



# 'Legio Sanctae Familiae'

## The Legion of the Holy Family

Under the Patronage of  
The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
The Immaculate Heart of Mary  
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THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER - STAYS TOGETHER

## Increase, and Multiply, and Fill the Earth

At a recent social gathering, I had a conversation with a young man in his late teens who told me that he does not believe in free will. He seems to believe that we are all part of some elaborate biological matrix where we cannot really choose what we do. According to this young man's thinking, our actions are based largely on instinct, and our choices are pre-programmed.

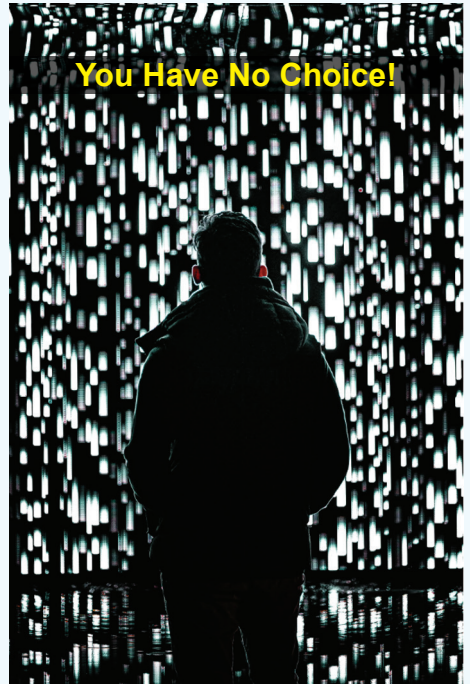
I told him that if that is the case, then he should campaign for the release of all prisoners from jail. His philosophy means that they are not really responsible for the actions which led them to prison, therefore it is unjust to keep them there.

He countered by saying that of course he believed in certain forms of morality. For example, he said, you would agree with me that most people are opposed to killing. We should be protected from those who wish to kill us. I replied that I did not agree with him.

He was surprised, and asked me why I did not agree that most people are opposed to killing. So I gave him the example of abortion and informed him that the World Health Organisation puts the annual abortion figures at over 70 million. I told him that it is now one of the leading causes of death and that it involves the deliberate killing of an innocent human being in their mother's womb. Most countries have legalised abortion, therefore, I questioned the veracity of his statement that most people are opposed to killing. He said he would have to think about that.

I then told him that most western democracies have already legalised, or are planning to legalise, euthanasia. This involves the deliberate killing of elderly or chronically ill people who no longer wish to live, or for whom doctors and other family members no longer see any purpose for their continued existence.

He said he believes that people who are in great suffering should be allowed to choose if they want to die. So I asked him, how can they choose to die if they have no free will? You said that you don't believe that we have free will which means that we cannot choose what we would like to do! At this point he seemed

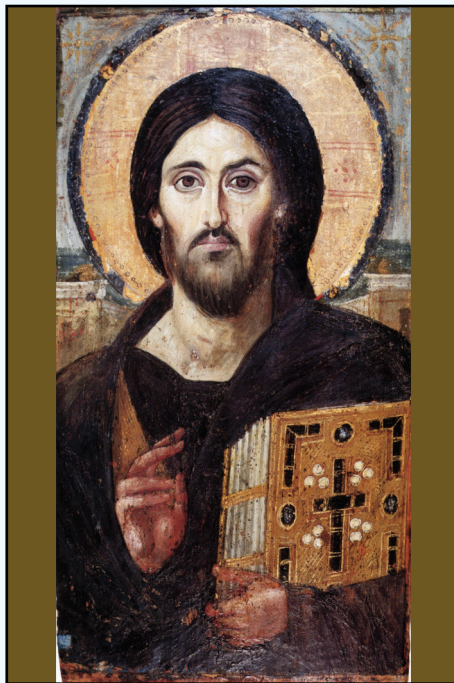


a little confused, so he excused himself by saying that he really enjoyed our conversation, that I was a very interesting man, and that he would like to speak with me again sometime in the future. This young man does not realise that his position is actually impossible. One cannot commit to any beliefs unless one has free will. The very fact that we had such a conversation is a confirmation of the existence of free will. I think that this false ideology seeks to exonerate men from taking responsibility for the consequences of their bad actions.

