

Notification to Christ's Faithful (can. 212 § 3)

Regarding *Dubia* Submitted to

Pope Francis

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, members of the Sacred College of Cardinals, in accord with the duty of all the faithful “to manifest to the sacred pastors their opinion on matters which pertain to the good of the Church” (can. 212 § 3) and, above all, in accord with the responsibility of Cardinals “to assist the Roman Pontiff ... individually ... especially in the daily care of the universal Church” (can. 349), **in view of various declarations of highly-placed Prelates, pertaining to the celebration of the next Synod of Bishops, that are openly contrary to the constant doctrine and discipline of the Church**, and that have generated and continue to generate great confusion and the falling into error among the faithful and other persons of good will, **have . . . submitted five *dubia* to Pope Francis. . . . a copy of which is attached.**

Yours in Christ,

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DUBIA

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1 Dubium about the claim that we should reinterpret Divine Revelation according to the cultural and anthropological changes in vogue.

After the statements of some Bishops, which have been neither corrected nor retracted, **it is asked whether in the Church Divine Revelation should be reinterpreted according to the cultural changes of our time and according to the new anthropological vision that these changes promote; or whether Divine Revelation is binding forever, immutable and therefore not to be contradicted**, according to the dictum of the Second Vatican Council, that to God who reveals is due “the obedience of faith” (*Dei Verbum* 5); that what is revealed for the salvation of all must remain “in their entirety, throughout the ages” and alive, and be “transmitted to all generations” (7); and that the progress of understanding does not imply any change in the truth of things and words, because faith has been “handed on ... once and for all” (8), and the Magisterium is not superior to the Word of God, but teaches only what has been handed on (10).