

Chapter XIV: What are we to think of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church?

This question illustrates the fundamental differences between the Society of St. Pius X and the conciliar “traditionalists” or conservatives. These latter are often seen defending both the traditional Latin Mass and the “new” Catechism but not openly attacking either the Novus Ordo Missae or Vatican II. The Society of St. Pius X on the other hand defends the traditional catechisms and therefore the traditional Latin Mass, and so attacks the Novus Ordo Missae, Vatican II and the “new” Catechism, all of which more or less undermine our unchangeable Catholic Faith.

Conservatives defend the Catechism of the Catholic Church for its re-affirmation of teaching silenced or denied by outrightly modernist catechisms; the Society of St. Pius X rejects it though because it is an attempt to formalize and propagate the teachings of Vatican II. Pope John Paul II agrees with this: “The catechism was also indispensable, in order that all the richness of the teaching of the Church following the Second Vatican Council could be preserved in a new synthesis and be given a new direction.”

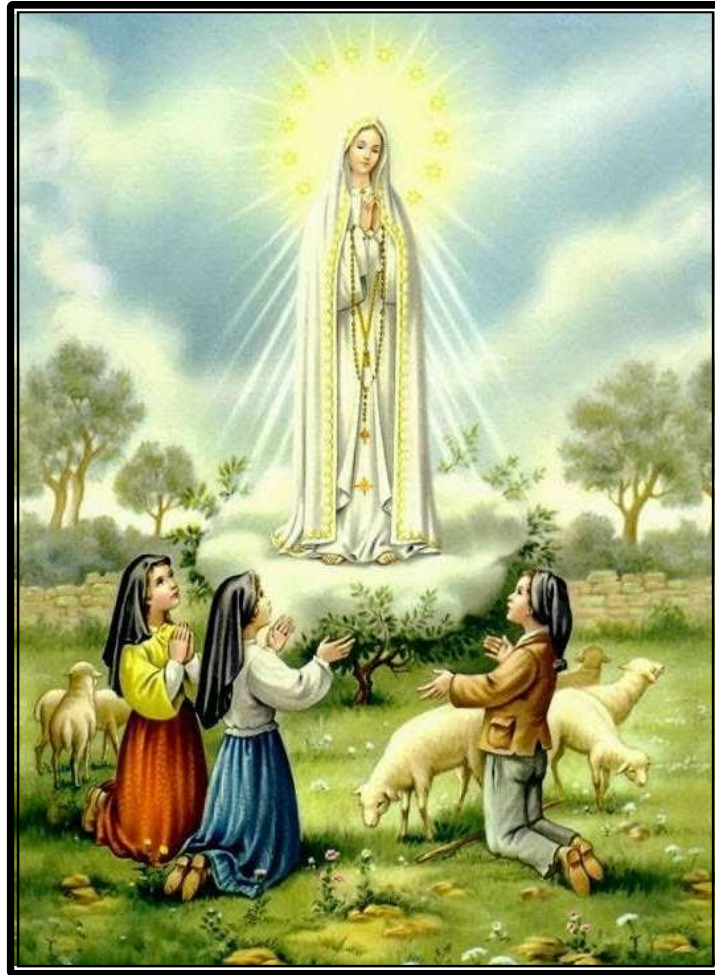
One need but consider the 806 citations of Vatican II, a number which amounts on average to one citation every three-and-a-half paragraphs throughout the 2,865 paragraphs of the Catechism. In particular the novelties of Vatican II appear in the following paragraphs:

- an infatuation with the dignity of man (##225, 369, 1700, 1929...) such that we may hope for the salvation of all the baptised (##1682 ff); even non-Catholics (#818); or those who commit suicide (#2283); and of all the unbaptised, whether adults or infants (#847, 1261); which is the basis of all rights (##1738, 1930, 1935) including that of religious liberty (#2106 ff); and the motive of all morality (##1706, 1881, 2354, 2402, 2407, etc);
- a commitment to ecumenism (## 820, 1399, 1401) because all religions are instruments of salvation (##819, 838-843, 2104);
- collegiality (##879-885);
- over-emphasis on the priesthood of the faithful (#873, 1547, 1140 ff).

