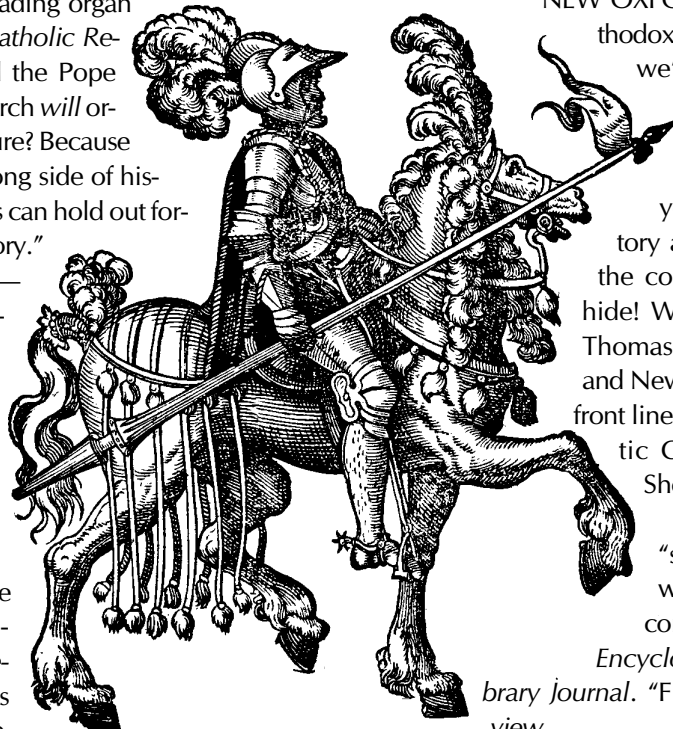


# The Church Is Split From Top to Bottom: Are You in Fighting Trim?

The Catholic Church is deeply divided, not about this or that proposed "reform" but about the very nature of the Faith. When Pope John Paul issued *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, definitively reiterating the Church's inability to ordain women, a leading organ of dissent, the *National Catholic Reporter*, flatly contradicted the Pope and predicted that the Church *will* ordain priestesses. Why so sure? Because "the Vatican is on the wrong side of history," and "not even popes can hold out forever against the tide of history."

Whatever the issue — raunchy sex ed, shacking-up, abortion, homosexuality, radical feminism, assisted suicide, New Age spins on spirituality, profanation of the liturgy, defying Church authority — most dissenters take their cues from the fallen World, though seldom as frankly as the *Reporter* has. The Church is divided between two opposing faiths — faith in the Tide of History vs. faith in Scripture, Tradition, and Magisterium.

And the Church is split from top to bottom. Certain liberal prelates shamelessly run interference for the dissenters, publicly attack brother bishops, and openly call for a reconsideration of firmly settled Catholic teachings.



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