## Romans Measured

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From France I received earlier this month what seems to me a well-balanced assessment of who exactly today's Roman churchmen are and what they are trying to achieve. Here are extracts:

"... The churchmen in Rome are battling with us (clergy and laity of the Society of St. Pius X) to bring us around to accepting their Conciliar religion. Cardinal Castrillon and even the Pope are convinced that we are mistaken, and that it is their duty by all means fair and borderline foul to get us to accept the essence of the Second Vatican Council, which has become their Credo. To this end they work on us with determination and patience, but also with authority, always "for our own good."

"On our side, because we insist on sane thinking as an essential pre-condition to staying faithful to the irreformable doctrine that has been handed down to us, we find ourselves obliged to resist their pressure and so to disobey today's Magisterium in order to obey the God who does not change. However . . . we must never forget that despite their courtesy and subjective kindness, these Romans are, objectively speaking, our enemies. Beneath the appearance of good they are motivated by a spirit that is not good. An old proverb says that if you sup with the Devil, you need a long spoon . . "

The writer's conclusion is also wise: " . . . On our side we should be devoting all our energies and abilities to keeping our faithful informed, to strengthening them spiritually and to forming them doctrinally . . . by not doing this enough, we lose in men and resources every time Rome attacks. In the trials lying ahead of us, reinforcing the quality of our troops will have more effect than trying to amass large

numbers of Catholics who do not understand the need to fight."

"As Archbishop Lefebvre said on September 4, 1987, in Econe, "We must hold on, absolutely, through thick and thin . . . Rome, I declare, has lost the Faith, Rome has apostatized." End of the writer's quote.

Kyrie eleison.