

The pope is important, by will of Christ, but may I submit that it is equally, if I may say with a gulp, if not more, are the bishops he appoints? Even then, much of the episcopal decision making process is made at the national level, with ternas being submitted to the Holy See for final choices.

Will they (the bishops) be faithful servants of our Lord God in all matters, not just liturgy?

I doubt Pope Francis is going to toss out all the papal rulings of past regarding sound liturgy and sacred music, so why don't we put that one to rest.

Right now he has other fish to fry, including the fact that many Catholics scarcely attend the Eucharist at all, let alone one of true beauty.

Thanked by (2): [Spriggo](#), [francis](#).



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My point exactly Paul.



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JIF, thank you for speaking about this subject.

You might enjoy reading these reflections, which seem apropos:

[Dr. Theodore Marier & Pope Francis](#)

Thanked by (2): [tomboysuze](#), [Unda_Maris](#).



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Some people complained over the past 5 years about that Pope Benedict never publicly celebrated the EF. In retrospect, that looks like genius to me – now it's not tied to him personally, regardless of what happens.

Thanked by (1): [Chrism](#).

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CharlesW – The man who gave us Humanae Vitae was "mis-guided and incompetent"?

"What you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven"

*Here's a routine reminder: Avoid flames: critique principles, not people. Be discriminating but don't nitpick.
Be academic not acerbic. Be principled not polemical.*

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Humanae Vitae was about the only thing he did right. I am about convinced that the Holy Spirit likely forced him to do it. I am old enough to remember how he nearly apologized for it. He was a great waffler, and what he would do, he would try to explain away. It was interesting when he talked about the smoke of Satan entering the Church. He was the one who held the door open while the smoke entered. Paul VI complained about abuses, all the while dismantling the safeguards that prevented the abuses.

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Jeff O writes above (in the linked article) that "Pope Francis appears to be less interested in Liturgy than his immediate predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI."

But the early signs (and they're still early, I realize) are that he's MORE interested in liturgy than Benedict, in the sense that he's taking charge and making liturgical decisions from the get-go, surely more than Benedict did in his first 72 hours in office.