Now, just as he who denies but one article of Faith loses Faith, so a teacher who errs on one point alone proves himself fallible and renders all he teaches questionable. Just as the Second Vatican Council is not an authority to quote even where it propounds Catholic teaching (it does not do so infallibly and clearly), so this Catechism is not an authority of Catholic belief because of the modern deviations which it encompasses. Those who defend this Catechism are supporting the innovations of Vatican II.

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Weekly giving: SSPX Albury Account - BSB: 640 000, Acc: 111 012 485
Confessions: Sundays: 8am / First Friday: during Holy Hour / First Saturday: 8am /
Other: 30mins before Mass

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat	August 1 8:30 am	First Saturday. Our Lady on Saturdays. Comm. Holy Machabees. Benediction & Rosary followed by Holy Mass (Servers: Ac1. M. Garrett, Ac2. T. Walmsley)
Sun	August 2 9:00 am	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. Low Mass (Servers: Ac1. Ca. Alkemade, Ac2. D. Goldthorpe)
Fri	August 7 5:30 pm	First Friday. St. Cajetan. Comm. St. Donatus. Holy Hour followed by Holy Mass (Servers: Ac1. L. Kennedy, Ac2. J. Sands)
Sat	August 8 8:00 am	St. John Mary Vianney. Comm. Ss. Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus. Holy Mass (Servers: Ac1. J. Sands, Ac2. J. Walmsley)
Sun	August 9 9:00 am	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Comm. St. Laurence. Low Mass (Servers: Ac1. T. Garcia, Ac2. T. Goldthorpe)
Sat	August 15 5:00 pm	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass (Servers: Ac1. T. Walmsley, Ac2. M. Garrett)
Sun	August 16 9:00 am	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Low Mass followed by Benediction - Holy Name (Servers: Ac1. J. Walmsley, Ac2. Ca. Alkemade)
Sat	August 22 5:00 pm	Immaculate Heart of Mary. Comm. Ss. Timothy & companions. Holy Mass (Servers: Ac1. A. Garrett, Ac2. C. Walmsley)
Sun	August 23 9:00 am	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Sung Mass (Servers: Mc. T. Goldthorpe, Ac1. D. Goldthorpe, Ac2. J. Walmsley, Th. T. Garcia, Bb. A. Garrett, Cb. T. Walmsley, Tb. N. Walmsley, Tb. Tob. Garcia)
Sat	August 29 5:00 pm	Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Comm. St. Sabina. Holy Mass (Servers: Ac1. T. Garcia, Ac2. Tob. Garcia)
Sun	August 30 9:00 am	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Low Mass (Servers: Ac1. Ca. Alkemade, Ac2. T. Walmsley)

PARISH ROSTER

For the Sunday of	Done during the preceding week		On the Sunday		
	Flowers	Church Cleaning	Tea Stall	Rosary Leader	Pilgrim Statue
2 August	J. Jellett	P&E Kennedy/L. Kelly	Foley	Liam Kennedy	Onions Family
9 August	M. Tonner	M. Small	Foley	Braedon Onions	S&B Neiberding
16 August	Kyia	G. D'Oliveiro	Foley	Jordan Mervart	Marie Tonner
23 August	M. Walmsley	M. Small	Foley	Kevin Higginson	P&E Kennedy
30 August	Shae	G. D'Oliveiro/M. Walmsley	Foley	G Van Der Weerden	Walmsley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Saturday Talk.

There will not be a talk on the first Saturday in August.

First Communion Catechism.

There will be a checkup for the First Communion Catechism after Mass on Sunday 2nd August.

Mass on Saturday 8th August.

On Saturday 8th August, Mass will be in the morning at 8am, not 5pm.

Feast of the Assumption.

The feast of the Assumption, August 15th, is a holy day of obligation.

Second Collection.

On Sunday 2nd August, there will be a second collection taken up for our districtwide school development program.

Retreats at Holy Cross.

Next retreats will be for the women 12th - 17th October 2026. Applications via the link: <https://spx.au/en/retreats-holy-cross-parish-31177> or fill out the application form in the bookstore.

Faithful Departed.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Helen Solar and Catherine Goedecke whose anniversaries occur in August.