Welcome, Holy Father!

But Can They Hear You?

They talk about rights
You talk about duty
They talk about education
You talk about wisdom
They talk about freedom
You talk about truth
They talk about getting
You talk about giving
They talk about equality
You talk about equity
They talk about winning
You talk about justice
They talk about self-actualization
You talk about self-denial

They talk about values
You talk about virtue
They talk about death
You talk about life
They talk about “me”
You talk about “we”
They talk about sex
You talk about marriage
They talk about gender
You talk about sex
They talk about utility
You talk about dignity

They talk about love
And You show us the way

It is your leadership—your unbending moral authority—that accounts for your tremendous following. For every carping Catholic, there are thousands of us who embrace you. For every howling bigot, there are millions of us who defend you. Drawing a line in the sand may be unpopular with the elites, but in this age of moral confusion it is refreshing to hear your voice.

Speaking the truth is what you do best. Indeed, it is a backhanded tribute to your influence that those who rail against nature and reason target the Catholic Church for abuse.

Your voice means everything. And that’s not something even your biggest detractors can deny. Keep up the good work. We love you madly.

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