

## RESISTANCE WEBINAR, May 10, 2017

We're glad you can join us for this latest Church Militant Resistance Webinar. We have an awful lot of things to go over, tonight. So let's get right to it.

The flow tonight will be some presentation from us on how we see things developing, and then we will wrap that up and take questions and comments and ideas.

First item: We need to make very clear why there is a need for the Resistance, that is, to answer the question *what* is it precisely are we resisting?

Here, in a nutshell, is the answer: *The Resistance is aimed at derailing the protestantization in the Church that denies, in practice or reality, the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.*

This is the heart of everything going on in the Church right now: all the battles over *Amoris Laetitia*, abuse-riddled liturgies, bad catechetical programs, horrible evangelization approaches like Alpha, everything.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith; everything begins with and flows back to the truth of the Real Presence, and what Catholics — leaders and laity alike — have to come to terms with are two important facts:

1. *Catholic laity do not believe in the Real Presence.* The vast majority of the Catholic laity do not believe in the Real Presence. This is true throughout the Western world. It's evidenced by the huge number of Catholics who do not go to Mass. And it's evidenced by the complete lack of respect or reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament by those Catholics who do still go to Mass.

2. *Many Catholic clergy also no longer believe in the Real Presence.* Many Catholic clergy also no longer believe in the Real Presence. This is evident by the collapse in preaching, reverence, many liturgical abuses, refusal to enforce Canon 915, the call to allow the divorced and remarried to approach the altar for reception of Holy Communion. It's clear that for both many laity and clergy, the Eucharist is not anything more than just some "special bread" or "spiritual bread," whatever that means. Their understanding of the Eucharist is much more closely aligned with the Protestant belief.

It's taken a while to arrive at this conclusion, but once you know something, you know it, and this reality is so striking that it's frightening. What this is all reflective of is the extent to which the heresy of Protestantism has taken over many quarters of the Church.

Recall, as Fr. John Hardon, SJ said, the single unifying feature of the 40,000-plus Protestant denominations is their rejection of the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Of all the definitions that anyone could come up with for Protestantism, that one is the most accurate.

*Protestant: Those self-professed Christians who reject the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.*

What the few Catholics in the Church today who still believe in the Real Presence are faced with is nothing less than perhaps the most daunting task in our 2,000-year history: a restoration of belief in the Real Presence in the face of internal attacks against it. Now this is the case for bishops, and priests, and seminarians, and religious orders and laity.

There must be a great collective understanding of this crisis — its nature, its causes, its implications and its effects. This is nothing less than a philosophical repeat of the Arian heresy of the fourth century.

Think about this, the comparison. The Arians denied the reality of Christ, Who He is in Himself. That's what the denial of the Real Presence is. The Arians were widespread throughout the Church.

The deniers of the Real Presence are likewise spread throughout the Church. Many clergy, including bishops, were Arians, and likewise, many clergy are deniers of the Real Presence, in practice and lack of reverence, if not out-and-out denial.

The connection between the Arian heresy and the heresy of denying the Real Presence is that they both deny the divinity of Christ. If the Eucharist is not the Real Presence, then Jesus is not God. Period. Just like the reality of the Arian heresy, if Jesus is not divine, then He's obviously not God.

These two heresies — the Arian and the denial of the Real Presence — both have the same result: Jesus is not God. So the goal of faithful Catholics is to resist as strongly as possible this heresy surrounding the Real Presence, and to fight to restore belief in this central teaching of the Faith. That's the goal, the mission and the reason.

So now, the method. There are spiritual methods and temporal methods to resist, some of which overlap. Spiritual methods include visits to the Blessed Sacrament, like adoration, staying behind Mass for a few moments to offer prayers of thanksgiving and making petition to Our Lord to give graces to help restore belief in His Real Presence, to name just a couple. Those are two simple things that any Catholic can do almost anytime and should be doing.

Temporal methods are varied, and so there are a number of obvious ways to resist and help restore belief.

1. *Receive Holy Communion on your knees.* This may not be possible physically for some people, but for those who can at least get on one knee, it's reached the point where this is no longer optional. We must get on our knees to receive our King, which we should have been doing all along anyway.

