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Our Lady Of The Ark
Mary Our Mother, Help of Christians

TO: THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD



“Those who seek the Truth will find it!”

A DIALOGUE OF TRUTH

A reply to a Decree issued against the ‘Little Pebble’, Founder of the Order of Saint Charbel, on the 27th September, 1999, by His Lordship, Bishop Philip Wilson, of the Wollongong Diocese.

Since 1982, over these many years, I had tried on numerous occasions to present my case to the Church Authorities. I had corresponded with Bishop Murray many times, and provided him with accounts of the true support I have from many in the Church Hierarchy. After his retirement I continued my correspondence with his successor, Bishop Philip Wilson. I had not received any satisfactory response from either Bishop to any of my letters, until in August, 1998, I wrote Bishop Wilson a letter - the contents of which caused him to immediately consider an Ecclesiastical Investigation and on the 11th September, 1998, he replied to my letter. He stated he would be pleased to open an Investigation to look into my claims.

This Investigation has apparently been under way over the past year. However, Bishop Wilson has given me little information of its progress, and sent courtesy replies to my letters. He has, however, communicated with me, in depth, on a private matter.

Unfortunately, on the 27th September, 1999, Bishop Wilson broke all Ecclesiastical protocol when he issued a Public Decree against me, thereby pre-empting any official result, making the Inquiry null and void.

In his public address on the Television Network, Bishop Wilson stated that all my claims of Church support were false and untrue. He claimed, by his statements, that I was portraying support from the Church Hierarchy in a false light. In fact he reported I was claiming support which, he said, I did not have. The Bishop’s inference was that I am a liar, and that I mislead souls.

EXTRACT FROM BISHOP’S DECREE

In the Decree made on the 27th September, 1999, and the Press Conference on the morning of the 28th September, 1999, the Bishop of Wollongong, Most Reverence Bishop Philip Wilson, states: (addressing the ‘Little Pebble’) -

“Refrain from making public statements that your Organisation has been recognised by Ecclesiastical Authority.” Bishop Wilson states in the Press Conference: **“Mr. Kamm cannot lay claim to the Approval of the Catholic Church!”**

Also on Win Television News: Bishop Wilson claims: **“William Kamm has no Church acceptance anywhere!”** By this statement the Bishop denies me any credibility whatsoever.

The Bishop’s Decree commands me to close down the Order of Saint Charbel. If this is his wish,

why then do we need a Commission? In addition, on the Win Television News at 6pm, the Bishop claimed that he was the instigator of the Investigation - not myself. I clarify this point by declaring, emphatically, that The Bishop opened the Investigation only because my communique to him compelled him to do so, and I used the Civil Lawyers to force the issue. The Bishop's claim is an untruth.

In this dialogue, by factual evidence, I will expose the way the Church has dealt with me - portraying my evidence in a truly fraudulent and totally deceitful way - attempting to discredit me and my claims when the Hierarchy knew full well that many Church Leaders do, and have supported me, over many years.

On 2nd December, 1984, Bishop William Murray, the then Bishop of Wollongong - now retired - issued a Pastoral Statement saying he found no Supernatural elements in my claim, thus advising all members of his Diocese to refrain from attending, or supporting the organised prayer days.

In April, 1985, I went to Rome and had a private audience with Pope John Paul II. This meeting was well documented by the Press, yet Bishop Murray denied that this was true, but later was proved in error as Cardinal Augustine Casaroli, State Secretary of the Vatican, stated that I did see the Pope, but he down-played my visit as of no consequence.

Bishop Murray's Pastoral letter of claim against me was sent throughout the world, trying to ensure that no one in the Church would support me. Yet the Mission spread and is flourishing in 120 countries.

In 1986-88, I began to form the Order of Saint Charbel - first in the Diocese of Wollongong, then in the Bathurst Diocese. A Monsignor Jennings of the Parish in Orange, and Secretary of the Diocese of Bathurst, received permission from Bishop Murray to make an Investigation of the Order, which was established in his Parish, and another Parish. Bishop Murray gave the Approval. The findings concluded that the Mission and work of the Order of Saint Charbel was good, and could receive approval, but the hindrance to this would be the 'Little Pebble'. Should the 'Little Pebble' be placed aside, then the door would be wide open for the Order to receive recognition.

In 1988, Father Gebicki, a member of the Order of Saint Charbel, presented the Order's Rule and Constitution to the Holy See, and also met with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in a General Audience. The Pope spoke to Father Gebicki and said: ***"I Bless you and all the members of the Order of Saint Charbel!"***

By December, 1989, the Mission of Our Lady of the Ark, which included the work of the Order, received Approval from His Excellency, Monsignor E. Moke, Auxiliary Bishop of Kinshasa, Congo, Africa.

Also in 1989, I was invited by the Cardinal of Kampala, Uganda, Africa to visit Uganda. This Holy Cardinal gave me approval to speak publicly in the City of Kampala, and to spread my Mission in his country. Cardinal Emmanuel Mwubuga, advised me to contact the Bishop's Conference in Australia, to seek an opening of the Commission. He also said he would help me should I have any problems.

I wrote to the Australian Bishop's Conference, and Cardinal Clancy of Sydney. Monsignor Manning replied on the 20th November, 1989, advising me the Bishop's Conference do not deal with such matters, and to contact my local Bishop. I contacted the Cardinal of Uganda again, but was advised he was seriously ill in Hospital.

