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Church of Ireland rector denounces the politics of surrender in church and state



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My Dear Friends,

I don't need to tell you that we are in the midst of a very difficult and dangerous time in our province, both politically and spiritually. I fear that some of our Unionist politicians will swallow this latest dose of poison from Sinn Fein/IRA, and sad to say, the British Government, which is our government, would encourage our people to accept what is offered, and all to keep bombs out of mainland Britain. If those who represent us accept this nonsense, then they are not worth supporting. Whatever happened to "No Guns, No Government?" Pray to God as never before for deliverance from treachery and duplicity. Pray to God that our people will stand together united to defeat the evil intentions of wicked men, intent only on the destruction of our Heritage and Culture.

I also said that this was a difficult and dangerous time spiritually, and it is. For as there are so called Protestants who would sell their soul and have peace at any price, there are so called Protestant Clergy and indeed they have their followers, who see nothing wrong in Roman Catholicism and are working towards union with that church, and would have no qualms about having the Pope as head of any united church. Well might we say, - "with friends like these who needs enemies?" There is a meeting in Canada this month and our own church will be represented and these very things will be discussed.

Now, let me say this, I believe that we can be neighbourly and friendly with people of other faiths, and that's the way it should be, for

we can't help being born what we are. But to have union with a church which is unreformed, and many of whose teachings are blasphemous and unscriptural, should not even be considered by anyone who values their Protestant and Reformed tradition.

My friends this is another great matter for prayer, for as you will notice that on both fronts, politically and spiritually, the arch enemy is the church of Rome, because our political enemies are members of that church as are our spiritual enemies. We must seek and pray for God's help to resist the ascendancy of that church, for her boast is "Semper Eadem", which means, always the same. So Rome never changes and will continue to work for the collapse and destruction of all that we hold dear both politically and spiritually.

Pray for a real awakening amongst Church of Ireland people as to the danger ahead, as they are led by some who would sell their birthright for a mess of pottage, as Esau of old did. But let me say this in closing, be sure where you stand yourself, for outside Jesus Christ, not one of us is in any better standing with God than the Roman Catholic, the Muslim, the Hindu or whatever other faith you can think of. Only in Christ have we hope for this life and the life to come.

May God Bless you all and may you stand fast in the faith once delivered to the Saints.

Your sincere friend and Rector,
William Hoey.

Writing in the May 2000 issue of his parish magazine, Rev. William Hoey, rector of St. Simon's Church on the Lisburn Road, Belfast, plainly denounced the readiness to accept the 'dose of poison' from Sinn Fein/IRA on so-called arms decommissioning and the ecumenical efforts to reunite with Rome. We gladly commend Rev. Hoey for his words. However, to point out the holes in a ship that is sinking is not enough for a public-spirited individual. One must seek to launch the lifeboats and usher the people into them that they may not go down with the sinking hulk! That is what Rev. Hoey, whose stand, let me repeat, we admire, must do. This is God's command. *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues, Revelation 18:4.* full text Here is the full text of Rev Hoey's article. It is clear that he knows there is a plan to make the pope the head of a united church which further highlights the deception of his church leader .

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