2. *Receive on your tongue.* As a matter of routine, laity should not be handling the Sacred Species. It's not sinful to do so, but the question of sin is not the point. The point is the message that is sent, communicated, to those who witness it, week after week. It breaks down the distinction between priest and laity, between the sacred and the profane. It sends the message that there is nothing all that special about the Blessed Sacrament if anyone can handle it and anyone can receive it in their hands.

3. *Stop receiving from the cup.* This practice is one that was originally proposed by Protestants in the 16th and 17th centuries precisely to shatter belief in the Real Presence. It destroys the notion in people's minds that the Host by itself is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. For centuries and centuries, Catholics never received from the cup. Again, that's a modernist introduction with no purpose other than to confuse people.

4. *Resign from being a "Eucharistic Minister" at Mass under ordinary conditions.* Again, this is not a matter of sin. It's a question of participating in a system and philosophy that undermines belief in the Real Presence. The question of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion under extraordinary circumstances, like a priest who is physically incapable of standing for that long, or taking the Blessed Sacrament to the homebound or ill because there are not enough priests — those are the *extra*-ordinary circumstances that the Church allows for. But the weekly scheduling of Extraordinary Ministers that are not *extra*-ordinary should not be participated in by the faithful.

Those are four things you can begin doing immediately, starting this Sunday. You don't need anyone's permission. It's not against Church law. It's not a sin. It's not disobedient. Nothing. Not a soul in the Church can object to any of those things — and if they do, they are either mistaken or lying or trying to intimidate you.

Know what you are allowed to do, and make sure you understand the history and background of all this — the plotting and planning that has gone on to destroy belief in the Real Presence. Catholics need to be able to talk to other Catholics and inform them about all this. While it's true that most won't care, some will. There will always be some people who want to know the truth, and you need to be prepared and informed enough to be able to help them know.

Now this brings up another point we have to go into. For more than 10 years, we here at St. Michael's Media have been producing hundreds of hours of video that go into all of this - the theology, the history, the background. There is simply no way Catholics can resist the protestant

heresy so widespread in the Church today without understanding the background and the history.

There is an “anti-Church,” as Pope St. John Paul II labeled it, and right now it is winning the day. And it’s winning the day because too many Catholics, even good Catholics, simply do not know enough. That’s what we have done here; we’ve been doing it for 11 years and we are going to keep doing it.

If you are a Resistance member and not a Premium subscriber, then you need to sign up to become one now. It’s simply impossible for any one individual to learn all this information on his or her own.

Church Militant has had teams of researchers and writers for years poring over all this material for more than a decade, and the programming we produce is the final result of all that research. — tens of thousands of pages, hundreds of books, have been read, and condensed into scripts that we use to produce our programs.

The programs, both theological and investigative, are the product of tens of thousands of hours of research, including, interviews, readings and so forth. Bit by bit, we have pieced together a massive, impressive body of work, both in volume and content, to help people understand where we are and how we got there — and what we have lost as a Church because folks in the Church — traitors and poorly formed clergy — have deliberately tried to obscure and destroy Catholic identity, with their major focus of attack being the Real Presence.

We haven’t made these programs for ourselves; we have made them for viewers to watch and learn so that they can internalize the information and then share it with whomever they know will listen.

For example, we produced a very simple program available to Premium members called *Reception Deception*. The point of this particular show is to reveal how the practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand came into the Church, first in Europe in the 1960s and then in America in the 1970s. It should come as no surprise that there was much in the way of machinations and scheming and plotting by clergy and bishops to bring this about.

And another point to know is that it was Protestants, again in the early days of the Protestant Revolt, that introduced this practice to the faithful to destroy their belief in the Real Presence. We go into all of this in this one program alone, the information of which alone is worth the \$10 a month.

In the producing of that show, we discovered the hidden minutes of the meetings of the American bishops in the 1970s, and they were hidden in the archives of the USCCB in the bowels of the library at Notre Dame, stamped that they were private and not to be duplicated. But we got a hold of them and used them in this series, *Reception Deception*.

Then we have our 118 hours of *The One True Faith*, eight seasons of an authentic presentation of the Catholic faith. In fact, as related to this specific topic of the Real Presence, the entire fourth season is dedicated to this one topic — 13 hours of all kinds of information related to the source and summit of the Church.

We go into the attacks against the Holy Eucharist, both natural and supernatural, the central importance of the Blessed Sacrament, the scriptural supports, the centuries of teachings and the reasons behind them, the Protestant denial, the history and so forth.

