

Some of the First Proposals for The Epitaph for His Most Reverend Excellency Monsignor Francisco Jose Castro Ramirez, Head Bishop of the City of Santiago de Maria (QDDG) and Better Known to the People (Whom He Called "Rabble") by the Definitive Nickname "White-Washed Tomb"

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"Of few men can it be said that they continue existing after death exactly as they were in life."

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"A whole part of the being of the Church died with him. So if today, because of changes in liturgy and consciousness, the Church is defined as an institution with its "face to the people" (exactly like the priest in the new mass) Monsignor Castro Ramirez was the prototypical incarnation (that is, in no way symbolic) of a Church with its ass to the people..."

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"Here lies one who, honoring the family tradition, found more than righteous life, found a rectal life..."

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"When they buried Christ, he was a sack of bones due to the starvations and wicked treatments he suffered. The cadaver of Camilo Torres hardly spilled any blood through the holes of his wounds as he was anemic and thoroughly wasted through the rigors of guerrilla life. Traveler, you who've arrived at this cemetery: Can anyone relate their names to that of that smutty fatso who lies here, struck down by a gluttony-attack of the heart?"

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"He was the last true prince of the Church in El Salvador. Too bad that a few little Bonapartes, a few little Mussolinis, a few little Hitlers, and a few little Chele Medranos are surviving him in the Salvadoran Church."

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"If St. Peter was the rock of the ecclesiastic foundation of God, and Saint Theresa the poetry of God, and Brother Martin de Porres the little broom of God, Monsignor Castro Ramirez, judging by the tone of his sermons, was an ill-humored fart of God."