THE BLASPHEMY OF THE BISHOPS' LETTER ON THE SYNAGOGUE VISIT

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Beloved in Christ the Lord. "The soul is gripped with sorrow, the heart feels grief, as sweet Jesus prepares for death," we sing in the *Gorzkie żale* (Lenten Lamentations). Today we begin the season of the Lord's Passion. Every sign of joy has vanished from our churches. Even the cross, the image of the crucified Saviour, has been covered with a penitential violet veil. And the holy Church desires that during this time we meditate on the bitter Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, for His hour is approaching. That hour for which the Lord Jesus came into this world. That hour in which, as the Apostle Saint Paul describes it, the blood of Christ, who through the Holy Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, shall cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God.

Dear faithful, we need to renew today our faith in the essence of our holy Catholic religion, faith in the mystery of redemption, in the fact that the Lord Jesus, the God-man, offered Himself on the wood of the cross as a propitiatory sacrifice for our sins and sealed the new and eternal testament with His own blood. He, being in the form of God, as Saint Paul writes, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men. And in outward appearance found as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Dear faithful, in today's Gospel we hear the conversation of our Lord Jesus Christ with the perverse Jews. We hear how the Lord Jesus once again demonstrates to them, proves to them, that He is the Messiah. The Saviour who came into this world to accomplish the work of redemption, to pay the debt which we incurred by offending the divine majesty with our sins. And once again we see how these efforts of the Son of God do not lead to the conversion of those hardened Pharisaic hearts. They remain all the time deaf to the voice of God's call, blind to the light of God's grace. Even though they see so many miracles, even though they listen to the teaching of the Lord Jesus, they remain, my dear brethren, hardened. And this hardness will soon lead them to become God-killers, to cry out in the courtyard of Pilate's palace: "Away with Him! Crucify Him, crucify Him!", and to add besides: "His blood be upon us and upon our children."

THE MYSTERY OF REDEMPTION

Dear faithful, this mystery of redemption, which constitutes the essence of the Catholic religion, that is, that there is no salvation without Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of man, has since the time of the brigand Second Vatican Council become the object of a particularly rabid attack by the devil and his servants, who strive to deny that the Lord Jesus is the only Saviour, the only Redeemer, without whom salvation cannot be attained. And we see, my dear brethren, that today we are becoming witnesses to a disgusting blasphemy which is taking place in Polish churches that were once Catholic. A disgusting blasphemy that cries out to heaven for vengeance. For today a letter of the Polish Bishops' Conference is being read commemorating the 40th anniversary of John Paul II's visit to the synagogue of Rome. A letter whose content is nothing other than spitting in the face of the Lord Jesus. And this at precisely the time when Catholics ought to fall on their knees and meditate on the bitter Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the time when we ought to weep over our sins and kiss the cross of Christ with love and gratitude. Today that cross is being spat upon. The Lord Jesus is being struck on the face, and by those who call themselves Catholic pastors and are nothing other than traitors and servants of the Antichrist.

I will quote a few sentences from this letter, which, by order of the episcopate, all post-conciliar Catholics are to hear somewhere.

On 13 April of this year it will be 40 years since the day when the Bishop of Rome, the successor of Saint Peter, crossed for the first time since apostolic times the threshold of a Jewish house of prayer. That spring evening, after a warm, mutual embrace with the Chief Rabbi of Rome, Elio Toaff, Saint John Paul II entered the synagogue of Rome in a solemn procession, to the singing of Psalm 150: 'Alleluia. Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in the firmament of His power.' 'I have long been thinking about this visit,' the Pope confessed as he greeted the Jewish community. That meeting 40 years ago would not have been possible had it not been for another event whose significance is hard to overestimate today. It took place 20 years earlier. On 28 October 1965 the Second Vatican Council adopted the declaration Nostra aetate, on the Church's relation to non-Christian religions. It contained words which became a turning point in the relations between the Catholic Church and the Jews, Judaism. It was to these very words that Saint John Paul II referred in his address in the synagogue of Rome. Let us recall his words today. First: 'The Church of Christ discovers her bond with Judaism by "pondering her own mystery." The Jewish religion is not "extrinsic" to us, but in a certain way is "intrinsic" to our religion. With it, therefore, we have relations which we do not have with any other religion. You are our dearly beloved brothers and, in a certain sense, one could say, our elder brothers.' In his address the Pope radically opposed the portrayal of the Jews as rejected or accursed. For over fifteen hundred years these views, present in Catholic teaching and in an erroneous interpretation of Holy Scripture, shaped the attitudes of Christians, contributing to hatred, persecution and manifestations of anti-Semitism. We should remember that the Catholic Church today states unambiguously: 'The Jews are still beloved by God, who called them with an irrevocable calling. For God, faithful to His promises, has not revoked the first covenant. Israel remains the chosen people.'

