This week Brian McCall and I spoke about the LA Riots, the bill supporting assisted-suicide in NYC, Pope Leo XIV and (on Locals) RFK Jr.

Saints and Liturgy:

St. Basil, one of the last students of Athens, is one of the great Eastern Fathers, the crafter of the Liturgy of St. Basil (which you can often see at Ruthenian churches), but also a wonderful writer. My favorite text by him is in defense of pagan literature for Christian purposes. St. Basil, Address to young men on the right use of Greek literature. His feast day is traditionally on the 14th of June, but was moved during the liturgical revolution. This is tragic because this is the oldest day we know of for his feast day (matching with the date of his consecration) CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA: St. Basil the Great

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We also mentioned on the show the removal of the Octave of Pentecost during the Revolution. Matthew Hazell posted a great resource showing this absurdity behind the thoughtlessness.

Coetus I, Schema 65 (_De calendario_, 2), 15 March 1965, pp. 3-4

Is it acceptable to suppress the octave of Pentecost, so that Eastertide ends after Vespers (Compline) of Pentecost Sunday?

VAN DOREN: Do not suppress the octave of Pentecost! If the reason from antiquity may be brought forward: already at the end of the sixth century, an octave of Pentecost existed in Rome (see [A.] Chavasse, ["Le cycle pascal" in A.-G. Martimort (ed.),] *L'église en prière* [(Paris: Desclée, 1961), pp. 693-726], [at] p. 714)

The liturgy of this week deserves to be counted among the pearls of the sacred year. For it is the best exposition of the action of the Spirit, the Paraclete, both in the universal Church, which is the body of Christ, and in the soul of each of the baptised. The judgment of the pastoral utility and didactic value of the liturgy is to be preferred to the arithmetical argument about the number fifty. It must be added: if the octave were suppressed, would the Mass of the preceding Sunday (*Spiritus Domini*) be repeated on the ferias of this week?

MARTIMORT: *Placet*.

AMORE: Affirmative.

SCHMIDT: *Placet*, if the days between Ascension and Pentecost celebrate the mission of the Holy Spirit in a more deliberate way.

This must be stated:

1) that the most ancient unity of Ascension and Pentecost is restored;

2) that the members of the *Consilium* may see that we are not destroying Pentecost but, on the contrary, condensing it.

DIRKS: *Placet*.

NOCENT: Without fail. It is necessary, for the understanding of the Paschal Mystery, to insist on fifty days and nothing more.

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LA Riots:

Stephen Miller Leak: Stephen Miller Yells at ICE Agents About New Order to Ramp Up Arrests | The New Republic

"We are overwhelmed" quote: LAPD Chief: "We Are Overwhelmed" By Riots, "No Limit To What They're Doing To Our Officers" | Video | RealClearPpolitics

