

Pope Francis Steadily Removes Vocal Critics

In a move continuing the trend of removing anyone opposed Pope Francis' direction for the Catholic Church, Italian Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano has officially been excommunicated after being found guilty of schism.

Perhaps the Pope's fiercest critic, Vigano has branded the leader of the Catholic Church a "false prophet" and "servant of Satan" while condemning his embrace of left-wing policies.

As Charisma News previously reported, Vigano expected this to be the outcome when he received the summons to the Vatican.

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"I have been summoned to the Palace of the Holy Office on June 20, in person or represented by a canon lawyer," Vigano wrote.

"I assume that the sentence has already been prepared, given that it is an extrajudicial process," he continues.

Vigano is so fiercely opposed to the Pope and the agenda of his reign, he even refuses to address him as such, and instead uses the Pope's given name, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, when criticizing him.

"It is no coincidence that the accusation against me concerns the questioning of the legitimacy of Jorge Mario Bergoglio and the rejection of Vatican II: the Council represents the ideological, theological, moral and liturgical cancer of which the Bergoglian 'synodal church' is the necessary metastasis," Vigano wrote in a public statement.

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The Pope has drawn the ire of many conservative and traditionalist Catholics during his tenure. His policies toward divorcees, the LGBTQ+ community, climate change, immigration and his anti-capitalism stance have angered many both in and out of the Catholic Church.

His removal of conservative voices within the Church hasn't helped his image, either.

Pope Francis also removed Bishop Joseph Strickland of the Diocese of Tyler, Texas, a conservative critic of his who claimed that the Pope's words and actions were "undermining the deposit of faith."

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