

# Holy Family Radio

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Dear Fellow Catholic Friend:

Years ago, we ordered a bunch of coffee mugs that say, "I'm Catholic. Ask me why!" Little did we know how relevant that question would become! With all this bluster, people are publicly asking us the question we've invited them to ask for almost two decades, "Why be Catholic?" In the face of this latest scandal and uproar, we should be ready to give reason for the faith that is within us.

As with many religious headlines, the commentators are all over the board with accusations and explanations ranging from spot-on to false and even ill intentioned. The allegations of abuse and cover up against Cardinal McCarrick and others have reached fever pitch and now reach all the way to Pope Francis. While it appears that there is a lot of infidelity, even in the upper echelons of the Church, none of the sins or crimes make the Church not the Church. The soul of the Church cannot be corrupted.

Here at Holy Family Radio, we are all lay Catholics. We are not the Pope. We are not cardinals, bishops or even priests. It is not our province to judge these matters. You know, "who are we to judge him?" But we are all called to be rational and to discern the difference between the failure of the human leaders of the Church and failures attributable to the Church herself. The Church did not call Cardinal McCarrick to immorality. The Church does not call Pope Francis to inaction. These are the acts of men, not the movement of the Holy Spirit.

The Church is being attacked and infiltrated by homosexuals and materialistic reformers. Clearly this is a time for faith and fidelity, not fear and cowardice. This is a time to fight evil and support the priests and bishops who are living rightly. Further, the evil of the men in the Catholic Church does not somehow magically transform the independent Gospel preacher down the road into the messenger of God. Those false communions do not become replacements for the Church founded by Christ, just because she is under attack. There seem to be a few snowflakes out there --I mean bloggers-- who don't get this.

So let us pray earnestly for the Church; let us offer fasting and alms for the purging of this evil from Holy Mother Church. These are difficult times. We don't want to waste the opportunity to give good example ourselves and to be more earnest in providing safeguards and assistance to those being victimized and those who need help. The money used to pay judgments would be better spent on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy! Please join us in that effort!

Sincerely,

  
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