

500 Years Later: Is the *Reformation* Still Relevant?

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Seminar Outline

- The New Roman Empire: The Modern Rise of the Papacy
- The Revolutionary Protest: Just a Misunderstanding?
- Art as Artillery: Luther and the Reformation
- Art as Artillery: The Papal Counter-Reformation
- The Protest Continues: The Remnant through Prophecy

Funeral of Pope John Paul II



Revelation 13:3

- And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

Pope Francis

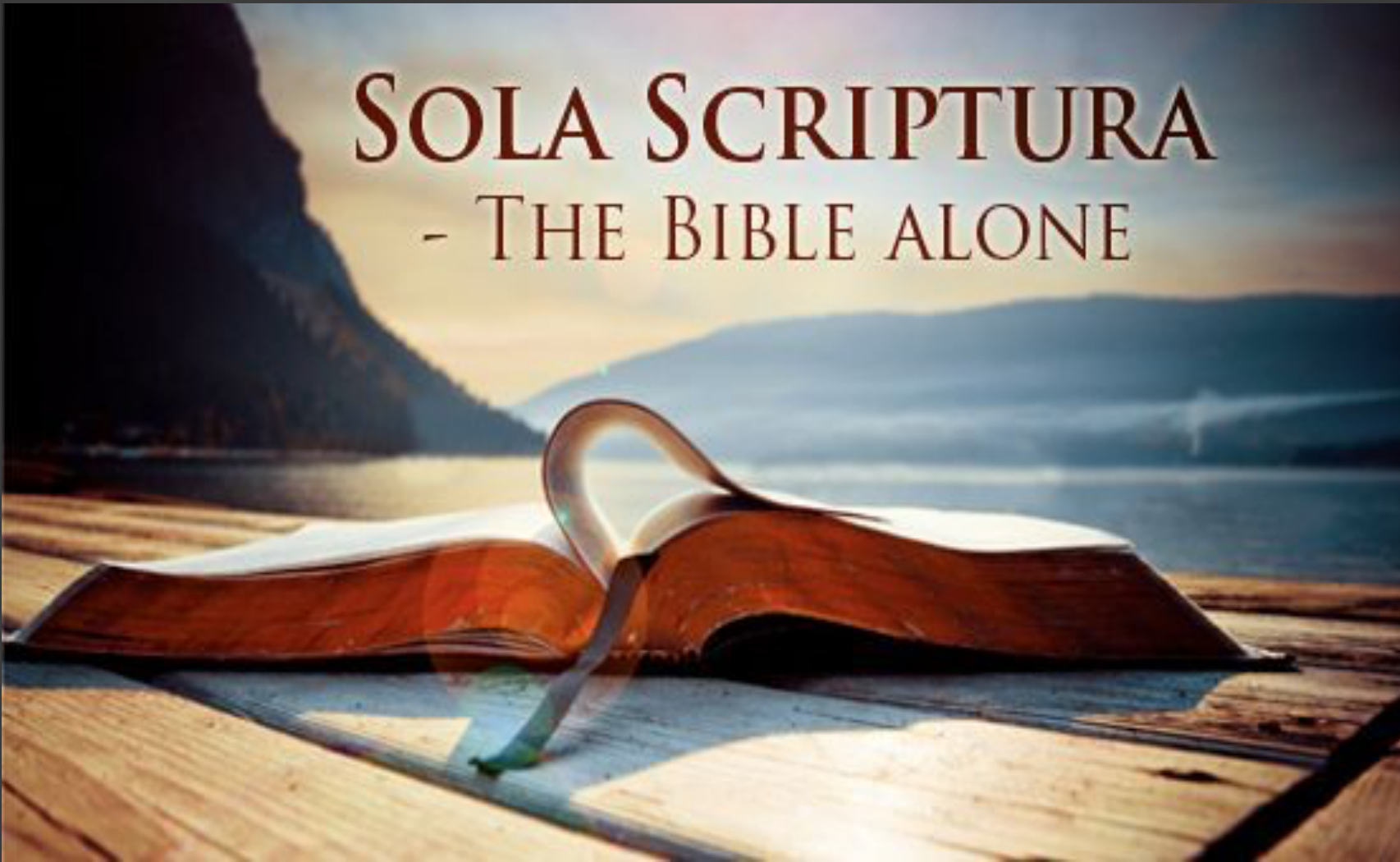


The *Reformation* after 500 Years: Just a Misunderstanding?



