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The Air We Breathe

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happiest country I have ever visited.” People are full of life; joy abounds. Poverty and human misery may reign everywhere, but the Catholic atmosphere, with the sense that God is our Father and that Providence, still gives them peace and hope. Visiting Mexico a few decades ago before the legalization of abortion, gave me the same impression: a young country filled with children, men with deformed arms and legs selling candies on the streets and happy with their lot, a throng of people in plain attire, not very pretty or manicured, but joyous and breathing freely.

It gave me to understand that life was taken as a gift in these countries, that each plain and humble soul was wanted and loved by their family and neighbor and that gave them “*la joie de vivre*”—the joy of life—which seems absent from our sophisticated culture. In our first world countries, any discolored tooth is an embarrassment, any slight bodily deformity a tragedy to children and parents. The “village idiot” or the physically impaired is out of place, unwelcomed and a shame to “normal” people. But this attitudes back fires on society, because, in real life, everyone has issues, whether physical or emotional or other. And so, every person becomes self-conscious and plays the hiding game instead of thanking God for all His blessings despite their human foibles. Away from the sunny and healthy environment of love and welcome, hypocrisy wins and distracts people from the real life issues.

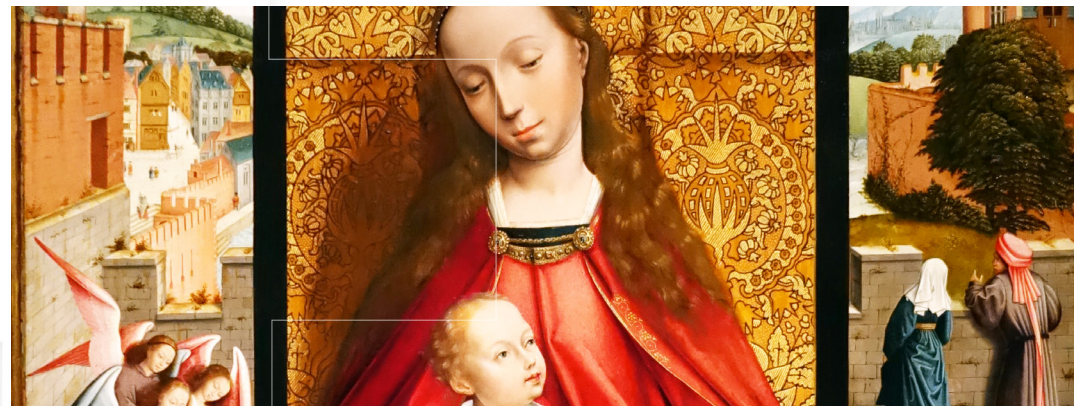
The Powers of Darkness

Julian Huxley who became the first head of the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) used his power to promote eugenism which he had recommended as “the religion of the future” already in 1927 in *Man in the Modern World*. Such a policy was so alien to men in the mid 20th century—they vividly remembered that eugenics was connected

with Nazism—and that this could not be achieved without insistent forcing of “science” and “education”. Bertrand Russell in 1951 wrote in his *The Impact of Science Upon Society*: “The social psychologist of the future will have a number of classes of school children on whom they will try different methods of producing an unshakable conviction that snow is black. Various results will soon be arrived at: first, that the influences of the home are obstructive...When the technique has been perfected, every government that has been in charge of education, for more than one generation, will be able to control its subjects securely without the need of armies or policemen.”

“Snow is black” is New Age cryptic language which translates into “evil is good.” This resounds like chilling echoes of the serpent tempting Adam in the earthly paradise. We know all too well that this desire to outdo himself and reach out for the stars, or for being equal to God, led man to experience death. Under the pleasant word of eugenism—happy race—it is innocent and defenseless human life which is sacrificed to the ideology of the perfect race...and to the devil. From a CNN radio program called “The Perfect Child” (7 Feb 1994), a “Catholic” woman expressed the wish to have “the defective children be killed and offered as a sacrifice to God.” But which God is this? Eugenics has a murderous lust and we know all too well where this originates. Speaking of Satan, St. John warns us: “He was a murderer from the beginning, and he stood not in the truth; because truth is not in him” (Jn 8.44). This translated into what we have seen adopted in our so-called civilized nations after WWII: birth and population control, abortion, euthanasia, in vitro fertilization, and genetic engineering.

Abortion, which came on the heels of divorce and contraception, is just another “station” ahead of euthanasia and suicide on the journey to the “Culture of death.”



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 Sundays — 9 A.M.

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 Sundays — 8:15 A.M.
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For Sacramental emergencies call 022 522 8171.

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Leave items on the vestibule table with a name on them. They will be marked 'blessed'.

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Consult the pastor to arrange for classes in preparation to enter the Church.

