

Catholic Truth

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Why

Are you being asked

to donate your hard earned money

to a “Restoration Fund”

when the purpose is not to “restore” the high altar

but to remove the altar rails?

Just when the Pope is reminding us that it is better to kneel and receive on the tongue?

And once the centre-piece canopy is gone,

it will be easier for your priest to move the Tabernacle to a side altar.

Do you think any of this will please Our Lord? Then...

Why?

Remember, the Protestant Reformers in the Middle Ages smashed the altars, and ripped out the altar rails - all because they knew that, gradually, belief in the Real Presence and the Mass would die out.

Read the Factfile overleaf and visit our website and blog at www.catholictruthscotland.com where we've been discussing the proposed re-structuring of the sanctuary in St Catherine's - and asking, *why?* Why, when there is no instruction from the Vatican, no need to do this, why go to the trouble and expense?

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Facing the Facts...

Fact: there is not a single word in the entire Liturgy Constitution of Vatican Council II requiring a single change to be made in a single sanctuary anywhere in the entire Catholic world.

Fact: the Liturgy Constitution of Vatican II cannot be remotely interpreted as demanding, or even wishing, the virtual destruction of the traditional Roman Rite of the Mass or of the sanctuaries in which it was celebrated.

Fact: the Vatican II Liturgy Constitution contained conditions which ruled out the least possibility of any drastic re-structuring of the traditional Mass or the sanctuaries in which it was celebrated. For example, the Latin language was to be preserved [Article 36], and steps were to be taken to ensure that the faithful could sing or say together in Latin those parts of the Mass that pertain to them [Article 54]. The treasury of sacred music was to be preserved and fostered with great care [Article 114]. This, and plenty more, was contained in the document on the Liturgy. Nothing at all about changing the sanctuary.

Fact: anyone wishing to see a famous church which has stuck to the letter of the law should visit the Brompton Oratory in London. The Oratorian Fathers are certainly the most liturgically literate, most learned, group of priests in Britain, and they have not made a single change in their sanctuary because there is no law requiring them to do so. Their magnificent altar stands just as it always has, with the prominent tabernacle in the centre.

Fact: we - the Catholic faithful - have been lied to and duped. The Archdiocese of Glasgow has long misused our money and this destruction of the sanctuary in St Catherine Labouré's is the latest example of this sinful waste of resources.

Fact: by co-operating with this proposed vandalism, you, the parishioners, will help your priest and archbishop to continue the work of the Protestant Reformers who smashed altars and ripped out altar rails because they knew that, ultimately, the Faith would be lost. It is insulting to Our Lord to refuse to kneel before Him, truly present in the Tabernacle.

Fact: our Holy Father, Pope Benedict, is keen for the whole Church to return to the ancient Catholic practice of kneeling to receive Holy Communion and to receive on the tongue. All those receiving Communion from the hands of the Pope at his Masses, must kneel and receive on the tongue. In a spirit of faith and obedience, therefore, we should do as the Pope wishes since, in this, he is fully in line with Catholic tradition.

Say “no!” to the removal of the altar rails and the focal point for the Tabernacle...

*I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of Thy house;
and the place where Thy glory dwelleth. (Psalm 26:8)*