

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

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Know Your Faith

Did Jesus Condem Traditions?



Jesus said, *You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men.* “*You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God, in order to keep your tradition!* . . . Mk 7:1-2

Many non-Catholics are conditioned to be very skeptical of Tradition, especially Catholic Traditions as being “Traditions of Men,” the kind Jesus condemned. Is that True?

Traditions for the Catholic are teachings of Christ that are handed down or preached from the Apostles. This body of teachings is called-----The Magisterium.

St. Paul does NOT condemn all tradition. Instead, he tells us *Now I am reminding you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. **For I handed onto you as of first importance what I handed onto you as of first importance what I also received:** that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that he appeared to five hundred brothers at once,* 1Cor. 16:3-11

So, the primary teachings held by the Church such as Trinity, Sacraments, Communion of Saints---- Resurrection of our bodies on the last day----Hypostatic Union of Jesus' two Natures of God and Man all come directly from Jesus to His Apostles.

The Catholic Church's decision of which books made up the New Testament (about 400 AD) is an example of Catholic Tradition.

Tradition for the Catholic Church = The Deposit of the Faith

It is important to remember that as these traditions were handed down to us as teachings, **nothing was added, deleted, changed or “invented by men.”**

What is one divine revelation taught in the Scriptures and Oral Tradition?

1. There is only ONE GOD.
2. The Father, the Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are persons of the same ONE GOD.
3. This Tradition is called “THE TRINITY.”

The Trinity was defined, written down, but not invented at the First Council of Nicaea (AD 325)

How is binding our hearts to Tradition a fulfillment of the commandment of God as Jesus wanted in Mk 7:1-2?

Source: Patrick Madrid. Why Is That in Tradition? “Introduction” (Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN, 2002)