

**THE FATHER'S UNFOLDING PLAN**  
Weekly Notes- 11/8/15

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**PRAXIS: WORLD HISTORY FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

**I. MORNING OFFERING (Apostleship of Prayer):**

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day  
in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world.  
I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart:  
the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians.  
I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all the Apostles of Prayer,  
and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.*

**II. World History from a Catholic Perspective**

*"The Redeemer of Man, Jesus Christ, is the center of the universe and of history"*  
–Pope John Paul II, Redemptory Hominis.

**A. God = The Origin and End of all Creation and History**

**B. Christ = The Mediator between God and Man**

1. Whole Christ: Head/Body (Church)
2. Church: Universal Sacrament of Salvation (Mt. 28: 19-20)

**C. Salvation History: From the First Family to the Whole World**

1. Adam/Eve Family Original Justice/The Fall
2. Noah Household
3. Abraham, Isaac Tribe(s), Jacob (Israel)
4. Moses Nation
5. David Kingdom
6. Jesus/Mary World/Universe (Catholic = Universal)

**D. Present = Final Age/End Time before the Second Coming**

*"The end-time in which we live is the age of the outpouring of the Spirit"*  
–CCC #2819.

1. Church: Completing Christ's work until the end of history
  - a. Mission: Salvation and sanctification of all humanity
  - b. The Church:
    - On Earth (Militant): Rome/Diocese/Parish/"Domestic Church"*
    - In Purgatory (Suffering)*
    - In Heaven (Triumphant)*

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### 2. Organization of the Church based on Christ:

- a. King = Kingdom of God (apolitical)
- b. Son = Family of God
- c. Head = Body of Christ
- d. Bridegroom = Bride

### 3. Fundamentals of the Church:

- a. Trinitarian: God as Source of Life, Truth, and Love
- b. Rule of Faith: Tradition/Magisterium/Scripture
- c. Hierarchical Structure: Petrine/Apostolic
- d. Unchanging content/Changing expression (development)
- e. Eucharist = Source/Summit/Center (anticipates heavenly wedding feast)
- f. Pillars: Profession/Celebration/Life/Prayer

## **E. Church's Engagement with the World as the Body of the Savior of the World:**

- 1. Catholics New Evangelization (Raising the Bar)
- 2. Other Christian Churches/ Ecumenism  
Ecclesial Communities
- 3. Jewish People/Muslims/ Inter-religious Dialogue  
Other Religions
- 4. All Humanity Natural Law/Right Reason