Again, it is not an exaggeration to say that if you are a member of the Resistance, it is going to be difficult to get along without being a Premium member. Everything going on in the Church right now — the shrinking, the decline of faith, the unfaithfulness of so many clergy, the horrible catechesis that has poisoned the minds of so many Catholics, the horrible education Catholic students have received in Catholic schools — every last bit of it has been recognized by us here at St. Michael's Media and anticipated as growing worse.

That's the goal of all the programming — again hundreds of hours across dozens of shows. Since the source of all this poison in the Church is the heresy of Protestantism, we have a number of programs aimed at exposing the errors of all this.

For example, we have a very clever presentation of those errors in a popular program called *Case Files*. It explores the errors in a detective-type fashion, hunting down their sources and treating each one as its own “case” which needs solving. The whole idea is to look at these errors from a purely intellectual point of view, which, in the end, is what they are. They are intellectual errors, errors of the truth, and they need to be solved. Part of the “solving” process is dismantling them.

What many, probably most, Catholics, don't realize (and even a majority of Protestants as well) is what the Protestant Revolt of the 16th century caused was not only theological mayhem, but also social and political mayhem. It was the underlying principles of the Protestant so-called Reformers that set the stage and became the grounding for many of our modern evils: contraception, abortion, divorce, acceptance of homosexuality, transgender nonsense and so forth. It set the stage for the revolution that happened in modern philosophy, where natural law became displaced and a humanist approach became ascendant.

To address and explain natural law much better, we produced a program with the late Dr. Charles Rice (Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord), a giant in the philosophical arena and a very good friend of Church Militant and St. Michael's Media. It's called *Right Reason*.

We produced two seasons of 13 programs each. Every episode is 30 minutes long, and when it comes to natural law, you'd be hard pressed to find another person besides Dr. Rice who

understands it like the back of his hand and has that wonderful gift of being able to communicate it very effectively.

It is the refusal to accept natural law that has resulted in the errant philosophy that has infected our political systems, including our courts, especially the Supreme Court, which make up rights out of thin air, rights completely foreign to natural law. These philosophical errors have deeply penetrated the Church and caused all manner of chaos. And the philosophical errors are the stepchild of the Protestant Revolt.

Seminarians today often get poor philosophical training, and once they are ordained, they go out into a parish setting with most of those sitting in the pews also having no training. It's the blind leading the blind. And as the saying goes, bad philosophy leads to bad theology, leads to bad morality, leads to hell.

In regards to philosophy, it is imperative that Catholics have a basic understanding of this subject matter. It's how the errors and flaws are detected in the argument of those opposed to the Church, even those technically within the Church.

For example, the explanation of the Real Presence has a philosophical grounding because philosophy is oriented toward the truth. It's why St. Thomas Aquinas used Aristotelian terms to help explain the Eucharist.

To help make philosophical principles more easily understandable is why we produced our program *The Armor of God*. It goes through basic philosophical underpinnings of reality like the principle of non-contradiction, the principle of being, and so forth. These are foundational to understanding the reasoning for the teachings of the faith, and precisely why modern philosophy has attacked them viciously. *The Armor of God* is presented in two seasons of 13 episodes each. And each one is 30 minutes long. That's kind of a standard approach we use here.

Our vision for each of the Resistance groups in all the various dioceses is that the various members in each diocese are regularly viewing these episodes in a systematic order, both alone in free time and when you all come together in a regular meetings. They all match up very well with the various books we recommended people get a hold of in last month's webinar.

There is simply no replacement for actually sitting down and studying this material. It is the stuff of the Faith, intellectually speaking, and to not have a good familiarity with it is setting yourself up to be steamrolled by liberal and leftist forces in the Church.

This material is well-suited for home school families as well. It's easy to understand and presented in a not scholarly fashion on purpose.

Since the intellectual errors of Protestantism, which have multiplied in the Church for the past 50 years, are really at the root of the horrible catechesis that has befallen so many Catholics, a two-pronged effort is needed.

1. Show the errors of Protestantism
2. Show the correctness of Catholicism

This is the only road to go down. Catholics must understand what the errors are, their logical and philosophical flaws, and how those errors expand to areas of Scripture and authority and grace and the sacraments and so forth. At the same time, we must know how to explain the correctness of Catholic thought. Following this model we have produced a few programs.