I am not sure how typical this young man's views are, but I would not be surprised to learn that many of our young people have acquired false ideological thinking from their State controlled education. These young people are indoctrinated. They simply regurgitate views that have not been properly thought out or tested. They rarely hear these views being intellectually challenged. They are hardly ever presented with the Truth! Most children in Ireland receive their primary education in so-called 'Catholic' schools, and at least 50% receive their secondary education in so-called 'Catholic' schools. Yet in the 2018 abortion referendum in Ireland, at least 86% of the eighteen to twenty-four year old voting cohort, voted to allow innocent human beings to be killed in their mothers' wombs. This is contrary to what is taught by the Catholic Church. Most of these young people will earnestly tell you that they are opposed to the killing of innocent human beings, and yet they voted for it. They suffer from an ideologically induced cognitive dissonance. This allows them to support ideas which are mutually opposed to one another without fully realising the contradiction in their thoughts and actions.

There are two basic views of the world that we live in. One view recognises a Creator, the other view does not. Those who recognise a Creator believe in the existence of spiritual beings and also believe that man is a spiritual being with a created soul.

Those who reject the Creator believe that all things are composed only of matter and that the spiritual world does not exist except in the fantasies of believers. There are many differences of opinions amongst those who belong to each of these two classes of people. Not all religious people agree on what is true, and atheists cannot agree on the truth, because their beliefs are based on a deception.



The oldest known icon of Christ Pantocrator, 6th-century icon from Saint Catherine's Monastery, Mount Sinai



One thing is certain for those who believe in spiritual realities. The demons, who are purely spiritual beings, believe in the Creator and in spiritual realities. These demons actively seek to convince men that both the Creator and the spiritual realm do not exist. The marks of the devil are deception and death. Deception and death are also the marks of those who follow the devil, whether or not they realise that they are deceived. St Augustine addresses this topic in his 'Confessions'. Speaking about those who come to hate the truth he says the following.

*“Why does truth call forth hatred? Why is Your servant treated as an enemy by those to whom he preaches the truth, if happiness is loved, which is simply joy in truth? Simply because truth is loved in such a way that those who love some other thing want it to be the truth, and, precisely because they do not wish to be deceived, are unwilling to be convinced that they are deceived. Thus they hate the truth for the sake of that other thing which they love because they take it for truth. They love truth when it enlightens them, they hate truth when it accuses them. Because they do not wish to be deceived and do wish to deceive, they love truth when it reveals itself, and hate it when it reveals them.”* (St Augustine - Confessions - Book Ten, XXIII)

No man wants to be deceived, however, it can become very difficult to give up a lie that one has come to believe in. Especially if one has invested time and energy into promoting the deception. Nobody likes to admit that they have been wrong! In general, one cannot convince the supporters of abortion, divorce, contraception and other evils of their errors by way of logical argument, because they have been deceived into thinking that they are champions for the truth and for human rights. These enemies of Jesus Christ think that sincere Catholics are the ones who are deceived. Prayer, fasting, and sacrifice may lead to their conversion.

I have spoken before of how I too fell away from the practice of the Catholic faith in my late teenage years. However, I never lost my belief in God the Creator. I have loved nature for as long as I can remember and my study of biology in secondary school increased my fascination. I could always see from the complexity of the natural order that even something as simple as a blade of grass, had to have a Creator. The complex structures that one observes could not have come about by chance or by accident. Thank God, this would one day lead to my return to the Catholic faith because I was open to God and I was a searcher for truth.