In the same year I visited Rome and spoke to the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, via Monsignor Kabunga, the private Secretary of the Pope. Monsignor Kabunga advised me that the Pope did believe in my Mission and would help me at a later date. The Pope accepted the Order of Saint Charbel and advised me to continue the work given to me and he would call me later to Rome. Then in June of 1990, I went to Rome again and presented the Order Documents to Monsignor Joseph A. Galante, Under Secretary for the Sacred Congregation for Religious.

In all the years that followed I repeatedly applied to other Bishops around the world asking for the approval of the Mission and Order in their Diocese. However, in most cases was told to go back to my local Diocese.

In August, 1990, I asked Cardinal Clancy for an interview, but he advised me that this matter must be referred to the Bishop of Wollongong, Thus every attempt I made to seek help was simply placed back to where it came.

From 1991 to 1999, I received letters from various Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops, all showing interest in our work and, in some cases, allowing Religious from their Dioceses to study the work of the Order of Saint Charbel. The following are some of the letters:

- * 3th August, 1989 - Bishop ST. Amalnather, Bishop of Tuticorin, South India: approved the construction of a Chapel in his Diocese for the Saint Charbel House of Prayer. Bishop Amalnather wrote several times. On the 10th June, 1996, the same Bishop sent a letter of thanks.
- * 15th June, 1992 - Most Rev. Bishop Philippe Marie Miguet of the Monastere Canonice de Notre Dame de Misericorde of Paris: approved the prayers of the Saint Charbel House of Prayer, and came to Australia to Bless the corner stone of the Order's new Chapel.
- * 8th December, 1992 - Most Rev. Ayo-Maria Atayebi O.P., of the Diocese of Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria: approved the Messages of Our Lady fo the Ark to be printed in his Diocese.
- * 26th February, 1993 - Cardinal Anthony Padiyara of Ernakulam, Kochi, Kerala, India: He sent his Blessing and regards to all members of the Order. In 1992, he sent me a Christmas card, and prior to that a letter expressing his pleasure in our work to our Community in Victoria.
- * In 1994, His Excellency Archbishop Habib-Bacha, Head of the Melkite Catholics, della-soc-dei Missionari di-S-Paolo, Archeveche-Grec-Melkite, Catholique Sabtieh Firdacus BP 58, Lebanon: Approved the Saint Charbel Houses of Prayer.
- * Also in 1994, His Beatitude, the Patriarch, Masrallah Pierre Sfeir, Bkerke, Lebanon: Blessed the Saint Charbel Houses of Prayer, and encouraged them.
- * 2nd February, 1996 - Bishop Peter Chenaparampil of the Diocese of Alleppey, Alappuzha Kerala, India - wishes the Order well. On the the 4th March, 1996, he wrote a further letter encouraging the growth of the Order. Then on the 18th March, 1996, Bishop Chenaparampil acknowledged my help in his Diocese. He further congratulated the Order of Saint Charbel in May, 1997, and said that he was sorry the Order had not as yet received approval from our Diocese, and asked that we pray for this.
- * 13th March, 1998 - I received a letter from Cardinal Meisner of the Koln Diocese, Marzellenshrase 32, Koln, Germany: In response to my request, he accepted for us to place

the Order in His Diocese.

- * July, 1998 - Archbishop Balthazar Cardoza of Merida, Venezuela: sent his Blessing to the Order by allowing a Sister Maria Azucena Rodriguez - a Dominican Nun - to spend many months studying the Order in Australia, so that a Community could be formed in Merida.
- * 9th November, 1998 - Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan of Tugneyarao, Philippines, regarding the Order of Saint Charbel: ***"Any Organisation approved by the Church will always be of great help. I suggest you wait for the result of the Investigation. "***
- * 3rd May, 1999 - We were advised that Bishop Davies of the Diocese of Ngong, Nairobi, Kenya, Blessed the work of the Order and recommended it to the Bishop's Conference in Kenya.
- * 4th May, 1999 - the order of Saint Charbel received Approval as an Order, through Bishop Bartholomew Schneider. He is the Abbot of the Franciscan Hermits Regular of the Third Order, at Gustav-Oel Street 7, D-53129, Bonn, West Germany, under Archbishop Thuc's Line of Sucession.
- * 3rd September, 1999 - Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila, Philippines, advised us that he would be pleased to have the Order in his Diocese.

These and even more of other Eastern Rite Bishops, have involved themselves in support of the work of this Mission which includes the Saint Charbel Houses of Prayer, the Order of Saint Charbel, and the Mission of Our Lady of the Ark. This does not include the hundreds of Priests and Religious involved in this Movement, some five-hundred Priests and four-hundred Nuns from various Dioceses, Parishes, Monasteries and Convents.

All these are documented with original documents from the Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Superiors, Prioresses. All will be available for the Church to investigate.

So for Bishop Wilson to say we have no Church acceptance, or approval, is totally wrong in fact and in truth. In the end, truth will triumph, and many will hang their heads in shame because of their denial of truth. This is the sin of the ages which has been buried in the hearts of many clergy and men of power and influence the SIN OF OMISSION.

Let us pray for Bishop Wilson and the Church that all may realise that we are all just clay before God, and we are required to be submissive to the truth of God's Light. When all of us stand before God can we honestly say we did our best to live the truth?



WILLIAM KAMM
8th October, 1999