

Is the Roman Catholic Church definitely or at least probably the true Church just because its the largest Church?

Lots of people reason that when a religion is very big that it must be true. The Catholic Church is no exception. Many of its teachings were made binding because the majority in the Church believed them. This attitude that might means right is fallacious for a few simple reasons.

One, the majority is not always right. Phone-poll results prove it. Most of the people who have ever walked the earth have never been believers in the Catholic Church. Paganism which had many different forms but which agreed on essentials has been the world's largest religion.

There are certainly more Buddhists than Catholics.

The argument supposes that people devote themselves to religion because it is true which is completely wrong. We all like to trick ourselves. We do it in the love of fitting into society and for the love of success. Just imagine how much more likely we would be to do it for religion.

Two, the majority is not always the majority. Religion would be happy to say that there are a lot of insincere religionists about. Many of the people who support Catholic policy are only Catholics on a Sunday and put Devil-worshippers to shame the rest of the week. Many like to feel Catholic though they do not sincerely think Catholic. Many times I have forgotten that I am not a Catholic and stood up for the pope and the teaching of the Church. I feel a temptation to pretend to myself to be a Catholic. All who are born into religion are conditioned to enjoy it to some extent.

According to a 1989 American poll a quarter of the American Catholic Church denies life after death and 46 % asserted that they have no Christian faith or belief in the resurrection of Christ when they said that no one could avoid being agnostic on life after death. Nearly half of all French and Italian Catholics reject the resurrection of Christ and 77% reject the dogma of eternal punishment. This means that most Catholics do not believe in the Church. If the poll asked about other awkward doctrines would we find that only a handful claim to be submissive to Rome's "unerring" decrees.

Roman Catholicism is quite a small religion. The counterfeit variety prevails. When you are talking about Roman Catholicism you mean the teaching system that is loyal to what it says is divine revelation. But only a miniscule number who are mainly clergy really understand and could possibly claim to support that system entirely. It is foolish to argue that Roman Catholicism's size has anything to do with verifying its claims.

Think of the total number of people who followed the old-style paganism with gods of rain and goddess of this and that and their sacrifices and oracles. The names and myths – which were not literally true anyway - might have been different but the main religious principles were the same. You are talking about nearly the whole world being pagan.

If the Catholic Church is the true religion the Catholicism of Rome is certainly not the true Catholic Church.

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