

Dear friends and benefactors,

On these of twenty-five years anniversary of the survival operation, it might be useful to draw a parallel between Mgr. Marcel Lefebvre and St. Joan of Arc. The latter said with simplicity and strength:

“ In fact, there is nobody in the world, neither king nor duke, nor daughter of the king of Scotland, or someone else who could regain the kingdom of France. And it would help if it is not me. “<sup>(1)</sup>

Mgr. Lefebvre said, in turn, with a similar unpretentiousness :

“There is no pride or complacency to say that God in His merciful wisdom, saved the legacy of His Priesthood, His grace, His revelation, through these two bishops (Mgr Castro Mayer himself). We did not choose but God did, He guided us in the maintenance of all the wonders of His Incarnation and His Redemption. “(... )

“I can hear people say : “You’re exaggerating ! We have more and more good bishops who pray, have faith, who are sharing their teachings... “Would the saints, when they accept the false religious freedom, that is the secular state, the false ecumenism, the admission of several ways of salvation, the liturgical reform, the practical negation of the sacrifice of the Mass, the new catechisms with all their errors and heresies, they officially contribute to the revolution in the Church and its destruction.”<sup>(2)</sup>

In a beautiful article Mgr. Tissier de Mallerai published in “The Salt of the Earth,” and in line with Mgr. Lefebvre, he forcefully declared his opposition to any communion with the enemies of the Church who officially contribute to its destruction. I somewhat criticized him in another writing, I would like to do him justice and make amends by recognizing the merit of his beautiful article.

That said, we would like to see him do more and Father Faure who could make the most of good anti-modernist doctrines, what Mgr. Tissier de Mallerai has got at a higher level; he has courageously denounced the leaders’ liberal orientations of the Brotherhood, what Mgr. Tissier de Mallerai has not yet done. And why has he not yet done it? The answer can be found with Father Faure. Like De Gaulle in Algeria, like Pope Paul VI with the Second Vatican Council, the language and ambiguous actions of Menzingen confuse more than one. Thus the policy of reconciliation goes out of its way, little by little, all that could be an obstacle to progressive rapprochement with or without consent. The benefit of the doubt continues to bear bitter fruit and paralyzes the best. Mgr. Lefebvre can maintain Tradition by resisting the liberal temptation, withstanding can be shown both by priests or by lay people, by those in the Brotherhood or by those outside.

What will be the outcome of this fight, since it is a real fight? only God knows what may happen. Whether the Brotherhood regains or a new organization emerges or withstanding is spread here and there, what is certain is that our duty is to keep intact the deposit of faith following the example of Bishop Lefebvre. The soldiers will fight and God will give the victory in time.

Let our Lady keep us away from double talk. Let our yes be yes, our no be no. Everything else comes from the devil.

Father Prior  
September 12, 2013  
Feast of Holy Name of Mary

(1) Father Rioult - Joan of Arc - Clovis editions - page 292

(2) Father Pivert - Our relations with Rome, page 66

## Twenty- Five Years

The twenty-five years’ anniversary of the survival operation is also the anniversary of our break with Dom Gerard, due to his refusal of the agreement made between Barroux and the Conciliar Church. Both documents listed below make us relive these decisive days for our monastery. Let Our Lady keep us faithful to the grace received there twenty-five years ago when Mgr. Lefebvre helped and guided us in that fight which was well above our strength.

# The 1988 Agreements

Letter of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
to Dom Gerard Calvet

Rome, 25-7-1988

Reverend Father,

In response to the letter you sent to the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on July 8, and your Petition to Pope dated the same day, the Cardinal Prefect of the Congregation and the Cardinal President of the special Commission established in accordance with the Motu Proprio "Ecclesia Dei" dated 2 July 1988 are happy to inform you of the following.

During an audience granted to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger on July 23, 1988, the Pope kindly declared:

1. I cancel all the censures and irregularities incurred - due to the receipt of Holy Orders from Bishop Marcel Lefebvre then "a divinis" - all members of Sainte-Madeleine community in Barroux and Santa Cruz of Nova Friburgo;

2. I grant the two communities full reconciliation with the Apostolic See, under the conditions already offered by Cardinal Paul Augustin Mayer during his visit to the monastery of Le Barroux on June 21, 1988, in accordance with paragraph 6 a) of the Motu Proprio "Ecclesia Dei", namely:

permission to use, in private and in public, liturgical books in force in 1962, for community members and those who attend their houses ;

the possibility to call a bishop, according to the canonical rules, to give orders following the Pontifical authorized the prior of each autonomous house to issue dimissorial letters required ;

the right of the faithful to receive the sacraments according to the books granted in homes communities, following Canons 878, 896 and 1122 of the CIC ;

the possibility of a pastoral through apostolic works and the offices are borne by communities, following Canons 679-683.

