

FATHER JEAN-FRANÇOIS MASTROPIETRO'S LETTER
TO FATHER LÉON BOILY

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Reverend Father Boily,

I read, without surprise, but with regret, your letter of May 13 last. In my turn, I am taking the liberty of returning to you the question: “What are you doing?” What you have done is not fraternal in the priesthood, not charitable in the love of Christ, not ecclesial in the communion of saints.

If you know us as you claim to, you would be embarrassed to have called into doubt, for even an instant, our love for and fidelity to the Church, its teaching and its doctrine. The words of the beloved apostle are here applicable to you in a regrettable fashion:

“It was from our ranks that they took their leave – not that they really belonged to us, for if they had belonged to us they would have stayed with us. It only served to show that none of them was ours” (1 Jn 2:19).

Reverend Father, you claim, and shamefully so, that you were rejected by Mother Paul-Marie and the Work. Now, I can affirm, knowing all the facts, that it was *you* who withdrew, of your own free will, no longer believing in this Work of Love in which your priestly ministry reached, nonetheless, a height it had never known. I myself had to replace you for long weeks, even though you were still living close to the Center of the Army of Mary in Quebec City and had, of your own initiative and without any justification, *excluded yourself* from your priestly ministry to the Sisters of the Center.

Knowing that you also will one day have to give an account of your works and words to the Master of the vineyard and the harvest, I dare hope that the wisdom that goes with someone your age will now inspire in you a prayerful silence and an openness of heart that leaves to God the task of leading His Work – which from all evidence you do not understand – in the same serenity of conscience that dwells in us at this moment of the Truth.

Christianly, Marianly and sacerdotally yours,

Father Jean-François Mastropietro, O.F.F.M.