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LIBERTY ...

One of the conflicts involving the contemporary Catholic Church which has generated a considerable interest in the media is the one with the followers of the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre (1905-1991) and others who challenge the authority of the Second Vatican Council. At the heart of the controversy is Lefebvre's and his followers' defense of the pre-Vatican II Mass against the liturgical reform of Pope Paul VI (1897-1978). Benedict XVI has liberalized the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass, but this has not solved problems with the so called traditionalists because the controversy has mostly focused on religious liberty.

Catholic Magisterium teaches us that other religions are tolerated for the sake of the common good, but there is, strictly speaking, no "right to error" in religious matters. The Second Vatican Council in its declaration *Dignitatis Humanae* (December 7, 1965) proclaimed that religious liberty is a fundamental right for everybody, based on the very dignity of each human being.

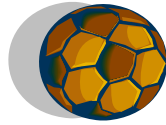
Very few teachings of the Catholic Church are clearly defined as infallible. Outside the narrow realm of infallibility does not lie, for loyal Catholics, an alleged area of "fallibility" including teachings one would be free to accept or reject. The Church claims that even the so called ordinary or authentic Magisterium, although not necessarily infallible, forms a coherent corpus throughout the centuries and should be loyally accepted by every good Catholic.

In 1992 the Holy See issued the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, the second universal catechism in the Church's history and a very important document, which both summarizes and authoritatively interprets the Second Vatican Council. Its paragraph 2108 states that:* «The right to religious liberty is neither a moral license to adhere to error, nor a supposed right to error, but rather a natural right of the human person to civil liberty, i.e., immunity, within just limits, from external constraint in religious matters by political authorities». There are three footnotes, referring respectively to the encyclical *Libertas* by Leo XIII, to Pius XII, and to *Dignitatis Humanae*. The *Catechism*, thus, canonized the opinion shared by several leading Catholic scholars that the right to religious liberty of the Council is not a positive right – the «right to error», which remains condemned today as it had been by Leo XIII – but a negative right, i.e. an «immunity» from the constraints of the modern secular State, which has no business in interfering in matters religious.

In 2002, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith issued a *Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life*. Its no. 8 «recall[s] a truth which today is often not perceived or formulated correctly in public opinion: the right to freedom of conscience and, in a special way, to religious freedom, taught in the Declaration *Dignitatis humanae* of the Second Vatican Council, is based on the ontological dignity of the human person and not on a non-existent equality among religions or cultural systems of human creation. Reflecting on this question, Paul VI taught that "in no way does the Council base this right to religious freedom on the fact that all religions and all teachings, including those that are erroneous, would have more or less equal value; it is based rather on the dignity of the human person, which demands that he not be subjected to external limitations which tend to constrain the conscience in its search for the true religion or in adhering to it". The teaching on freedom of conscience and on religious freedom does not therefore contradict the condemnation of indifferentism and religious relativism by Catholic doctrine; on the contrary, it is fully in accord with it».

Let us pray and be well educated so we will be Catholics at heart: loving and embracing our brother and sisters and taking full responsibility of our duties as educators and citizens.

Sports News:



2011-2012 WINTER SEASON:

SOCCER, PEEWEE SOCCER, AND
BASKETBALL SEASON
PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR FULL
SCHEDULE.

Player must be in full uniform and permission slip
and fees covered prior to the game.

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This Week's Highlights

Thursday Feb. 2, 2012 – Procession with candles 8:00 AM
– School courtyard.


Friday Feb. 3 – 9 AM Mass / Holy Hour and Benediction at
1:15 PM


Sunday Feb. 5 – Super Bowl Sunday.


Week of Feb. 6 to 10 – ACRE Testing 5th & 8th and SIXTH
GRADE CAMP

Friday Feb. 10 – 9 AM Mass / Child I.D. Program


Information

 3rd Quarter in school - Time to study hard,
spend quality time on reading and math and
learn and practice good study habits.

 **Catholic School's Week** Closing Mass, Fr.
Feb. 3rd at 9:00 AM and Holy Hour and
Benediction at 1:15 PM **FORMAL
UNIFORM.**

 8th and 5th Graders will take the religion exam
<ACRE Testing> Feb. 7th through 9th 2012

ACRE Test Assessment of Catechesis/Religious
Education (ACRE) help school, parish and diocesan
leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of
students in Catholic schools and parish-based religious
programs. ACRE provides faith knowledge questions
related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and
perceptions. It measures religious beliefs as it relates
to God, the Church, Liturgy and Sacraments,
Revelation, Life in Christ, Church History,
Prayer/Religious Practices and Catholic Faith Literacy.

 The 58th Annual **Greater San Diego Science
and Engineering Fair** will be held March 20
- 25, 2012 in Balboa Park. We congratulate
the following students who passed the East
County Fair and are now going on to the
Greater San Diego Fair: **Fernando
Almada, Jimena Villaseñor, Alan
Burnett and Erica Cabrera.**

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

"Cinderella" Parish Musical Play – Auditions will be held in the Youth
Center on Sunday, Feb. 19th 10 AM to 2 PM & Sunday, Feb. 26th from
6:30 to 8:30 PM

All ages are needed. Prepare a 1-2 min. song of your choice. A CD
player will be provided or you may sing a capella. \$30.00
participation fee to help the production costs.



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Opera's performance of "Barber of Seville". **The first 30 respondents
will receive free tickets** / Performance date is **Thursday, April 19th** /
\$5.00 fee for food and transportation / We'll board the bus for downtown
(Civic Theatre) at 5:00 pm / Opera starts at 6:30 pm and finishes at 8:15
pm.

Catholic Schools Week

- ☺ SUNDAY, Jan. 29 – Parish Day – 8:30 Mass /
formal uniforms.
- ☺ MONDAY, Jan 30 – Family Day – Writing letters
and poems / Step-up day & mismatch shoes.
- ☺ TUESDAY, Jan 31 – Fun Day – Pajama day &
crazy hair –make sure you follow guidelines!
- ☺ WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1 – City Day – Major's
Proclamation & reading with celebrities.
- ☺ THURSDAY, Feb. 2 – Honor Volunteers – Twins
day... and even triplets!
- ☺ FRIDAY, Feb. 3 – Spirit Day – Pep rally at 1:15
PM / board games in class and closing Mass.