The first is our *Basic Training* collection. Its apologetics class (16 hours broken into one-hour sessions) which, piece by piece, dismantles the logical flaws in many protestant notions: the idea of “Scripture alone” and “Once saved, always saved,” the Church and so forth. These incorrect notions, which so permeate even the Catholic world today in slightly different forms, have absolutely no basis whatsoever in Catholic tradition and never did have until the Protestant Revolt.

But not only is there the first line of attack against what is wrong with Protestantism, theologically, philosophically, and morally, but there also needs to be the expression of the authentic understanding of the true Faith. For this reason we produced the program *The Majesty of the Faith* — two seasons of 13 episodes each, but these ones considerably shorter.

We deliberately kept them short. Most are under four minutes to highlight just one nugget of the Faith at a time, to give viewers, especially viewers who are very busy with life routines, a program designed to be very easy to watch and not time consuming. So many Catholics today fall into the trap of thinking that the Church is a club or social expression of fellowship where we all sort of, more or less, believe the same thing, and whatever we disagree over isn't really that important.

That isn't Catholicism. That is the working definition of Protestantism, not Catholicism. As we say in *The Majesty of the Faith*. we are made noble, actual nobility, by being Catholic. We are incorporated into the body of Jesus Christ, physically as well as spiritually, and because He's the King, we are made noble. We have noble blood literally running through our veins, because we receive Him in the Eucharist.

And see, here we are again, right back to the Eucharist. To stress the importance on how much the errors of Protestantism need to be revealed, we produced another program that has proven very popular, and that is *Houses Built on Sand*.

The entire genre of this program is to show how the theological errors so present in Protestantism have produced houses built on sand, relating to what Our Blessed Lord said

would happen when His words were not followed. Only the house built on the rock will survive the crashing of storms and wind and rain pounding against it. And, as we'll touch on a little later, the whole structure of Protestantism is giving way under the deluge of evil because it does not have the constituent strength to survive.

One final program (and there are many others we would like to highlight, but don't have the time for) is one we produced with Fr. Pablo Straub. Father Pablo was a saint of a man with a deep, deep love for Our Lord in the Eucharist. In the program, we just sit back and listen to the splendid preachings of Fr. Pablo. His insights and down-to-earth way of delivering the timeless truths of the Faith will make you want you to learn even more.

We were very blessed for our association with Fr. Pablo. We loved him and he loved us. He was a favorite of Mother Angelica's and was often seen on EWTN when Mother was still in charge. It was, in fact, Fr. Pablo who suggested to us to go to the internet. He said it quite directly to me in my house one evening when he said, "Michael, we *must* bring Christ to the Internet." And so we have.

Those are just nine of the programs we have, of which every program has multiple episodes, all designed to not just comfort Catholics, but light a fire under them, to go out and make disciples of all nations, as Our Blessed Lord commanded immediately as He was ascending. However, the glories of the Faith are being blunted from within the Church, as we all know. People are being deprived of the truth and fullness of the Faith. And that deprivation is being caused by ignorant or malicious or cowardly leaders in the Church. These men have succumbed to the Protestant heresy because it's cheap grace. It doesn't require the cross, and they are deceiving the faithful and potential faithful with watered-down catechesis and evangelization.

All of this must be resisted. Some of the resistance we have mentioned is very simple and can be done on your own with no group activity needed and no permission needed, either. But other forms of resistance are more involved and do require coordination.

There are four major areas where resistance is needed, and the resistance can come in various forms depending on individual circumstances and locales.

#### 1. *Reverence.*

First, the area of reverence, in the parish, before and after Mass, not to mention during Mass. Some things that could immediately be brought up to the pastor specifically regarding reverence are:

- The need for silence in the church, stop with all the noise of people talking and so forth before Mass and after Mass.
- The need to genuflect and at least acknowledge that God is physically present.
- Appropriate dress, meaning not overly casual and certainly not immodest.

- No applause for the choir or band. Even Pope Benedict said applause at Mass is a sign of a loss of the sense of the sacred.

## 2. *Devotion*

The second area in need of resisting is the devotional life. A personal prayer life, devotional life, must be stressed once again heavily: the daily Rosary, the St. Michael Prayer after Mass, as Pope John Paul called for, a renewed emphasis on the souls in Purgatory and the need for indulgences for them, the need as well for people visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

## 3. *Catechesis of Catholics*

The third major area in need of great focus is in catechetics. This is perhaps the single most disastrous area in the Church today. Catholics need to change their lives and immerse themselves in the teachings of the Church, so they need reliable sources that are clear, easy to understand and easy to teach others.

