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CLARIFICATION *NORMA NORMANS/NORMATA*

“The word of God [the revealed message, the revealed word oral and written, i.e., divine revelation as found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition] is *norma normans* [add: *non normata*, i.e., a norm which governs other norms but is itself ungoverned by any other norm], while the magisterium, vis-à-vis this transcendent and irrevocable word of God, is *norma normata* [a norm governed by other norms]. The magisterium is norm of faith insofar as it draws out of the deposit ‘all that it proposes as being revealed by God in order to be believed’. The word of God remains forever the supreme norm of faith and source of all truth.” [footnote omitted]. Translation of excerpt from Ángel Antón, “La comunidad creyente, portadora de la revelación,” in *Concilio Vaticano II. Comentarios a la constitución Dei Verbum sobre la divina revelación* (Luis Alonso Schökel, ed.; Madrid: Biblioteca de Autores Cristianos, 1969), 355-356.