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1. The LAITY of the church have “come of age “, since Vatican II and the new priests have gone **BACKWARD** to Latin and clericalism and abuse of authority and denial of Vatican II.
2. Time for Vatican III and many major changes: Time for **educated** LAITY to govern the church on every level. How many cardinals and bishops are in Rome? Lay men and women (and religious) could do all those jobs! You do not need to be ordained to do the job and most of those jobs are not really necessary and ultimately, lead to CLERICALISM.
3. Cardinals, Archbishops, and Monsignors should be abolished. Christianity does not benefit from RANK in its clergy. Lay people should elect the Pope and their bishop and pastors. Diocesan pastoral councils should supervise the bishop and parish councils supervise their pastor. Bishops and priests should be known for their **HUMILITY** and **SERVICE**, not their medieval pomp and abuse of authority.
4. Seminarians should not continue studies for priesthood without 85% approval by written note of laity in their parish.
5. Bishop, priest (elder) and deacon are biblical orders, but there are many ways to do this. Presbyterians have a CORPORATE bishop (not a personal one!) which is the Presbytery itself. They have teaching elders (PASTORS) and ruling elders who are laity. Methodists have a pastor-parish relations committee and will LICENSE lay pastors in small churches - not ordain pastors without seminary. We can learn from them.
6. If Vatican III will not make these needed changes, we will likely see major SCHISM. Bad habits DEMAND change. Authentic TRADITION will endure. Holy Spirit, guide us!
7. Undo Trent: time for LAITY to govern church and clergy to “pray, pay, and obey”.
8. Pope Francis plans synod on Role of LAITY in 2022.

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