

Paul Harvey, 1965: “If I Were the Devil”

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This speech was broadcast by legendary ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey on April 3, 1965:

If I were the Devil . . . I mean, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would, of course, want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I would have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, so I should set about however necessary to take over the United States. I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: “Do as you please.” “Do as you please.” To the young, I would whisper, “The Bible is a myth.” I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is “square.” In the ears of the young marrieds, I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old, I would teach to pray. I would teach them to say after me: “Our Father, which art in Washington” . . . If I were the devil, I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I’d threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. And then, if I were the devil, I’d get organized. I’d infiltrate unions and urge more loafing and less work, because idle hands usually work for me. I’d peddle narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. And I’d tranquilize the rest with pills. If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions . . . let those run wild. I would designate an atheist to front for me before the highest courts in the land and I would get preachers to say “she’s right.” With flattery and promises of power, I could get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography, and thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, and then from the school house, and then from the houses of Congress and then, in His own churches, I would substitute psychology for religion, and I would deify science because that way men would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control them. If I were Satan, I’d make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas, a bottle. If I were the devil, I would take from those who have and I would give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And then, my police state would force everybody back to work. Then, I could separate families, putting children in uniform, women in coal mines, and objectors in slave

camps. In other words, if I were Satan, I’d just keep on doing what he’s doing. Paul Harvey, Good Day.

Jesus Christ: Divine King

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-This article was written for the men. It applies to the women, also.

Modern Man’s Aversion to Kings and Kingdoms

The word “monarchy” comes from the Latin, *monarchia*, meaning, “absolute rule, the ruling of one.” Monarchies, a form of human government, are ruled by a king (or queen) and have been around since early human history. Much of Western civilization has its roots in monarchies. Today, while about 20% of countries in the world are formerly called monarchies, few actually give more than ceremonial recognition to kings or queens.

Living in a democracy in the 21st century, the idea of kings and kingdoms is a foreign concept. The U.S. was founded based on the specific rejection of monarchy of the King of England. Americans value independence and reject the idea of being “subjects”, fiercely supporting democracy in the political realm.

Catholic men are called to recognize that Jesus Christ is the Divine King, the Messiah and that they are His subjects. Men are called to give total allegiance to the King, to kneel before Him in adoration and continually give themselves to Him. Recognizing the Truth of the Divine Kingship of Jesus Christ can help men become more loyal subjects of Christ.

The Divine Kingship of Jesus Christ

Messiah, or *Christ* in the Greek, comes from the Hebrew, meaning “the anointed one.” Since the time of the Prophets, a Messiah was foretold who would restore the fallen Kingdom of Israel and bring salvation to the world (CCC 763). Angels foretold of the coming of the Messiah to the Blessed Virgin, calling Jesus “great”, “the Son of the Most High” and that “He will reign . . . for ever . . . and His kingdom will have no end.” (Luke 1:31-33). Pagan kings found the Christ Child and “fell down and worshiped Him” (Matt 2:11) and King Herod, fearing his kingdom, slaughtered the Innocents (Matt 2:16).

Jesus, the Messiah King, is royally anointed by the Holy Spirit at His Baptism (Luke 3:21-22), and begins to preach about His Kingdom, saying, “Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand” (Matt 4:17). The devil tries to unsuccessfully tempt Jesus with “all the

kingdoms of the world” (Matt 4:8). Andrew and Peter realize that they “have found the Messiah” (John 1:41). Jesus continually teaches about the Kingdom of God throughout His ministry: in the Beatitudes (Matt 5:2-12), in numerous parables and in the Our Father (*Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done...*). The people attempt to forcefully make Him king (John 6:15), but Jesus instead later enters Jerusalem like a Davidic king (CCC 560). Pilate mistakenly concludes the Jesus is simply the King of the Jews and has Jesus crucified when the people say, “We have no king but Caesar” (John 19:15). After the resurrection, Jesus teaches for forty days about the Kingdom of Heaven (CCC 659).

The Catholic Church has always recognized the Divine Kingship of Jesus Christ and reserves the last Sunday of the liturgical year for the Feast of Christ the King.

