

POPES AGAINST COLLECTIVISM

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For more than a century and a half before Pope Francis, Catholic popes

have condemned the evils of socialism and communism. Here are some examples of such condemnation.

1846-Pope Pius IX, Encyclical Qui Pluribus

"This is the aim too of the prevalent but wrong method of teaching, (Dick & Jane) series in America's specially one to behave ... don't think) " in the philosophical disciplines, a method which deceives and corrupts incautious youth in a wretched manner and gives it as drink the poison of the serpent in the goblet of Babylon. To this goal also tends the unspeakable doctrine of Communism, as it is called, a doctrine most opposed to the very natural law. For if this doctrine were accepted, the complete destruction of everyone's laws, government, property, and even of human society itself would follow."

1849-Pope Pius IX, Encyclical Nostis et Nobiscum

"You are aware indeed, that the goal of this most iniquitous plot is to drive people to overthrow the entire order of human affairs and to draw them over to the wicked theories of this Socialism and Communism, by confusing them with perverted teachings.... As regards this teaching and these theories, it is now generally known that the special goal of their proponents is to introduce to the people the pernicious fictions of Socialism and Communism by misapplying the terms 'liberty' and 'equality.' The final goal shared by these teachings, whether of Communism or Socialism, even if approached differently, is to excite by continuous disturbances workers and others, especially those of the lower class, whom they have deceived by their lies and deluded by the promise of a happier condition. They are preparing them for plundering, stealing, and usurping first the Church's and then everyone's property. After this they will profane all law, human and divine, to destroy divine worship and to subvert the entire ordering of civil societies."

1878-Pope Leo XIII, Encyclical Quod Apostolici Muneris

"We speak of that sect of men who, under various and almost barbarous names, are called socialists, communists, or nihilists, and who, spread over all the world, and bound together by the closest ties in a wicked confederacy, no longer seek the shelter of secret meetings, but, openly and boldly marching forth in the light of day, strive to bring to a head what they have long been planning - the overthrow of all civil society whatsoever."

1891-Pope Leo XIII, Encyclical Rerum Novarum

"To remedy these wrongs the socialists, working on the poor man's envy of the rich, are striving to do away with private property, and contend that individual possessions should become the common property of all, to be administered by the State or by municipal bodies.... Socialists, therefore, by endeavoring to transfer the possessions of individuals to the community at large, strike at the interests of every wage-earner, since they would deprive him of the liberty of disposing of his wages, and thereby of all hope and possibility of increasing his resources and of bettering his condition in life."

1931 - Pope Pius XI, Encyclical Quadragesimo Anno

"No one can be at the same time a sincere Catholic and a true Socialist."

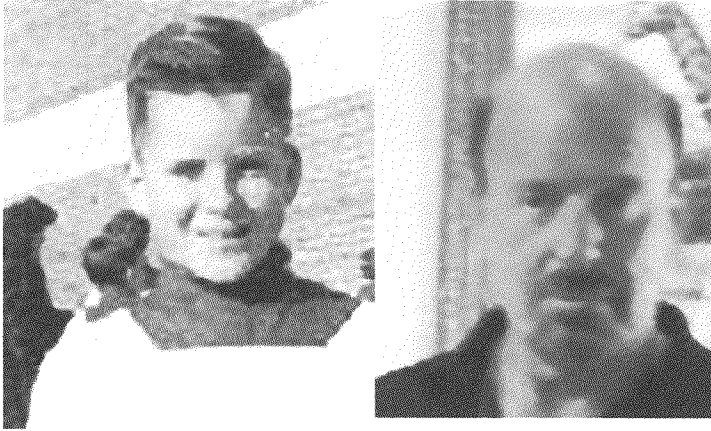
1937 - Pope Pius XI, Encyclical Divini Redemptoris

"Since Communism is intrinsically evil, whoever wants to save Christianity and civilization from destruction must refrain from aiding it in the prosecution of any project whatever."

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1949-Pope Pius XII, Decree Against Communism

"Communism is materialistic and anti-Christian; the communist leaders, although at times they argue in words that they are not against Religion, in fact both in doctrine and in actions they prove hostile to God, to true Religion and to the Church of Christ.... Christians who profess materialistic and anti-Christian communist doctrine, and above all those who defend and propagate it, incur ipso facto in the excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See, as apostates of the Catholic faith."

