

Church of Nice!  
vort-2012-06-20

Hello everyone and welcome to The Vortex where lies and falsehoods are trapped and exposed. I'm Michael Voris.

Have you attended Mass lately at the Church of Nice? The Catholic Community of St. Nice?

You know, the typical suburban parish where Fr. Pleasant starts his homily with a stupid priest joke and then goes on to say essentially nothing that can specifically help you get to heaven.

Then you can participate by singing a horribly composed piece of something that is supposed to be music as the altar girls looking totally vacant and out of place while escorting some members of the congregation up to the sanctuary with the gifts .. all the while with the band crooning away.

The FEW young people who you might see look totally bored as they keep checking their phones for texts.

TO be fair .. even Fr. looks a little bored when the spotlight has temporarily shifted from him to some other action downstage .. errr .. somewhere else in the sanctuary.

But through it all .. no one says a word .. before or after .. because it wouldn't be nice. Little mention as a matter of fact of anything of substance at all because it's a sure fire bet that someone sitting out there in the audience will be offended and that wouldn't be nice.

There are of course the contracepting couples .. CHECK .. the divorced and remarried .. CHECK .. the cohabiting .. CHECK .. the believers in abortion rights or same sex marriage .. CHECK.

And if you breathe a word about any of those topics .. a letter is sure to get fired off to the chancery and the priest will get hauled in front of the bishop and have to give an accounting for preaching the teachings of the faith.

I want to share a quick story with you. I heard this with my own ears so it isn't something that was told to me in a garbled mis-reported way. I was present at the event.

A bishop was speaking before a gathering of mostly lay people and lamenting the horrible condition of his diocese. Marriages down .. baptisms down .. sacraments all down .. vocations falling off the cliff .. parishes closing down .. everything down.

He lamented the state of affairs for a couple of minutes and then said .. but there is one area in which things are looking up .. BURIALS .. yep. Burials. We have had a 200 percent increase in the number of people being buried in our Catholic cemeteries .. which he added .. get this .. he actually said this .. I heard it with my own two ears .. which goes to show you .. even if they miss a few sacraments here or there .. we still get 'em in the

end.

Honest to God .. those were his exact words. A joke about the current state of affairs .. the dismal soul costing state of affairs in the Church offered up as a cheap laugh line as souls flee from the Church and quite possibly eternal salvation.

This man is a successor of the Apostles. Can you even begin to imagine St. Peter or any of the Apostles cracking a joke about souls being lost. By the way .. he was **READING** his comments from prepared remarks .. not just winging it .. which means he contemplated this line .. and thought about it .. and made the conscious decision to include it.

But see .. in the Church of NICE .. this is standard fare. To even say anything about it means you **AREN'T** nice. You're just a big meanie. Can't take a joke.

Nothing is really sacred in the Church of Nice .. most especially Our Blessed Lord. We can worship him dressed immodestly .. with no real education about what Mass is **REALLY** about .. show up a few minutes late or later .. bolt out right after we've gone up and grabbed the bread .. sung emotionally whiny fingers on the chalkboard music .. and felt like we are all very nice people.

And the leaders will neither say nor do anything about it. They like the Church of Nice .. because since they are the leaders .. they are perceived as nice as well. NICE is the most disgusting language in the lexicon of modern Catholicism.

Nice means never being objectionable .. always agreeable .. never taking a stand. It is an apt substitute for the word **COWARD**. Which is fitting since the etymology of the word nice comes from the latin word meaning stupid .. like a **COW** .. as in **COWARD**.

Let's get something clear and understand it clearly .. Our Blessed Lord was most assuredly **NOT** nice. He was filled with zeal and passion and upset the status quo of those leaders who were content to let souls be damned so they could be perceived as nice.

The nice gang is the gang of the lukewarm .. the ones who never venture too far this way or too far that way .. the guardians of the middle of the road .. the ones who everyone likes because they are NICE.

Love is not about being NICE. It is about being charitable .. which has nothing to do with the social convention of being NICE. Love is fiery .. passionate .. totally absorbed in the beloved for the sake of the beloved. It does not care about itself .. it throws itself with reckless abandon headlong into danger for the sake of the beloved.

It's fitting that when there are two people and one has a romantic interest in the other .. but the other isn't interested at all .. the supreme blow off line is .. "I'm really not interested .. I mean he or she is NICE and all, but .."

NICE is a cheap substitute for LOVE .. it never has passion .. it will never bleed for anyone or anything. It couldn't spell zeal if it tried .. NICE is boring and conventional ..

uninspiring .. and frankly for spiritual losers.

Why are Catholic parishes closing up faster than lemonade stands at the North Pole .. because they're all so flippin' nice .. and nice .. meaning lukewarm .. is what Our Blessed Lord promises in the book of the Apocalypse He will vomit out of His mouth.

The Church Militant is not about being nice. Even God can't tolerate NICE.

GOD Love you,

I'm Michael Voris