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His Lordship,
Bishop Philip Wilson,
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Your Lordship,

DECREE

(Canon 49: 'A singular precept is a decree by which an obligation is directly and lawfully imposed on a specific person or persons to do or to omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of a law'.

Canon 50: "Before issuing a singular decree, the person in authority is to seek the necessary information and proof and, as far as possible, is to consult those whose rights could be harmed".)

I received your Decree by fax late this afternoon, dated 27 September, 1999. I was shocked and very disappointed in your statement considering the Holy Ghost is to reside in the Authority handed down to you by the Apostles.

- * Firstly, your Decree is null and void as it pre-empts the decision of the Commission which, in your own admission, had not as yet been appointed.
- * Secondly, you have already decided the outcome of the Commission without even questioning the main person - namely myself.
- * Thirdly, your decision is prejudiced, for it has no bearing on any material that has been given by my testament. All that has been so far given is the material that we have received, as it is my duty to inform you. The evidence you have so far is only a small part of the testament I have for you and the Commission.
- * Fourthly, your Decree is invalid under Canon 221, for I have not as yet been called to give evidence:

Canon 221:

(1) Christ's faithful may lawfully vindicate and defend the rights they enjoy in the Church, before the competent ecclesiastical forum in accordance with the law.

(2) If any members of Christ's faithful are summoned to trial by the competent authority, they have the right to be judged according to the provisions of the law, to be applied with equity.

(3) Christ's faithful have the right that no canonical penalties be inflicted upon them except in accordance with the law.

You are prejudicial against me and the Order of Charbel to claim the Order is not a "fruit" of this Mission, thus your decision says the 'Little Pebble' is not true, nor his claim Supernatural. Thus you have already made a Decree without a hearing resulting in your Decree being unlawful, null and void.

- * Fifthly, you place a simple matter of a situation that occurred in July in the Parish of Nowra, in the matter of reception of Communion, as an issue pertaining to the same Decree - relating it to this Mission, the Saint Charbel Order, and its mannerism of receiving Holy Communion as practicing Catholics. How can you place this as a matter of Decree when it has nothing to do with the Order of Saint Charbel, directly, but rather a matter of conscience for all Catholics; as a matter of fact and truth, which we demonstrated to you where it is lawful to receive Communion kneeling, and on the tongue. This was made clear by the Directive of Most Reverend Bishop William Murray, and more so, by His Holiness, Pope John Paul's Teaching through the Directive of Holy Mother Church, via the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship - *Inaestimabile Donum*, (Art. 11) issued by His Holiness on 24 February, 1980:

Art. 11 *"With regard to the manner of going to Communion, the faithful can receive it either kneeling, or standing in accordance with the norms laid down by the Episcopal Conference." "When the faithful communicate kneeling, no other sign of reverence towards the Blessed Sacrament is required, since kneeling is itself a sign of adoration. When they receive Communion standing, it is strongly recommended that, coming up in procession, they should make a sign of reverence before receiving the Sacrament. This should be done at the right time and place, so that the order of people going to and from Communion is not disrupted". The Amen said by the faithful when receiving Communion is an act of personal faith in the presence of Christ. "* (*Inaestimabile Donum*)

It is to be noted our members - all Roman Catholics - were told by the Priest, Father Faherty, that they were not permitted to kneel to receive Our Lord. This violated the Norm of the Church, and you have supported this by not intervening at the appropriate time when I brought this to your attention.

Your Grace, the Canonical Doctrinal Investigation, which you mentioned, does not have anything to do with your Decree just mentioned, for you are speaking about the Order of Saint Charbel and its function.

Also, you repeat again *"As I have read it many times, that Archbishop Nesti, Secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life in Rome on May 7, 1999, re-affirmed the Congregations view that any recognition would have to be given by your local Diocesan Bishop. "* This is not according to the current Teaching of the Church. (Canon 605)

Canon 605: *The approval of new forms of consecrated life is reserved to the Apostolic See. Diocesan Bishops, however, are to endeavour to discern new gifts of consecrated life which the Holy Spirit entrusts to the Church. They are also to assist promoters to express their purposes in the best possible way, and to protect these purposes with suitable statutes, especially by the application of the general norms contained in this part of the Code*

Pope John Paul II's *Vita Consecrata* (Art. 62) on New Forms of Consecrated Life, says totally the opposite to what you and Bishop Nesti say.

Art. 62 ". . . In view of such a wealth of gifts and creative energies, it seems appropriate to *set up a Commission to deal with questions relating to new forms of consecrated life...*" (*Vita Consecrata*)

Concerning Bartholomew Schneider - even though I respect your enquiry - but to say he is an 'imposter' is a very serious accusation, for the information given to us confirms Father Bartholomew Schneider, before he was Consecrated a Bishop, was stationed in Spain. A letter confirming this was sent to you, signed by His Eminence, Cardinal Marcel Gonzalez Martin de Toledo, which I made public. Therefore, this would not on my part constitute a claim to the public as fraudulent, which you are insinuating.