I still love observing nature, especially in the garden, and although I am not a great gardener, I do love a bit of gardening. A few weeks ago, I was out in the front garden to see how the daffodils and other plants and shrubs were getting on and making a few gardening plans. Coming back to the house, I noticed a chestnut on the driveway with a small tap root growing out of it. It was shrivelled

and looked in pretty bad shape but I decided to bring it into the house and to plant it. I was so delighted when a few weeks later, a leafy sprout emerged from the soil (see picture). If all continues to go well, this will become a chestnut tree that will live on long after I am gone to the grave. This chestnut tree was designed and created by Almighty God. Everything in its nature has been given by God. St Paul in his letter to the Romans tells us, that those who reject God have no excuse, because the hidden God is revealed in His creation.

*“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and injustice of those men that detain the truth of God in injustice: Because that which is known of God is manifest in them. For God has manifested it unto them. For the invisible things of Him, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made; His eternal power also, and divinity: so that they are inexcusable.*



The New Chestnut Tree

*Because that, when they knew God, they have not glorified him as God, or given thanks; but became vain in their thoughts, and their foolish heart was darkened. For professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And they changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the likeness of the image of a corruptible man, and of birds, and of four footed beasts, and of creeping things.” (Romans 1:18-23)*

God clearly reveals Himself in His creation. Jesus often speaks of His creation in the parables He uses. Parables of the vineyard, of the prodigal son, of the sower scattering his seed. God created mankind. We are created male and female and our sexual differences were created to serve God’s purpose. God wishes to have many saints with Him in His Heavenly Kingdom. In creating man as male and female, God created the natural family. The natural family comes directly from the Will of God.

Divine revelation has also informed us of the Holy Trinity and that the first person of the Holy Trinity is God the Father. Fatherhood and motherhood, essential components of the natural family, come directly from God. At the crucifixion, God gave Our Lady to mankind as our Heavenly mother. God desires to increase

## God Created The Natural Family

His Kingdom by means of the family and it is God who designed the nature of the family; father; mother; and their biological children. This is why Traditional Catholic Families are so important. They directly reflect the Will of God Whose Heavenly Kingdom is nothing other than the family of God, gathered together in adoration for eternity.

The Old Testament tells us the history of families. The family of Adam and Eve. The family of Abraham. The family of Noah, The family of Jacob. The twelve tribes of Israel are twelve families.

Once sin entered the world, family troubles entered the world. Murder, stealing, deceits of all kind, acrimony and sibling rivalry. But God loves His creation and He became incarnate so that He could show us just how much He loves us.



The Holy Trinity

Hendrick van Balen the Elder (c1573 - 1632)

*“For God so loved the world, as to give his only begotten Son; that whosoever believes in Him, may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God sent His Son into the world, not to judge the world, but that the world may be saved by Him. He that believes in Him is not judged. But he that does not believe, is already judged: because he believes not in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* (John 3:16-18)

It is God who desires to have Holy families in the world to lead other souls to Him. It is through the family that God desires to raise up holy priests to administer the Sacraments to the faithful. It is through the family that God desires to raise up holy religious sisters and brothers. It is through the family that God desires to raise up many Saints for His Heavenly Kingdom. It is through the family that God desires to form holy societies of men and women striving with their children to become saints.

This is why the devil hates the family! This is why the Traditional Catholic Family is being attacked, because the devil wishes to destroy society and to lead souls away from God, down to Hell. It is easy to decry the evils of our time, but it is not enough to be opposed to evil. St Paul tells us in one simple sentence what we are called to do.

*“Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil by good.” (Romans 12:21)*

Nothing else is of more importance than the Traditional Catholic Family for handing on the Catholic faith. In his book, ‘Jesus, King of Love’, the great apostle of the enthronement of the Sacred Heart, Father Matteo Crawley-Boevey, says the following (emphasis added).

