Firstly, a brief review of the Roman Church in the 1960's.

The infiltration by enemies (communists, judaics, lutherans, etc.) into the Roman Curia and throughout the Church had reached alarming levels. There are incontrovertible documents available which testify to this infiltration. It had reached such a point in the Roman Curia that Pope Saint Paul VI was controlled like a puppet and subjected to drugs which weakened his will.

Progressivism was spreading throughout the Church, opposing everything traditional, every true act of piety, every true devotion. The invalid *novus ordo missae* was concocted and the 2,300 days prophesied by the Prophet Daniel of the abolition of the Perpetual Sacrifice began.

In Spain, the last bastion of Catholicism in the world, many priests preached against the great, most Christian Caudillo, Saint Francisco Franco.

Under great pressure, the Church had yielded to allowing certain credence to the erroneous theory of evolution.

The Church, under great pressure, had yielded in the question of contraception, and allowed the rhythm method of birth control.

In non dogmatic questions there were still dreadful errors that notably stained the Magisterium of the Church: for example, that the Holy Ghost is not Sanctifying Grace, when He is, and intimately espoused to the whole being of the person in the state of Grace; or that the white colour of the Eucharist is not the whiteness of Christ in the Sacrament, when it is, since He assumes the accidents of the bread; or that the Souls of Christ and Mary did not pre-exist from the beginning of Creation, when They did pre-exist.

There were vital doctrinal problems still unresolved; for example: predestination, which we now know does not exist; and particular judgement, in which we now know that it is the person himself who decides his own salvation or damnation, a decision which God ratifies, pronouncing the corresponding sentence.

Pope Saint John XXIII, inspired by the Holy Ghost, had convoked Vatican Council II, but shortly the council fathers voted to disregard the prepared texts full of very sound doctrines and open the way to free discussion. The Council turned into a conciliabulum and went on to produce doctrines that were erroneous, modernist, progressivist, syncretistic, etc.

As a result of the Vatican II conciliabulum, as from the year 1965, each Religious Order had to gather a general chapter in Rome, and translate the mother house of their Order to Rome. The first general chapter was that of the Salesians, considered a model for all the other Orders. They had to translate their mother house from Turin to Rome. One Salesian commented: 'from then on, everything that came from Rome was entirely corrupted by progressivism.'

HOW COULD SUCH EVILS EVER BE REMEDIED?

Humanly speaking it was impossible even to restrain them. The Lord alone could undo the evil. He Himself chose the necessary instrument, fiery, relentless, incapable of giving in, dynamic, blindly obedient to the Lord's commands, a great preacher, a lover of tradition, and a most faithful son of the Most Holy Virgin Mary. He had been born on the 23rd of April in the year 1946 in Seville, Spain, and his name was Clemente Domínguez y Gómez.

He had served as acolyte in Seville Cathedral with Cardinal Segura, who told him: "You will never know how to sing," and at another moment: "You will be one of my successors," and both prophecies came true. He felt himself drawn to the religious life and wanted to be a Dominican. From September 1969 he became a seer, or prophet, extraordinary, in the Place of Apparitions of El Palmar de Troya, Seville. He received many messages relating to the state of the Church, more than 100 on the sad persecution of Saint Paul VI in the Vatican, messages which he propagated throughout the world and handed over personally to many Priests and Bishops in numerous countries by order of the Lord, so that the whole Church was informed about the Pope's situation. 17 Priests (9 religious and 8 seculars) and many faithful joined Clemente in his intense struggle to draw the Church out of her prostration.

Clemente founded the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face on the 23rd of December 1975, and a few days later was ordained Priest on 1-1-1976 and consecrated Bishop on 11-1-1976, by Archbishop Saint Peter Martin Ngô-dinh Thuc, who had received almost papal powers from Pope Saint Pius XI. On these two dates the 2,300 days prophesied by the Prophet Saint Daniel on the abolition of the Holy Sacrifice of

Mass by the imposition of the *novus ordo missae* in 1969 came to an end.. On 29-5-1976, Father Clemente lost his two eyes in a car accident. But by July the following year, for the Feast of Carmel, he celebrated the first Novena of Pontifical Masses in the History of the Church with fiery sermon on each day. What love for the Church!

