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Chancellor's Update

Understanding Pope Francis

Over the past year or so the Holy Father has been praised from the extreme left, left, and moderate (modernist, gay, lesbian and Marxist), but also condemned by them for not allowing or condoning their unnatural acts or adopting their political endeavors. Correspondingly, the extreme right, right, conservative, and traditional types (talk radio hosts, political and economic conservatives and religious traditional Catholics) welcome the first sigh of relief from the past fifty to sixty years of Church changes, while openly calling him a Marxist, a modernist (because of the happenings at the Bishops Synod in last October) and a disaster to the Vatican because of the way he is acting as pope.

It is not our job to pass any judgment upon the pope but to help our fellow Americans, Christians, and in particular Catholics, to understand he is NOT the pope of only North America, but the pope of the world. Many Americans are still living in the twentieth century paradigm of fighting the Communists, Fascists and Nazis. While these “isms” are unfortunately still around and growing very fast in the United States, the pope is addressing the twenty-first century paradigm.

What is the twenty-first century paradigm? In Europe he must address the attitudes of the former children of the Nazi youth camps and the culture resulting from the indoctrination of the camps and school system of the former USSR (today’s parents of Europe). For example only **16%** of German citizens **believe in a personal God**.

In South America and the Pacific Rim he is addressing the people who have thrown off the ravages of both imperial colonialism and Marxism. That is why he keeps talking about ideological colonialism. What is ideological colonialism? It is the result of a vacuum being created by the constant upheaval of many different governments in these regions leaving the people to be victims of the latest fads of the day. For example, if a country wishes to receive foreign aid, it must adopt sustainable development, Planned Parenthood, abortion, and gay rights and gay marriage.

This is why in response to people calling him a Marxist, Pope Francis replies that before Marx and his theories there was Christ telling his disciples to practice charity, to take care of your brother and neighbor. He gave the world the parable of the Good Samaritan in case some don’t know who the neighbor is.

Here are a few examples of Pope Francis doing NOT talking. **Francis is rebuilding the Church.**

THE POPE'S "SOUL ON THE STREET" "Any of the homeless men and women who seek food and shelter around St. Peter's Basilica in Rome know Msgr. Konrad Krajewski as Don Corrado. The pope's almoner recently saw to the installation of a bathroom and shower for the homeless to use and a place for them to get a haircut. These are unmarked and are known only to the homeless who use them. A group of volunteer barbers will provide free haircuts and shaves to the poor every Monday.

"The office of almoner, in existence since the 12th century, has been updated by Pope Francis who chose Msgr. Krajewski to find innovative ways to help the poor. At times the Pope has tagged along on the almoner's late night charitable runs, with volunteer, off-duty Swiss Guard for protection. The pope filters the initial request for assistance - some 12,000 of them in 2014 - and hands over to his almoner the ones to investigate further. He responds quickly to those whose situations are truly desperate.

"In explaining the idea about the showers, "The first thing we want is to give dignity to the person," he explains. "The person who does not have a chance to wash is socially rejected, and we all know that a homeless man cannot enter a public place like a bar or restaurant to ask to use services, because he will be refused." The idea has caught on and a dozen Roman parishes have followed suit and have built their own public showers through donations from the papal charity." [\(Taken from the Polish American Journal – March 2015 PG 5\)](#)

"Pope Francis stopped by to visit with 150 of Rome's homeless in the Sistine Chapel after they were invited for dinner and a private tour by the Vatican.

"Pope Francis on Sunday commissioned 400 of Rome's homeless residents to assist him in distributing a pocket-sized book of the Gospels to faithful who had gathered for his weekly Angelus prayer, saying to receive the Word of God from their hands was a reminder that it is the poor who preach the Gospel to us.

"“Welcome. This is everyone's house, and your house. The doors are always open for all,” the Pope told his homeless guests during their March 26 visit to the Vatican Museums. He said that their visit was like a tender caress from God.” [Vatican City, Mar 27, 2015 / 12:24 pm \(EWTN News/CNA\)](#)

You don't need government agencies or notoriety. Just go out and help one in need – neighbor.

"For at least the third time in his pontificate Pope Francis has used very strong language to condemn the gender theory, one of the intellectual underpinnings of the 'LGBT' agenda. Speaking Sunday with young people on his voyage to Naples, Italy, Pope Francis spoke of the "ideological colonization" of families seen throughout Europe and the West." [LifeSiteNews.com Naples, Italy, March 23, 2015 \(You should read the entire article\)](#)

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