

September 15, 2026. Our Mother of Sorrows, pray for us.

A syllogism is a form of deductive reasoning that consists of a major premise, a minor premise, and a conclusion that provides absolute proof of the truth when both the major premise and minor premise are true.

Major premise. All spiritual authority, mission, and jurisdiction come to bishops solely, only, and exclusively through Saint Peter and his valid and licit successors. Catholic priests can only receive their spiritual authority, mission, and jurisdiction from a Catholic bishop who received his spiritual authority, mission, and jurisdiction through Saint Peter and his valid and licit successors.

Minor premise. No bishop in the traditionalist movement, who is living today, has ever received any spiritual authority, mission, or jurisdiction through a valid and licit successor of Saint Peter. There is no bishop or priest in the traditionalist movement today who has any spiritual authority, mission, or jurisdiction in the Catholic Church. Every society, church, or religious sect that cannot prove its bishops have received spiritual authority, mission, or jurisdiction through a valid and licit successor of Saint Peter is a non-Catholic, schismatic sect.

Conclusion. All members of the traditionalist movement are members of a non-Catholic, schismatic sect.

Proof of the major premise. Dom Guéranger writes in *The Liturgical Year*, Volume Four, pages 282 through 287: “Today, let us consider the Apostolic See as the sole source of the legitimate power, whereby mankind is ruled and governed in **all** that concerns eternal salvation. The Catholic Church says to us through Tertullian: Christ gave the keys to Peter and, **through him**, to the Church. By Saint Optatus of Milevis: For the sake of Unity, Peter was made the first among all the apostles, and he alone received the keys so that he might give them to the rest. By Saint Gregory of Nyssa. It is **through Peter** that Christ gave to bishops the keys of their heavenly prerogative. By Saint Leo the Great. If Our Lord willed that there should be something common to Peter and the rest of the princes of His Church, it was only on this condition, that whatsoever He gave to the rest, He gave it to them **through Peter**.”

Dom Guéranger provides the *unanimous* teaching of *Catholic Tradition*. “Yes, the episcopate is most sacred, for it comes from the hands of Jesus Christ through Peter and his successors. Such is the **unanimous teaching of Catholic tradition**, which is in keeping with the language used by the Roman pontiffs, from the earliest ages. This fundamental principle, which Saint Leo the Great has so ably and eloquently developed, this principle, which is taught to us by **universal tradition**, is laid down with all possible precision on the magnificent letters, still extant, of Pope Saint Innocent the First, who preceded Saint Leo by several years. The episcopate, with all its Authority, emanates from the Apostolic See. **All** spiritual authority comes from Peter; all comes from the bishop of Rome, in whom Peter will continue to govern the Church to the end of time. Jesus Christ is the founder of the episcopate; it is the Holy Ghost who established bishops to rule the Church. But the mission and the institution, which assign the pastor his flock, and the flock its pastor, these are given by Jesus Christ and the Holy Ghost through the ministry of Peter and his successors. We, then, both priests and people, have a right to know whence our pastors have received their power. From whose hand have they received the keys? If their mission comes from the apostolic see, let us honor and obey them, for they are sent to us by Jesus Christ, who has invested them, through Peter, with His own authority. If they claim our obedience without having been sent by the bishop of Rome, we must refuse to receive them, for they are not acknowledged by Christ as His ministers. The holy anointing may have conferred on them the sacred character of the episcopate; it matters not; they must be as aliens to us, for they have not been sent, they are not pastors.”

Pope Pius XII teaches in *Humani Generis*: “Nor must it be thought that what is expounded in Encyclical Letters does not of itself demand consent. For these matters **are taught with the ordinary teaching authority**, of which it is true to say, ‘*He who heareth you, heareth Me*’; and generally what is expounded and inculcated in Encyclical Letters already for other reasons appertains to Catholic doctrine. But if the Supreme Pontiffs in their official documents purposely pass judgment on a matter up to that time under dispute, it is obvious that that matter, according to the mind and will of the same Pontiffs, cannot be any longer considered a question open to discussion among theologians.”