These measures will take effect upon receipt of this letter. Other potential legal problems will have to be submitted to the jurisdiction of the Special Committee who is to implement the Motu Proprio "Ecclesia Dei."

Finally, with regard to the integration of the two communities into the Benedictine Confederation, the Cardinal President of the Special Commission requires the abbot to take with him arrangements, as expressed on this subject in your letter dated 8 July 1988.

We must add that the Holy Father, sensitive to the feelings of loyalty and attachment you have shown, has no doubt about your sincere wish to contribute to the good of souls through your ministry and fellowship with Himself and all the Pastors of the Church, and He especially counts on your prayers and those of your brothers.

Reverend Father, sincerely in the Lord.

Joseph Card. Ratzinger

Paul Augustin Card. Mayer

## Statement denying the concessions of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

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### DECLARATION

As Prior of the Monastery of Santa Cruz da Nova Friburgo - RJ Brazil, after having considered the problem and prayed before God, considering my responsibility towards this monastery and my eternal salvation, I come before my Superiors before my brethren and the Holy Church to declare the following:

The Monastery of Santa Cruz refuses the agreement between the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in the person of Cardinal Ratzinger and Mayer and Dom Gerard Calvet, Prior of the Monastery of St. Madeleine du Barroux.

Our Monastery of Santa Cruz was included in the terms of the agreement that we come here to refuse, because we has not been consulted about it, although we were in Le Barroux during the negotiations. Our disagreement was known.

The reasons for our refusal :

1 - This agreement means our insertion and our commitment towards “the conciliar Church.” This can be inferred from the Canons mentioned in the agreement and that put us in close contact with the diocesan bishop and under his control. According to Canon 679, which is part of the agreement, the diocesan bishop, whose criteria are always those of the New Church, has the power to expel us from the diocese.

2 - The agreement provides our full reconciliation with the Apostolic See under the terms of the Motu Proprio “Ecclesia Dei”, a document that proclaimed the excommunication of Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. But we have never been separated from the Apostolic See and we will continue to declare and profess our perfect communion with the See of Peter. We separate from the modernist and liberal who organized the meeting in Assisi and praised Luther. We do not want reconciliation with Rome.

3 - The agreement is based on the Motu Proprio “Ecclesia Dei” which excommunicated Archbishop Lefebvre. So taking part in this agreement, we will recognize the injustice exercised towards Archbishop Lefebvre, Bishop Antonio de Castro Mayer and four new bishops whose excommunication was null and void. We do not follow Bishop de Castro Mayer or Archbishop Lefebvre as leaders. We follow the Catholic Church. But at present, the two confessors of the faith were the only bishops against the self-destruction of the Church. It is not possible for us to be separated from them. Thus, as it was the case in the fourth century, at the time of Arianism, it was a sign of orthodoxy to be “in communion with Athanasius” (and not with Pope Liberius ) and so we think that to united with Archbishop Lefebvre and Bishop de Castro Mayer is a sign of loyalty to the Church. Saint Paul the Hermit gives us a good example when asking St. Anthony, Patriarch of hermits, to be buried in the cloak of St. Athanasius. The reason, according to St. Jerome, was that he wanted to make it clear that he would rather die for the faith and in communion of St. Athanasius, defender of orthodoxy against the Arian heresy.

4 - The wish expressed by virtually all Brazilian benefactors also lead us to reject the agreement. In doing so we are also trying to respect Canon 1300 of the Code.

To our Superiors we feel obliged for our faith and vocation, to repeat the words of St. Godfrey of Amiens and Saint Hugh of Grenoble to Pope Paschal II “... God forbid as you would be to move away from your obedience. “

And St. Bernard tells us : “He who acts badly because he was ordered to do so does not act out of obedience but out of rebellion. He does it the other way round, he stops obeying God to obey men. “(Cf. Complete Works of Saint Bernard - Charpentier Tome I Ep. VII).

Br. Thomas Aquinas OSB  
On the feast of the Apostle Saint Bartholomew  
in the year of our Lord 1988.

With our best wishes. May our Lord blessed  
you all for Christmas and the New Year.

## Report of the Cellarer

Our school run by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary Institute, needs new mistresses and new buildings to cope with the increasing number of pupils.

The monks, too, still need your charity to lead their monastic existence. All of them are grateful to you for any help you can give, and you can be sure of their prayers for all your intentions.

Brother Cellarer

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