SOLA SCRIPTURA

- THE BIBLE ALONE



Jesus and the Word

- ⦿ Luke 4 “It is written, man shall not live
- ⦿ Matt 5:18 “Not one jot or tittle will pass
- ⦿ John 5:39 “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and these are they which testify of me.”
- ⦿ John 10:35 “Scripture cannot be broken -
- ⦿ John 17:17 “Sanctify them by your truth . . .
- ⦿ Matt 27:46 (Ps 22) “My God, my God why

Vatican II states:

- ⦿ “Therefore both sacred tradition and sacred scripture are to be accepted and venerated with the same sense of devotion and reverence.”

The Documents of Vatican II, trans. Walter M. Abbott (London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1967).

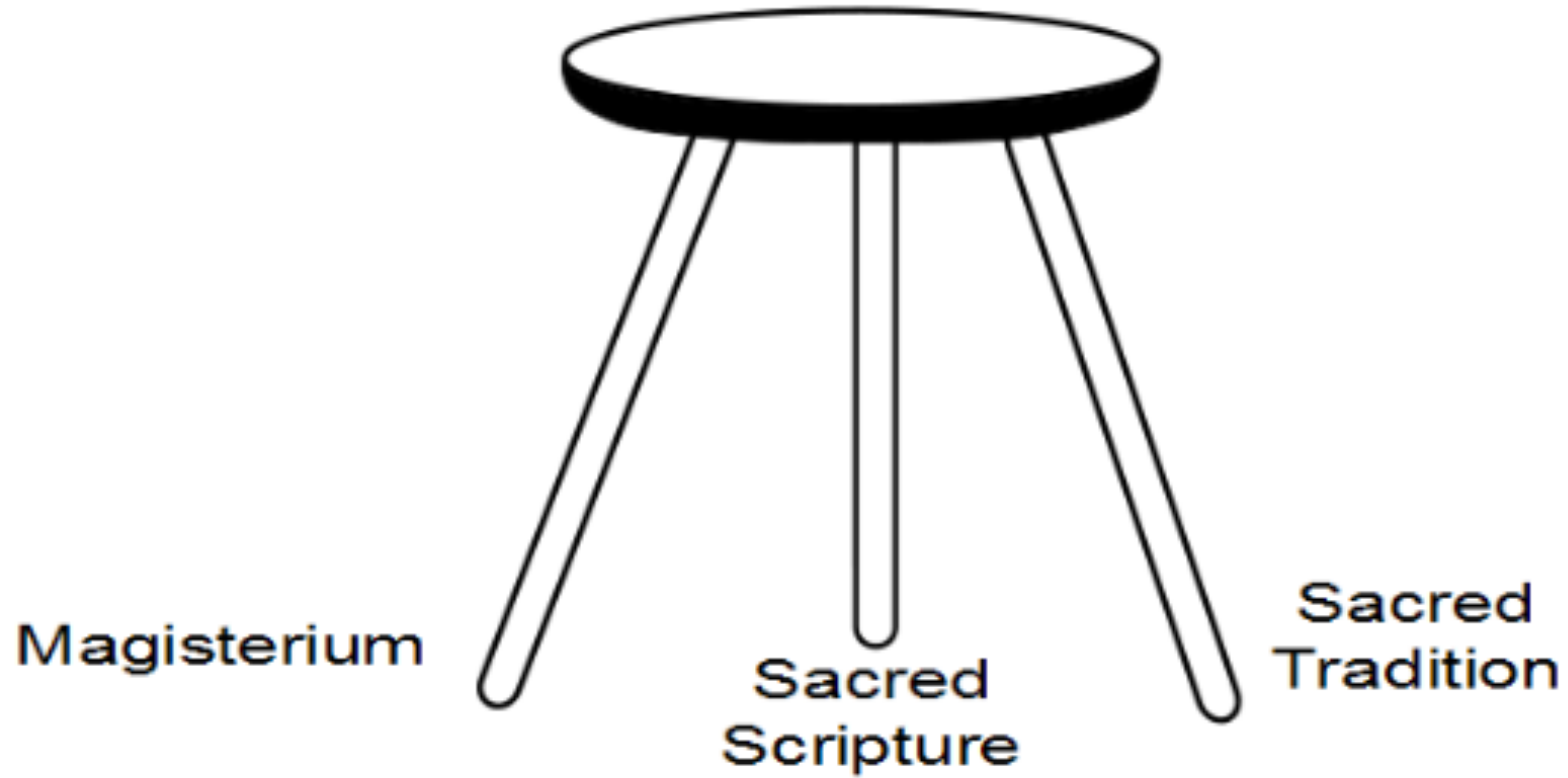
Pope Francis, 2013

Pontifical Biblical Commission

- “The interpretation of the **Holy Scriptures** cannot be only an individual scientific effort, but must always confront itself with, be inserted within and authenticated by the **living tradition** of the Church. This norm is essential to specify the correct relationship between exegesis and the **Magisterium** of the Church.

http://en.radiovaticana.va/storico/2013/04/12/pope_the_unbreakable_unity_between_scripture_and_tradition/en1-682194

The Catholic Church



Matthew 15:4-9

- ⦿ For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me *is a gift to God*”— then he need not honor his father or mother.’[c] Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth,
And[e] honor Me with *their* lips,
But their heart is far from Me.
And in vain they worship Me,
