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Letter of endorsement for the project “Catholic Catechism Index” of “Tradivox”

The Catholic Faith remains always the same throughout the centuries and millennia until the coming of Our Lord at the end of the time, likewise “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” (Hebr. 13:8). The Catholic Faith is “the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). The Magisterium of the Church teaches us solemnly the same truth in the following words of the First Vatican Council: “The doctrine of the faith which God has revealed, is put forward not as some philosophical discovery capable of being perfected by human intelligence, but as a divine deposit committed to the spouse of Christ to be faithfully protected and infallibly promulgated. Hence, too, that meaning of the sacred dogmas is ever to be maintained, which has once been declared by Holy Mother Church, and there must never be any abandonment of this sense under the pretext or in the name of a more profound understanding. May understanding, knowledge and wisdom increase as ages and centuries roll along, and greatly and vigorously flourish, in each and all, in the individual and the whole Church: but this only in its own proper kind, that is to say, in the same doctrine, the same sense, and the same understanding (cf. Vincentius Lerinensis, *Commonitorium*, 28)” (Constitutio dogmatica, *Dei Filius* de fide catholica, cap. 4).

An authentically Catholic catechism has the function of learning and teaching the unchanging Catholic Faith throughout all generations. The Roman Pontiffs indeed, taught: “There is nothing more effective than catechetical instruction to spread the glory of God and to secure the salvation of souls” (Pope Benedict XIV, Apostolic Constitution, *Etsi minime*). Saint Pius X said, that the great loss of souls is due to ignorance of divine things (cf. Encyclical *Acerbo nimis*).

Therefore, the traditional catechisms have the enduring value in our own day and age, which is marked by an enormous doctrinal confusion, which reigns in the life of the Church in the past six decades, and which reaches its peak in our days.

I welcome and bless the great project of the “Tradivox” in cataloguing and preserving the hundreds of long-lost Catholic catechisms issued with episcopal approval over the last millennium. This project will convincingly show the essentially unchanging nature of the apostolic doctrine across time and space, and so I invite the faithful of the entire world to support this historic effort, as we seek to restore the perennial Catechism of the Church. The project of a Catechism restoration on behalf of “Tradivox” will surely be of great benefit not only to many confused and disoriented Catholic faithful, but also to all people who are sincerely seeking the ultimate and authentic truth about God and man, which one can find only in the Catholic and Apostolic Faith, and which is the only religion and Faith willed by God and to which God calls all men.

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