

August 25, 1990

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Dear Mr. Akins:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 8th. As it is somewhat lengthy I shall be brief and concise in my answers.

1. I have no association whatever with the SSPX and desire none. No I am not a sedevacantist and have no use for them. 3. My parish here in N.H. has about 80 regular attendants. There are two other priests who work with me and a third who covers in case of emergencies. We operate several chapels in various areas. I would say the average family travels about 20 miles for Mass. 4. This parish has no Catholic school. Although I have started and operated a number of schools in the past most of which are still in operation, I have no intention of starting one here. I would certainly encourage parents and laymen to start their own school as long as it is separate and unassociated with the local church, chapel or parish. Many of our people have the home study program. We will, in the future, have a catechism program for the parish. A choir is now being formed as is a program for altar boys.

5. There are two bishops who support us and our work. Both are Traditional and have no connection with Archbishop Lefebvre or other groups who have "consecrated" their own bishops, Cardinals, Popes, etc.

I offer only the Latin Tridentine Mass according to the missal of St. Pope Pius V. I have not accepted the changes of the Canon and other parts of the Mass of Pope John XXIII as so many of the SSPX priests have. I have not added the name of St. Joseph to the Canon as requested by Archbishop Lefebvre.

New Hampshire is a wonderful state to live in. It is conservative and still has the anti-abortion laws on the books. Our motto is "Live Free Or Die." We take it seriously. N.H. is the only state without a sales tax and we have no state income tax. N.H. has the lowest tax rate in the country and at present the lowest unemployment in the country although I feel that will change in the future as we reach our peak. We have a relatively small population (just over one million). The state is mostly composed of small businesses and little population, many lakes, rivers and mountains. I think a good mail order business would be successful here as it would be most anywhere. I do not think a Catholic gift and book shop would be lucrative without a mail order side line as there are just not that many solid Catholics here to support one. The Catholic population is high but they are for the most part liberal. Our church is new having been opened in December of 1989 and is growing steadily. I am more concerned with quality than quantity.

I notice that your publications contained some commentaries of so called visionaries, seers, etc. I accept none of these except those officially recognized by the Church such as Lourdes, Fatima, etc.

Our Catholics here in N.H. are quite independent. The local clergy controls them to some extent but not so much as the clergy or the bishop would like. Some would certainly patronize your gift store, but many Catholics are just out of the habit of buying religious items.

So that you are not mistaken, I greatly respect Archbishop Lefebvre and I am indebted to him for my priesthood. However in so far as he has joined the sedevacantists or consecrating bishops against Papal authority when an alternative was available, I do not support him. There can be no question that the SSPX is quickly dissolving into a cult (in the worst) sense and I fear at the death of Archbishop Lefebvre it will dissolve further into several cults.

These answers are not what you wanted to hear so perhaps I shall not hear from you again. However if I can be of help to you, do not hesitate to contact me. Our sole involvement here is to make certain that the true Latin Tridentine Mass according to the missale of Pope Pius V and the Sacraments according to the old rite are provided to those who wish them.

Please be assured of my prayers,

Sincerely in Mary Immaculate,

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