Teaching *as doctrines the*
commandments of men.’ ”

Traditions of Rome

- The Place of Mary
- Veneration of Saints
- Indulgences
- Purgatory
- Replacing Christ with a Priesthood
- Changing God's Ten Commandments
- Sacraments

Pagan Doctrines of Rome

- Mary elevated to the “Queen of Heaven”
- 1904 Pope Pius X declared Mary “restorer of the fallen world and *mediatrix* “she is the channel of all graces” and “intercessory co-operation.”
- 1935 Pope Pius XI Mary is “Coredemrix”
- 1950 Pope Pius XII pronounced that Mary “completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception.”

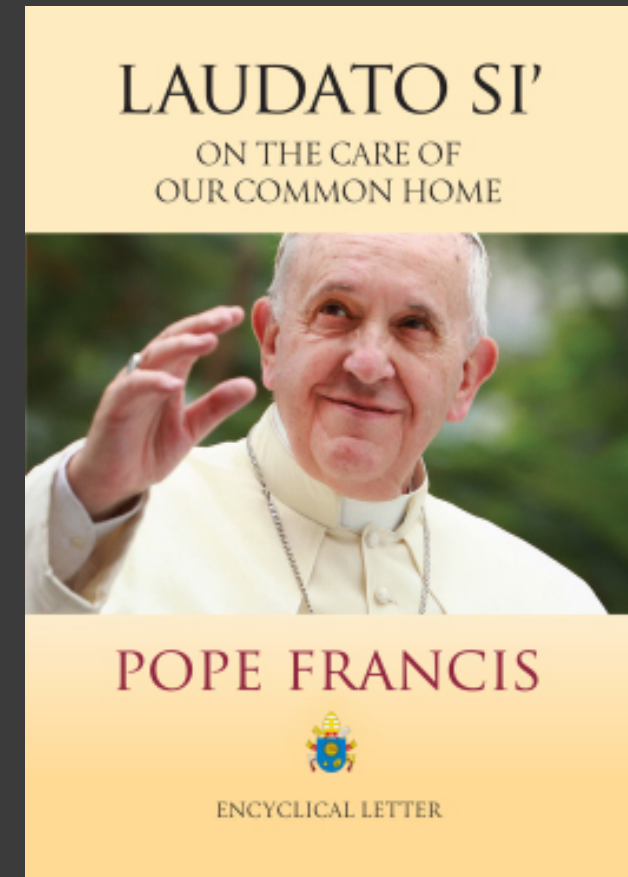


Pope Benedict XVI



Pope Francis, May 2015

She is the Woman, “clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (Rev 12:1). Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51), and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom.





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What Does the Bible Say?

- ① “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6
- ① “There is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved” Acts 4:12
- ① “My mother and brothers are those that hear God’s word and put it into practice.” Luke 8:20-21

What Does the Bible Say?

- ⦿ “Therefore since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold firm to the faith we profess. . . . Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Heb. 4:14-16

Icons of Saints





Martin Luther

“The invocation
of the saints is . . .
. one of the
abuses of the
Antichrist.”

