

In the Battle for the Church, Our Trumpet Is Not Uncertain

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.

Meanwhile, certain Catholic periodicals sit on the fence and wait to see which way the wind will blow, content to sound an uncertain trumpet. But "if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound," who will know "what is played" and "who will prepare himself for battle?" (1 Cor. 14:7-8). Well, confusing and pacifying Catholics is not our approach at the NEW OXFORD REVIEW. A spunky orthodox Catholic monthly magazine, we're published in Berkeley, so we've seen the Surge of History up close. We *know* what's coming at you. The Commandos of History are spreading out all across the country. There's no place to hide!

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