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Cardinal Raymond Burke: Synod's mid-term report 'lacks a solid foundation in the Sacred Scriptures and Magisterium'

The Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura says that a statement from Pope Francis is 'long overdue'

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14, 2014 – Yesterday's presentation of the mid-term report (*Relatio post disceptationem*) of the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family was met with a remarkable level of interest among both Catholic and non-Catholic media outlets.

Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura and a contributor with four other cardinals (and four additional scholars) to the new book, *REMAINING IN THE TRUTH OF CHRIST: Marriage and Communion in the Catholic Church* (Ignatius Press), has expressed concern over several aspects of the Synod, including the push for changes in the handling of Communion for divorced and remarried Catholics and the way that information about the Synod is being "manipulated."

Late yesterday, Cardinal Burke corresponded with Catholic World Report about his concerns about the way information regarding the Synod has been controlled, saying that the approach taken by the General Secretariat of the Synod "is certainly not of the Church."

Regarding the report itself, Cardinal Burke flatly stated that the "document lacks a solid foundation in the Sacred Scriptures and the Magisterium" and expressed his opinion that a statement by Pope Francis about debated issues "is long overdue."

To read the entire exclusive interview, visit <u>www.CatholicWorldReport.com</u>.

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