LW 30:287

Veneration of Saints

- Pope Pius XII: “There is good reason why the cult of the saints in heaven is valued by Christian people, that is, so that they may employ their help, and that they may be raised up by the protection of those in whose praises we delight. And from this, it may be easy to understand why the holy liturgy offers us many formulas of prayers in which it invokes the assistance of the saints in heaven.”

What Does the Bible Say?

- The Bible compares death to sleep more than fifty times.
- “For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing... their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished.” Eccl. 9:5
- “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day...For David did not ascend into the heavens” Acts 2:29-34

Indulgences and Purgatory

- “As soon as the coin in the coffer rings the soul from purgatory springs.”





Luther and the Ninety-Five Theses



To most historians, the publication of Luther's Ninety-Five Theses marks the beginning of the Reformation. To Luther, they were simply a response to what he considered the blatant abuse of Johann Tetzel's selling of indulgences. Although written in Latin, the theses were soon translated into German and disseminated widely across Germany.

■ *Martin Luther, Selections from the Ninety-Five Theses*

5. The Pope has neither the will nor the power to remit any penalties beyond those he has imposed either at his own discretion or by canon law.
21. Hence those preachers of Indulgences are wrong when they say that a man is absolved and saved from every penalty by the Pope's Indulgences.
27. It is mere human talk to preach that the soul flies out [of purgatory] immediately the money clinks in the collection-box.
28. It is certainly possible that when the money clinks in the collection-box greed and avarice can increase; but the intercession of the Church depends on the will of God alone.
50. Christians should be taught that, if the Pope knew the exactions of the preachers of Indulgences, he would rather have the basilica of St. Peter reduced to ashes than built with the skin, flesh and bones of his sheep.
81. This wanton preaching of pardons makes it difficult even for learned men to redeem respect due to the Pope from the slanders or at least the shrewd questionings of the laity.
82. For example: "Why does not the Pope empty purgatory for the sake of most holy love and the supreme need of souls? This would be the most righteous of reasons, if he can redeem innumerable souls for sordid money with which to build a basilica, the most trivial of reasons."
86. Again: "Since the Pope's wealth is larger than that of the crassest Crassi of our time, why does he not build this one basilica of St. Peter with his own money, rather than with that of the faithful poor?"
90. To suppress these most conscientious questionings of the laity by authority only, instead of refuting them by reason, is to expose the Church and the Pope to the ridicule of their enemies, and to make Christian people unhappy.
94. Christians should be exhorted to seek earnestly to follow Christ, their Head, through penalties, deaths, and hells.
95. And let them thus be more confident of entering heaven through many tribulations rather than through a false assurance of peace.



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Vatican: Get time off in purgatory by following Pope on Twitter



100-Year Fatima Anniversary

- ① 1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine
- ② 2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima
 - For elderly or infirm simply pray in front of any statue of Our Lady of Fatima
 - Offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/three-ways-to-obtain-an-indulgence-for-the-100-year-fatima-anniversary-78258>





Priestly Confession



Martin Luther

“God preserve us
from having any
other priest but
Christ.” *LW* 13:330

What Does the Bible Say?

- “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” John 1:9
- “Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” Acts 5:31-32

What Does the Bible Say?

- “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” Eph 1:7
- “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” Col. 1:13-14

Mandating Celibacy





Martin Luther

He married
Katharina von
Bora a former
nun and they had
six children

What Does the Bible Say?

- ⦿ “It is not good for man to be alone,” Gen. 2:18
- ⦿ Priests in the Old Testament were married
- ⦿ Peter, “the first pope” was not celibate – Jesus healed his mother-in-law on the Sabbath day (Matt 8:14-15)
- ⦿ Other apostles were married (1 Cor 9:5)
- ⦿ “Husband of one wife” (1 Tim 3:2)



The Ten Commandments

- Written with God's own finger
- God said to Israel, "See that you do all that I command, do not add to it or take away from it." Deut 12:22
- Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15
- "Here are the paitence of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus."