Palantir info: https://youtu.be/6N7PfzD7B8Y

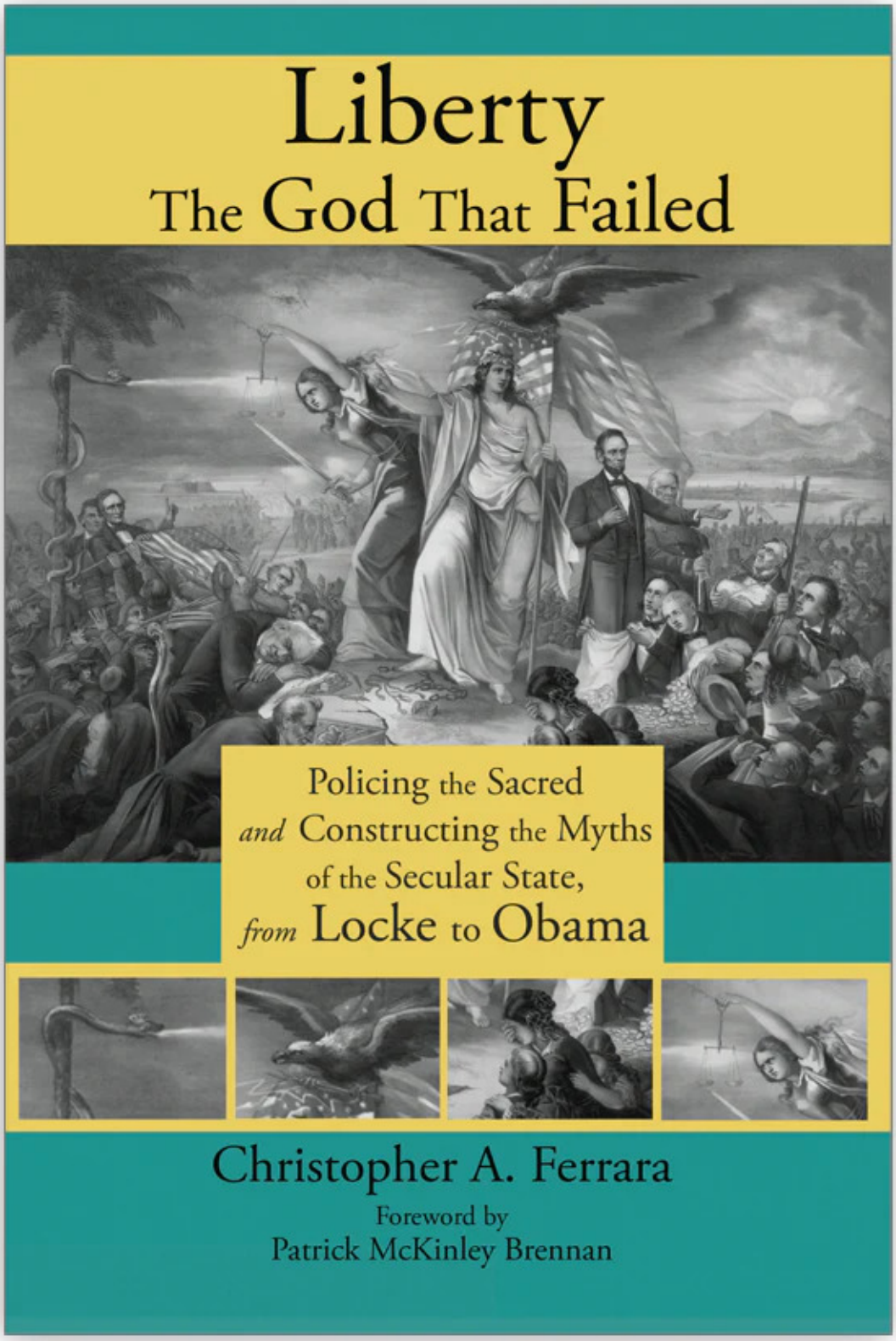
No Kings Protest Map: No Kings

A few very important texts I mentioned to understand the backing in support of Trump 'sending in the troops'

Hamilton's 21st and 28th Federalist Papers: Federalist Nos. 21-30 – Federalist Papers: Primary Documents in American History – Research Guides at Library of Congress

Chris Ferrara's Liberty the God that Failed from Angelico Press:

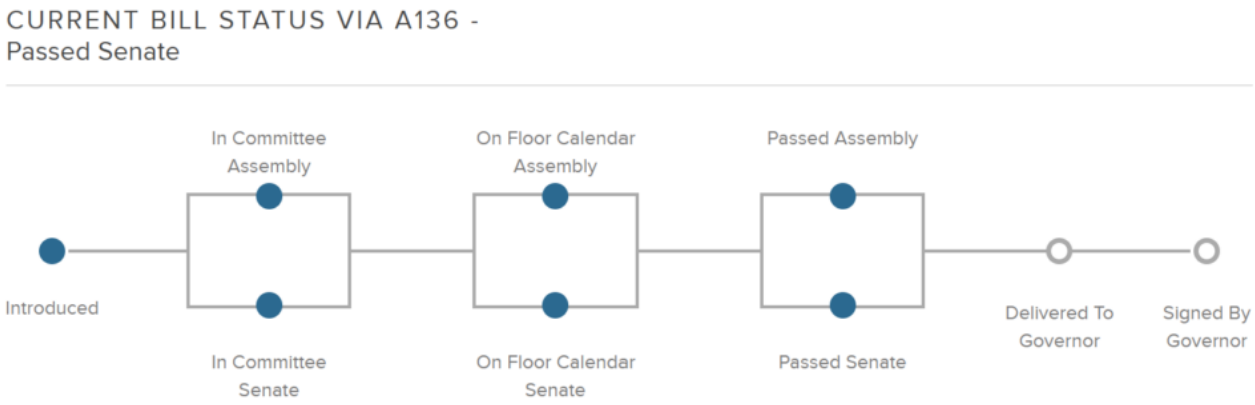
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Assisted Suicide in New York

