Our Lord is bleeding! His Most Sacred Heart has been pierced and His most Precious Blood is flowing out in abundance. But, Christ is not just bleeding from His Sacred Veins and His most holy Heart; His Mystical Body, the Roman Catholic Church, is also enduring Her own crucifixion. A French priest and a Church historian once made the following observation and it is true. He said: “It is a law that the Church cannot take a step forward but at the cost of the blood of martyrs.” The priest then added, “To establish Her rights, the Church must let Her blood flow in streams. Her Spouse, Jesus Christ, has purchased the Church with His Blood and the Church must purchase His Grace at a similar cost.”

Our dearest Lord said in the holy Gospel that no servant is greater than his master. If the God-Man, Jesus Christ, lay down His Life on the holy Cross to bring about the work of Redemption, then the members of His holy Church must mortify themselves or even die to bring down the fruits of Redemption from the tree of the Cross. If the Master was persecuted, if the Son of God and Son of Mary shed His Blood, it is only proper that the servants, disciples and members of His Body, will also have to shed their blood.

Although, it is a high price to pay, this blood-letting purifies the world and calls down Divine Mercy in abundance. Hence, we have that most famous motto:

“The Blood of the Martyrs is the Seed of the Church!”

The first socialist atheistic Revolution was not in Russia but rather in Mexico. Not only were socialist measures put in place, like the seizure of private properties and the nationalization of industry, but also it was a direct attack against the only rival to the Revolution, the Roman Catholic Church. A faithful Catholic from Mexico during the time of persecution swore, “We are going to perish; we will not see victory, but Mexico needs the blood of martyrs for her purification. Christ will receive the homage which is due to Him. It is a law!”

Our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico in the year 1531. Her visitation along with the miraculous Tilma caused the conversion of a pagan land where human sacrifice was practiced by the Aztecs. Millions of Natives were converted to the Catholic Faith and Mexico soon
became a place where the unbloody Sacrifice of the Holy Mass would be offered. Christ reigned as King and Mary, as Queen. The devil was not pleased with his exile from Mexico and so he came back to that land with seven other demons to topple the reign of Christ and His Holy Church.

The leaders of this Mexican Revolution in the early part of the 20th Century were socialists, atheists and Masons. All were rabidly anti-Catholic. They seized Catholic churches, suppressed Religious Orders and closed down monasteries. In addition, they tried to force priests to swear an oath to follow the new and ungodly Constitution of Mexico. They sought to indoctrinate the youth with the mind of this Revolution. All Catholic schools were closed. All Mexican children were forced to attend government schools where classes on atheism, evolution and sex education were mandatory.

Furthermore, Protestant missionaries were invited into the country purposely to open up their own churches in order to weaken the Catholicism of the people. Finally, the socialist government went so far as to establish the new Church of Mexico while the True Church had to go into hiding underground. Leaders of the Revolution included a governor named Tomás Canabal who handed out business cards with the phrase, “PERSONAL ENEMY OF GOD” in bold lettering. This same leader also named his three sons: Lenin, Lucifer and Satan. When the infamous Mexican President Calles took office, he announced that he had a personal hatred for Jesus Christ.

The wrath of these revolutionary men was great. They burned countless Catholic churches and gunned down those Catholics who tried to put out the fires; they violated consecrated virgins, desecrated the sanctuaries, destroyed statues and cut off the hands of priests to prevent them from offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The revolutionary men executed any and all who would resist their takeover. Simple peasants, Catholic men who loved their Faith, families and farms, began to rise up. The revolutionary were making war on God and His one True Church which made their armed conflict both just and good. Using machetes, farming tools and small pistols, they joined together and began a Catholic counter-revolution against a well-armed, U.S. backed and funded, socialist government.

The motto and cry of these Catholic men even in the face of death was VIVA CRISTO REY! LONG live CHRIST THE KING! So often was this cry heard that the revolutionaries disdainfully called them the Cristoreyes or the Cristeros. Though their churches were closed and most of their priests were executed or exiled, these Catholic men consecrated themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They prayed the Holy Rosary and made acts of contrition before going into battle. The leaders of the counter Catholic revolution were ordinary people, farmers, business men, pharmacists and a few priests.

The Catholics of Mexico suffered greatly during the 1920’s and 30’s, but they witnessed with their blood. One man while being hung in execution managed to loosen the ropes around his neck long enough to cry out, VIVA CRISTO REY! Another Catholic man was told that, if he cried out, LONG live CALLES AND THE REVOLUTION, he would be saved from death. Without hesitation, the man shouted VIVA CRISTO REY! In punishment, his tongue was cut out. He then pointed to Heaven, and was shot. We know of the great example of that 14 year old boy, Blessed José Sánchez del Río, who gave his life to save a general of the Cristeros. He was tortured, the soles of his feet were cut off, he was stabbed with a knife and then fired upon until dead. His dying words were: VIVA CRISTO REY!

Despite the persecution, the Cristeros began to win battle after battle until they protected 75% of the Mexican territory. The socialist government begged for terms of peace. Bishops and even the Pope himself were involved in negotiations with the Mexican State. Peace and amnesty was promised to all, no retaliation would be taken. They were liars just like their father. As soon as they were able, they tracked down and murdered over 6,000 Cristeros. It is a law that the Church cannot take a step forward but at the cost of the lives of Her children. THE BLOOD OF MARTYRS IS THE SEED OF THE CHURCH!

