

Unique Coverage

Among books for the general reader, this can claim to be unique, or at least rare, in dealing openly with several neglected areas.

1. Identifying the curia as the effective (and unchanging) government of the Church.
2. Applying the economists' theory of Regulatory Capture (the 'capture of the regulator by the entity being regulated) to the relationship of pope and curia.
3. Focus on the management weakness consequent on all staff having similar training.
4. Focus on the bureaucratic fear of loss of power if bishops were given back their traditional leadership role or allowed to act collectively.
5. Focus on curial fear of Christian unity because it would reduce curial hegemony.
6. Analysing the pervasive, not to say corrosive, effect of the twin dogmas of 1870 and their contribution to the chronic unsolved problems of the Church today.
7. Identifying and naming the phenomenon of *pseudo-infallibility*.
8. Tracing the will to power in the strategic actions of Pius IX through 24 years from the very first months of his papacy to the adoption of the dogmas.
9. Offering 12 legal/historical/theological formulas that would allow the 1870 dogmas to be rescinded, reinterpreted or reformed
10. Revealing the contradiction between *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* and the Council of Trent on the limits of Church authority over the sacraments and on the crucial issue of *substance* in regard to the priestly ordination of women, with details of the lame rebuttal by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.
11. Focusing on the significance of *ex opere operato* in regard to women's ordination.
12. Listing 20 major historical decisions of the papacy that owed more to the will-to-power of the bureaucracy than to any inspiration from the Holy Spirit.
13. Calling attention to the deliberate misrepresentation in *Inter Insigniores* of a verse of scripture on which the case against the ordination women depends and the truncation of the same verse in the other magisterial document on the same subject (*Ordination Sacerdotalis*). The two magisterial documents contradict one another on a crucial issue.
14. Identifying self-contradictory nature of the encyclical on Christian Unity, *Ut Unum Sint* and of the policies derived from it.
15. Listing 29 policy areas that need revision if proper priority is to be given to Christ's two mandates and the Great commandment