

# POISED TO TAKE OVER AMERICA

The following article was printed in a leading U.S. Roman Catholic journal, *The National Catholic Register*, on May 16, 2007.

You will want to read it thoughtfully; for within it is to be found a small insight into the Catholic plan for America.

We have been warned of “the stealthy but rapid progress of the papal power” (GC 606).

National Catholic Register of May 16, 2007:

**“Catholics are poised to take on a historic role in America that can transform the future of our country.**

“If we do the right thing now, we won’t just restore the sanctity of life to its proper place as the fundamental right upon which all others depend—we will also make Catholics the most important force preserving and promoting the American ideal. Or perhaps we will do nothing, watch our country slip further away from its principles, and leave our children a worse world than the one we have enjoyed.

“Our final editorial in a series on the Supreme Court’s decision, to uphold a federal ban on partial-birth abortion, appropriately comes as Pope Benedict XVI returns from his trip to Brazil, a trip (marked by his words) promoting life.

“American Catholics can learn important lessons in hope from his visit there. He taught that faith, and only faith, will win the battle for the heart of a nation. That was the lesson of the crowds that flocked to see him—more than 400 percent larger than expected—and it was the subject of his address to bishops, in which he compared the enduring presence of our lady of Guadalupe to the fleeting fads of Marxism, capitalism and other ideologies.

“ ‘God is the foundational reality,’ he said. Attempts to build on any other reality are destined to fail; the foundational reality of God will outlast them all. Those who choose to ignore fundamental realities are always surprised by their own defeat. We can count on that same dynamic in America, too.

“The Supreme Court made abortion legal in all 50 states in 1973—when pictures of children in the womb were almost unheard of. But simultaneously,

medical science—and fetal photography—was developing at an amazing pace. Today, the curtain has been lifted. We know that, in an embryo as small as a pinpoint, DNA has already determined whether the child is a boy or girl, how tall she’ll be and what field position he’ll be best suited for in baseball.

“And today, many American parents see their children’s faces for the first time in ultrasound photos. Reality is overtaking the abortion debate. Each year, a larger majority of Americans report to pollsters that they are pro-life. It is only a matter of time before revulsion against abortion will reach a critical mass—a ‘tipping point,’ to use a marketing phrase. At that point, predominant cultural attitudes toward abortion will swing so far so fast, it will appear to have changed ‘overnight,’ whereas in reality this respect for life will have been growing incrementally for years.

“If this sounds far-fetched, it shouldn’t. God is always performing the same trick. From the fall of Adam to the crucifixion of Christ to the age of martyrdom in the church, the forces of evil keep convincing themselves that at last they have won. And they are always learning that they have put all their eggs in the wrong basket as God neatly turns their own momentum against them.

**“When this happens in America, Catholics will find themselves in a leading cultural role, for three reasons.**

“First, because Catholic theology uniquely understands the interrelationship between natural law and divine revelation, the power of persuasion will be on our side. Just as Thomas Aquinas was the great defender of both theology and common sense, the church today uniquely understands aspects of natural law the world has forgotten: Our teachings on abortion, marriage and even contraception are defenses of what man can know without scripture. Like the Declaration of Independence, Catholic moral thinking examines ‘the laws of nature and of nature’s God.’

**“Second, Catholics will dominate in the future of America because of sheer numbers. Immigration from Mexico and family sizes mean the old Protestant America is throwing itself off a demographic cliff. Tomorrow’s America will be far less Protestant and far more Catholic.**

“And last, Catholics will have a prominent role in the future of America because we are the church founded by Christ on the rock of Peter, the one church that Christ promised would prevail against

the gates of hell. **Christ founded one church, not many denominations**, and our doctrines have the best expression of the ‘foundational reality’ of God that will prevail.

**“What does this ‘Catholic future’ mean for Catholics today?** It certainly shouldn’t mean that we can feel proud or presumptuous. After all, previous generations of Catholics had these same advantages and squandered them scandalously and ignominiously—often precisely while they were feeling most triumphal. It doesn’t mean that our fight

#### A Catholic Statement:

**“When the time comes and men realize that the social edifice must be rebuilt according to eternal standards, be it tomorrow, or be it centuries from now, the Catholics will arrange things to suit said standards.**

“Undeterred by those who prefer to abide in death, they will reestablish certain laws of life. They will restore Jesus to His place on high, and He shall no longer be insulted. They will raise their children to know God and to honor their parents. They will uphold the indissolubility of marriage, and if this fails to meet with approval of the dissenters, it will not fail to meet with the approval of their children.

**“They will make obligatory the religious ob-**

“When the early church became corrupted by departing from the simplicity of the gospel and accepting heathen rites and customs, she lost the Spirit and power of God; and in order to control the consciences of the people, she sought the support of the secular power. The result was the papacy, a church that controlled the power of the state and employed it to further her own ends, especially for the punishment of ‘heresy’ . . .

“Whenever the church has obtained secular power, she has employed it to punish dissent from her doctrines . . . So apostasy in the church will prepare the way for the image to the beast.”—*Great Controversy*, 443-444.

“Marvelous in her shrewdness and cunning is the Roman Church. She can read what is to be. She bides her time, seeing that the Protestant churches are paying her homage in their acceptance of the false sabbath and that they are preparing to enforce it by the very means which she herself employed in bygone days. Those who reject the light of truth will yet seek the aid of this self-styled infallible power to exalt an institution that originated with her. How readily she will come to the help of Protestants in this work it is not difficult to conjecture. Who understands better than the papal leaders how to deal with those who are disobedient to the church?

