

BEWARE OF INNACURATE HEADLINES

Unfortunately the public media and those who employ it are not always adept at interpreting that which they read.

Journalists who write about a science for which they are not trained are suspect.

Theology is a science no less than physics is a science.

I am not equipped to interpret the effects of Einstein's law of relativity. I am a little more equipped to interpret in a general way the science of theology than journalists, but I am not equipped to interpret all its nuances.

Has the recent response of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith changed anything? Absolutely not!

It is my fond hope that we all become more careful about our language with respect to words implying theological implications especially as it relates to liturgy. For example, so-called ministers of hospitality are not liturgical ministers.

For all of you who are concerned about the latest response to the five questions proposed to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I have a suggestion.

Please open your liturgical aid to the first Eucharistic Prayer. It begins as follows:

“We come to you Father, with praise and thanksgiving
through Jesus Christ your Son. Through Him we ask
you to accept these gifts in sacrifice.

“We off them for your holy catholic Church . . .”

No, the small “c” for Catholic is not a mistake. Have you ever noticed it?

The catholic Church is all embracing. Let not our uninformed reactions to theological pronouncements diminish our faith. The challenge to each of us is to inform ourselves by asking such questions. Study! Relax! Be ever prayerfully studious nonetheless!