



Reply of the Sons of Mary

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Your Excellency,

For almost ten years now, we have been working in the diocese, either in a stable ministry or as a replacement, either in parishes or schools, as much for the Anglophone as the Francophone population. This has always been an enriching experience for each one of us. Nevertheless, we are saddened today that once again the Church, this time through you, has rejected what God wishes to give it: the Work of the Community of the Lady of All Peoples with all the mystery of Love that is inherent in it.

By this letter and as it was requested, we are following up on the meeting that was held on Monday, May 16 last, during which you presented us with a Commitment of Fidelity to the Doctrine of the Catholic Church which was to be signed, and without which the agreement between the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall and the Sons of Mary could not be renewed and no ministry entrusted to us.

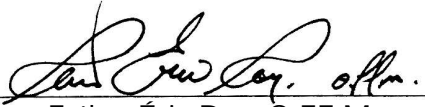
As we have told you on many occasions, in the ministry entrusted to the Sons of Mary in the diocese, we have always taught, preached and observed all the teachings and prescriptions of the Catholic Church without rejecting a single one of them. The parishioners who have heard us could easily bear witness to this, as, moreover, they have already done in the past. Furthermore, the hypotheses of Marc Bosquart have never been a part of our teaching in this same ministry, as you yourself were forced to admit, Your Excellency, in the course of the discussion.

On the other hand, it is absolutely impossible for us to reject or renounce the mystery of the mystical experience of our Foundress, a mystery which has been realized before our very eyes for several years and is still presently being realized. That is the precious heritage we have received and, in all conscience, we have no other choice but to continue to bear witness, before you and before the whole Church, to the authenticity of this mystical experience. In fact, to commit ourselves to signing anything that could set limits to the possibility of God's action and to the fulfillment of His plan of love is for us inconceivable.

Therefore, we accept the fact that, as of next June 30, you do not wish to renew the agreement with the Sons of Mary; that is your right. Thus, we ask you to take note that, by means of this letter, we will terminate all ministry entrusted to us in the diocese and leave the rectories of the parishes of Saint Margaret of Scotland and Saint-Felix-de-Valois at the very latest on this same date of June 30, 2005. As far as we are concerned, we remain completely serene, placing our trust in the Triune God and Mary Immaculate.

May Mary Immaculate, our Mother, reign in our hearts today and forever, so that we may one day see the triumph of her Heart, as she has promised!

  
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