

Christus Vincit: Christ's Triumph Over the Darkness of the Age

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In this absorbing interview, Bishop Athanasius Schneider offers a candid, incisive examination of controversies raging in the Church and the most pressing issues of our times, providing clarity and hope for beleaguered Catholics. He addresses such topics as widespread doctrinal confusion, the limits of papal authority, the documents of Vatican II, the Society of St. Pius X, anti-Christian ideologies and political threats, the third secret of Fatima, the traditional Roman rite, and the Amazon Synod, among many others. Like his fourth-century patron, St. Athanasius the Great, Bishop Schneider says things that others won't, fearlessly following St. Paul's advice: "Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching" (2 Tim 4:2). His insights into the challenges facing Christ's flock today are essential reading for those who are, or wish to be, alert to the signs of the times. Reminiscent of *The Ratzinger Report* of 1985, *Christus Vincit* will be a key point of reference for years to come.

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