

The Society of St. Pius X

Letter to Friends and Benefactors
of the
South-West District of the United States of America

Rickenbach,
10 March 1984

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the South-West District of the United States:

Out of concern for the personal spiritual welfare of Father Hector Bolduc, and of the future progress in the development of the Society of St. Pius X in the United States, and after many meetings, long reflections and many prayers, it has become necessary for me to make an important decision.

After consulting the General Council, I have requested that Father Richard Williamson, already Rector of the Seminary at Ridgefield, and Superior of the North-East District, take provisionally the direction of the South-West District, effective 1 March 1984.

Why this important decision?

Since Father Bolduc's ordination, almost ten years ago, he has worked continuously to build up the Society in the United States, exhausting his strength with admirable zeal. The continuous external activities, very often under stress, must necessarily be balanced with times of rest, of prayer and meditation, if a priest does not want to become a mere manager and businessman.

This is why our statutes provide for a year of spiritual renewal, preferably in one of our houses of formation. I have asked Father Bolduc, therefore, whom I warmly thank for his great accomplishments in the past, to go as soon as possible to Ecône for a physical and spiritual rest, in a fraternal atmosphere.

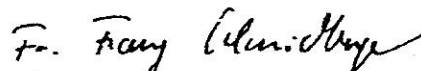
I am sure that all of you will accompany him with your prayers, and your feelings of gratitude. I have no doubt that you accept with full understanding the change that we have made and that you will put all your confidence in Father Williamson.

Please remain faithful to the Society of St. Pius X in all its trials, for it is the only true hope in today's crisis of the Church and of the Faith.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the ordinations on the 13th of May in Ridgefield.

I beg God's blessings on you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord
and Our Lady of Sorrows,



Father Franz Schmidberger,

Superior General,
The Society of St. Pius X