Pope Leo XIII teaches in the encyclical *Satis Cognitum* (see *Denzinger*, 1954 and what follows): “Indeed, Holy Writ attests that the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven were given to Peter **alone**, and that the power of binding and loosening was granted to the Apostles and to Peter; but there is nothing to show that the Apostles

received supreme power without Peter, and against Peter. **Such power they certainly did not receive from Jesus Christ.** Wherefore, in the decree of the Vatican Council as to the nature and authority of the primacy of the Roman Pontiff, no newly conceived opinion is set forth, but the venerable and constant belief of **every** age.

It is necessary, therefore, to bear this in mind, viz., that **nothing** was conferred on the Apostles apart from Peter, but that several things were conferred upon Peter apart from the Apostles. **Whatever** authority and office the Apostles received, they received in conjunction with Peter. 'If the divine benignity willed anything to be in common between him and the other princes, whatever He did not deny to the others He gave **only** through him. So that whereas Peter alone received many things, He conferred **nothing** on any of the rest without Peter participating in it'.

From this it must be clearly understood that Bishops are deprived of the right and power of ruling, if they deliberately secede from Peter and his successors; because, by this secession, they are separated from the foundation on which the whole edifice must rest. They are therefore outside the edifice itself; and for this very reason **they are separated** from the fold, whose leader is the Chief Pastor; they are exiled from the Kingdom, the keys of which were given by Christ to Peter **alone**."

Pope Pius XII teaches the Catholic doctrine about jurisdiction in the encyclical *Ad Apostolorum Principis*. Granted this exception, it follows that bishops who have been neither named nor confirmed by the Apostolic See, but who, on the contrary, have been elected and consecrated in defiance of its express orders, enjoy no powers of teaching or of jurisdiction since jurisdiction passes to bishops **only** through the Roman Pontiff as We admonished in the encyclical letter *Mystici Corporis* in the following words: "As far as his own diocese is concerned each (bishop) feeds the flock entrusted to him as a true shepherd and rules it in the name of Christ. Yet in exercising this office they are not altogether independent but are subordinate to the lawful authority of the Roman Pontiff, although enjoying ordinary power of jurisdiction which they receive **directly** from the same Supreme Pontiff."

And when We later addressed to you the letter *Ad Sinarum gentem*, We again referred to this teaching in these words: "The power of jurisdiction which is conferred directly by divine right on the Supreme Pontiff comes to bishops by that same right, but **only** through the successor of Peter, to whom not only the faithful but also **all** bishops are bound to be constantly subject and to adhere both by the reverence of obedience and by the bond of unity."

Well, what are the definitions of **alone**, **directly from**, and **only**? Your mother was the **only**, sole, and exclusive woman God used to bring you into this world according to God's plan, and **there was no other** woman and **no other way** that God used to form your body and bring you into the world. Similarly, as seen above, it is a Catholic doctrine solemnly defined by the infallible ordinary Magisterium of the teaching Church that jurisdiction comes to bishops **only**, solely, exclusively, and **directly from** a valid and licit Roman Pontiff according to God's plan. It follows as Catholic doctrine, solemnly defined by the infallible ordinary Magisterium of the teaching Church, that jurisdiction comes to bishops **only**, solely, exclusively, and **directly from** a valid and licit Roman Pontiff according to God's plan, and therefore, **there is no other way** that clerics can receive jurisdiction.

Proof of the Minor. Traditionalist movement bishops and priests have correctly explained thousands of times that the Novus Ordo Conciliar Church is a *new religion*. In fact, if the Conciliar Novus Ordo non-Catholic sect is not a *new religion*, then there is absolutely no justification for the Society of Saint Pius X or any other part of the traditional movement to be consecrating bishops or even to exist. If the Novus Ordo Conciliar Church were indeed, in fact, and in truth the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ, then all members of the traditionalist movement are automatically in a non-Catholic religion, and non-Catholic clerics do not receive ordinary or delegated jurisdiction from the Catholic Church. It has been solemnly defined at the Council of Constance that Saint Peter is the head of **ONLY** the Holy Catholic Church. (See *Denzinger* 633). Consequently, the so-called popes of the Novus Ordo non-Catholic sect cannot supply jurisdiction to anyone in the Catholic Church because, being the heads of a non-Catholic, *new religion*, they themselves are not members of the Catholic Church. Furthermore, numerous bishops and priests of the traditional movement have correctly taught many times that they do not have either ordinary or delegated jurisdiction. Accordingly, as shown in the proof of the Major Premise, no cleric in the traditional movement goes back to the Apostles through the power

of jurisdiction. It follows that the traditional movement is a non-Catholic schismatic sect that does not have the four marks of the Catholic Church. Here are some of the explanations of Catholic doctrine that have always been taught, clarified, and accepted by the Catholic Church as the true Catholic doctrine.