The legalized murder bill inches closer towards becoming law in NYC. [NY State Senate Bill 2025-S138]

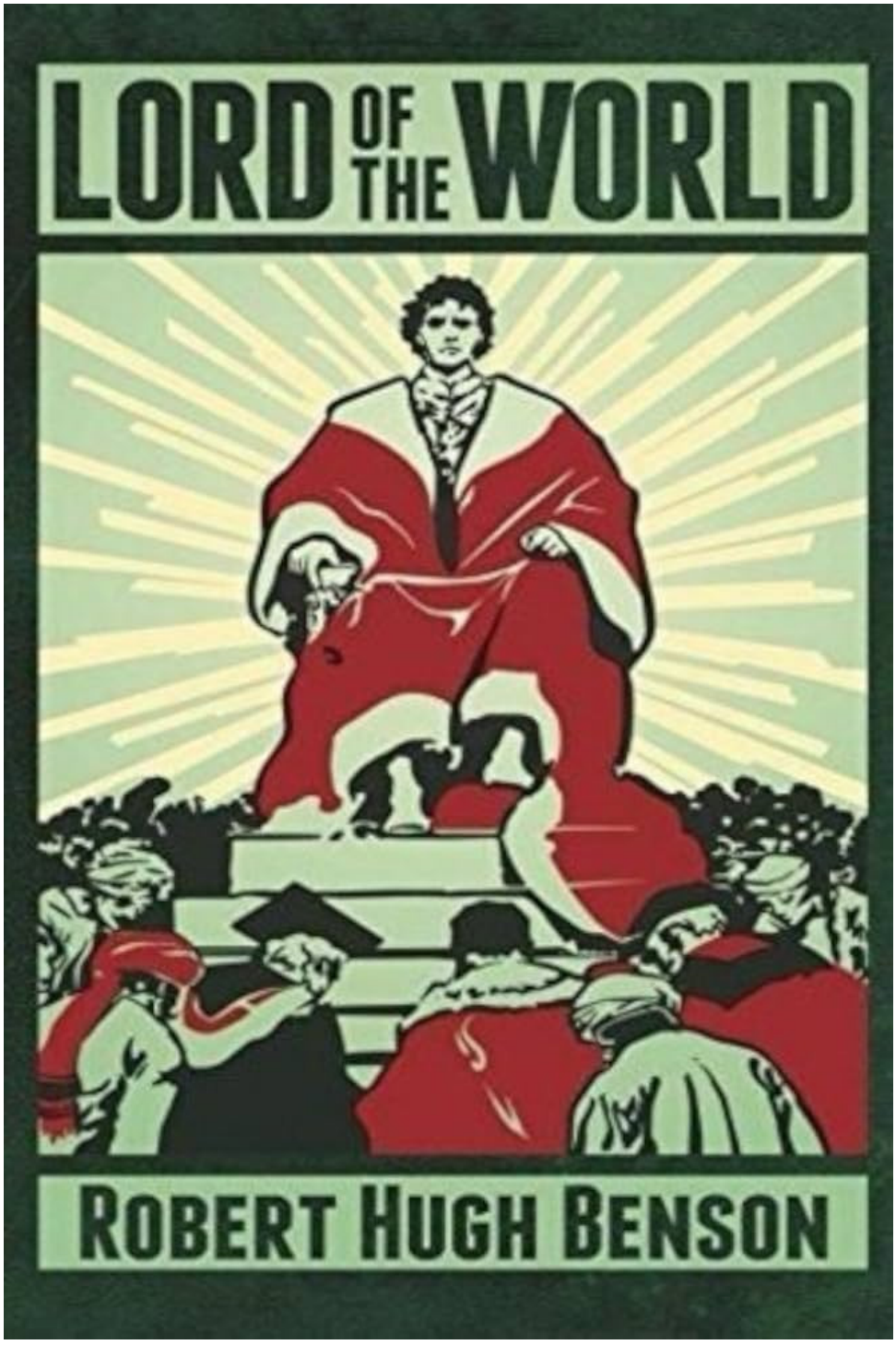


Brian makes several good points in the video about how this really comes back to an improper view of suffering.

