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POPE FIRES CARDINAL



"A number of cardinals" asked Pope Francis to fire Cardinal Gerhard Müller, the head of the Vatican's doctrine office, "because he had on several occasions publicly disagreed with or distanced himself from the pope's positions," particularly as related to the exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. This information comes from 'America', a Jesuit magazine. As a magazine run by the Pope's own religious order, 'America' has enjoyed special access since Francis'

election in 2013. They published a famous interview with Pope Francis in 2013, and have since grown significantly. The cardinals seem to have gotten their wish, because on June 30, it was announced that 69-year-old Müller would be removed from his job on July 2, the end of his five-year term as Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF). On July 1, Pope Francis named a 73-year-old Jesuit, Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, to head the CDF. Ladaria Ferrer was previously Secretary of the CDF. He is also heading the pope's commission on women deacons. Müller spoke to German media about his dismissal. "It doesn't bother me," Müller told *Allgemeine Zeitung* as translated by *Rorate Caeli*. "Everyone has to retire at some point." Müller confirmed that he disagreed with Pope Francis for firing three priests from the CDF. "There were competent people," he said. This comment is consistent with a more vague one that Müller made in a May 2017 interview with EWTN's Raymond Arroyo. In May, Müller told Arroyo, "I am in favor of a better treatment of our officials in the Holy See because we cannot only speak about the social doctrine and we must also respect it." Müller denied to *Allgemeine Zeitung* that he and Pope Francis had "differences" and disagreements over the interpretation of *Amoris Laetitia*. During his time as head of the CDF, Müller maintained that *Amoris Laetitia* must be interpreted through the lens of previous doctrine and therefore can't be used to change Church practice and thus undermine its teaching. Müller said the four dubia cardinals asking Pope Francis for clarity on whether *Amoris Laetitia* is aligned with Catholic morality raised "legitimate questions." He also criticized them and maintained that *Amoris Laetitia* was consistent with the Catholic faith so therefore no "fraternal correction" of Pope Francis would be necessary. Nevertheless, he has been a voice for Catholic orthodoxy as bishops' conferences and high-ranking Vatican cardinals have called for the divorced and "remarried" to be admitted to Holy Communion contrary to Catholic teaching on adultery, the sacraments, scandal, and sacrilege. The appointment of Ladaria Ferrer is "destined to have far-reaching consequences, not the least of which is to ensure that the C.D.F. and its prefect are rowing with and not against the pope on key issues, including the interpretation of 'Amoris Laetitia,' synodality and cooperation with the commission for the protection of minors," *America* offered in its analysis. "Ladaria Ferrer, though a competent theologian, is a low-key appointment who is never going to rock the boat, or cause any embarrassment to the Pope," observed Father Alexander Lucie-Smith at the *UK Catholic Herald*. "His appointment means the virtual neutralisation for the foreseeable future of the CDF as a possible hotbed of opposition" to the pope's agenda. Müller's removal sends a message "to other Vatican chiefs" to "watch out, your time is short, and you can and will be removed at the end of your term," Lucie-Smith wrote. Michael Sean Winters of the *National Catholic Reporter* had a similar take, but he took this signal from Pope Francis as a good thing. "I hope Cardinal Robert Sarah read this morning's *Bollettino* with care. Ditto for Cardinal Marc Ouellet," wrote Winters, referencing the respective heads of the Vatican liturgy and bishop appointment offices. "They need to make sure their dicasteries are not loci of obstruction to the Holy Father but function as intended, as adjuncts to his office. Pope Francis has gone out of his way to work with the team he inherited, but if they are found wanting, it is time to let them go." Müller's sacking "signifies a critical moment in the history of Pope Francis' pontificate," Professor Robert de Mattei wrote in *Corrispondenza Romana* on July 2. "It has never happened that a cardinal with more than 5 years to the canonical age of retirement (75) has not had his position renewed for a further five years." De Mattei noted that many orthodox Catholics see Ladaria Ferrer's appointment as a relief because Müller's replacement could have been far more heterodox, like Cardinal Christoph Schönborn or Malta's Archbishop Charles Scicluna. "What some of them don't understand is

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Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: John Carroll, Maureen Coughlan, Lisa Byrne (5th Ann), Kathleen Nugent (nee O'Donnell) Months Mind, George O'Toole (Ann).
Sun 11.30am: Joseph, Richard & Kathleen Heffernan, John & Josephine Boylan, Maria Grazia Grimaldi, Alessandro Manselli.

that for Pope Francis, what is important is not the ideology of his collaborators, but the allegiance to his plan of 'irreversible reform' for the Church," wrote de Mattei. He labeled the shakeup at the CDF "a defeat for the conservatives" more than an outright "victory" for Pope Francis. De Mattei mentioned that there are many prelates older than Müller who haven't been asked to leave their posts. One example is Cardinal Francesco Coccopalmerio, President of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts. Coccopalmerio is "the same cardinal whose secretary was caught in the act, by the Papal Gendarmerie, during a drug-based homosexual orgy in an apartment building, belonging to the Vatican." The difference between Coccopalmerio and Müller is that the former "had shown his appreciation for *Amoris Laetitia*, explaining that: 'the Church has always been however the refuge of sinners,' whereas Müller did not hide his perplexity towards the 'apertures' in the papal Exhortation, even if with declarations of an oscillating nature." Ladaria Ferrer will also lead the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei*, the Vatican's office that oversees the use of the Traditional Latin Mass.

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Cemetery Masses

Glencullen Parish Cemetery Mass Sunday 9 July at 3.00pm.

St. Ita's Cemetery Mass will be held on Friday 14 July at 3.00pm

St. Catherine's Cemetery, Protrane Saturday 15 July at 3.00pm and Donabate Old Cemetery at 4.00pm (beside Parish Hall)

Fingal Cemetery on the Portrane Road Mass & Blessing of Graves - Sunday 16 July at 3.30pm

Kilgobbin Parish Sunday 23 July at 3.00pm.



Reek Sunday (30 July)

The Annual Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, Reek Sunday takes place this year on Sunday 30 July. Mass will be celebrated hourly on the summit at 8:00am; 9:00am; 10:00am; 11:00am; 12:00pm; 1:00pm & 2:00pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 7:30am - 2:00pm.



Helping Young People to Grow in Faith

Are you a parent, teacher, chaplain - are you interested in young people and their general faith development? If so, see www.shekinah.ie for details of Certificate and Diploma courses accredited by St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. The aim of these courses is to bring the Gospel message to young people in a creative, fun and reflective way. They provide transferrable skills beneficial to parents, teachers and all who work with adolescents.

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 144

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. R/

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. R/

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. R/

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. My brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11: 25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed,
'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what I pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Said a traveler to one of the disciples, "I have travelled a great distance to listen to the Master, but I find his words quite ordinary." "Don't listen to his words. Listen to his message". "How does one do that?" "Take hold of a sentence that he says. Shake it well till all the words drop off. What is left will set your heart on fire."

From 'One Minute Wisdom' by Anthony de Mello