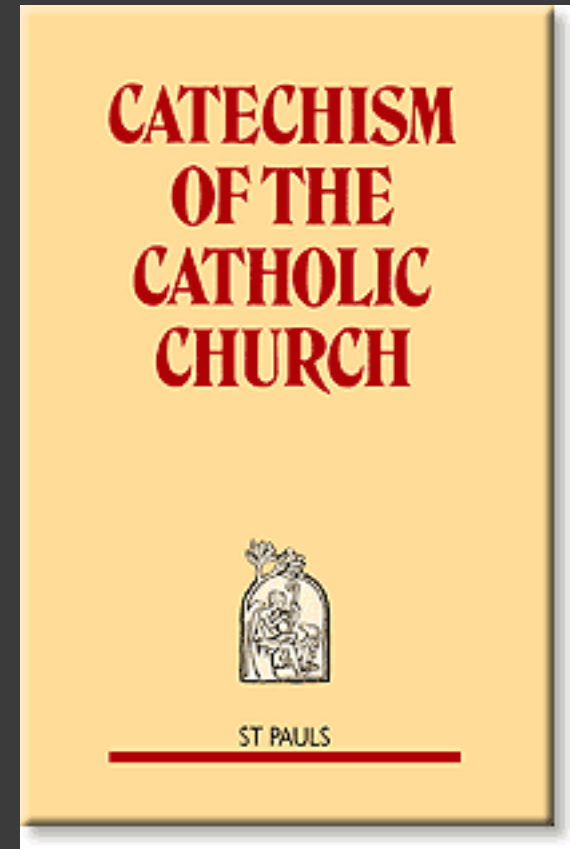
Commandments Compared

- 1. No other gods
- 2. No graven images
- 3. Not God's name in vain
- 4. Seventh-day Sabbath
- 5. Honor Parents
- 6. Don't kill
- 7. No adultery
- 8. Don't steal
- 9. No false witness
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- 10. Don't covet neighbor's goods

Catechism , 1994

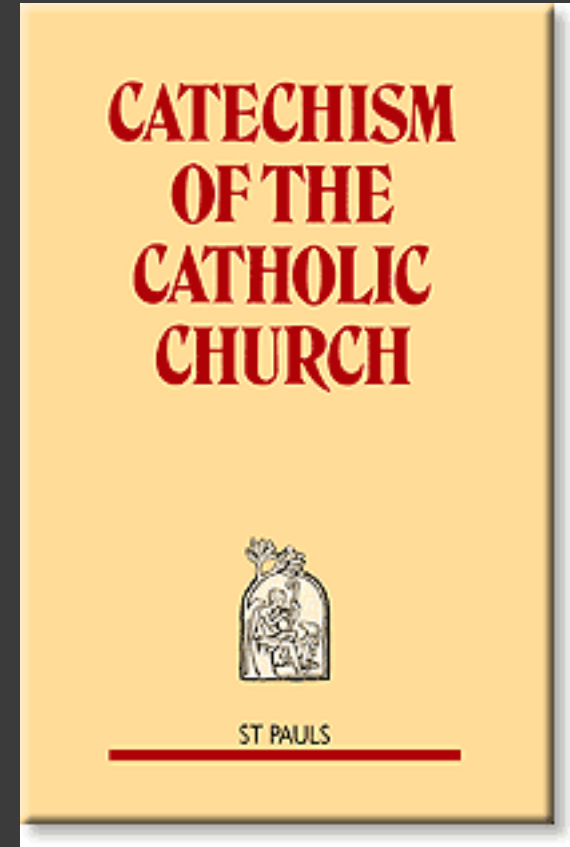
“Sunday – fulfillment of the Sabbath. Sunday is expressly distinguished from the Sabbath which it follows chronologically every week; for Christians its ceremonial observance replaces that of the Sabbath...



Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sect. 2, Article

Catechism , 1994

The Sabbath, which represented the completion of the first creation, has been replaced by Sunday which recalls the new creation inaugurated by the Resurrection of Christ...



