

# THE ORDER OF SAINT CHARBEL

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Subject: Decree of excommunication against Fr. Malcolm Broussard - 10 June 2003  
Your Ref: PWI:pac/lt/5142

## APPEAL

Your Grace,

I was very disappointed to receive your Decree against me. You sent it by fax and without prior warning or notification to me of your intention. I believe it to be an abuse of your authority. I understand the reason for your Decree is that I was consecrated a Bishop without a mandate. I do not agree with you. I think you have been unjust to me by excess -- you did not call me in for a meeting -- you contacted the CDF and simply took the extreme measure of excommunication. I cannot comply with your request as I am certain that my Consecration is valid as a Thuc Line Bishop. Furthermore, I am not outside the Catholic Church. Cardinal Cassidy indicated a few years ago that the Thuc Line Bishops were an internal matter within the Catholic Church and that the validity of the Consecrations was not in doubt. I have published this detail on the website. It is unjust for you to excommunicate me. I deserve the pastoral care of yourself and the Holy See, not your condemnation.

Secondly, I believe you made an error of law in point #3 in your Decree wherein you stated: "All those who adhere formally to Fr. Broussard's ministry ... notwithstanding their awareness of this canonical measure, decide to persevere in their adherence, also place themselves outside the Catholic Church and are by that fact excommunicated." I fail to see any Canon which applies an excommunication to a group or collective of people -- unconnected with the "offense"! The Communities under my care simply believe in the validity of my Consecration.

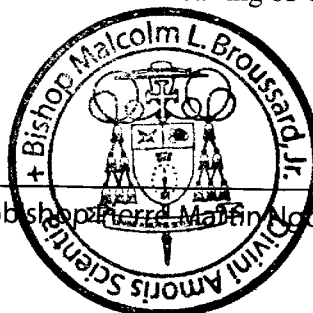
Finally, I request that you forward my appeal on to the appropriate higher authority in the Church for a redress. Furthermore, it is my hope that the Holy See will consider the regularization of those Thuc Line Bishops who desire it. Bishop Bartholomew Schneider and myself desire this regularization.

May God give you His Grace to understand and approve the Order of Saint Charbel allowing it to function and achieve its goals in your Diocese within the meaning of Canon 605.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+Malcolm L. Broussard, Jr.*

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