[We've been covering the expansion of Euthanasia for a while now.]

A good book that I think illustrates the brutality of euthanasia well is "Lord of the World", a must read for Catholics.

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Cultural Recommendations of the Week

Murray's Recommendation: I like Wagner more than I do Verdi, but one simply has to listen to Verdi in order to grasp opera. Il Trovatore is a great place to start, the plot is ridiculous,

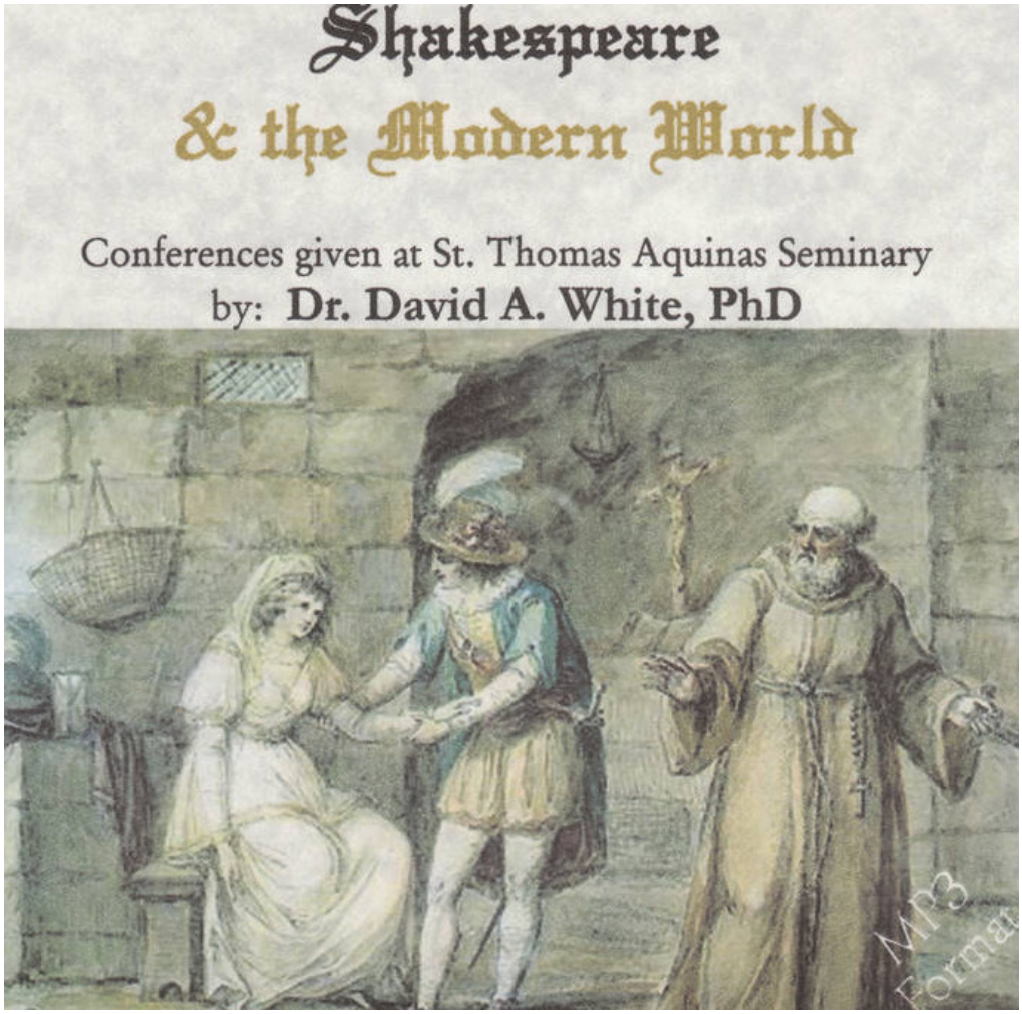
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the characters are over the top, and the dialogue comes close to being absurd. But the music is fantastic and achieves a true catharsis in the listener. My favorite recording is on RCA Living Stereo (I listen to most of my music on Vinyl, a story for another day). The engineers behind the Living Stereo pressings did a great job. The singing is also great, with Leontyne Price being a highlight.



