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Colin Maxwell's challenge to the Church of Ireland Gazette.



Colin Maxwell is the Free Presbyterian missionary in the city of Cork in the Republic of Ireland.

Dear Sir,

The court of law still requires that the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth be told before any viable judgement can be made.

Paddy Monaghan's report (Evangelical Catholic Initiative) that the Pope recently declared, "Jesus the one and only Mediator: Christian communities ... must constantly testify that Jesus Christ is the one and only mediator of salvation ... The Church's preaching ... must be increasingly centred on the person of Jesus." (Gazette 5th September 2003) ought to be subject to the same rigorous examination.

When Paddy tells us that the Pope believes there is one mediator between God and men, he speaks the truth. What Paddy does not tell us, is that the Pope and his followers believe that we need a mediator or Mediatrix to bring us to Jesus who alone can bring us to God. It is a bit like the government telling us that they have shortened the waiting lists for hospitals. What they don't tell us is that there is a waiting list to get on to the waiting list. Of course we can be bogged down in the niceties of the English language and the mind boggling definitions of Roman Catholic theology, but when push comes to shove, the Pope still informs us that the "Blessed Virgin is to be invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress and Mediatrix" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1995).

Yours,

Colin Maxwell.