The true Catholic doctrine is explained by a seminary professor in *Exposition of Christian Doctrine*.
Imprimatur: Patritius Joannes. 1898-1925:

Question 168. What does the power of jurisdiction determine? It determines **precisely the territory**, the things, and the persons also, upon which bishops and priests are called to exercise their ministry.

Question 169. From whom do priests hold their jurisdiction? From the bishop of the diocese.

Question 170. From whom do bishops hold their jurisdiction? From the Pope.

Question 171. From whom does the Pope hold his jurisdiction? From Jesus Christ.

Question 172. What sort of bishop would he be who did not hold spiritual powers from the Pope? He would be an intruded or schismatical bishop.

Question 173. What sort of pastor would he be who did not hold his powers from a lawful bishop? He would be an intruded or schismatical pastor.

Furthermore, "It is not enough for any Christian society, church, or religious sect to teach all the doctrines of the Apostles if it lacks either their orders **or their jurisdiction**. Where there is no ordination, no priesthood, no authority, or no power, Apostolicity is out of the question. *Even if valid orders exist, where jurisdiction is lacking there is no real Apostolicity*. Schism, as well as heresy, destroys apostolic succession. A Christian society whose bishops go back to the apostles only through the power of order, and not also through the power of jurisdiction, cannot claim to be apostolic, and consequently cannot be the Church of Christ."

Here is a dogma of the Church that all Catholics must believe. "I reject the heretical invention of the evolution of dogmas, passing from one meaning to another, different from that which the Church first had." See *The Oath Against the Errors of Modernism* by Pope Saint Pius X in *Denzinger* 2145 and what follows.

Conclusion. "To say the Church errs is to say no less than God errs, or else that He is willing and desirous for us to err, which would be a great blasphemy." Saint Francis de Sales (See: *The Catholic Controversy*, page 70).

{1} Do you agree that they utter a great blasphemy who teach that the Catholic Church errs when She defines as Catholic doctrine that bishops receive **nothing**, that is, no office, authority, mission, or jurisdiction that was not received through Saint Peter and his lawful successors?

{2} Do you agree that they utter a great blasphemy who teach that the Catholic Church errs in defining as Catholic doctrine that all jurisdiction comes to bishops **only through** the Roman Pontiff?

{3} Do you agree that they utter a great blasphemy who teach that the Catholic Church errs in accepting the *unanimous* teaching of *Catholic tradition* throughout the centuries, as explained above by Dom Guéranger?

{4} Do you agree that they utter a great blasphemy who teach that the Catholic Church errs in teaching that a bishop who did not hold spiritual powers from a Catholic pope would be a schismatic bishop, and a priest who did not hold his spiritual powers from a lawful bishop who received his jurisdiction from a pope would be a schismatic priest?

Saint Thomas Aquinas provides these Catholic doctrines. "Our faith is identical with that of the ancients. Deny this, and you dissolve the unity of the Church. We must hold this for certain: that the faith of the people at the present day is one with the faith of the people of past centuries. Were this not true, then we would be in a different church than they and, literally, the Church would not be One." "To conserve the Unity of the Church, the power of the keys must be passed on through Peter to the other pastors of the Church."

{5} Do you agree that they utter a great blasphemy who teach that the Catholic Church errs in accepting as Catholic doctrine necessary to be believed to obtain salvation what we just read from Saint Thomas Aquinas?