What Jesus Teaches through His Divine Kingship

Jesus Christ, and His Church, teaches the great importance of the Divine Kingship of Jesus Christ:

The Kingdom is an urgent reality – Jesus greatly emphasizes the Kingdom of God/Heaven and that men must urgently turn towards Christ, for the Kingdom is ‘at hand’ (cf. Luke 9:60; 9:62).

Jesus Christ is the Divine King – Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of King David, the King of Kings, a Divine King anointed by the Holy Spirit (CCC 436). He “accompanies His words with many “mighty works and wonders and signs”, which manifest that the kingdom is present in Him and attests that he was the promised Messiah” (CCC 547). He performs many signs to make known the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God (CCC 1151). He is the Perfect King (CCC 578), a Merciful King (CCC 545), a Heroic King who comes to free the slaves and the poor (CCC 544) through His own sacrificing death.

Jesus Christ has complete dominion as Divine King – Jesus, as Divine King, sits at the right hand of the Father and has an everlasting dominion (i.e. authority, rule and power) over all men (CCC 664; Matt 28:18). Jesus warns that “all judgment is given to the Son” (John 5:22) and that those who do not do the will of the Father will not enter the Kingdom (Matt 7:21).

All men are called to be His devoted subjects – Jesus calls all men to conversion, to repent and work for the Kingdom (CCC 2608). Men ultimately must choose who they will serve, either Jesus Christ or Satan “who act(s) in the world out of hatred for God and his Kingdom in Christ Jesus” (CCC 395). Men must give their complete devotion to Jesus Christ as the martyrs

have done, with “matchless devotion towards [our] king and master” (CCC 957).

As subjects, men are called to serve the Divine King – Men are called to pick up their crosses and follow Jesus. He warns that lukewarm commitments or attachment to riches keep men from the Kingdom of Heaven (Luke 18:25). “One must give everything... Words are not enough, deeds are required” (CCC 546). Though subjects, men are part of a royal office of Jesus Christ (CCC 786). Men are called to be the King’s co-workers (CCC 307) to hasten the fulfillment of the Kingdom (CCC 2046).

Men must give obedience to the Church – Jesus, the Divine King, gives Peter the keys to the Kingdom (CCC 553) and supreme earthly authority has passed to each successive Pope and the college of bishops (CCC 869). Catholics are called to obedience to the teachings of the Church (CCC 891).

Men are called to adore Jesus Christ the Eucharist – The real presence of Jesus Christ, the Divine King, is in His Church and in the Eucharist (CCC 1088, 1373). In the Mass, men are given a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven (CCC 2770). “Adoration is the first attitude of man... [and] homage of the spirit to the “King of Glory” is a necessity... (CCC 2628). Men are called to worship the Divine King through adoration of the Eucharist: “The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it...” (CCC 1378). Like many who were awed by Christ in the Gospels, all men are called to kneel and worship their King.

Men are called to evangelize – Jesus commands the Apostles to spread the Good News of the Kingdom to all the world (Matt 28:16-20). As subjects of the King, “the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly office of Christ” (CCC 873), “to spread the Kingdom of Christ over all the earth” (CCC 863).

Diary of Saint Faustina, 635. March 25 [1936]. In the morning, during meditation, God’s presence enveloped me in a special way, as I saw the immeasurable greatness of God and, at the same time, His condescension to His creatures. Then I saw the Mother of God, who said to me, *Oh, how pleasing to God is the soul that follows faithfully the inspirations of His grace! I gave the Savior to the world; as for you, you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge ... Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still the time for [granting] mercy. If you keep silent now, you will be answering for a great number of souls on that terrible day. Fear nothing. Be faithful to the end. I sympathize with you.*

March 30 is the last Saturday evening Mass at St. Bernard until June 22. Exception: May 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Funeral for Harold Hillenbrand, StP, Sat, April 6

Rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 10 a.m.

Pint with a Priest

This month it is all about the sacrament of Confession. Why do we have to confess to a priest? What does the Bible say about this? How can I make my confessions better? I look forward to your questions, too.

April 2 at 6 p.m., The Peak Restaurant in Winter Park

Friday Mass, April 5

-St. Peter, Mass at 5:30 p.m.; Stations at 6:30; dinner.

