

Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Friend,

Praise be Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph now and forever. I would like to apologize to you. I received your first email but forgot about it because I neglected to answer it right away. There are reasons why the members of the SSPX sect do not receive grace *Ex opere operato* just because they receive sacraments.

{1} Do you agree that SSPX is well known for its *recognize and resist* beliefs, attitudes, positions, outlooks, and viewpoints?

{2} Do you agree that SSPX recognizes the head of the Novus Ordo sect as the pope of the Catholic Church, and they nevertheless resist and disobey him?

Pope Pius IX condemned their position, mentality, and actions as schismatic. In the encyclical *Quartus supra* of January 6, 1873, he said to a group of Armenians who were claiming to be Catholic yet felt that they did not have to obey the pope:

“In fact, it is as contrary to the divine constitution of the Church as it is to perpetual and constant tradition for anyone to attempt to prove the catholicity of his faith and truly call himself a Catholic when he fails in obedience to the Apostolic See.”

For the Catholic Church has always considered **schismatic** all those **who obstinately resist the authority of her legitimate prelates, and especially her supreme pastor**, and any who refuses to execute their orders and even to recognize their authority. The members of the Armenian faction of Constantinople having followed this line of conduct, **no one, under any pretext, can believe them innocent of the sin of schism, even if they had not been denounced as schismatic by apostolic authority.**”

{3} Do you agree that it is nothing less than doubletalk and hypocrisy to say that all of the members of SSPX always obey and accept the authority of the Novus Ordo prelates, especially the man known as the pope of the Novus Ordo Church?

Consequently, by the teachings of the Catholic Church, we know that the members of SSPX are schismatic. Notice that Pope Pius XI also points out that even if they have not been denounced as schismatic by apostolic authority, they are not innocent of the sin of schism.

Pope Pius IX, in the encyclical *Quæ in patriarchatu* of September 1st, 1876, addressed this time to some Chaldeans who were claiming submission to the pope but who were ignoring his orders, teaches us thus:

“What good is it to proclaim aloud the dogma of the supremacy of St. Peter and his successors? What good is it to repeat over and over declarations of faith in the Catholic Church and of obedience to the Apostolic See when actions give the lie to these fine words? Moreover, is not rebellion rendered all the more inexcusable by the fact that obedience is recognized as a duty? Again, does not the authority of the Holy See extend, as a sanction, to the measures which we have been obliged to take, or is it enough to be in communion of faith with this See without

adding the submission of obedience, — a thing which cannot be maintained without damaging the Catholic faith?

In fact, Venerable Brothers and beloved sons, it is a question of recognizing the power [of this See], even over your Churches, not merely in what pertains to faith, but also in what concerns discipline. **He who would deny this is a heretic; he who recognizes this and obstinately refuses to obey is worthy of anathema.**”

It is a well-known fact that the fine words of the members of SSPX often speak about obedience to the Apostolic See. However, their actions prove their fine words to be a lie.

{4} Do you agree that the members of SSPX do not obey the men they accept and proclaim to be the head of the Novus Ordo sect in what concerns discipline?

Consequently, the Catholic Church teaches through Pope Pius IX that they are schismatic and heretics.

Pope Pius XII explains that schism, heresy, and apostasy sever a man from the Body of the Church. In other words, they are cut off from the Church and outside of the Church when he wrote in *Mystici Corporis*:

“For not every sin, however grave it may be, is such as of its own nature to sever a man from the Body of the Church, as does schism or heresy or apostasy.”

St. Thomas explains that those who receive sacraments from the Traditionalist Movement clerics who are cut off from the Church do not receive grace because they SIN in so doing. See the *Supplement*, Q. 19, Art. 5, Reply Obj. 3:

“We might also reply that by members of the Dove he means all who are not cut off from the Church, for those who receive the sacraments from them, receive grace, whereas those who receive the sacraments from those who are cut off from the Church, do not receive grace, because they sin in so doing, except in case of Baptism, which, in cases of necessity, may be received even from one who is excommunicated.”

Summary and conclusion.

POINT ONE: SSPX is famous for its *recognize and resist* position.

POINT TWO: Pope Pius IX clearly explains the teachings of the Catholic Church that the *recognize and resist* position of SSPX is schismatic and heretical.

POINT THREE: Pope Pius XII clearly explains that schism, heresy, and apostasy cut one off from the Catholic Church.

POINT FOUR: St. Thomas explains the teaching of the Catholic Church that those who are cut off from the Catholic Church do not receive grace when they receive the sacraments because they sin in so doing.

POINT FIVE: consequently, everyone who holds the *recognize and resist* position does not receive grace *Ex opere operato*.

In Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph,

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