Brian's Recommendation: Romeo and Juliet. I don't wish to speak for Brian but I can say personally this is a play that must be taken seriously, it is popular for a reason: It's good theatre! The late Dr. David Allen White has a great lecture on the play here: Shakespeare and the Modern World | Conferences

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Pope Leo XIV | The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Rupnik's images Removed

I think Eamonn Clark summed up how I feel on this quite well.

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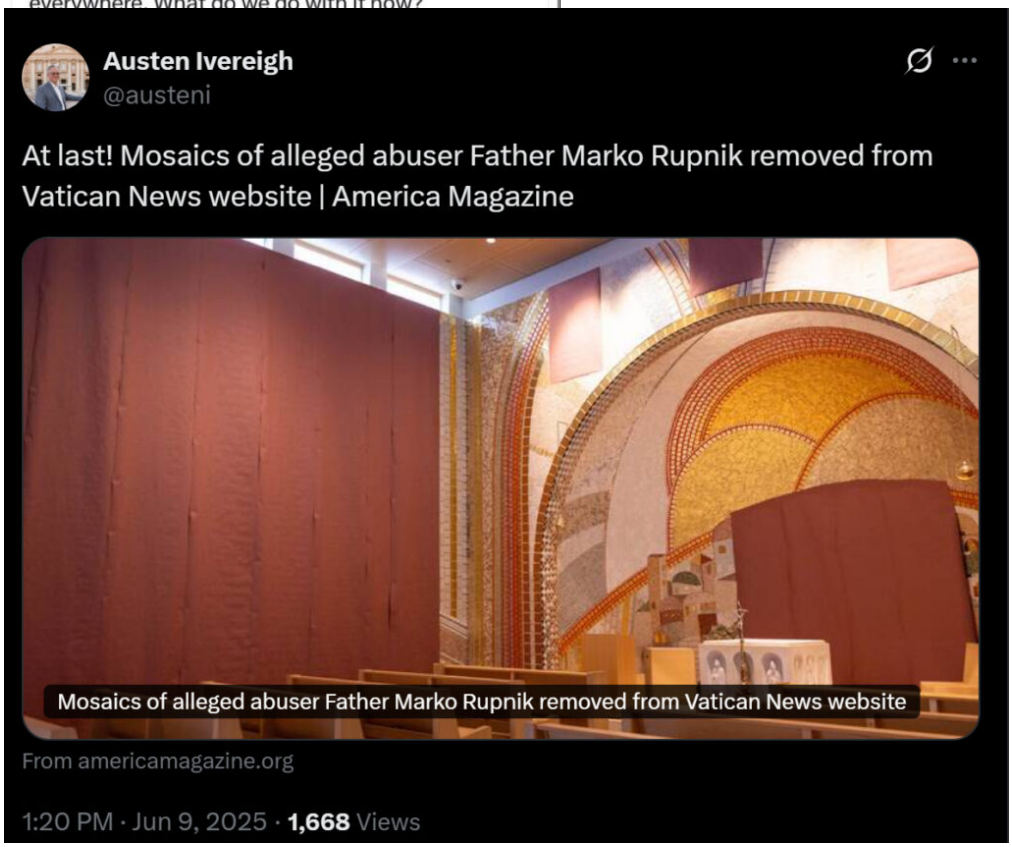
Eamonn's work: GiveSendGo | Eamonn's Weird Media Thing

I am glad that now victims of clerical abuse can safely look at the Vatican News website without being accosted by creepy new-age images created by Rupnik. We explain this disturbing case here: The Father Rupnik Case Explained – YouTube

Austen Ivereigh seems to be claiming victory, even though he fought against this in the past?

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This kind of Orwellian doublethink is simply a characteristic of some in the modern Church.
[The Age of the Popesplainer – Catholic Family News]

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Sister Riva lectures the Pope

My issue here is not so much with the substance of the text, which I personally found to be well crafted as a whole. But with the optics of the issue. The Church does not need to continue the feminization of the hierarchy.