THE OLD COVENANT

My dear brethren, this is blasphemy, this is heresy, this is an insult to our Lord Jesus Christ. The Old Testament expired with the death of Christ on the cross. The Old Testament worship ceased. The Lord Jesus foretold that the temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed, that not one stone would be left upon another. And so it came to pass. In the year 70 after Christ the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. The old covenant has expired, and it is utter nonsense, blasphemy, to claim that God has not revoked the first covenant and that Israel remains the chosen people. The old covenant has expired. The new covenant was concluded and sealed on Good Friday with the blood of the Son of God Himself, our Lord Jesus Christ. Israel is no longer the chosen people. The new chosen people is the Catholic Church, the one ark of salvation, outside of which no one can attain salvation. This is what the Church taught for 2000 years, and this, my dear brethren, is today labelled by these servants of the Antichrist as a source of hatred, persecution and manifestations of anti-Semitism. What Jesus Christ taught, what the Church taught for 2000 years, is today becoming, for the Polish-speaking bishops, a source of evil.

And yet our Lord Jesus Christ says plainly, and repeated many times in Holy Scripture: "No man cometh to the Father, but by Me." "He that is not with Me is against Me. And he that gathereth not with Me scattereth." There is no salvation outside the Catholic Church. It is an absolute lie, a blasphemy, to claim that the first covenant, the Old Testament, endures, that it has not been revoked.

We hear, my dear brethren, in today's Gospel how the Lord Jesus points out to the Jews their perversity, their hypocrisy. We hear how He says: "He that is of God heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God." A generation of vipers, hating Jesus Christ, persecuting His mystical body, the holy Church. And today, my dear brethren, the words of this blasphemy resound on Polish soil. This negation of the redemption accomplished by Jesus Christ, a blasphemy crying out to heaven for vengeance. And that vengeance upon this land, the Polish land, will most probably come very soon.

CO-GUILT OF LISTENERS

And those, my dear brethren, those post-conciliar priests who read out these words today, those faithful who listened to these words calmly, sitting in their little pews, are, my dear brethren, guilty, co-guilty of the blasphemy. At the very least they take on the sin of another. They cannot excuse themselves by saying that someone ordered them to read it. Publicly delivering these heresies and blasphemies becomes their guilt, a guilt crying out to heaven for vengeance. If today these post-conciliar Catholics do not walk out of the churches as they hear this nonsense, these blasphemies, they will draw God's wrath, God's punishment, upon themselves; they become co-guilty of the blasphemy. If these people remain any longer in these infected, judaized structures, they take upon their backs the full responsibility for this blasphemy. They can no longer excuse themselves with ignorance, with the claim that they did not know, did not hear, because today Jesus Christ, the one Saviour of every man, without whom there is no salvation, will be publicly insulted throughout Poland. There is no other road leading to salvation than the Catholic faith. There is only one new and eternal testament. And whoever claims otherwise is a servant of the Antichrist.

And further, my dear brethren, what do these blasphemers call post-conciliar Catholics to do today?

> *The anniversary of the papal visit to the synagogue of Rome falls on the day after the end of the Octave of Easter. This year both the adherents of Judaism and Christians celebrate Passover at the same time. It is an opportunity to recall the Jewish roots of the Christian liturgy. In many towns, often right next to us, sometimes a little farther away, there are synagogues that survived the turmoil of war. In most of them the voice of joyful Sabbath prayer no longer resounds today.*

And thanks be to God that this voice, which offends God, no longer resounds.

> *There are, however, also those that pulse with religious life. Following in the footsteps of Saint John Paul II, let us visit a synagogue on 13 April. Let us remember the men and women whose prayers for centuries soaked the walls of the houses of prayer.*

Those walls were soaked with blasphemy. Those walls were the site of ritual murders.

> *And where it is possible, let us meet with our Jewish sisters and brothers.*

The Polish Episcopate might just as well encourage the faithful throughout Poland to visit a brothel. And a visit to a brothel would be a lesser sin than a visit to a place of worship of the devil, to a place of offence against God. And I repeat: if today the post-conciliar priests read out this letter, if the faithful do not protest, they will draw God's wrath upon themselves. They will draw upon themselves responsibility for the blasphemy, a sin crying out to heaven for vengeance.

THE LAST CALL

And we must, my dear brethren, make reparation for this blasphemy. We must, my dear brethren, beg our Lord Jesus Christ for mercy, for pity, for compassion. But part of God's mercy is also God's chastisement, God's punishment. For sometimes those who raise children know that the *ultima ratio*, the last argument with an unbearable child, is punishment. And it is likewise, my dear brethren, with us Catholics, or pseudo-Catholics. If this does not help, if, hearing these blasphemous words, they remain in these loathsome structures, judaized, protestantized structures of the post-conciliar church, they become co-guilty of the blasphemy, they become co-participants in the plan of the Antichrist, who wants to destroy, to wipe out the Catholic Church.

There is no salvation without Jesus Christ. It is nonsense to claim that one can be saved while being a non-Catholic. Indeed, while spitting on Jesus Christ. The last call for our homeland. The last call for Polish souls. Either you wake up today, or you will be delivered up to the wrath of God. You will become co-responsible for yet another attempt at God-killing, for an attempt to destroy, to murder the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is the Church.

God is not mocked, warns the Apostle Saint Paul. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Today the Polish-speaking bishops and their collaborators in the parishes have sown blasphemy and have drawn upon themselves the same curse that the Jews drew upon themselves 2000 years ago.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.