Furthermore, you state that on the 19th September, 1995, in the Vatican Press, a warning is cited of the illegal activities of Bishop Schneider - note: Bishop Schneider was not Consecrated a Bishop until December, 1998.

Secondly, the Father Schneider mentioned is not the same one (sighted)

As for my claim on September 20th 1999, that Cardinal Archbishop Sin, of Manila, had endorsed the Order of Saint Charbel: you claim the Cardinal had denied this to you on 17th September, 1999.

First, the dates of your letter and mine are like the cart before the horse. Cardinal Sin saw two of our Religious Sisters, and he personally invited them and the Order of Saint Charbel to be formed in His Diocese, and stated he would like the Mother House in his Diocese. Then in his letter to the two Sisters, dated 3rd September, 1999, the Cardinal clearly states his support for the Nuns apostolate: ". . . *and to persevere in your vocation!*" Further the Cardinal says: ". . . *and know that you will find the people of the Philippines most receptive of the Good News, and most supportive!*"

This good news and supportive activity was the foundation of the Order in His Diocese. Plus, we have other first hand witnesses to this effect. If this does not endorse the Order of Saint Charbel, what does? Your Grace, you have not taken into consideration the volumes of proof given to you as evidence of the fact.

Cardinal Sin was not the only hierarchical letter I sent you - there were more than ten of them, which included Archbishop Baltazar from Venezuela, and others. What of the thousands of testimonials, conversions and cures. You place all this evidence of the work of the Order aside. The Sanhedrin did exactly the same with Christ, as have done countless Cardinals, Bishops and Priests - to those who are now the Saints of the Church.

As for following your Decree: this I will not follow under conscience and Canon Law, and by rights as a Catholic:

Canon 14: "Laws, even invalidating and incapacitating ones, do not oblige when there is a doubt of law. when there is a doubt of fact, however, Ordinaries can dispense from them provided, if there is question of a reserved dispensation, it is one which the authority to whom it is reserved is accustomed to grant"!

These are the statements of your Decree that I will not follow:

1. Refrain from making public statements that your organisation has been recognised by ecclesiastical authority.
2. Inform the members of your organisation of this fact, and of the invalidity of their vows.
3. Instruct those members who have supposedly taken vows in your institution, not to wear any semblance of a religious habit in public or to claim that they belong to an approved Catholic institute of consecrated life.
4. Stop this work, to give up all association with Bartholomew Schneider and to close the so-called Order of St. Charbel for the good of souls.

The vows of God's children are valid and true, for the Commission has not yet been convened, nor has the Commission made a statement, or Decree. Therefore, you do not have the authority to rule such a Decree.

Likewise, you have no right in writing to dismantle the Order of Saint Charbel, as the Order is part of the "fruits" of this Mission, which has not as yet been investigated - as per your own statement of 27th September, 1999: *"The second phase which will see the appointment of the members of the Commission and the beginning of their evaluations."*

You cannot dissolve that which constitutes the main source of the claims of the Supernatural origins - namely the Order of Saint Charbel, for it denies, and you dismiss, the main evidence of the trial, or hearing.

Lastly, your Lordship, you have violated Canon Law on several occasions, for you have not defended me against those Priests who have openly spoken against me, even before the Commission has given its findings. You have a duty before the Church and the Commission to defend me until proven guilty. By your silence to the press and the Catholic Diocese, you showed that you agree with their sentiments, thus making me a target of abuse and mockery, and in the eyes of all, I am guilty.

But, your Lordship, what am I guilty of? Calling people to pray and be devoted? Calling people to love and serve God and His Church? Of encouraging people of all races and creeds to work together? Of bringing forth a new form of consecrated Life, supported in toto by the Vicar of Christ?

Should you enforce this Decree, and with the commission decision now or in the future to claim this work is not of God, then I will make it clear to you that I, by the right of Canon Law of

Appeal, will appeal to Rome and to His Holiness, which means you will have no more jurisdiction over this Commission. Within fifteen days of this Appeal, it must be done.

Canon 1628: “Without prejudice to the provisions of Canon 1629, a party who considers him or herself to be injured by a judgement has a right to appeal from the judgement to a higher judge; in cases in which their presence is required, the promoter of justice and the defender of the bond have likewise the right to appeal”

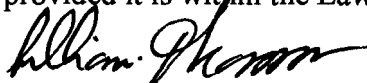
Canon 1638: “An appeal suspends the execution of the judgement. ”

It saddens me that you, such a good Priest, treat me and my tens of thousands of faithful Catholics, with such disdain and ill repute; yet not you, or any member of the not yet elected Commission, have set foot in my home or on my property. where the life of the Order is established and the “fruits” displayed.

Once again I appeal to your conscience and ask that you retract this Decree, and wait for the Commission to make its findings. Although it can be seen that even the Commission - though not yet formed officially - will pre-empt their decision on the Decree issued.

I will pray for you and await your decision.

I remain your obedient servant,
provided it is within the Law of the Church - but God’s first.



William Kamm

