

August 12, 2007

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John Vianney

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Greetings, friends in Christ Jesus.

I am sending a very big THANK YOU to every person who took part in our birthday celebration: the cooks, the preparers, the cleaner up-ers, the eaters (I was an eater).

Next year we should be celebrating the Feast of our patron in a location other than the school cafeteria. An official announcement concerning the official ground breaking is coming soon. Do not forget to keep in your prayers the success of our building project.

Have a blessed week,

Fr. Scott Mansfield

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

August 15th - 7:00PM Mass

Holy Rosary

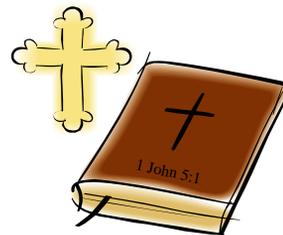
Sunday7:40AM

Sunday10:40AM

Holy Mass

Sunday8:00AM

Sunday11:00AM



Defending Our Faith – a Series on Apologetics by John Lombardo

Why Can't Women be Priests in the Catholic Church?

The Liberal Catholic Church, Voice of the Faithful and many other left-wing pseudo-Catholic groups have asked this question for many years. So, let us see what the Roman Catholic Church teaches.

In 1994 John Paul the Great issued an apostolic letter *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* in which he intended to put an end to the raging debate on the subject of women's ordination to the priesthood: "Wherefore, in order that all doubt may be removed regarding a matter of great importance, a matter which pertains to the Church's divine constitution itself, in virtue of my ministry in confirming the brethren, I declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful". In short, the Pope declared infallibly that women cannot become priests and as far as Church dogma is concerned, this issue is settled. (from an article in National Catholic Register, 2005).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sets out a very clear categorical statement that the Church can not - will not- ordain women -ever.

Only a baptized man (vir) receives sacred ordination. The Lord Jesus chose men (viri) to form the college of the twelve apostles, and the apostles did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them in their ministry. The college of bishops, with whom the priests are united in the priesthood, makes the college of twelve an ever-present and ever-active reality until Christ's return. The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord Himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible. (ccc1577)

All the above so far is dogma to be accepted as infallibly taught by the Church. "Christ commanded St. Peter, our first Pope, and the other apostles to proclaim His Gospel until the end of time. The teaching office He gave them has by His will been handed onto their successors, the pope and the other bishops. This teaching office is exercised in two ways in the Church: firstly through the *ordinary magisterium* of the Church and secondly the *extraordinary magisterium* of the Church. (from The Teaching of Christ, p 212). Pope John Paul the Great used his authority as Pope to speak *ex cathedra* in issuing *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*. What Pope John Paul proclaimed is an example of " extraordinary magisterium" I.e. a definitive statement of doctrine which is infallible.

I hope I have provided the basis of why the Church cannot ordain women. Since the subject of women's ordination continues to receive much attention from media commentators within and without the Church (secular media), I will continue this topic further to help us understand why the priesthood is reserved for men only.

PEACE

Original - Prayer to St. Michael

“O Glorious Prince of the heavenly host, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle and in the terrible warfare that we are waging against the principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world of darkness, against the evil spirits. Come to the aid of man, whom Almighty God created immortal, made in His own image and likeness, and redeemed at a great price from the tyranny of Satan.

“Fight this day the battle of the Lord, together with the holy angels, as already thou hast fought the leader of the proud angels, Lucifer, and his apostate host, who were powerless to resist thee, nor was there place for them any longer in Heaven. That cruel, ancient serpent, who is called the devil or Satan who seduces the whole world, was cast into the abyss with his angels. Behold, this primeval enemy and slayer of men has taken courage. Transformed into an angel of light, he wanders about with all the multitude of wicked spirits, invading the earth in order to blot out the name of God and of His Christ, to seize upon, slay and cast into eternal perdition souls destined for the crown of eternal glory. This wicked dragon pours out, as a most impure flood, the venom of his malice on men of depraved mind and corrupt heart, the spirit of lying, of impiety, of blasphemy, and the pestilent breath of impurity, and of every vice and iniquity.

“These most crafty enemies have filled and inebriated with gall and bitterness the Church, the spouse of the immaculate Lamb, and have laid impious hands on her most sacred possessions. In the Holy Place itself, where the See of Holy Peter and the Chair of Truth has been set up as the light of the world, they have raised the throne of their abominable impiety, with the iniquitous design that when the Pastor has been struck, the sheep may be.

“Arise then, O invincible Prince, bring help against the attacks of the lost spirits to the people of God, and give them the victory. They venerate thee as their protector and patron; in thee holy Church glories as her defense against the malicious power of hell; to thee has God entrusted the souls of men to be established in heavenly beatitude. Oh, pray to the God of peace that He may put Satan under our feet, so far conquered that he may no longer be able to hold men in captivity and harm the Church. Offer our prayers in the sight of the Most High, so that they may quickly find mercy in the sight of the Lord; and vanquishing the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, do thou again make him captive in the abyss, that he may no longer seduce the nations. Amen.

V. Behold the Cross of the Lord; be scattered ye hostile powers.
R. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has conquered the root of David.
V. Let Thy mercies be upon us, O Lord.
R. As we have hoped in Thee.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon Thy holy Name, and as supplicants, we implore Thy clemency, that by the intercession of Mary, ever Virgin Immaculate and our Mother, and of the glorious St. Michael the Archangel, Thou wouldst deign to help us against Satan and all the other unclean spirits who wander about the world for the injury of the human race and the ruin of souls. Amen.”

Volunteer Schedule	August 15, 2007
	7:00PM
Ushers	Tom Anderson Tony Quinones
EM of Holy Communion	Carl Beyer
Rosary Leader	Catherine Uhrich
Altar Servers	Ian Burnside Sergio Guillen
Readers	Julie Burnside April McClellan

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	8:00AM	11:00AM	8:00AM	11:00AM
Ushers	James Dory Karl Lucero	Ed Uhrich James Sandoval	Tom Anderson John Christensen	Tony Quinones Frank Charles
EM of Holy Communion	Jose Guillen	Rosie Root	Harlan Harrington	Coz Madrid
Rosary Leader	Evelyn Romero	Pinky Bjornstad	MaryAnn Padilla	Rochelle Quinones
Altar Servers	Sergio Guillen Ian Burnside	Michael McLellan Richard McLellan	Peter Lucero Fernando Lucero	Krista Savela Jessica Van Loben Sels
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