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"Do Not Touch" must be one of the scariest things to read in Braille. ††† Jesus Mary Joseph †††

Nothing tops a plain pizza!

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While a woman was out of town, a neighbor came to borrow a fancy pie pan. Of course, the woman's husband was happy to lend it to her. The pie pan was returned a few days later filled with an apple pie. When the woman asked her husband where the pie came from, he told her about the loan and explained: "Our neighbor said she never returns something without filling it up." "Good!" the woman replied. "You should let her borrow our checkbook."

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A five-year-old boy had never spoken a word, ever. One afternoon, as he sat eating his lunch he turned to his mother and said, "Soup's cold." She was astonished, and said, "Honey, I've waited so long to hear you speak. But all these years you never said a thing. Why haven't you spoken before?" The boy looked at her and replied, "Up until now, everything's been okay."

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You can find sermons filled with very important information for the Fourth Sunday after Easter at <u>https://jmjsite.com/4th-sunday-after-easter/</u>

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Learn about the Catholic faith from *The Liturgical Year*, by Dom Guéranger, Imprimatur, 1924, Vol. IV, pages 282-287.

Dom Guéranger tells us:

"To-day, 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."

Do you agree that the Apostolic See is the sole source of legitimate power?

Do you agree that unless a bishop received a papal mandate and jurisdiction through a vicar of Jesus Christ, he does not have legitimate power?

Dom Guéranger continues to teach by providing these quotes from some saints and other learned men:

"She (the Catholic Church) says to us, by Tertullian: 'Christ gave the keys to Peter, and through him to the Church."

"By St. Optatus of Milevis: 'For the sake of Unity, Peter was made the first among all the apostles, and he alone received the keys, that he might give them to the rest."

"By St. Gregory of Nyssa: 'It is through Peter that Christ gave to bishops the keys of their heavenly prerogative."

"By St. 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 here provides the *unanimous* teaching of Catholic tradition:

"Yes, the episcopate is most sacred, for it comes from the hands of Jesus Christ <u>through Peter</u> <u>and his successors</u>. Such is the <u>unanimous</u> teaching of Catholic tradition, which is in keeping with the language used by the Roman pontiffs, from the earliest ages."

We continue to learn from Dom Guéranger about the *universal tradition* of the Church that the episcopate, with all its Authority, emanates from the Apostolic See:

"This fundamental principle, which St. Leo the Great has so ably and eloquently developed (as we have seen on the feast of the chair at Rome, January 18), this principle, which is taught us by

<u>universal tradition</u>, is laid down with all possible precision on the magnificent letters, still extant, of Pope St. Innocent I, who preceded St. Leo by several years, 'the episcopate, with all its Authority, emanates from the Apostolic See.'"

Dom Guéranger sums up what he has been teaching us:

"<u>All spiritual authority comes from Peter</u>; 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."

Do you agree that the above statements and quotes of Dom Guéranger are in complete agreement with what the Catholic Church teaches?

I now bring Dom Guéranger's statements and quotes to a close with his own pertinent conclusion:

"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."

Do you know of any bishop in the world today who claims our obedience who has not been sent by a Catholic pope?

Yes, you probably know a lot of them. They include all of those coming from the lines of succession of Bishop Thuc, Archbishop Lefebvre, the Old Catholics, and the heretics of the Novus Ordo sect. But Dom Guéranger has just told us: "*We, then, both priests and people, have a right to know whence our pastors have received their power.*" If they did not receive their power, jurisdiction, and mission from a legitimate, Catholic pope, Jesus Christ will not acknowledge them as His ministers. They are not pastors; they have not been sent.

Do you agree that it is a very fatal mistake for you to acknowledge as your pastors, those Jesus Christ will not acknowledge as His ministers because they have not been sent?

Dom Guéranger reminded every *faithful* Catholic how to associate with bishops that have not been sent by a legitimate, Catholic pope. Truly, "*they must be as aliens to us, for they have not been sent, they are not pastors.*"

Do you agree that those people cannot be living according to the teachings of the Church, and in truth be *faithful* Catholics, who associate with and receive sacraments from those bishops who are not pastors? *The Straight Path*, by Father M. J. Phelan, S.J. (Imprimatur, 1914), provides important information:

"Then since nothing can rise higher than its source it is evident that <u>no shred of Apostolic power</u> or <u>authority</u> resides in a ministry whose only claim is that it received all jurisdiction from a <u>man who</u> <u>never possessed it</u>."

Father just explained the situation of all Traditional Movement clerics. There is absolutely *no shred of Apostolic power or authority* that resides in their ministry. The followers of Bishop Thuc and Archbishop Lefebvre and their offspring, and all traditional priests of whatever group, claim the Church will supply them with jurisdiction even when *the Catholic Church never sent them*. Do not forget they "*must be as aliens to us, for they have not been sent, they are not pastors.*" The Novus Ordo antipopes and Traditional Movement bishops are only *men who do not possess jurisdiction*!