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On the Excommunication of SSPX by His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV

Greeting and peace, in the name of Christ Jesus, to the faithful of HCCoG, our friends, followers, and the world,

I have long had a policy that I do not wade into the pasture of Peter's flock, or comment on his successor's job; because I believe in doing to others what I would want done for myself. However, I suspend this policy in extraordinary cases; this being one of them. This denomination exists outside of the Roman Catholic Church, and is an independent catholic denomination; identifying with the early church and its understandings before Constantine and years of heresies and schisms came about.

Every denomination has rules and laws that govern it, and those who serve it; HCCoG is not exempt from this. When those rules are broken, when laws are disregarded, it forces those in positions of power to act accordingly. This isn't a place we want to be put into, but we must hold the line. For, if we won't hold the line, who will? If SSPX had been an HCCoG society and under my authority, I would have taken the same course of action that Pope Leo XIV took; declaring the fraternity to be schismatic and excommunicated. For me, and I suspect for Pope Leo XIV as well, it is not the blatant disobedience that causes a problem; though it most certainly does not help. Rather, it is the disrespect for the rules and the laws shown. The repurposing of those laws, using the Late Pope Francis' statements out of context, and so forth, all combine to make the situation untenable.

Therefore, I stand in solidarity with His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV in condemning what was done in the ordination of bishops. While this denomination does not command absolute obedience to the Legatine See, it does command obedience to doctrine, the bylaws, and ought bind the conscience to orders given from the Legatine See and those with power to speak in their name. Christendom has not seen a Schism like this since the days of the reformation, and even as an outsider it evokes sadness within my soul for the Church established by Peter. As always, I pray for His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV and my soul grieves with him over the schism. I can only trust in the Lord, that this schism may end peacefully and that SSPX may have their conscience convicted by the Holy Spirit as to the wrong they have perpetrated against the Petrine See and the Roman Church as a whole.

I commend this matter to Almighty God, the ever faithful trinity, knowing that God's wisdom and judgement far exceed that of humankind. I know that many within the SSPX love the Trinity, and that their hearts may be in the right place even while their actions are misguided. May the Lord who brings all wayward souls home, find it fitting to take this cause and aid all involved in coming to a peaceful and amicable solution; restoring unity if it be his will.

WITNESS therefore, this instrument given at the Basilica of Saint Longinus, signed and sealed under my hand this the Fourth Day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



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