

They Have Lost Their Minds

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If you want to understand why Sister Lucia referred so often to a state of “diabolical disorientation” in the Church today, you need only look at this photograph:



On the left is Cardinal Sean O’Malley of Boston, made a Cardinal by Pope Benedict. On the right is one Anne Robertson, who calls herself “Reverend Anne Robertson” because the United Methodist Church pretended to “ordain” her as a member of the Methodist “clergy,” all of whom pretend to be ordained ministers of Christ.

What was this Robertson lady doing to the Cardinal? As the local newspaper [reported](#), she was administering “a ritual drop of water for a baptism remembrance with a Roman Catholic cardinal.” The occasion was what the paper describes as “a special 50th anniversary worship service at Sudbury [Massachusetts] United Methodist Church.” As the story notes, “Cardinal O’Malley delivered the homily at the ecumenical gathering which commemorated a groundbreaking appearance by Cardinal Richard Cushing at the church in 1964.” That’s 1964 — four years after the date the Third Secret was to be revealed by express order of the Blessed Virgin.

What is more — and what is worse — Cardinal O’Malley *specifically requested* this ministration from a woman posing as a minister of Christ. As the story further reports: “the cardinal quietly asked the Rev. Robertson to administer the water for him.” Her reaction is quite interesting, however: “My heart immediately went to my throat. To be asked that by the man who might be pope someday – I was stunned. I was choking back tears for hours.”

Why was she stunned? Why was she choking back tears for hours? Why such overwhelming emotion in a woman who does not even recognize the Pope’s authority or that of the Church of which the Pope is head?

I will tell you: Because she understood the immense and quite devastating significance of the Cardinal's "ecumenical" gesture. A representative of the Church she knows at least instinctively is the one that Christ actually founded — indeed, so many of the Church's enemies know this in their hearts — had dignified her "ministry" by an act which suggested that the Cardinal, a Prince of the Catholic Church, was in need of the ministrations of a *faux* cleric for his own sanctification. As if Cardinal O'Malley were in need of a Protestant lady minister's help in order to remember his own baptism in the one true Church!

With that one gesture, Cardinal O'Malley demoted the status of the Church founded 2,000 years ago by God Incarnate, while elevating the status of a mere human association founded by a man named John Wesley in the 18th century, whose American branch, the United Methodist Church of which Robertson is a "minister," did not exist until 1968.

Has the Cardinal lost his mind? In a sense, yes. If you asked him about it, he would of course deny that he meant to imply that Robertson actually possesses Holy Orders or that her ritual was some necessary vehicle of divine grace. Why, then, did he do what he did?

The answer is that "ecumenism" itself is a form of "diabolical disorientation" which induces even the highest ranks of the clergy to act in bizarre ways that flatly contradict what they profess to believe and what is in fact the reality that Christ established in His one and only Church, which He purchased with His blood.

It is not too much to say — given its obviously disastrous results over the past fifty years — that ecumenism is a form of madness, and that all of its enthusiasts are in the grip of this madness. Look at the state of the Church today and ask yourself if anything but a kind of insanity could explain what has happened, and what is happening, within her official structure since that fateful year 1960.

Our Lady of Fatima, deliver us!

Hat Tip: This scandal was earlier reported by *Rorate Caeli*.