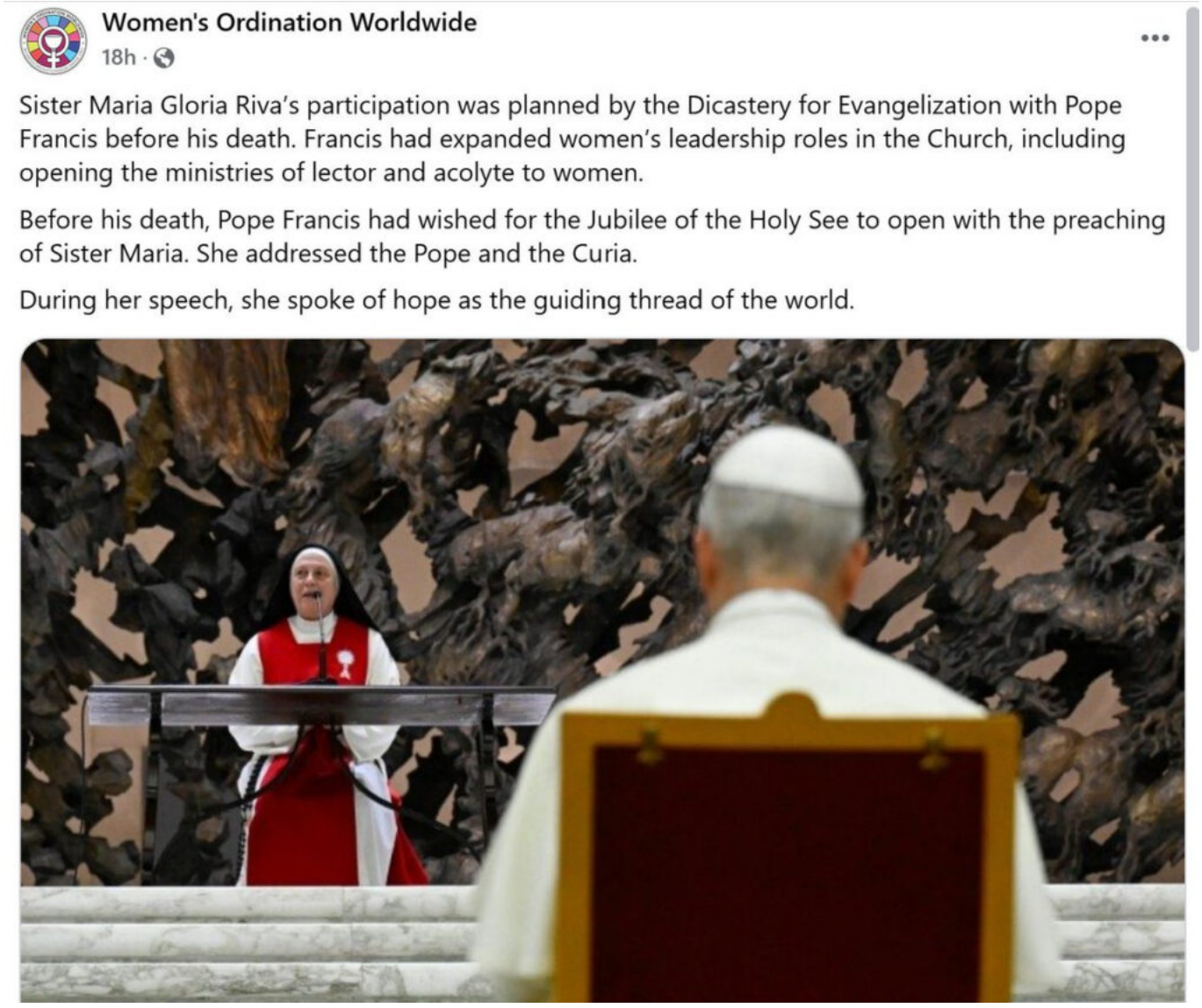
Some, on the other hand, have taken issue with the text: Pope Invites Nun to Preach Against "Sterile Traditionalism" – Gloria.tv

Read the full text in Italian (or just machine translate it) La meditazione di suor Maria Gloria Riva nell'Aula Paolo VI – Se lavoriamo per orizzonti brevi e mediocri, lavoriamo invano – L'Osservatore Romano

Brian Holdsworth recently made a post saying he has no problem with Sister lecturing the Pope (as opposed to preaching to the Pope), comparing it with St. Hildegard. I am not so sure of this analogy. I responded:

"It [speaking in such a setting] might in it of itself be fine (I would argue that is not a given) and much of the talk was beautiful, but the optics are inappropriate, imprudent and not what we need in the modern age. The way this is used by heretical groups is evidence of this"

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Catholic Fundamentalism

"Catholic Fundamentalist" book: Boston College on X: "Theology Professor Liam Bergin presented Pope Leo XIV (@Pontifex) with a copy of "Catholic Fundamentalism in America," written by his colleague Mark S. Massa, the @Boisi_Center Director. More on the book: https://t.co/1sIhsBxLKp https://t.co/RG052uFuRw" / X

Some of the talks, wherein the Jesuit lies, smears, and displays a complete lack of knowledge of the communities he seeks to attack in his terribly un-academic text:

Catholic Fundamentalism in America – YouTube

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My mention of the Curran center was primarily talking about the claims made in this article. Introibo Ad Altare Dei: Fundamentally Flawed: In Defense Of Traditionalists

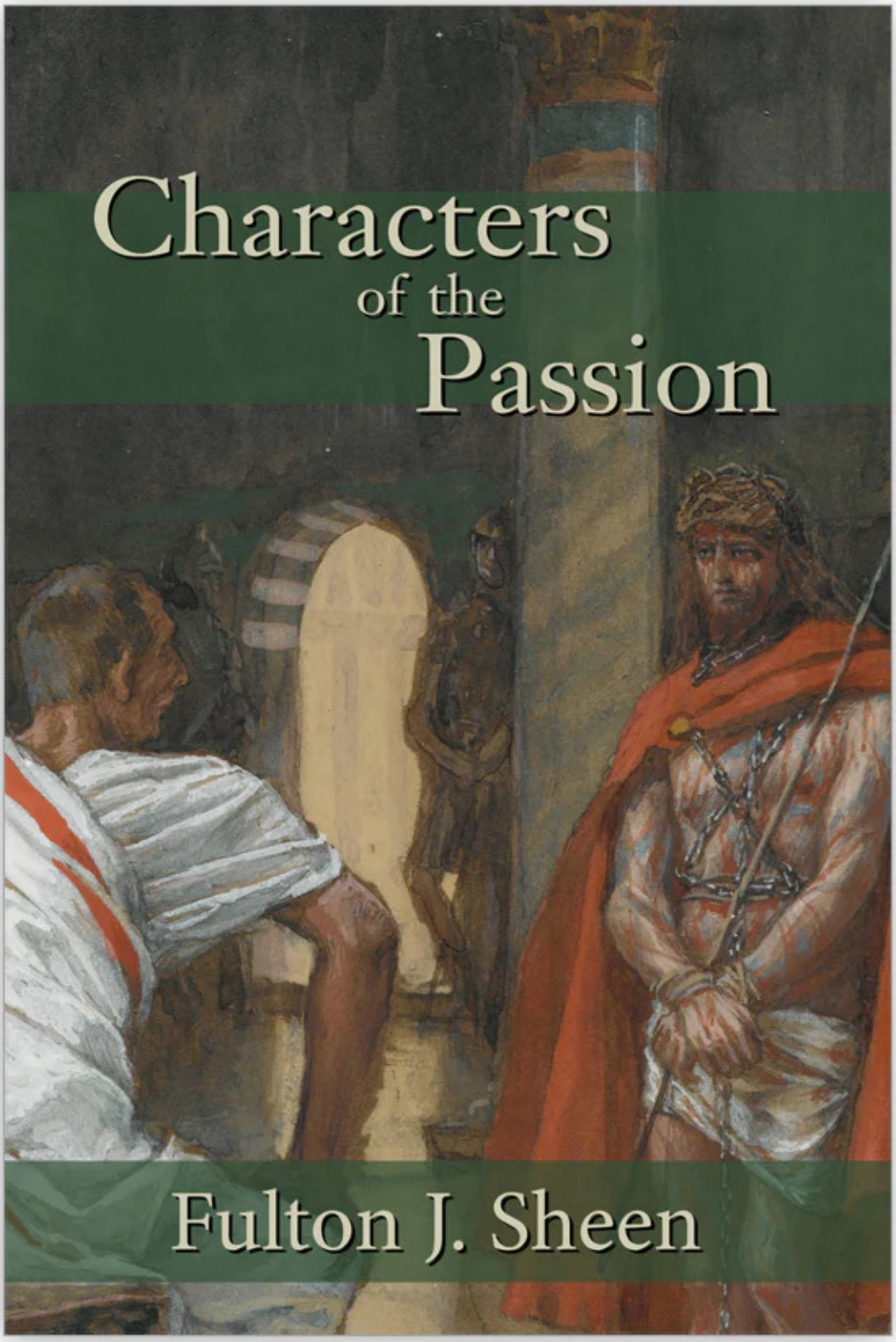
I don't think the assertions about Charles Curran are correct. It seems the center was named after a Francis and Ann Curran About the Curran Center | Fordham