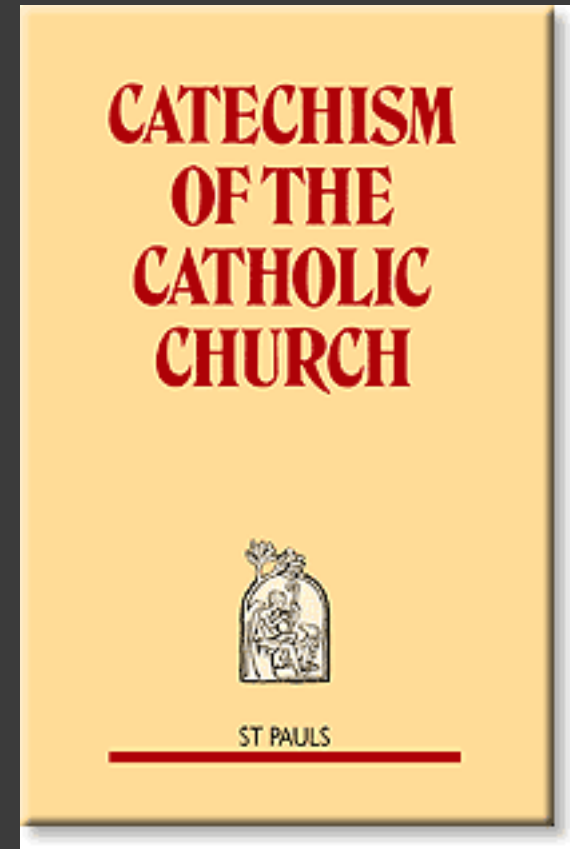
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In respecting religious liberty and the common good of all, Christians should seek recognition of Sundays and the Church's holy days as legal holidays."

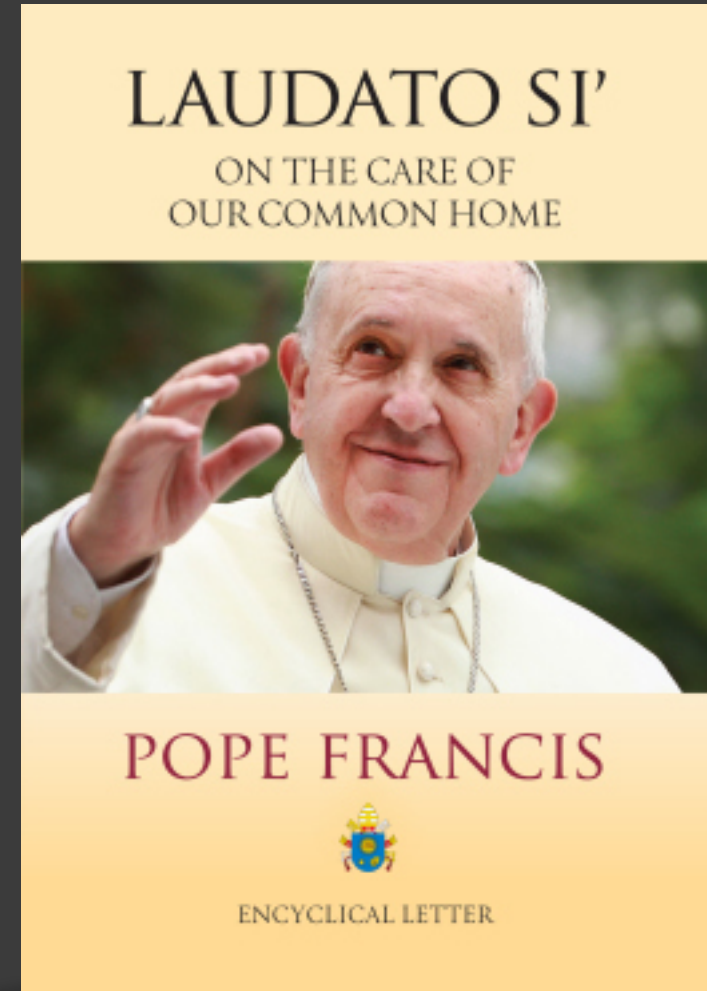
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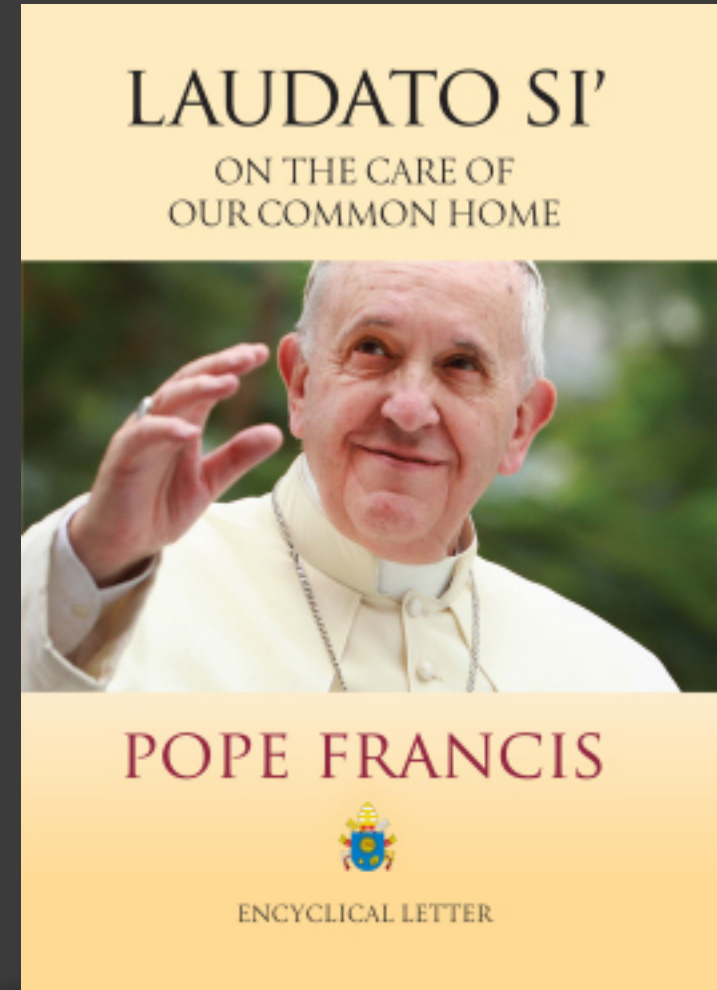
Pope Francis, May 2015

