In this episode, CFN's editors discuss the following news items:

## • Year-Long Celebration in Honor of Laudato Si

- o On May 16, the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development announced a "Special Laudato Si Anniversary Year from 24th May 2020 - 24th May 2021," in honor of the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' eco-encyclical (dated May 24, 2015). See here for the full program of planned events.
- Laudato Si played in integral part in the Amazon Synod, according to the testimony of Cardinal Cláudio Hummes, Synod Relator General (appointed as such by Pope Francis), during the Synod's opening press conference.

## • Our Lady's Dowry Profaned: Mosques Granted Special Privileges

- As <u>reported</u> by *LifeSiteNews*, the London borough of Waltham Forest is allowing local mosques to broadcast the Islamic call to prayer via loudspeakers during Ramadan, the so-called holy month of fasting in the religion of Muhammad.
- o Dr. Bill Warner, founder of the Center for the Study of Political Islam (CSPI) and expert on Islamic history/doctrine, offers some valuable insights regarding the dangerous nature of this precedent.

## • Highlights from Rome Life Forum

- The annual conference took place entirely online this year due ongoing COVIDrelated restrictions.
- The theme of this year's forum (May 20-22, 2020) was "Coronavirus in the Light of Fatima".
- Cardinal Raymond Burke spoke on "Fatima: Heaven's Answer to a World in Crisis", addressing such issues as necessary moral principles related to the development/use of vaccines, potential nefarious agendas behind the global shutdown, the role of Communist China in the health crisis, and the urgency of heeding the Message of Fatima — in particular, the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- Professor Roberto de Mattei addressed "The Judgment of God in History", presenting the Church's traditional understanding of chastisement and applying it to our present circumstances.

## • Update on Status of Public Masses: Chicago vs. Minnesota

- In Chicago, Cardinal Blase Cupich is <u>facing criticism</u> from local Catholics for his apparent subservience to civil authorities in regard to plans for re-opening churches.
- In contrast, the bishops of Minnesota are respectfully moving forward with <u>re-</u> opening churches for public Masses throughout their dioceses without the express approval of Gov. Tim Walz.



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