One honorable mention for the Leo XIV story is this sermon. I think there has been a bit of an overreaction as it seems the Pope was speaking more to the Israel-Palestine conflict. Still, his condemnation of nationalistic elements is concerning. #iubilaeum2025 – Holy Mass on the Solemnity of Pentecost

Book Recommendation:

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RFK Jr and a Major Shakeup in the CDC

Due to talking about the vaccines, this is one story that is impossible for us to put on YouTube. For the full final story, access to the Father Fahey talks, premium articles, and the monthly PDF of the paper with early access, go over to https://catholicfamilynews.locals.com/ and become a subscriber for only $6 a month!



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"He said to him the third time: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me?" (John 21:17)

Habemus Papam
Pope Leo XIV

By Murray Rundus

On May 8, 2025, around 6 p.m. in Rome, crowds began gradually leaving St. Peter's Square. We had been expecting white smoke from the Sistine Chapel, if there was to be any, around 30 minutes earlier, as that is when the Vatican Press Office had told us was the latest approximate time for smoke to appear. It would seem that the Conclave was to move into a fifth round of voting, the same number of votes that it took for Pope Francis to be elected. After filming a short video explaining the number of votes it took, and how this could mean we would see a long conclave that everyone was anticipating, there was a roar from the crowd. As I looked behind me, there was white smoke; a new Pope had been elected. Later in the day than anticipated, but after only four rounds of voting, the number it took to swiftly elect Pope Benedict XVI, the Cardinals managed to elect Pope Leo XIV. There was an initial optimism in the air as it was announced that Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost would be Pope. Some saw him as a complete unknown, but we had reported just that week that he was a likely top-three contender. The Pope came out onto the loggia in the red mozzetta, a tradition neglected by Pope Francis, and immediately he proclaimed the words of the Risen Christ, emphasizing the true and historical nature of the Resurrection but also imploring the crowd to take up a more fervent dedication to Our Lady, all accompanied by his blessing and a plenary indulgence.

What worried me then, and what still worries me, is that the traditional media would fall into what I called at the time a "vibes-based analysis," one based more on emotion than reality itself. This reality showed that the result of this conclave proved that this kind of emotional or instinctual analysis was extremely faulty. Already moving into the Conclave, there were many who were saying they predicted Cardinal Parolin would become Pope because of a feeling of impending doom. Many respectable journalists in Rome only had that much to offer! Those who had been studying the Conclave, in this period of history where we know practically everything about each of the Cardinal electors, knew that Parolin had fallen into disfavor due to the scandals of the China deal, property agreements, and general discontent with his job as Secretary of State. We also knew that the College was relatively more conservative than was being reported, with many of the Cardinals selected by Pope Francis being selected for their identity as being located on the peripheries rather than for their ideological position.[1] This, combined with a number of reports from those who knew the Cardinals well, allowed Vatican analysts, including those of us at *Catholic Family News*, to accurately assess that Cardinal Prevost was indeed a likely contender.



Reading Pope Leo XIV

I believe it to be very important, especially for lay people involved in the traditional movement, to be precise in their reading of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, to avoid emotional responses, and most importantly, to insist on judging our times by clear principles applied with prudence.

The election of Pope Leo XIV has drawn a mix of cautious optimism and vehement criticism from the traditionalist world. While to me it seems the consensus is developing towards optimism, the confusion is somewhat understandable. How is one to react when the predecessor of Pope Leo destroyed many communities and actively concerned himself with disrupting the spiritual lives of so many? There is also a more practical and principled problem as there is now a mix of perspectives under the umbrella term "traditionalist" of those who recognized Pope Francis as a valid Pope and those who did not in various forms, whether saying Benedict

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