

A LOOK AT THE EXCOMMUNICATION RULES IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Excommunication is as much nonsense as Church membership. It depends so much on labelling. For example, some silly old men who are irrelevant to normal life decide what makes a Christian and exclude anybody that doesn't fit the bill.

Canon 1323, The Code of Canon Law

The following are not subject to penalties when they have violated a law or precept:

- (1) a person who has not yet completed the sixteenth year of age;
- (2) a person who without any fault was unaware of violating a law or precept; however, inadvertence and error are equivalent to ignorance;
- (3) a person who acted out of physical force or in virtue of a mere accident which could neither be foreseen nor prevented when foreseen;
- (4) a person who acted out of grave fear, even if only relatively grave, or out of necessity or out of serious inconvenience unless the act is intrinsically evil or verges on harm to souls;
- (5) a person who for the sake of legitimate self-defense or defense of another acted against an unjust aggressor with due moderation;
- (6) a person who lacked the use of reason with due regard for the prescriptions of cann. 1324, part 1, n. 2 and 1325;
- (7) a person who without any fault felt that the circumstances in nn. 4 or 5 were verified.

It is safe to assume that most Catholics, perhaps even princes of the Church, are in fact excommunicate in the eyes of God and the law of the Church. Heresy for example is epidemic.

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