There is 0% doubt and 100% certainty that Catholic doctrine teaches that no one in the traditionalist movement possesses **ordinary** or **delegated** jurisdiction. There is 0% doubt and 100% certainty that because the Catholic Church defined as a dogma: "This Synod confirms it is most true, that this absolution which the priest pronounces upon one over whom he has no **ordinary** or **delegated** jurisdiction has no value," that that dogma will remain true and in effect until the day of the General Judgment, as this other dogma proves. "I reject the heretical invention of the evolution of dogmas, passing from one meaning to another, different from that which the Church first had." Consequently, it follows as Catholic doctrine that not one single cleric in the

entire traditionalist movement has the one thing necessary to absolve anyone from their sins, namely jurisdiction. Therefore, no cleric in the traditional movement can absolve any of us from any sins any more than could a female mailman who drives around town delivering junk mail.

The saints and doctors of the Church believed these dogmas and went to heaven. No one in the traditionalist movement believes in or lives by these dogmas! If you refuse to believe what these millions of Catholics, popes, saints, and doctors of the Church believed, then review again another Catholic doctrine. “The Gift of Faith may be lost. This is an undoubted fact. It is also a fact that once lost the Gift of Faith is seldom regained. How is the Faith lost? The virtue of **Faith is lost by a single sin of unbelief**. Once we deliberately refuse to believe a **single** doctrine of the Catholic Faith even in thought only we have lost the Faith; once we refuse to submit our minds to God, **once we refuse to accept the solemn teaching of the Church, we have lost the Faith**. Hence we can realize that there are some Catholics who have lost the Faith, and still remain externally members of the Church.”

{6} Do you agree that the major premise presented above is absolutely true Catholic doctrine?

{7} Do you agree that the minor premise presented above is absolutely true Catholic doctrine?

{8} Do you agree that the conclusion is a truly Catholic conclusion in complete agreement with the teachings, doctrines, and dogmas of the Catholic Church?

“The faith shall never vary in any age, for one is the faith which justifies the Just of all ages. It is unlawful to differ even by a single word from apostolic doctrine.” Pope Saint Leo the Great, *Magno Munere*. “The Catholic Faith is such that nothing can be added to it, nothing taken away. Either it is held in its entirety, or rejected totally. This is the Catholic faith, which, unless a man believes faithfully and firmly, he cannot be saved.” Pope Benedict XV, *Ad Beatissimi*. “Nothing can ever pass away from the words of Jesus Christ, nor can anything be changed which the Catholic Church received from Christ to guard, protect, and preach.” Pope Pius IX, *Ubi Primum*. “Nothing new is to be allowed, for nothing can be added to the old. Look for the faith of the elders, and do not let our faith be disturbed by a mixture of new doctrines.” Pope Saint Sixtus III, *De Jejun*. “Let nothing of the truths that have been defined be lessened, nothing altered, nothing added; but let them be preserved intact in word and in meaning.” Pope Gregory XVI, *Mirari Vos*. “For it is not allowable for anyone to change even one word nor allow one syllable to be passed over.” Saint Cyril of Alexandria, *Epistle 55*. “Wherefore, if there be revealed to us anything new or different, we must in no way give consent to it, not even though it were spoken by an angel.” *The Collected Works of Saint John of the Cross*. “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema. As we said before, so now I say again: If any one preached to you a gospel, besides that which you have received, let him be anathema.” (Galatians 1:8, 9)

Pray, study, and wake up. The eternal salvation of your soul is at stake. The truth never contradicts truth. It is only the tricks and illusions and clever techniques of the traditional movement magicians who make the impossible seem real when they make you believe that they really, genuinely, and actually have jurisdiction. Their tricks are based on illusions rather than the truth, and the eternal salvation of your soul depends upon you realizing this and acting accordingly.

Your mother was the **only**, sole, and exclusive woman God used to bring you into this world. Likewise, God uses a valid and licit pope as the **only**, sole, and exclusive means by which **all** other bishops and clerics receive jurisdiction. If the clerics in the church you attend do not have the power of jurisdiction received **only** through a pope, then it is a non-Catholic sect, and no one is permitted to take any active part in any non-Catholic religion. It is forbidden by natural and divine law at all times, including the hour of death, and no reason whatever can justify the action. It is spiritual death to take part in such religious services. “The greatest charity one can do to another is to lead him to the truth.” – St. Thomas Aquinas. Please send me your answers to the eight questions. Thanks. You can find many other sermons, audiobooks, and PDF files at <https://jmjsite.com>.

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