Friday Meatless Suppers and Stations of the Cross

-St. Peter: Stations, 6:30 p.m.; soup/bread supper, 7:35

April 5, 12 (Stations are bilingual)

-St. Anne: Soup/bread supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:30

April 5, 12

-Our Lady: Soup/bread supper, 5:30 p.m. Stations, 6:30

April 12

Totus Tuus Vacation Bible School; June 16 – 21

Our Lady of the Snow. \$20 donation to offset the cost. Grades 1-6: Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.; grades 7-12: Sun – Thur, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. (Be sure to pack a lunch and snacks for your children.)

Sports-Bible Camp; Tentative: July 18-19

-Days: Thursday-Friday

-Time: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

-Where: Fraser Valley Sports Complex.

-For boys and girls: kindergarten completed through 6th grade completed.

-Typical sports: volleyball (real sport), basketball, soccer, martial arts, football, and baseball.

-No cost.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday at OLS and StP

-Thu, April 18, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 p.m.

(Incense to be used.)

--Confession, 7:45 p.m.; Adoration of Our Lord till 10

-Fri, April 19, Good Friday: Lord's Passion, 6:30 p.m.

--Confession afterward; begin Divine Mercy Novena

Saturday Easter Vigil Masses at OLS and StP

-Sat, April 20, Easter Vigil Mass (2+ hours), 8:15 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses, April 21

-Saint Bernard, 7 a.m. AND 9 a.m.

-Saint Anne, 8 a.m.

-Our Lady of the Snow, 9:30 a.m. (Incense)

-Saint Ignatius, 1 p.m. (Incense)

Wisdom of The Dialogue of St. Catherine

Summary of Chapter 12. God the Father says regarding St. Catherine's sufferings, "I accept from you your restless desires, your tears and sighs, your constant humble prayers... [as] a means to placate My anger against My wicked enemies..." "The world makes sport of heaping insults upon Me.... When they offend Me, they offend you" [and vice-versa]. "Because it has no love for Me, the world persecutes you and will persecute you even to the point of death."

The more the Church suffers, the more consolations it will receive. God will give us sufferings and consolations to reform Holy Church.

Calendar of Events

-Apr 20-21. Easter weekend

-Apr 27-28 (Sat-Sun). USAFA Cadet Choir to sing at StA on Saturday and OLS on Sunday.

-Jun 16-21, (Sun-Fri). *Totus Tuus* (VBS), at OLS

Mass Collections, Mar 23 – 24

St. Anne	\$ 2052
St. Bernard	2800
Our Lady of the Snow	1437
St. Peter	521
St. Ignatius	849
Total	\$ 7659

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat—Men in our boundaries called to the priesthood

Sun—Women in our boundaries called to consecrated life

Mon—Deacons Adam Bradshaw & Witold Kaczmarzyk

Tue—Deacon Mateusz Ratajczak & Deacon Tom Scherer

Wed—St. John Vianney Seminary staff

Thu—*Redemptoris Mater* Seminary staff

Fri—Men and women applying for formation

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Mar 30, StA, 5 p.m., Peter and Kathleen Brownell

-Sat, Mar 30, StB, 4 p.m., Tim and Wendy O'Connor

-Sat, Mar 30, StB, 5:30 p.m., Jim and Martha Willits

-Sun, Mar 31, StB, 7 a.m., Michael and Joan Good

-Sun, Mar 31, OLS, 9:30 a.m., People in region/visitors

Weekday Masses

-Mon, Apr 1, StA, 8:30 a.m., Gary and Mary Jo Nolan

-Tue, Apr 2, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Dolores Lombardi

-Wed, Apr 3, StB, 8:30 a.m., Kullman Special Intention

-Thu, Apr 4, OLS, 5:30 p.m., Margaret Ledezma

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

KEY: StP = St. Peter; StI = St. Ignatius (Walden)

-Sun, Mar 31, StP, 10 a.m., Special Intention 1

-Sun, Mar 31, StI, 1 p.m., People in our region/visitors

-Fri, Apr 5, StP, 5:30 p.m., James and Mary Walker