*“Truly, in order that the world may be transformed and saved, it is absolutely necessary that the Nativity should be not only a great feast, but a living and lasting reality; in other words, that Jesus, our Emmanuel, should be really and truly dwelling among us, His banished brethren, who are much more weak than evil. Let us not deceive ourselves; in order to bring about the day, be it far or distant, of the Social Reign of Jesus Christ, proclaimed and revered as King, ruling by Sovereign right throughout the whole of human society, it will be necessary for us to re-fashion the society of to-day from its very basis, that is to say to rebuild it on the model of Nazareth. **Every nation is worth what the family life is worth, for a nation has ever been, either in holiness or corruption, that which the home is. There has never been any exception whatever to this rule.***

*In this connection, I remember what a great convert once said to me: “Father, you cannot exaggerate the transcendent importance of the crusade which you are preaching. I know what I am speaking about: the Freemasons, of whom I was one for so many years, have but one single aim, and that is the de-christianising of the family. Once this object is attained, in whole or in part, they may safely leave in the possession of Catholics all the Cathedrals, churches and chapels. Of what importance are these buildings of stone when they have taken possession of the sanctuary of the home? In the measure in which this sectarian strategy is successful, the victory of Hell will be secure. It was thus I reasoned, and for this I worked, Father, when I was in the ranks of Freemasonry.” Alas, what the Gospel says will always be true, that “the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.”” (Luke 16:8)*

The sole purpose of ‘*Legio Sanctae Familiae*’ - ‘The Legion of the Holy Family’ is to raise an army of Traditional Catholic Families who are willing to strive with all their might to become the holy families that God desires them to be. There is no other way of creating a holy society than through these Traditional Catholic Families. Families who are willing to follow the urgings of St Paul.

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercy of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing unto God, your reasonable service.*

*And be not conformed to this world; but be reformed in the newness of your mind, that you may prove what is the good, and the acceptable, and the perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:1-2)*



## Forming Traditional Catholic Family Networks

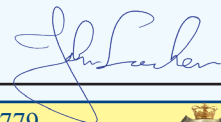
In the ordinary course of affairs, there is no short term solution to the problems now manifest in our societies. God can always intervene and change things in an instant. But the history of mankind as recounted in Sacred Scripture tells us a different story. It took the Israelites forty years to get to the promised land and most of those who began the journey did not make it. The direct route would have taken a few months at most. But there was grumbling along the way.

Those who want to rebuild society on Catholic principles must take the long view. We must begin at the foundation which is the Traditional Catholic Family and work from there. The general state of families in Ireland can be ascertained from the evil direction our society has taken. As Father Matteo Crawley-Boevey pointed out, *“Every nation is worth what the family life is worth, for a nation has ever been, either in holiness or corruption, that which the home is. There has never been any exception whatever to this rule.”*

Dom Jean-Baptiste Chautard, in his book ‘The Soul of the Apostolate’ speaks of forming ‘shock troops’ to lead evangelisation. These are groups of select individuals whose strong desire to become saints leads them to make sacrifices to pursue the narrow and difficult road to Heaven. He tells us that the early Church, *“knew how to organize magnificent and numerous shock troops, in the midst of the faithful, and their virtues both struck the pagans with astonishment and excited the admiration of honest souls, even those most prejudiced against Christianity by their principles, their traditions, and their social background. Conversions were the result, even in circles to which no priest had access.”*

Enclosed with this edition of the ‘*Legio Sanctae Familiae*’ newsletter is a flyer which seeks to form Traditional Catholic Family Networks. These are families headed by fathers who are willing to make the heroic sacrifices necessary to become holy and to lead their families to become holy. These heroic Catholic families will become the leaven within society that will bring about the long term goal of rebuilding a Catholic culture where God is Glorified. Their lives will be centred around the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. They will pray the Rosary daily. They will teach their children the prayers that were taught to the children of Fatima by an Angel and by Our Lady. These prayers are also included with this newsletter.

This is an ambitious project and I cannot do it alone. I am just an ordinary, sinful man, trying to become a saint. But with God’s grace and help, and with your support we can begin building something beautiful for God. We can reclaim what has been lost, and eventually restore truth, and beauty to our culture.



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