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Your Excellency:

After a certain period of distress following the announcement of the forthcoming departure of our highly-esteemed priests, I take the respectful liberty of informing you of my very great astonishment, my displeasure even, concerning the decision you took against the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary.

You preferred to be in complete agreement with Father Wallut by letting him spread about remarks that are not very Catholic, rather than asking him, by any and all means, to remain silent on a topic that, I think, does not, at his level, concern him.

If this priest has that much free time to calumniate his peers and their foundress, perhaps you could have saved this stray lamb by giving him the responsibility of an extra parish, especially since there is a shortage of priests in the Diocese. This stray sheep would be better advised to learn again the ABCs of the Gospel, for did not the Lord say: "The harm you do to your neighbor, you do it to me"? To let him go on preaching, therefore, is to let him continue to say bad things of God within the Church itself. What must his faithful think?

When your stray sheep says that Mrs. Marie-Paule Giguère is nothing but the plaything of the devil, then he is really underestimating the power of God. Is it not possible for God to have given this Lady a mission through the intercession of the Virgin Mary? How many painful cases have there not been in the world before the Church of Men acknowledged them?

It is after 17 years of good and loyal service that the Sons and Daughters of Mary are forsaken and forced to make their way of the cross. I feel sorry for them with all my heart and am ardently praying for their resurrection as quickly as possible.

You see, it was 17 years ago, after the retirement of our late pastor, Father Roger PUISSANT, and a shortage of priests in the Diocese, that one of your predecessors, Bishop Hardy, called upon the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary for help. Today, through the fault of a stray sheep, you, Bishop JAMES, have done nothing to stop them from leaving, quite the contrary! Oh, I know that it is not entirely your fault, for, in 17 years, certain close collaborators in the Bishop's Offices, whose names I will not mention (except for one) have contributed greatly to this mess.

An example experienced in Lourdes a few years ago while on pilgrimage. At the beginning of the Way of the Cross in the mountain, an appalling event took place while pilgrims were waiting to begin the Way of the Cross. Father Vandebec, given the shortage of priests to take on the responsibility of groups, took the liberty of refusing a Brother from the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary who had been suggested by a lady, by vehemently denouncing him before the pilgrims: "This Brother is but a lay person like you!" Yes, this incident took place at Lourdes and, to top it all, he chose a true lay person to lead the first group.

You can be sure that this stray sheep will not erase from our memory those 17 years of happiness spent with the Sons and Daughters of Mary. They changed our church, our village and the neighboring villages. We are proud of them because they have always been loyal to God, to our

kind Virgin Mother and to the Pope. Those who are not churchgoers no longer speak of the Church in the same way as before. The Sons and Daughters of Mary have done us tremendous good and, in some cases, have made us rediscover God. In blue and white, we recognized them at a distance and we were proud to see them dressed in an alb. Events have brought us to ask ourselves what it means for certain religious today:

“To love your neighbor as yourself.”

“The harm you do to your neighbor, you do it to God.”

“Let us love one another.”

“Let us give each other a sign of peace.”

“Go in the peace of Christ.”

At a time when His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI is giving messages of peace, in continuity with Pope John Paul II, the Diocese of Beauvais is doing the absolute opposite with the Sons of Mary.

At a time when His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, in a concern for unity, is hoping to reintegrate the traditionalists within the Church, the Diocese of Beauvais is doing the opposite by distancing itself from the Sons and Daughters of Mary who are certainly too good for certain religious.

When Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI organize World Youth Days for the future of the Church, the Diocese of Beauvais, by excluding our Fathers and Brothers of Mary, rejects all our young people who were very strongly attached to the Church because of them and their dynamism. Abandoned by the Church, are you not afraid that these young people will turn to Islam or the Evangelical Church which has already taken root in Chevrières? All we can do now is pray very hard so that:

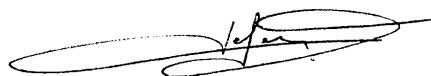
- 1) Father Wallut, the stray sheep, will return to the flock in all its whiteness.*
- 2) Your collaborators in the Bishop's Offices will do the same.*
- 3) That, in July, during the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, you will be chosen from among the bishops to celebrate Mass at the grotto, so that you may receive an abundance of graces from the Blessed Virgin Mary.*
- 4) That the bishops in Canada and those from the Diocese of Beauvais may make their mea culpa with regard to Mrs. Marie-Paule Giguère and the Sons and Daughters of Mary.*
- 5) That the Sons and Daughters of Mary be reintegrated as quickly as possible, so that we may once again be filled with their blessings.*

While waiting for the Sons and Daughters of Mary to return to Chevrières and the neighboring towns to take up their religious activities again, I want you to know how much we thank them for what they have already given us through their love of God and the Virgin Mary.

We praise all the priests, Brothers and Sisters of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of Mary whom we have known in the Oise region since 1989, for all their blessings.

Amen.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. Giguère', written over a horizontal line.

P.S.: A copy of this letter has been sent to the Sons and Daughters of Mary with my consent that it be eventually published.