In the Church Militant Resistance, that's what we are making available through our own programming and the books we have recommended, which many of you purchased at the last webinar. The watered-down teachings being presented at a huge number of RCIA and adult education classes and youth ministries are barely Catholic and much more Protestant.

## 4. *Evangelization of Others*

And lastly, the wimpy evangelization efforts that are so common today need much resisting because they are, again, based on a protestant understanding and approach. People interested in Catholicism should be taught Catholicism, not Protestantism being passed off as Catholicism. But that is what is happening in many areas. It's also why the efforts to convert, if there actually are efforts like that, are failing. These methods are simply not working.

For every convert who comes into the Church, six leave. Less than 10 years ago, it was four who left. Now it's six again who leave. Absolutely unsustainable. So the rate of collapse is picking up, and soon, there will be almost nothing left of the Church in the United States, like the situation in Europe.

In fact, if you were to remove the immigrant population, which is largely Hispanic, the percentage of Catholics relative to the overall population would tumble to just below 15 percent. Two generations ago it was 25 percent. The Catholic Church is becoming irrelevant, and it's owing to the embrace of the Protestant heresy.

An interesting sociological note here: This decrease of religious-minded people is happening in Protestantism as well. It isn't talked about that much in Catholic circles, but it is a real concern among evangelicals and fundamentalists as well. The mainline denominations of Episcopalians, for example, are nearly extinct and have been heading that way for years.

But now, the same reality has set in among the more so-called conservative protestant sects. So the question should naturally arise in people's minds: Why on earth would anyone who has a leadership role in the Catholic Church make the conscious decision to follow all the protestant sects into obscurity and irrelevance?

The Church is disappearing because it is imitating Protestantism and copying it and not making itself distinct by the authority of its own divine mandate. So a point that absolutely needs bringing up here is this: No resistance members or groups should be involved in any way in anything Protestant. This includes Bible studies or joint prayer outings and so forth. You will notice that whenever ecumenical prayers services are going on, it is Catholicism that gets the short shrift.

For example, last week, when Cdl. Donald Wuerl was praying at the White House Rose Garden ceremony marking the executive order on religious liberty, he approached the podium, prayed and left, and never made the Sign of the Cross.

A mindset has become the norm among Catholics at these gatherings that we shouldn't make the Sign of the Cross because Protestants might not like it, or might be offended by it. The lowest common denominator is always appealed to, and Catholics cannot be participants in that, or have that mindset. If prayers are offered, great. But you make the Sign of the Cross, and not sheepishly.

So, if any Resistance members are talking about or expressing support for Protestant Bible studies, knock it off. The errant reading of Scripture is partly responsible for what got us where we are to begin with.

And another point for all Resistance members: We need to be more humble, across the board, especially in how we deal with each other. We've noticed some squabbling back and forth in the Facebook forums and the mounting of high horses. That treatment of each other can't happen and has to stop.

It's spiritually unhealthy and a perfect opening for the demon to come in. He is the divider. He looks for weaknesses and exploits them. And in an effort like this, it's going to be people's pride he will go after because he knows he isn't going to convince you that the Church's teachings are wrong. But that doesn't mean he doesn't try to get at you in different ways.

You, more than others who don't believe, are a special target of the demonic, and you must guard against him in all his insidiousness. He doesn't want you banding together to help improve the Church. He doesn't want you setting aside time and reordering your life to become more immersed in the Faith. And he certainly doesn't want you teaching others about the glories and majesty of the Faith and warning them of the dangers of the Protestant heresy.

Resist him, the demon, more than anything else.

You should be praying the Litany of Humility. We have made that available on the Resistance page. We pray that every morning here in our chapel because we realize the dangers that pride can pose to destroying everything we do here.

Now, for those of you who need to sign up still as a Premium member, there are a couple of different ways depending on how you're watching this. If you are on the CM homepage, there is a banner right underneath this transmission that you just click and follow the directions.

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We'd like to stress again the importance of having complete access to all our material. Various people write in and ask us this or that, and the answer is already in the programming, and a much more extensive answer than we can give over the phone or in an email.

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