

“Scandals and The Cross” by Guy Murphy 8/29/2018 (See www.MEDJ1.com, “The Popes Corner”)

TRAGEDY: The news was filled this past week with people who betrayed the trust they received from Jesus Christ and abused minors and others. Pope Francis wrote an important letter to all the People of God about the serious issue. “We are many members of one Body” (1 Corinthians 12:12) Pope Francis reminds us that “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it.” (1 Corinthians 12:26) The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain. The pope guides us on constructively looking into the past and looking ahead to the future. Pope Francis calls the entire Body of Christ to “Prayer and Fasting”. We are all invited to read the Pope’s entire letter.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>

Is this going to cause people to leave the Church? When Judas betrayed Jesus Christ, it led to the scandal of the Cross. Many people left Jesus alone. St. John, the Blessed Mother and others drew closer to Jesus even though it was not politically correct to do so.

Many People are upset: Bishop Barron called the scandals “A diabolic masterpiece.”

What can we do? Be not afraid! Jesus Christ is with His Church! We encourage everyone in our Lady’s army to:

#1. Review and renew your relationship with Jesus Christ. The best way to do this is to consecrate yourself to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She will gently and surely lead you into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. God sent Her to tell us in Fatima that “The Holy Father will have much to suffer.” Our Lady reminds us that this is a time of great graces. It is time for us to convert more & become the Super Saints of these times.

#2. Be aware of fake News: As people of God we must be aware of the importance of protecting God’s Children and also realize that Jesus Christ and His Church have real enemies. We cannot pretend that all the “Accusers of the Brothers” (Revelations 12:10) are honest. The Prince of this World will always use Fake News to attack the Body of Christ. The most effective way to do this is to attack Jesus’ Vicar who is Pope Francis. Don’t worry, the last 100 times that the Pope was attacked through the fake news, when the dust settled, he appeared as innocent as a saint.

The Battle is obviously heating up. Stick with Jesus Christ and His Vicar. Have faith! The Holy Spirit chose Pope Francis through the Cardinals. Pope Francis has the authority from Jesus Christ. What Pope Francis binds on earth will be bound in Heaven. See Matthew 16 & The Catechism (#862-#896, especially #891, #892.) Our Blessed Mother has always defended the Vicar of Christ. Satan will use all his cunning to strike the Vicar of Christ like he used the Pharisee fake news 2000 years ago to strike Jesus Christ. Do not be fooled, Satan will use his same tricks today. He will even use people who mean well as instruments. God will use Our Lady to crush Satan’s head.

#3. It is good to be familiar with and even participate in the programs in place to protect God’s children. See Virtus online. https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm

Actually, the statistics show that major improvements have been made in protecting God’s children. Even in Pennsylvania, all the cases reported dated from **15 to 70 years ago**. It is still a tragedy, but the media leaves people with the impression that there are 1000 current cases and essentially there are few or none. Also, the media does not report that over 80% of the cases are not pedophilia of pre-pubescent victims but are cases of homosexual abuse.

#4. Therefore, Imitate the Blessed Mother and St. John. Pray and fast, especially for our priests.

The faithful can even join “Adorers of the Royal High Priest” and pray for priests. (See www.MEDJ1.com)

Judas was bad, but there were **11 good apostles** that needed prayerful support because the battle is real. God’s message to you will be, “Thank you for having responded to My call.”

Bishop Barron said the scandal was a Diabolic Masterpiece. See Bishop Barron’s response: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncMEXr60AeI>

Fr. Mike Schmitz also had good insights on the events. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdR8eyaDCHg>

Fr. Altier also gave us a big picture of the battle that we are in.

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