfemo. Un hombre indiferente a la verdad, un mentiroso, en otras palabras, no puede tener el respeto de sus semejantes. Un Dios indiferente a la verdad no podría exigir el homenaje de los hombres pensantes. No es de extrañar, entonces, que aquellos que se formaron un concepto tan bajo de la Deidad finalmente lo negaran por completo. El indiferentismo no es más que ateísmo disfrazado. Declarar que todas las religiones son igualmente verdaderas, o que sus diferencias son inmateriales, es negar completamente la verdad objetiva con el pragmatismo, una negación que es la maldición de nuestra época", por el Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C.S.P., 1929.

~LA VERDAD NO CAMBIA~

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