Over the last few years, the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. has been singled out and attacked by the government. This includes the closing down of Catholic orphanages because of their refusal to submit to unjust policies that place young orphans into the abusive care of same gender couples. Most recently, Holy Church has had to endure trials connected with the so called HHS mandate of the Health and Human Services department. This unjust mandate will force Catholic institutions to facilitate and fund sinful practices, such as abortion causing drugs, direct sterilizations and contraception. This HHS mandate is a direct attack against the Mystical Body of Our Blessed Lord and Her religious liberty.

Before Our Blessed Lord and King of all, ascended up into heavenly glory, He gave His blessed Apostles and all the members of His one True Flock, a Divine Mandate, a God-given Mandate, that is above all the mandates of human governors, law makers and judges. This Divine Mandate is to go out to the whole world and to preach the Gospel to every creature and to baptize all in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
No Man, no matter how powerful, can ever limit in any way whatsoever the Church’s holy mission. When one attacks the spiritual body of the Church, one attacks Christ Himself. There are ominous signs that we should take seriously of the potential dangers to the Catholic Faith that are developing here in the United States.

We have not yet reached the level of persecution as that in Mexico in the first half of the 20th Century, but there are ominous signs that it is coming. How long will it be? Ponder this! How long will it be, for example, before a Catholic Chaplain in the armed services of this country will be ordered by his officers to witness and officiate at a homo-sexual marriage? It is not that far off. Most Catholics have not resisted the evil which surrounds us. Most of us are buried in materialism and are not aware of the enemies that seek to devour our souls and that of our children. If we do resist and begin an exodus towards the Red Sea, if we climb Mt. Sinai and proclaim the Ten Commandments of Moses, we will see persecution! How long will it be before various Catholic hospitals, charitable agencies and educational institutions fall completely under secular authority? Where will we find refuge and protection?

No matter what our age, we must admit in the past few years we have seen our country drastically change. There is no longer a basic moral consensus among fellow Americans. Many leaders today speak about the importance of civility during a time of moral diversity. How can there be civility between us and them when they support the most uncivilized behaviors imaginable? Since we are in a Spiritual Egypt with all of its idolatries and evils, many people want to flee to some distant place on the map for a haven of natural refuge. Some are moving to Malta, some to Ecuador, some wish to build a little Catholic enclave, an oasis complete with chapel and priest, Catholic culture and morality. Some believe they can hide from the authorities, building underground shelters stocked with years of food. These places of natural refuge are not ultimately the answer. Many such Catholic Communities exist today and many have failed to build Eden on Earth.

As Catholics, we do not want so much a place of natural refuge but rather a location that will provide supernatural refuge and protection. We want a place like Noah’s Ark that will save us and our families, helping us to rise above the flood of moral corruption. We want to find that spiritual cave which is present within the Rock of Peter.

This place is available to all Catholics and to all mankind. This supernatural refuge is found in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. Almost 2,000 years ago on a Friday that we call Good, Our Blessed Savior died upon the holy wood of the Cross. A final insult was thrust upon His Sacred Body shortly past 3 p.m. when His holy side and Sacred Heart were brutally pierced by a Roman centurion named Longinus. This piercing of Christ’s Heart brought about wondrous things. Not only did water and blood flow out from His most sacred side giving us, through the Church, the Fountain of Sacramental Life, but also a Gate was opened up for us in that same Heart: The Gate of Life!

A pathway to enter has been established in the Heart of Jesus since that day. Because He was wounded, we have a passage that leads to supernatural refuge and protection. We now have a cave in which to dwell during these dark times. We have much more than Noah’s Ark. The doorway into the Heart of Christ will save not only Noah’s Family, but also the whole world. This living and beating Ark is open wide to take in all of humanity, all of creation. In this Heart, we will find supernatural refuge and protection, free from all external troubles. Here, we will find love, devotion and virtues in abundance. In the chambers of this Heart, we will find true contrition for our sins. Ultimately, in His Heart, we will find salvation itself.

Persecution may well come but we have a place to turn. We have supernatural powers that the aggressor does not have. St. Augustine, the great Church Father, said: “And now let all come who love Paradise, a place of peace and security, a place of perpetual happiness, a place where we will fear no barbarian, endure no adversary, suffer no enemy. The side of Christ is opened for you. ENTER ALL!”

“Behold the Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming Itself, in order to testify Its Love; and in return, I receive from the greater part of men only ingratitude, irreverence, sacrilege, coldness and contempt in the Sacrament of My Love. But, what I feel most keenly is that it is the hearts which are consecrated to Me, that treat Me thus. I ask of you to make amends for the indignities which It has received during the time It has been exposed on the Altars. I promise you that My Heart shall expand Itself to shed in abundance the influence of Its Divine Love upon those who shall honor It, and cause It to be honored.”
The Heavens hide their light for grief, and the world is wrapped in darkness. The Heart of Jesus is opened with a lance that there may be formed His only One, His perfect One, His Virgin Spouse: the Holy Church. Jesus willed that His Heart be opened that we might possess in His Heart a permanent place of refuge and solace, where everything necessary and useful to us would be found. The Wound in His Heart is the Door that remains forever open to us through which those who enter will be saved. It is a refuge for mortals and the Paradise of the Blessed.

Gaze upon the Heart of Jesus whose Love is stronger than death and more vigorous than life. All sweetness is there to arouse our faith, strengthen our hope and enkindle our love. Come and immerse thyself in this Ocean of Love. Hasten to this Fountain of Grace, to this gushing Spring of all consolation. In every peril and difficulty, throw thyself confidently upon the Heart of Jesus!

"Christ's Heart Is Open That ALL May Enter!"
~ Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque ~

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