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Dear Friends of Catholic Tradition,

All of us at *Catholic Family News* wish you every blessing for the New Year, by which we begin the second decade of the 21st century. One hundred years ago, the world was still reeling from the horrors of World War I and people were ready to lose themselves in the coming hedonism of the 1920s. The major difference between that time and our own was that the Church stood tall by warning the world against the dangers in modern tendencies that were being given full reign after the war. She warned her children against the greed that led to the horrors of war as nations, backed by finance capitalists, sought to expand their reach through violence.

Likewise, she warned against the great temptation to false ecumenism. Toward the end of the decade, Pope Pius XI warned Catholics in *Mortalium Animos* (issued on the Feast of the Epiphany) to have nothing to do with the gatherings that the new Masonic-inspired ecumenical movement was fostering. After the horrors of war, many were tempted to join the ecumenical movement. Psychologically, their reaction is understandable, albeit misguided. Worn out by the divisions and brutality of war, people longed for peace. Fortunately, Catholics had the Church to warn them against this temptation and to remind them that true peace can only be found in Christ.

Now a hundred years later, the Church seems to have thrown in the towel and joined the ecumenical hootenanny. Rather than being the prudent mother warning her children against the temptations of the age, the human element of the Church – including the highest authority – has become a source of temptation to sin. The past year ended with the great scandal of the Amazon Synod, which included the worship of pagan idols in the Vatican, and *Catholic Family News* covered the breaking stories with traditional Catholic commentary.

In addition to bringing you the monthly paper and content on our website, we started a video apostolate in 2019. We now offer weekly news programs on our YouTube channel to highlight important stories of the week and discuss them from a Catholic perspective. We make this content available to the public for free. In a world overwhelmed with fake news and liberal-biased journalism, we strive to keep the light of God's truth on top of a hill so that those whose ears are ringing with the din of the modern world may be able to come to find that truth. Yet, all of this work takes resources. We depend primarily upon the subscriptions to the newspaper to fund all of the work CFN undertakes.

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Thank you for all of your support in 2019 and we look forward to communicating with you throughout the New Year!

In Christ the King,

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