Oh!, what grandeur of the now Father Clemente, founder of the one Order which was to gather all those Priests and Religious who sought to continue leading the authentic religious life without modernism, laxity and heresy! At the same time he began to form for the Priesthood the numerous youths who joined, and those suitable were consecrated Bishops, in order to form a large Episcopal College and counteract the immense majority of official bishops stained by progressivism and indifference to the situation in the Church. The Church was beginning to rise up again from among the ruins in which she lay! Besides his task of organizing the growing Order and as Superior of the new community, Father Clemente continued his apostolate taking messages and reports to many priests and bishops, being courteously and respectfully received; yet, save for a very few exceptions, without encountering the required integrity in the face of the alarming situation. Thus two long years passed up until his election as Pope.

On 6-8-1978 Pope Saint Paul VI died. The Church was left an orphan. Owing to the preponderance of infiltrated enemies in the Roman Curia, a valid election of a successor was no longer possible. Hence the Invisible Head of the Church, Our Lord Jesus Christ, had necessarily to intervene; so that Father Clemente was elected Pope directly by the Lord on that same day 6-8-1978, with the name of Gregory XVII. On 9-8-1978 Pope Gregory XVII arrived in El Palmar de Troya, where the Holy See was translated. The whole satanic plan for the destruction of the Catholic Church was undone at one fell stroke: the roman church, collapsed, was no longer the Catholic Church, and all those battalions of infiltrated enemies were left with a lifeless anti-church. But the Catholic Church was arising anew, and was now called Palmarian.

At once the new Pope began to impose order. By way of his Pontifical Documents, he first reestablished the traditional Mass, and abolished the *novus ordo*, communion in the hand and standing. He defined the dogmas pending on the Most Holy Virgin Mary and Most Holy Joseph. He re-established ecclesiastical discipline, abolishing concelebrations, worker priests, collective absolution, the rhythm method; he imposed soutanes for Priests, Latin in the Liturgy, reaffirmed Priestly Celibacy, then abolishing every privilege granted in this respect, etc. In his Pontifical Documents he continued with a multitude of Canonizations, and Doctrinal Documents of utmost importance.

The Palmarian Ecumenical Councils. It was on the 30th of October 1979, still in the second year of his Pontificate, when Pope Saint Gregory XVII made the convocation: "We, Vicar of Christ on Earth, Supreme Pontiff by the grace of God, who reign with the name of Gregory XVII, announce to the whole Church and to the world the following: Assisted by the Holy Ghost, with the Authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with that of Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and with our Own: We convoke the Holy, Great, Dogmatic Palmarian Council." He opened the First Palmarian Holy Council on 30-3-1980, which lasted more than twelve years until 12-10-1992. He opened the Second Palmarian Holy Council on 16-4-1995, which lasted more than seven years until 12-10-2002. They are the two longest Councils in history, with a total of more than 20 years. With these two Holy Ecumenical Councils, for the first time the Church has a complete dogmatic doctrine: on Theology, the Sacraments, the Most Holy Trinity, Catholic Morals, the Holy Bible, the Catechism and Canon Law. And as fruit of these Councils there is now an Ecclesiastical History, also dogmatic, very necessary to rectify the many errors in this material.

What grandeur, that of this Papacy! The Church rises up anew, purified and strengthened in her Doctrine, in her Hierarchy and in her members, in her discipline, in her revitalized worship and in her organization. And all this is owed to a man of many virtues, humble and patient, and wonderfully bold: Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great, assisted by his collaborators. How much the Church owes to this Pope! And how much all mankind owes to him! And the present Pope, His Holiness Pope Peter III, continues his labour, settling a multitude of important questions and preparing the Church for the great graces promised. Whoever is with the Pope is with Christ, and whoever opposes the Pope opposes Christ!

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