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J.M.J.

Dear Ernest:

Hope all is well with you and the cottage got closed up OK. My wife and I have a busy schedule before the first of the year with visiting family, a wedding and then a retreat down in Phoenix. I will be visiting with Gabby and hopefully Father Finnegan. By the way, Father emailed me and said he was on the mend. If you have anything you would like me to take to Father, just let me know.

Gabrielle tells me she has talked to you and made arrangements to visit the end of October. I think Father Bolduc would like that she is working on his BIO, she seems like a very capable and dynamic person.

As for the BIO, I am kind of her resource person – gathering information and clearing up some points. I could use some help with a few things:

1. Pictures from HS, the seminary years, early priesthood.

2. I am having difficulty describing what Father had trouble with his Novus Ordo seminary years. I can see from the diaries that he has many conferences with the superiors, but the exact problem is never made clear. Then he leaves after 9 years and goes to Econe. It would sure help to find some of his journals/ledgers with some of this detail. What do you think?

3. His diaries never really talk about what he is fighting for – what exactly is the problem in the Novus Ordo church that he has a problem with. I can surmise from some of the articles that it is the changes in the Mass, Sacraments, and doctrine but would like to see comments from his journals etc.

I hope that your and Ellie's health is doing good. I have heard that you have a new priest taking care of your church. I hope that is working out well.

Prayers,

Tom

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HELLO TOM:

JMJ 9-22-22

GOOD TO HEAR FROM YOU, AND THAT ALL IS WELL WITH ALL OF YOU.

ELLIE AND I ARE DOING WELL AS OF NOW.

YES, GABBY IS PLANNING TO BE HERE OCT 27, 28, 29, AND 30<sup>TH</sup>.

AS FOR PICTURES, HS I DON'T HAVE ANY .
SEMINARY YEARS THE SAME.
EARLY PRIESTHOOD, I THINK YOU ALREADY HAVE, BUT I HAVE SOME ATTACHED.

TROUBLE WITH NOVUS ORDO......WOW!

SEMINARY WAS FULL OF YOUNG MEN WHO WERE THERE TO DESTROY THE CHURCH AND MORERNIZE IT LIKE THE NOVUS ORDO IS TODAY. HE KEPT TELLING ME THAT THEY WANTED TO BECOME PRIEST TO DESTROY THE CHURCH FROM WITHIN, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED.

HE TOLD OF THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION FROM THESE YOUNG MEN AND REMINDED US OF THE COMMUNIST RUSSIAN DICTATOR WHO SAID "WE WILL OVER COME THE BIGGEST THREAT TO COMMUNISIM, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND WITHOUT FIERING A SHOT" AND WE ALL KNOW THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED! YES, THE CHANGES IN THE MASS, SACARMENTS, AND DOCTRINES OF THE CHURCH IS WHAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT.

IF THERE ARE MORE LEDGERS OR JOURNALS I DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM. I WISH I COULD HELP.

GOD BLESS,

ERNEST.



## What was Father Bolduc's trouble in the Novus Ordo seminaries?

In Father Bolduc's diaries, I read of many times that he was struggling in the seminaries from 1963 until he entered Econe. He had many one on one discussions with the Marian rite Provincial's but the exact complaint was not detailed in the diaries. Father was not a happy seminarian. Some discussion:

- 1. When I called one of the early seminaries (N.O.) that Father attended, the secretary put me in contact with a priest that had been at the seminary when Father Bolduc attended. He came on the phone and after some general introductions, he said he remembered Hector Bolduc (after more than 50 years) and the one word he used to describe Hector was "rigid". He went on to say that Hector did not allow for any variations (changes) in doctrine, Mass, or the Sacraments that were being experimented with as Vatican II was being conducted at this time.
- Hector was at least 10 years older than any of the other seminarians. He had experienced the
  world and was not trying to find his way. He was settled and had difficulty with young men that
  were undisciplined.
- 3. If I were to pick out one issue that Father Bolduc constantly preached on, it would be that there is no salvation outside of the Catholic church. The Catholic church is the only church that had the means to help save souls. Therefore, the popular concept of Ecumenism that there is salvation through other religions would cause Father to challenge his seminary teachers and their superiors.
- 4. Ernest's comment about Father's observation that the seminaries were full of young men who wanted to destroy the church from within seems to be backed up by comments from former Communists. I quote the following from the book Infiltration by Taylor Marshall pages 84 and 85:

"Bella Dodd testified "in the 1930's we(the Communist party) put eleven hundred men into the priesthood in order to destroy the Church from within, and that right now they are in the highest places within the Church."