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The War on Christmas Is a War on Christ and His Church



THROUGHOUT HISTORY, there have been a number of groups that have sought to ban Christmas or even criminalize its celebration. Not surprisingly, the first group were Protestant Revolutionaries, in particular, the heretical Puritans. As one journalist of note stated: *Puritanism is the haunting fear that somewhere somebody is happy.* Well, Christmas was far too joyous and caused far too much happiness, so it could not be allowed in Puritan Boston for a time. In fact, the Puritans made it a day of fasting and penance in reparation for the celebration of this popish and pagan feast. The French Revolutionaries, Nazis and Bolsheviks also hated Christmas, as well as their leftist and progressive descendants that still war against Christmas to this day.

The media has tended to dismiss what many are calling a *war on Christmas*, but know that this war is real and it is ultimately a sign of a War on Christianity Itself. *Seasons Greetings* replaced *Merry Christmas* as a way to welcome people into stores. Various Christmas carols, Christmas plays, and Christmas concerts began to be cancelled or were renamed Winter Festival Events. Christmas Trees became Holiday Trees in some parts of Corporate America, and candy canes were no longer given out in some schools due to their Christian symbolism, for the cane shape is actually the letter "J" for Jesus.

The war against Christmas is now being joined in a more open way by the commander-in-chief of the forces of darkness. With a vacuum, of sorts, created by the war on Christmas and the Divine Infant in the manger, the devil promotes his own nativity scene, or should I say, "Snaketivity" scene. Just last year, in the Illinois State Capitol rotunda, there was a Satanic display for the holiday season, or a so called Snaketivity set, entitled *Knowledge is the Greatest*

Gift, which features a woman's hand holding an apple while a snake surrounds it. The designer of the demonic piece of art stated that the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil is actually a gift to mankind.

The devil knows that Christ and His Catholic Church are the one existential threat to his demonic kingdom. Satan may not have Faith and True Wisdom, but he does know enough about Christmas. The Mystery of the Nativity of Our Lord was and is for the



purpose of conquering the prince of this world. It is for the purpose of mounting a counter-revolution against the original revolutionary. Christianity is resented and war is mounted against Christmas because Christ and His Church Militant have declared war against sin, death, the devil, and the spirit of the world. Christianity is, therefore, intolerable. Furthermore, Christ will not tolerate a rival in the throne of our hearts. Christ and His Catholic Church make exclusive claims to bringing truth and salvation to men, for outside of Christ and His Mystical Body no one can be perfected or saved. The Divine Infant is *the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no one comes to the Father except through Him.*

Although the war on Christmas is painful to endure, it is a sure sign that Catholicism is the one true Faith that the devil hates. Leftist ideologues disparage our old heroes. They tear down our special monuments. They forbid nativity scenes in the public square. And yes they seek to purge Christianity from our land. We must realize that our enemies are at root anti-Christian and anti-American. This is a battle for the souls of men and for the soul of our nation. There is no surrender allowed and no compromise. Either we will have the Divine Infant or the serpent. We will either consume the Bread of Life or the Forbidden Fruit. ☸



THE WAR ON CHRISTMAS is a war on Christ. Therefore, we need good men willing to enter into the fray as spiritual knights in the court of Christ the King. Our little religious community was recently erected by our good bishop as a public association of the Faithful on September 5, 2019. Though small in size we pray that we may be strong in Faith. At this moment, our community has two priests, as well as two professed brothers in temporary vows and one novice. The two professed are presently engaged in their seminary studies. We pray that they will persevere in their studies and one day be ordained and join us in this war as part of the sacerdotal ranks as traditional priests. We also pray that more men may answer the call to the religious life and the holy priesthood and enter our community. **But this great blessing of more men will require additional funds to educate them and prepare them for spiritual warfare. Please be generous as we seek to train and educate future priests.**

Our gift to our benefactors is this: daily prayer and the offering of Holy Mass for them all on Christmas Day through its Octave.



NOVENA is nine days' of prayer said as a preparation for some particular feast, or in order to obtain some special favor. The model and the first of all novenas was that made in the Cenacle, after Our Lord's Ascension into heaven, by the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles in preparation for the coming of the Holy Ghost. The earliest ecclesiastical novena of which we have record is the Christmas Novena, which commemorates the nine months during which the Christ-child was carried in the womb of His Mother.



Novena for Christmas

December 16

O SHEPHERD that rulest Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, come to guide and comfort us. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 17

O WISDOM that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and orderest all things mightily and sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 18

O ADONAI, and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai, come to redeem us with an outstretched arm! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory...*

December 19

O ROOT of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at Whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Gentiles shall seek, come to deliver us, do not tarry. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory...*

December 20

O KEY of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth, come to liberate the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 21

O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the everlasting light, Sun of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 22

O KING of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O Corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 23

O EMMANUEL, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 24

O THOU that sittest upon the cherubim, God of hosts, come, show Thy face, and we shall be saved. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*



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