Other Nearby Occasional Mass Locations :**Hamilton**

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 Terry Goodall — 07-855 1790
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The Air We Breathe

From *The Angelus* (Jul-Aug, 2018), by Fr Dominique Bourmaud:

RIGHT after the high school Parkland massacre in Florida perpetrated by a 17-year-old student, people rightly questioned what could be done to stop this avalanche of violence. One interesting article in the *Wall Street Journal* by Peggy Noonan drew my attention, not only because she is a conservative Catholic, but also because she was pointing the finger at the remote causes of the problem, the mental disease of this country, and especially the teenagers. Here are some items in her plea:

"A nation has an atmosphere. It has air it breathes in each day. China has a famous pollution problem: you can see the dirt in the air. America's air looks clean but there are toxins in it, and they're making the least de-

fended and protected of us sick. Here is one breath of the air. Two weeks ago, the U.S. Senate blocked a bill that would have banned most abortions after 20 weeks ... Democrats said it was an assault on women's rights. So far, as the Senate is concerned, you can end the life of a 6- to 9-month-old baby that can live outside the womb that is ... recognizably and obviously human.

And I'll tell you what I think a teenager absorbs about it, unconsciously, in America. He sees a headline online, he passes a television in an airport, he hears the quick story and he thinks: "If the baby we don't let live is unimportant, then I guess I am unimportant. And you're unimportant too.

Compromise is often good. On gun law, Republicans oppose banning assault weapons such as the AR-

Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart

Today we solemnize the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Patroness. The Sung Sunday Mass is from the 22 August, commemorating the 11th Sunday after Pentecost.

Holy Hours of Reparation

On First Friday, 6 Sept, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4 P.M. until Mass at 7 P.M. in reparation, especially of abortion, and for the intentions of our Crusade.

Rosary Crusade for Life

Our Rosary Crusade has gained the support

15. Democrats oppose banning late-term abortion... The idea: Trade banning assault weapons for banning late-term abortion. Make illegal a killing machine and a killing procedure. In both cases, the lives of children would be saved. Wouldn't this clean some of the air?"

What Mrs. Noonan rightly understood was the connection between two forms of violence. What she stressed especially is that the most violent attacks, however shocking, are just the tip of the iceberg. The problem lies much deeper. It touches on the sacrosanct nature of innocent human life, especially of the helpless ones, fetus and babies and geriatric patients. It also touches on the meaning of life altogether: if the nation sees no point defending the innocent natural life, if living has no higher goal than material life, if there is no more to human life after this life than there is to a cat, if man is not created to know, love and serve God and be happy with Him forever, then it is not worth our while and effort for growing up and living a purposeless life. And this bleak future can only breed distress and despair, and we know all too well where these sentiments originate.

The Church's Teaching on Human Life

The Church, which is God's spokesman on earth, has always protected the weak and innocent against alleged "rights" of powerful heads of States. Here are some 20th century statements, against the dark backdrop of Communism and Nazism:

"We must reprove totally and hold as false and condemned the theory called eugenism, either positive or

Announcements

of several priests, Family Life International and several Catholic MPs. Please help promote it (sspx.org.nz/crusadeforlife). Please pray and make sacrifices and keep tally.

Forty Hours Devotion

We would like to have the 40-hours devotion in reparation for sins and for the intentions of our Crusade. This is still tentative, so please do not advertise it. If you would be willing to take an hour or more, especially late night/early morning, please indicate on the sheet in the vestibule. We would need at least two people at all times, even in the middle of the night.

negative; we must reprove also the means that it teaches for the betterment of the human race, which neglect the natural or divine or ecclesiastical laws concerning marriage and the rights of individuals" (Decree of the Holy Office, Mar. 21, 1931).

Likewise, Pius XII, in his Allocution of Oct. 29, 1951, said the following:

"Every human being, even the child in the womb, has the right to life directly from God and not from his parents, nor from any society or human authority. Therefore, there is no man, no human authority, no science, no "indication" at all—whether it be medical, eugenic, social, economic, or moral—that may offer or give a valid judicial title for a direct, deliberate disposal of an innocent human life, that is, a disposal which aims at its destruction, whether as an end in itself or as a means to achieve the end, perhaps in no way at all illicit...Therefore, when this practice was initiated, the Church expressly declared that it was against the natural law and the divine positive law, and consequently that it was unlawful to kill, even by order of the public authorities, those who were innocent, even if on account of some physical or mental defect, they were useless to the State and a burden upon it. The life of an innocent person is sacrosanct, and any direct attempt or aggression against it is a violation of one of the fundamental laws, without which, secure human society is impossible."

For the average American today, it is quite a shock, quite an eye-opening experience to visit a country like the Philippines. People come back saying: "This the

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