“The Roman Catholic Church, with all its ramifi-

will be easy, either—in the age of martyrdom, it never is. Rather, these ‘Catholic advantages’ mean **we have a grave responsibility to promote the culture of life and to defend the family**—and that, no matter how hard the fight gets, we shouldn’t lose heart. God always wins.”

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**servance of Sunday on behalf of the whole of society and for its own good, revoking the permit for freethinkers and Jews to celebrate, incognito, Monday or Saturday on their own account.**

“Those whom this may annoy, will have to put up with the annoyance. Respect will not be refused to the Creator nor repose denied to the creature—**simply for the sake of humoring certain maniacs, whose frenetic condition causes them stupidly and insolently to block the will of a whole people.**”

—*The Liberal Illusion, Louis Veuillot, published by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, DC.*

cations throughout the world, forms one vast organization under the control, and designed to serve the interests, of the papal see. Its millions of communicants, in every country on the globe, are instructed to hold themselves as bound in allegiance to the pope. Whatever their nationality or their government, they are to regard the authority of the church as above all other. Though they may take the oath pledging their loyalty to the state, yet back of this lies the vow of obedience to Rome, absolving them from every pledge inimical to her interests.

“History testifies of her artful and persistent efforts to insinuate herself into the affairs of nations; and having gained a foothold, to further her own aims, even at the ruin of princes and people.”—*Great Controversy*, 580.

“The defenders of the papacy declare that the church has been maligned, and the Protestant world are inclined to accept the statement. Many urge that it is unjust to judge the church of today by the abominations and absurdities that marked her reign during the centuries of ignorance and darkness. They excuse her horrible cruelty as the result of the barbarism of the times and plead that the influence of modern civilization has changed her sentiments.

“Have these persons forgotten the claim of infallibility put forth for eight hundred years by this haughty power?”—*Great Controversy*, 563-564.

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# Paulsen: Ordain Women or the Church will Split

“Church Leader Talks of Ordaining Women. *The Press-Enterprise*. Sunday, January 28, 2007—Palm Springs - **Seventh-day Adventists around the world must reach consensus on the ordination of women or risk rebellion within the church**, the leader of the global denomination said Saturday [January 27].

“In an interview at Palm Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Rev. Jan Paulsen said the global church ‘needs to find a way to sign off on it. **If they don’t, those (regional) conferences that want to ordain women will find themselves acting in a rebellious way against the global church.** That is not healthy.’

“The Inland area is part of the Southeastern California Conference, which in 2000, became the first conference in the world to grant the same ministerial credential to men and women. The credential is valid only within the conference.

“The Los Angeles-based Southern California Conference took a similar step in 2005.

“The Southeastern California Conference, which is based in Riverside, comprises Riverside, San Bernadino, Orange, San Diego, and Imperial counties.

“The Seventh-day Adventist Church, founded in the United States by Ellen G. White in 1863, has never taken a position on the Biblical grounds opposing the ordination of women,’ Paulsen said.

“Some individuals, however, believe that Scripture prohibits women from teaching men,’ he added.

“Paulsen asked women who feel called to ministry to be patient as the global church seeks consensus. **Paulsen has said in the past that he supports ordaining women.**

“I know I’m asking a lot of women . . . because they feel they have waited a long time already,’ he

said.

“**‘Objections will weaken as people see women in ministry,’** Paulsen predicted. ‘Let’s see where the Lord leads in this matter.’

“**‘Unity within the church is essential,’** the native of Norway said, recalling the Apostle Paul who said he would not act in ways that offended others.

“We are not a collection of regional or national churches,’ he said, during an informal meeting with members of the Palm Springs Church Saturday afternoon. ‘We are one global family,’ he said, noting that the church has more than 25 million members who attend Saturday services worldwide.

“In his Saturday sermon at Palm Springs High School, where Coachella Valley Adventists filled about three-fourths of the auditorium, the president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists asked older Adventists to gently guide youth in the church.

“Don’t be too hard on them,’ Paulsen said. ‘It isn’t easy to grow up in this church. Our standards are clear . . . Before you correct them on their mistakes, make sure they know you love them.’

“Like most denominations, Adventists struggle with the departure of young adults from their churches.

“In the interview Saturday afternoon, Paulsen said he has been hosting live teleconferences with young Adventists.

“During one of those conversations, a young adult told him, ‘You may not be here in 10 years’ time. If you don’t trust us with responsibility, we may not be here either.’ ”

(For more on this see our 8½ x 11, 102-page book, *Women’s Ordination in the Seventh-day Adventist Church*, which will provide you with a history of what has happened.

## What Do the Food Labels Mean?

**ORGANIC**—This is the best label. Organic crops are free of genetic engineering, sewage sludge, most conventional pesticides and synthetic fertilizers.

(In addition, livestock used for milk, eggs, and meat are fed 100% organic feed, raised without antibiotics or growth hormones, and have access to the outdoors.)

**CAGE-FREE and FREE RANGE**—These are among the least-reliable labels out there. They are poorly defined and unverified by third parties. It could mean the animal lives in a barn with 10,000 other birds.

**GRASS-FED**—This label sounds good, but tell your meat-eating friends to beware. Even on conven-

tional farms, cows are fed grass for the first few months of their lives before being switched to grain, which can cause health problems in cattle and lead to the use of antibiotics.

**ANTIBIOTIC FREE**—This label implies that the cows or chickens were never given antibiotics, which can contribute to antibiotic resistance in the environment. Instead, they should say “raised without antibiotics.” Otherwise, the beef may earlier have been given antibiotics.

(For much more on the large number of dangers of meat products, see our book, *The International Meat Crisis*, also available at low cost in small boxes.)

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