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I CAME TO ROME REPRESENTING A NUMBER OF PRIEST AND SEMINARIANS AND THE MEMBERS OF FIVE TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC CHAPELS WHICH I HEAD. ALSO A LARGE NUMBER OF THE LAITY ATTENDING CHAPELS PRESENTLY OPERATED BY THE SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X. INCLUDED ARE PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS PRESENTY OF S.S.P.X AND SOME DIOCESAN PRIESTS.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. PIUS X IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF SACRAMENTS FOR MANY OF THESE PEOPLE. THEY ARE IN A DILEMMA.

MANY OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE SOCIETY COULD BE WON BACK IF GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE.

MOST BISHOPS IN THE U.S.A. ARE OPPOSED TO THE LATIN MASS IN ANY FORM. THOSE WHO RESPOND TO THE INDULT DO SO IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE LAITY TO COMPLY.

THE OPEN HOSTILITIES BETWEEN U.S. BISHOPS AND TRADITIONALISTS HAS CAUSED A BREACH WHICH GROWS WIDER MAKING RECONCILIATION DIFFICULT. SCANDAL RESULTS. BOTH SIDES ARE GUILTY OF EXCESSES. IF ALLOWED TO CONTINUE UNITY IN THE CHURCH WILL SUFFER FURTHER.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT AMERICAN BISHOPS BE ADVISED OF THE NEED OF THEIR COOPERATION IN ESTABLISHING THE LATIN RITE AT THE DIOCESAN LEVEL. THE SHEPHERD SHOULD BE SOLICITONS OF ALL HIS SHEEP.
2. THAT TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC GROUPS, CHAPELS AND INDIVIDUAL PRIEST, BE ADVISED TO COOPERATE WITH BISHOPS IN THESE MATTERS AND BE OPEN TO THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF THE BISHOPS.
3. THAT RESPECTABLE TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS BE RECOGNIZED BY THE COMMISSION AND BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE UNHINDERED.
4. THAT THE COMMISSION ASSIST THEM IN OBTAINING COOPERATION WITH BISHOPS.
5. THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A UNIVERSAL TRADITIONAL LATIN RITE BE RECOGNIZED, DIRECTED BY THE COMMISSION AND ANSWERING TO THE CHURCH IN THE SAME MANNER AS DO EASTERN AND OTHER UNICATE RITES.
6. THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A BISHOP OR BISHOPS BE APPOINTED TO TAKE CARE OF THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF TRADITIONAL CATHOLICS.
7. THAT WHILE THE QUESTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED ONE OR MORE PRIESTS BE DELEGATED BY THE COMMISSION TO PERFORM THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC GROUPS.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC SEMINARY WITH QUALIFIED PROFESSORS BE ESTABLISHED FOR ENGLISH SPEAKING SEMINARIANS. AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE NOT USUALLY BI-LINGUAL AND USUALLY DO POORLY IN FOREIGN SEMINARYS.

ALL ELSE FAILING, TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE U.S.A. BE INCLUDED UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF RECOGNIZED GROUPS SUCH AS THE FATERNITY OF ST. PETER UNTIL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR

THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BE ONLY TEMPORARY.

ABOVE ALL NOW IS THE OPPORTUNE TIME TO ACT. MANY OF THE FAITHFUL ARE ENCOURAGED BY STATEMENTS FROM THE HOLY FATHER AND COMMISSION IN ROME. QUICK AND DECISIVE ACTION WILL SEND A POSITIVE MESSAGE.

IF ACTION IS NOT TAKEN QUICKLY THE S.S.P.X WILL USE THE OCCASION AS THEIR OWN PROPAGANDA AS THEY ARE DOING AT PRESENT.

that
I FEEL SYMPATHIC BISHOPS SHOULD BE APPROACHED AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD PERMIT ONE CHURCH IN THEIR DIOCESE TO BE TURNED OVER TO ONE OR MORE LATIN RITE PRIESTS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE LATIN RITE MASS.

THIS WOULD SUPPLY THE NEEDS OF LOCAL CATHOLICS WHO DESIRE THE LATIN RITE AND THUS REMOVE THEM AS CRITICS OF THE LOCAL BISHOPS. EXISTING TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC CENTERS COULD BE SO DESIGNATED THUS AVOIDING THE "LOSS" OF A LOCAL CHURCH BUILDING TO THE LOCAL BISHOP.

WORKING ON A LOCAL LEVEL WOULD FORCE PRIESTS OF BOTH GROUPS TO BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER AND THUS SLOWLY BEGIN TO ERODE THE BITTERNESS THAT HAS BUILT UP OVER THE PAST TWENTY FIVE YEARS.

I FEEL MANY OF THE PRESENT PROBLEMS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD THIS BEEN DONE LONG AGO.

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