- 237. On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the “first day” of the new creation, whose first fruits are the Lord’s risen humanity, the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality. . . .



Pope Francis, May 2015

... The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day, “so that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger, may be refreshed” (Ex 23:12). Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centred on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor.”



May, 2017





Martin Luther

“He has
deposed all of
Scripture and
set up his own
laws”

LW, 52:81; 8:312; 24:355;
52:21; 27:89; *WML*, 4:77;
5:116.

Sacraments as Salvation

- CANON IV.- If any one saith, that the sacraments of the New Law are not necessary unto salvation, but superfluous; and that, without them, or without the desire thereof, men obtain of God, through faith alone, the grace of justification; -though all (the sacraments) are not necessary for every individual; let him be anathema.

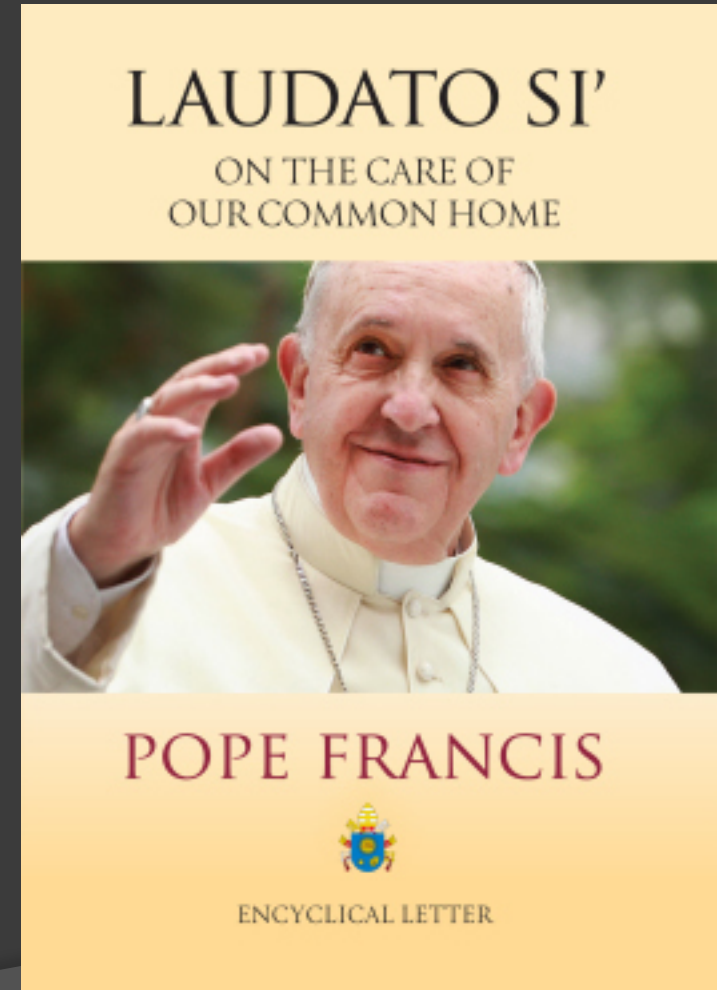
The Catholic Church recognizes 7 sacraments:

