

December 12, 2023. Our Lady of Guadalupe, *pray for us.*

Friend,

Praise be Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph now and forever. You wrote in your letter that you wanted to know if I believe that the CMRI has valid orders. After I parted company with the CMRI community, and again about a year after that time when they had their big shootout in June of 1984, I overcame the mind control used by Bishop Francis Schuckardt enough that I also began to open the books and study my Catholic faith. As time went on, I studied the succession of orders of the Old Catholics. At this time, my belief is that there is about 95% or more doubt that the Holy Orders coming through Bishop Francis Schuckardt are valid.

Those Orders passed on through Bishop Thuc are more likely to be valid. Nevertheless, all of Bishop Thuc's lines of succession throughout the Traditionalist Movement sects originated with a non-Catholic Bishop. No matter how much the Traditionalist Movement clerics and members try to justify Bishop Thuc, the true facts prove he signed the documents and the heretical decrees and, for many years, belonged to the non-Catholic Novus Ordo religion. Bishop Sanborn clearly and correctly teaches that IGNORANCE of what the Catholic Church teaches is the only thing that could keep the clerics of the Novus Ordo sect from being in formal heresy. Information on the CMRI website and in various other places provides their own evidence that Bishop Thuc was neither ignorant nor senile. They like to brag about Bishop Thuc's intelligence. Bishop Thuc was a seminary professor with three doctorates. Therefore, they cannot use the excuse that he was in IGNORANCE of what the Catholic Church teaches when he joined the non-Catholic Novus Ordo sect. CMRI quotes various Traditionalist Movement priests who take God as their witness in providing the truth of their statements, that Bishop Thuc was always in his right mind and not senile. Consequently, on their own testimony, Bishop Thuc cannot be excused from being a formal heretic and losing his office and jurisdiction.

In their August - September, and October - November 1985, issues of the *Reign of Mary* publications, the CMRI clerics clearly and correctly reminded their readers that:

**"But there is obvious HERESY contained in these decrees. Therefore, those who put their signature to these decrees have made themselves CULPABLE for the heresies they contain. They are public HERETICS and incur penalties as provided for in Church law for all who are guilty of public heresy. Thus we MUST reject Vatican II as a false council and regard ALL those who promote and encourage it as public heretics, OUTSIDE the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ."**

Consequently, from their own writings, words, videos, and testimony, the bishops and priests of the Traditionalist Movement let the proverbial "cat out of the bag." CMRI and the other Traditionalist Movement clerics do not like it when people like me tell people like you that they are the ones who let the proverbial "cat out of the bag." They are the ones who let this big bad black cat be known to the world that Bishop Thuc and Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre became formal heretics and were never restored to the Catholic Church. They are finding out again the truth of the matter that it is far easier to let the cat out of the bag than it is to put it back in the bag. Yes, it is true that they correctly teach us that Bishop Thuc and Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre were and still are formal public heretics outside the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ.

It is an equally proven true fact that no cleric with the necessary authority and jurisdiction ever received Bishop Thuc or Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre back into the Catholic Church. Neither of them has ever provided the evidence that they took the NECESSARY Abjuration of Error and Profession of Faith before two witnesses and a cleric with the necessary jurisdiction to absolve them and receive them back into the Catholic Church. Neither can any other Traditionalist Movement cleric provide proof that, in the external forum, they were brought back into the Catholic Church. The result is that, in the external forum, none of them belong to the Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ.

The ark of Noe is often compared to the Catholic Church, outside of which there is no salvation. Now, think of one of Noe's three sons jumping off of the ark into the floodwaters. That son left the Ark of Salvation. Only someone who is still on the Ark has the ability to throw him a lifesaving device and bring him back onto the Ark. Similarly, when Bishop Thuc and Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre jumped off of the Ark by becoming

members of the new non-Catholic sect, only someone who was still on the Ark of Salvation has the ability to bring them back into the Catholic Church. That necessary reception back into the Catholic Church never took place. Consequently, all of those clerics functioning in the Traditionalist Movement are functioning in a non-Catholic sect.

Even if some of their Orders are valid, it makes very little difference regarding receiving sanctifying grace through them, except for receiving grace through baptism. I will presume that most of the Traditionalist Movement clerics use the correct Matter, Form, and Intention when baptizing, and therefore that particular sacrament is valid and licit. Not one of them has the necessary jurisdiction to absolve any sin in the confessional – (except there is a possibility that in an ACTUAL danger of death, sometimes the Catholic Church might supply them that necessary jurisdiction, on condition that they actually do have valid Orders.) Some of the older priests ordained in the early 1960s or before were most probably validly and licitly ordained. The problem is that they left the Catholic Church and joined the Novus Ordo sect – or some other part of the non-Catholic Traditionalist Movement sects. When they joined these non-Catholic religions, they lost their authority and jurisdiction, and after that, they could no longer validly absolve any sins in the confessional.

Even if their Masses are valid, Saint Thomas Aquinas reminds us that those who attend those Masses sin in so doing, and they do not receive grace even if they receive a validly consecrated Host.

To answer your other question, I believe that the priests in all the Traditionalist Movement should cease functioning as they are doing and live as a layperson. Even if there is a probability or at least a possibility that they received Valid Holy Orders, it is still true that they do not function as Catholic priests.

Those who have gone through this business of functioning in a non-Catholic sect as if they were a Catholic priest can well expect to go through much mental anguish. You wanted to know more about my life as a member of the Novus Ordo and later as a “Religious” and “Catholic priest” in the CMRI. Go to <https://jmjsite.com>. Once you get to that website, open the AUDIO link and then the AUDIOBOOKS link. After that, listen to the three sets of audio files titled *Which Bishop Should I Follow*, *Another Evident Contradiction*, and *Who Is Right and Who Is Wrong*.

Those who hear those audio files will know why I no longer function as a “priest.” It will explain, to some degree, why I parted company with the CMRI community. As mentioned in those audio files, I told less than 10% of the story, but at least you will have some information. After that, go to <https://jmjsite.com/important-articles-to-read.html> and read all of those articles. About 60 or 65 years ago, my mother sometimes turned on the radio on Saturdays and listened to a program called Paul Harvey News. Paul Harvey would relate his story and end his broadcast by saying, “Now you know the rest of the story. Paul Harvey news, good day.”

Well, if you listen to the audio files and read all the articles I have written, you will still not know all of “the rest of the story.” Nevertheless, you will know a lot more than you know if you do not do so.

In Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph,

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