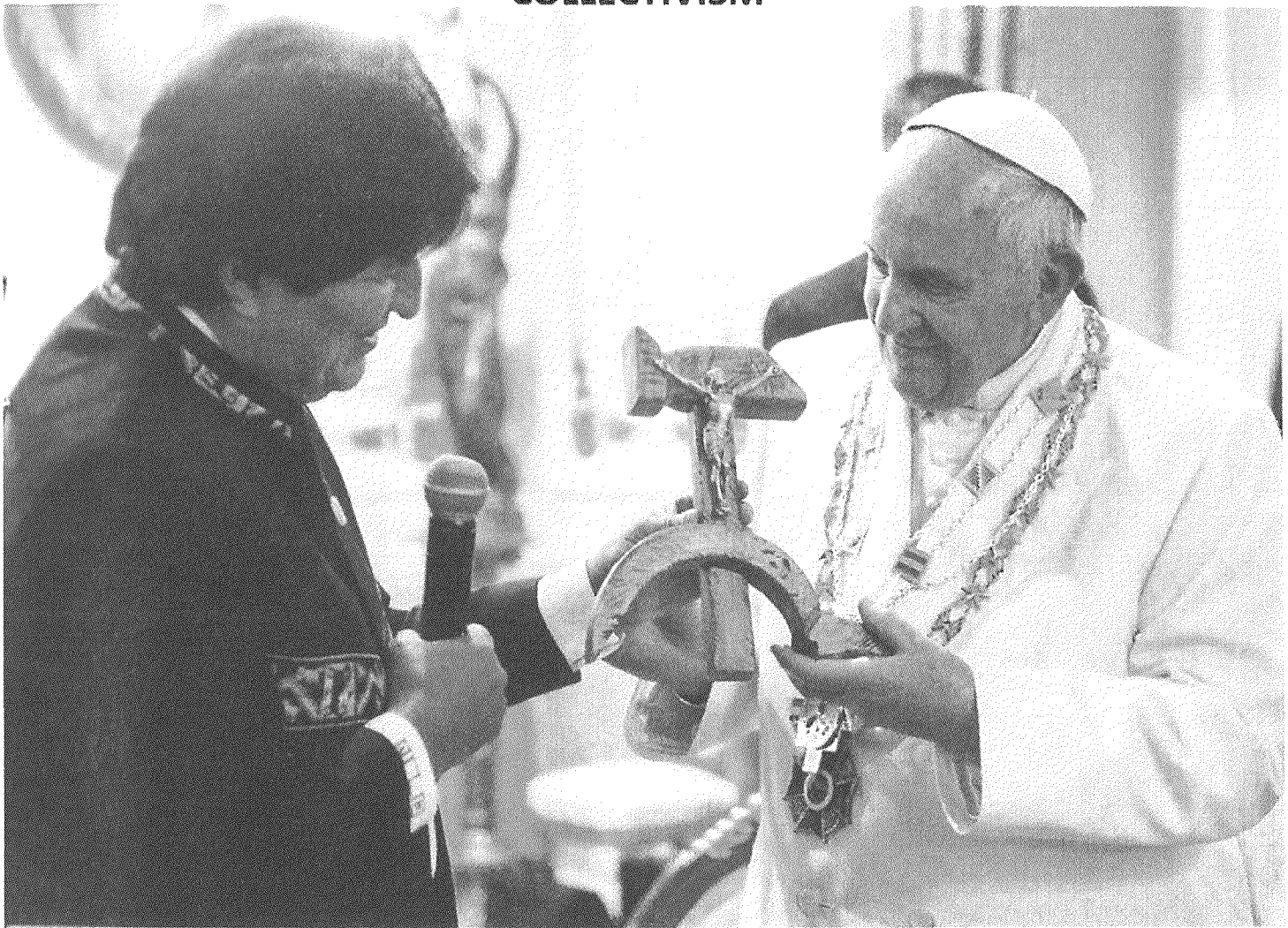


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Trocando correspondência o Papa Francisco se lembrou de uma reunião nossa em San Miguel-AR de 23-29/02/1972 e me mandou esta foto. Ele é o 4.º a partir da esquerda



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Liberation? Leonardo Boff, an ex-Catholic priest, longtime pal of Pope Francis, and leading guru of “liberation theology,” tweeted a 1972 photo of himself (circled in front row) and Bergoglio (circled in back row) at a liberation-theology gathering in Argentina.