

Your Eminence, Most Reverend Cardinal Parolin,

Please in your kindness pass this letter on to the Holy Father.

We are scandalized by news garnered from all types of media of what appears to be an agenda aimed to totally alter if not destroy the *Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate*. This religious order lives the poverty of their holy patron. They are thriving in vocations, orthodox and faithful in belief and in practice to Holy Mother Church, do vitally important missionary work, and are totally obedient to legitimate authority no matter how harsh or seemingly unjust the treatment to which they are subjected. The actions taken against them have been very public, yet no formal accusations or charges as to deeds or circumstances have been revealed which warrant such actions as the closure of their seminary and some of their houses, the cessation of all major ordinations, the removal, silencing and relocation of their duly elected superiors, and denial of the right to celebrate the Holy Liturgy in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite [EF] without special permission. This is directly in conflict with the rights of every priest as set out in Pope Benedict XVI's Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum* and its explanatory document *Universae Ecclesiae*. These sanctions placed on this loyal, Catholic order affect not only its members, but also the many laypeople for whom they provide spiritual care, including fulfilling the desire of the faithful for the celebration of the Extraordinary Form of Holy Mass.

Additional concern has arisen with news that a ban has been put on the celebration of Holy Mass in the EF on the First Saturdays in Santa Maria Maggiore, which has been celebrated for the last 7 years, and the cessation of multiple other Masses celebrated in the Extraordinary Form both in Italy and around the world. Do we have to fear that this is the beginning of a new ban for the *Vetus Ordo*?

We and all those signing this letter in petition form urgently request either full disclosure of the offenses committed by the *Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate* that so greatly affect both its members and members of the laity, or the restoration of the Order of the *Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate* to a state of self-determination. We also request the full and worldwide implementation of the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum*, truly a gift from Pope Benedict XVI, that verifies the legitimacy of the spiritual aspirations and particular path to which we and many others are drawn.

We are writing to express our deep concern and promise to pray for the above mentioned intentions.

Asking for your blessing, we remain in Jesus and Mary

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