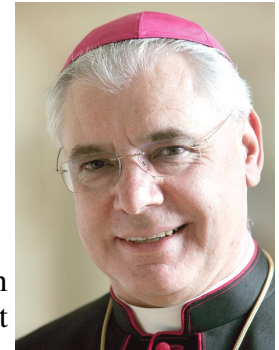


“Cardinal” Gerhard Ludwig Müller “Manifesto of Faith”



Gerhard Cardinal Müller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 2012-2017, released a 'Manifesto of Faith' on February 8. In this short manuscript he addresses the confusion in 5 areas of Catholic doctrine: Christology, ecclesiology, sacraments, morality, and eschatology, the branch of theology that addresses death, judgment, heaven, and hell. Cardinal Müller wrote that he issued the document in response to Catholics who have requested that he issue a “public testimony about the truth of revelation” in response to “growing confusion about the doctrine of the Faith.” From the beginning the Church has found itself put to the test in the foundations of the faith, as the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy (2 Tm 4:3-5):

“There shall be a time, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, according to their own desires, they will hearken to themselves teachers, having itching ears: And will indeed turn away their hearing from the truth, but will be turned unto fables. But be thou vigilant, labor in all things, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry.”

With the following “Manifesto” Cardinal Müller intended to fulfill today this mandate of the apostle to his disciple. Look here in the coming weeks for sequential segments of the entire teaching. For the complete document, check the link on the parish website: sttimothyparish.org

Manifesto of Faith

“Let not your heart be troubled!” (John 14:1)

In the face of growing confusion about the doctrine of the Faith, many bishops, priests, religious and lay people of the Catholic Church have requested that I make a public testimony about the truth of revelation. It is the shepherds' very own task to guide those entrusted to them on the path of salvation. This can only succeed if they know this way and follow it themselves. The words of the Apostle here apply: “For above all I have delivered unto you what I have received” (1 Cor. 15:3). Today, many Christians are no longer even aware of the basic teachings of the Faith, so there is a growing danger of missing the path to eternal life. However, it remains the very purpose of the Church to lead humanity to Jesus Christ, the light of the nations (see LG 1). In this situation, the question of orientation arises. According to John Paul II, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a “safe standard for the doctrine of the faith” (*Fidei Depositum* IV). It was written with the aim of strengthening the Faith of the brothers and sisters whose belief has been massively questioned by the “dictatorship of relativism.”