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Dear Mr. Summers:

Sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you about infor. of Rev. Fr. H. Bolduc. I am hoping that the following will be what you expect.

My husband (Mr. Redding (Rest in peace died 2012) and I and our 7 children met Father when he was saying the Holy Mass at different locations in and around Detroit around 1970's. We had been attending Holy Church in Detroit -with Fr. Bonfil saying the Latin Mass by way of Mr. Bartnik (r.i.p.) Then when Fr. Bonfil said that now they would be changing the Holy Mass in Latin to the novus ordo, he then advised us all to leave and start with the group in Royal Oak. This is when we found Fr. Bolduc saying the Latin Masses. We started attending the Masses in and around the Detroit area (repeat). After that he was transferred to Armada, Mich. & then started the Society of St. Pius X with Fr. Bolduc being a part of theis. We only had Holy Mass on Sundays at Armada with whatever priest that was on the mission that week. After that Fr. Bolduc was transferred to St. Mary's. Ks. and we lost track of him. So after a few yrs., my husband lost his job and called Fr. Bolduc for a position in St. MARY'a, as 2 of our children went there for the boarding school thru the efforts of Fr. and paving the way for them to board there. Fr. Bolduc hired my husband to be the maintenance mgr. and life went on. We never thought that we would ^{move} our whole family out to Ks. and actually live there. But, Fr. Bolduc, was our means of all this. We became good friends thru the yrs. He was instrumental in getting us thru our terrible accident in Indiana in assisting us in any way he could. But he was always on the go helping someone anywhere and anytime, either spiritually or financially. Fr. Bolduc was then transferred to Texas where he became the district superior of St. Pius X. One other word, while we lived in St. Mary's with Fr. Bolduc as the pastor, I worked with him in the little office that we had, and my daughter worked as his secretary. Fr. had a little office and sleeping quarters, and there Fr. resided. He was so humble and kind to everyone & when the finances were getting low there, he would sell one of his antiques (as he was in this business) before he became a priest. He even told us the story of when he was in Army, that Elvis Presly was in the same quarters as he was. He had so many stories to tell us & they were all true. He told of us the time when he met St. Padre Pio and the saint said for him to leave the novus ordo seminary & go with St. Pius X. We lived in St Mary's for 25 yrs. & yes, lost track of Father. After these yrs. we moved back to Mich. & heard that Fr. was saying Holy Mass in the remote area of the Flint Hills. So, we starting attending His Masses - always during the week. This area was thru the generosity of a Mrs. Elizabeth Cook.

After this we had heard that we was saying the Holy ^{Mass} at the Morriarity Chapel in the Toldeo area. Sopwe would go there once a month, hear His Holy Mass & then go out for lunch with the small group that attended his Visits. In his later yrs, he developep cancer & went thru the treatments that were painful for him and died in 2012 (the same year as Mr. Redding) He did call me up and did say the 30 day Gregorian Latin Masses for him. What a priest, so loving so caring and so thoughtful.

We also visited his located ^{at} St. Michael' in Green Bay, Wis. and he treated us with the best. Showed us his church, his cemetery and all the groud's and the new statue that he orded from Italy - that would overlook the lake on the property of St. Michaels. His rectory and surroundings for himself were so mager, almost living in poverty. He was alwalys there for our small group. Mr. Morriarity could tell you more of this - if he hasn't already.

another thought, my daughter was a boarder at St. Mary's in the 1980's, and said that on the July 4th holiday, Fr. would bring out the fire hoses and would have wonderful time with the students. He was also down to earth and so spiritual at the same time.

I had heard that he founded 72 chapels in the U.S.

He also founded St. Mary's, KS.

He also wanted to buy St. Vincent's in K.C., but when they found out he was with the SSPX group, the deal could not go thru. So, ^{he} hired or found, or was a parisherer of St. Vincent's, and purchased the church for the Society for such a small price. He had a way of doing these things. He always said that if God wants us to continue His work, He will provide and it always came true.

As you know, he was in the antique business and made quite of it of money & he used the things to finance what he needed for the church. So many stories, so many converts he made and so gentle and kind to everyone.

I am enclosing the audio tape of Fr. Bolduc. These sermons were recorded for the Holy Masses he was saying at different locations & they were so powerful that he drew many, many people to the Holy Mass. *(Please return when finished)*

Mr. Summers: I am sorry that this letter is late, with (all) its mistakes. Please forgive me and hope that this will help you in putting together infor., of Fr. Bolduc.

To Jesus thru/ Mary,
Mrs. C. Redding