1. Baptism
2. Eucharist
3. Confirmation
4. Reconciliation
5. Anointing of the sick
6. Marriage
7. Holy orders



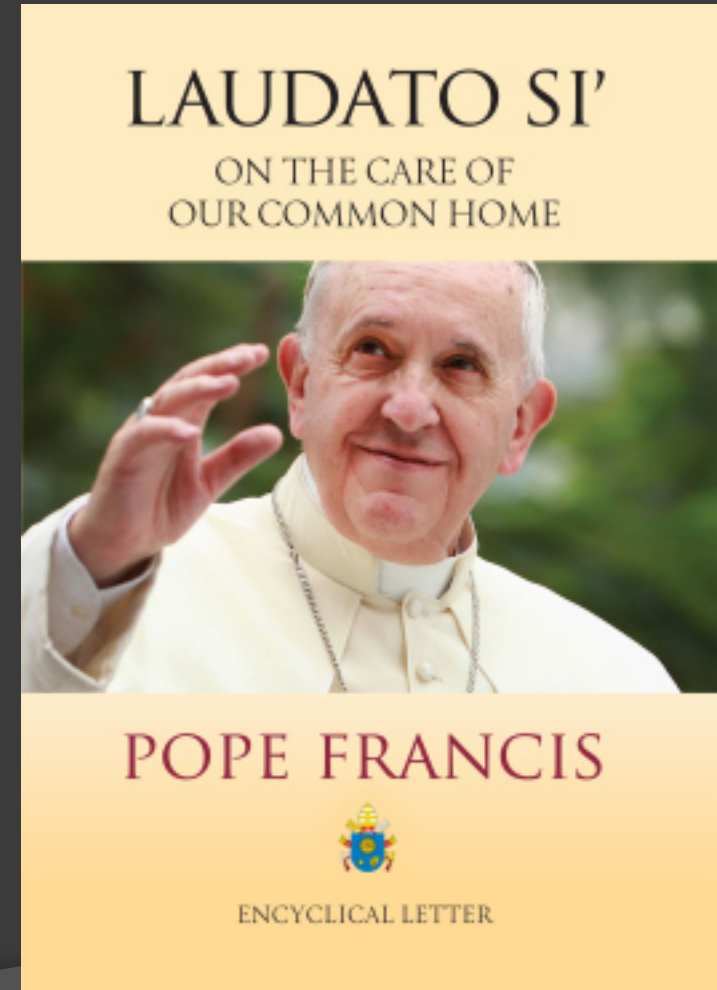
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236. It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. Grace, which tends to manifest itself tangibly, found unsurpassable expression when God himself became man and gave himself as food for his creatures. In the Eucharist, fullness is already achieved; it is the living centre of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life.



Pope Francis, 2015

Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love: “Yes, cosmic! in the bread of the Eucharist, “creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself.”





Martin Luther

“The papacy also negated Christ’s sacrifice by proclaiming the Mass to be “a sacrifice for the living and the dead,” obtaining “forgiveness of sins. . . . It is as though Christ had not done this very thing on the cross, as though his sacrifice had no validity and were of no value.” *LW 97:297.*

What Does the Bible Say?

- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16
- “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:5-7

A person is kneeling on a sandy surface, wearing a blue and white striped short-sleeved shirt and a dark skirt. Their hands are clasped together in prayer, resting on an open book. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and a bright sky. The text 'SOLA FIDE' is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters across the upper middle of the image. Below it, the text 'FAITH ALONE' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font, also in all caps.

SOLA FIDE
FAITH ALONE



Ulrich Zwingli



Melancthon



John Calvin



Nicolas Ridley



Hugh Latimer

Opposite this point
near the Cross in the
middle of Broad Street
HUGH LATIMER
one time Bishop of Worcester
NICHOLAS RIDLEY
Bishop of London, and
THOMAS CRANMER
Archbishop of Canterbury,
were burnt for their
faith in 1555 and 1556. H.H.



A table describing the burning of Bishop Ridley and Father Latimer at Oxford, D. Smith there preaching at the time of their martirdome.





MARTIN LUTHER
1483–1546