

THE BULLETIN

"So the faith was planted: so must it be restored"

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My Dear Friends in Christ,

In November of 1993, Bishop Alfred Mendez wrote a notarized statement to which he gave the title "*SI DILIGIS ME . . .*" These words are taken from the Introit of the Common of the Mass of a Pope. They are based on the words spoken to St. Peter by Our Lord before His Ascension into heaven. The words of the Introit are these: "*If thou lovest Me [Si diligis Me], Simon Peter, feed My lambs, feed My sheep.*"

Although the words come from the Mass of a Pope, and although they were directed by Christ to St. Peter, Bishop Mendez pointed out in his statement that all bishops possess "the 'fullness of the Priesthood'" and are in some fashion obliged to spiritually feed both priests and the laity. Indeed, he said that despite the fact that he was retired:

"I remain a Bishop, still responsible in my lifetime to do all in my power to feed the lambs and sheep, which means to secure for them the Sacraments of the Church."

He did secure the Sacraments for the Faithful by ordaining Fr. Paul Baumberger and Fr. Joseph Greenwell. But as a condition of their ordinations Bishop Mendez personally demanded of me that I assume responsibility for them. This I would only agree to do if they agreed to sign a commitment which would bind them for the rest of their lives under pain of sin. This was so important in the eyes of Bishop Mendez that had I not agreed to assume responsibility for these young priests, he would not have ordained them. That is why all the priests that I have ordained or will ordain in the future are bound under pain of mortal sin to live according to the Constitutions of the *Congregation of St. Pius V*. The Society of St. Pius V has no Constitutions but only certain "Rules of Procedure." This was the best we could do at the time. But for the future all new priests must be bound by the Constitutions of the *Congregation*. This is for the good of these young priests, for the good of the Faithful, and for the good of the Church. It is for the good of the lambs and sheep of Christ and is according to the

mind of the Church as expressed in Canon 111 and in her traditions from the earliest times.

In his notarized statement, after having spoken of the ordination of priests to provide the Mass and the Sacraments for the Faithful, Bishop Mendez went on to speak about my Episcopal consecration which he did in order "to continue the priesthood . . . for them," that is to say, "for the Faithful."

In this same spirit, after much prayerful consideration and years of reflection, I have decided to consecrate a bishop for the same reasons that Bishop Mendez consecrated me - to feed the Faithful and to continue the priesthood. This I will do, God willing, on February 28, 2007 at St. Pius V Chapel in Oyster Bay Cove, New York.

Finally, we live in a time of great apostasy from God and His holy Catholic Church. Yet, the day will come when Our Lord will bring this terrible - but necessary - chastisement to an end and will then restore the Catholic Church in all her glory. That glory is now hidden from mankind by a kind of spiritual eclipse. But this will change on the day and at the hour appointed by Our Lord Jesus Christ - the One and only Savior of Mankind. This He will do. Indeed, this He must do. For His Church - the Catholic Church against which "the gates of Hell shall not prevail" - is and will remain until the end of the world the one and only Institution of Salvation founded by Him. The Catholic Church is indefectible and thus imperishable and immutable in her teaching, her constitution and her worship.

In the interim, we must do all in our power to promote God's glory and the salvation of souls. This was and remains my only intention in founding the *Congregation of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Our Savior* in 1984 and the *Congregation of St. Pius V* in 1996. This same intention is my only intention with regard to my decision to consecrate Fr. Joseph Santay a Bishop of the Catholic Church and of the *Congregation of St. Pius V*.

May he be consumed by the fires that burn in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May he be protected under the mantle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And may he pray each and every day of his life to the Holy

Ghost for guidance and strength.

In the Heart of Jesus and Mary,

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