WATCH: Gaspers Discusses Pope's Recent Comments on Liturgical Reform, DDF's Note on Validity of Sacraments

Yesterday, CFN's Matt Gaspers was interviewed by Joe McClane, host of *A Catholic Take* on The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network, to discuss Pope Francis' recent comments on liturgical reform and a Note on the Validity of the Sacraments issued by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF).

During his address to members of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (DDW) last week, Francis said that the "purpose" of the Second Vatican Council was "to reform the Church in her fundamental dimensions," and that "without liturgical reform, there is no reform of the Church."

Gaspers and McClane discussed these statements in light of *Traditionis Custodes* (2021) and *Desiderio Desideravi* (2022), as well as the Rescript (legal clarification) concerning *Traditionis Custodes* that was issued last February. As Gaspers observed, the goal of Pope Francis and his allies continues to be the eventual suppression of the Traditional Latin Mass and the so-called "return" of all Roman Catholics to the New Mass "in due time," as Francis wrote in his Letter to Bishops that accompanies *Traditionis Custodes* (see here and here for more).

Gaspers and McClane also discussed the DDF's Note on the Validity of the Sacraments in light of the radical liturgical changes following Vatican II and the fact that offering the sacraments in the vernacular greatly increases the chances for invalidity (if the minister chooses to ad lib instead of using the words prescribed by the Church). Ironically, as Gaspers noted, the DDF Note was approved on January 25, the same day on which a so-called "Anglican Eucharist" (absolutely invalid) was celebrated in a Roman basilica with papal permission.

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