

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

So what are we to think of private revelation? Every time you turn around there seems to be another claimant to special visions and messages.

Well, our response as faithful Catholics is simple. If the Church approves, then all is good. In the absence of Church approval, DEEP caution bordering on DEEP skepticism if not outright rejection – until the Church approves – is advised.

But among the private revelations that ARE approved, it is extremely wise for a Catholic to sit up and pay attention. While they do not add to the public deposit of divinely revealed faith – they are nonetheless VERY worthy of our consideration.

When the private revelations are coming from great saints who lived lives of intense holiness – then they are certainly worthy of meditation.

Take for example St. Teresa of Avila. A holy woman almost beyond compare, in a large assembly of very holy women in the Catholic Church.

She had routine visits from Our Blessed Lord where he revealed various private circumstances of His life on earth.

Since it is May, a month the Church has traditionally set aside for the honor of Our Blessed Mother, we thought it would be good to focus in on one detail that Our Lord revealed to St. Teresa involving Our Lady.

He told St. Teresa that on that first Easter, he rose so early before dawn so he could speed to His Holy Mother and she was in a deep state of grief over His sufferings. He also revealed that he stayed with Her for a long time so He could console Her. He embraced Her and kissed Her and restored Her joy.

WHAT a beautiful revelation. Now, in the Catholic mind, that makes perfect sense. Many fathers and doctors of the Church as well as many saints BEFORE that revelation from Our Lord Himself, had already deeply speculated and come to believe that Our Lord went first to His Blessed Mother.

In short, of course HE would! The first PUBLIC witness to His Risen glory was Mary Magdalene, but the FIRST witness period was the woman who had suffered more than any other woman in human history – a sword ripping through Her soul as she stood on Calvary.

Remember – she was without sin, any sin - original or private and so Her state of purity conditioned Her to be MORE susceptible to the pain and suffering that resulted from sins – especially the suffering borne by Her Son on the cross.

Mean people are less moved by suffering, less compassionate. That's kind of the working definition of mean.

Well, the other end of the spectrum is also true. Those full of grace and holiness are much more sensitive to suffering in the spiritual order. They grieve over sin and what greater sin could there ever be than deicide.

And what other witness could feel the searing pain more acutely over this worst of all sin than Mary Immaculate. Even on a pure HUMAN level – any mother watching her baby .. for that is how a mother ALWAYS thinks of her child – what mother wouldn't be riddled with deep unbearable sorrow witnessing their own child's crucifixion?

This is not to belabor all this. It is a beautiful meditation, that Our Lord rose early to rush to His grieving Mother to comfort Her and then remained with Her.

But it is to point out that THIS is a CATHOLIC thought – a reflection that is uniquely Catholic. Non-Catholic Christians would never even give this sort of thought a moment's consideration.

And they are all the more impoverished for it.

They would say things like – show me where it says that in the Bible – as if the Bible contains every truth about Our Lord. Newsflash – it doesn't. And the Bible even says that at the end of chapter 20 AND 21 of John's Gospel.

The Catholic Church has the fullness of truth – not because we as individual Catholics are superior to non-Catholics, but because the Faith IS. The teachings and revelations of the Church, both public and private are given to the Church to assist us on our road to Heaven – which is incredibly easy to fall off.

So Our Blessed Lord sustains us with not only the assurance that His teachings are true – protected by the Holy Spirit and preserved from all error – but also with the reflections and meditations of many holy men and women – who live in such mystic communion with them that they are conduits of His Divine Love – living reservoirs of grace.

Catholics cannot be caught up in the game of watering down the glories of the Faith, being afraid to speak them in case someone might be offended.

These are great treasures given to the Church – Our Lord's Bride – given to Her by Her loving Spouse, like a husband would bedeck his wife in the most beautiful jewelry he could.

What glory or beauty would Jesus Christ deny His Bride whom he died for? He gives Her His Body and Blood Soul and Divinity – in short, direct access to the Father. If He gives THAT as the preparation for Heaven, what else would HE not give Her to sustain Her on her earthly journey?

This is the understanding of the Faith – of WHAT constitutes the Church – that has been absent for the past 50 years or so. In seeking to be so much to so many, we have lost any deep sense of what it means to be Catholic – to present Catholicism to the world.

Too many have been content to eat gruel, when there is a banquet in the next room.

Time to BE Catholic.

GOD Love you.

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