

Guadalajara, Jalisco, on the twenty-sixth day of the month of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

Eminent Mr. José Francisco Cardinal Robles Ortega.

Most Reverend Father Javier Magdaleno Cueva.

Archdiocesan Curia of Guadalajara.

Present.

By means of the present letter, and in attention to the decree promulgated on the twenty-first day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one, we express our deep sorrow and extreme sadness for the measures taken with respect to our extinct quasi-parish *San Pedro en Cadenas* and our priests who are members of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter.

It was with great surprise and distress that we received the above decree by which we clearly note that the long-term goal is to extinguish the celebration of the Holy Mass according to the missal of St. John XXIII, in this our Archdiocese.

We declare that we do not reject the celebration of the Holy Eucharist according to the liturgical books promulgated by St. Paul VI and St. John Paul II. We consider it totally sacred and worthy of all respect. If at any time we have been tempted to think otherwise, the priests of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter have always corrected us so that we might not fall into the schismatic positions of which we are now falsely accused. We are devoted to the Church because it is our greatest desire to never be separated from her, our Mother.

Many of us used to participate actively in our territorial parishes all around the city. There we often heard priests say that we must always listen to the people of God. We heard that clericalism is intolerable. We now wish to affirm these frequent declarations of the clergy of our archdiocese and insist that they now listen to us, since we are also their sheep. The Holy Father insists constantly that we must go out to the existential peripheries. We feel ourselves to be now on the ecclesiastical periphery. Being sheep, we have received the treatment appropriate for wolves.

We have been judged and condemned without being heard. Our parish was suppressed at the stroke of a pen, leaving us without the priests who know our souls and who have labored tirelessly to lead us to heaven. We were falsely accused of denying the validity of the Second Vatican Council and the sacraments celebrated according to the newer liturgical books. We have never been approached or contacted by the Archdiocese or have had the benefit even of a pastoral visitation by the Cardinal or one of his auxiliaries. Such actions would have shown a sincere concern for our souls. That is why we feel that we have been relegated to the ecclesiastical periphery where it will be easier to push us eventually out of the bosom of the Church that both we and our pastors are equally members of - the Catholic Church in which we desire to live and die.

The Holy Father in his Motu Proprio expressly requested the following:

"§ 5. To proceed in the case of personal parishes canonically erected for the benefit of these faithful, to an adequate evaluation of their real usefulness for spiritual growth, and to evaluate whether or not to maintain them."

*M. P. Traditionis Custodes.*

So, with the greatest respect and with the supplication of a child to his father, we ask for the reinstatement of our quasi-parish because this evaluation was never conducted and if it were, we are certain that abundant spiritual fruits would have been recognized.

*"... or is there anyone among you who gives a stone to a son who asks for bread, or if he asks for a fish, a snake?"*

In the few years that our parish has been in existence, it has given innumerable fruits such as a religious sister, four priests plus others who are studying in the seminary, many conversions and baptisms of adults who are now living a sincere Catholic life. That is why we request the revocation of the decree issued by His Eminence, the Archbishop of Guadalajara on September twenty-first, two thousand and twenty-one, as far as the canonical suppression is concerned, and that a proper evaluation first be made, as requested by the Holy Father, in which we, the first and principally affected, that is, we the faithful of the quasi-parish, are heard and understood. At the end of the day, we too are part of the flock. We are certainly sinners like all the rest. But we remain sheep belonging to the flock of the one, true Good Shepherd.

And having made the above-mentioned evaluation, we request the dispensation of the Motu Proprio Traditionis Custodes issued by the Holy Father, in conformity with canon 87 of the Code of Canon Law which reads:

87 § 1. The diocesan Bishop, whenever, in his judgment, that this is for the spiritual good of the faithful, may dispense the faithful from both universal and particular disciplinary laws promulgated for his territory or for his subjects by the supreme authority of the Church; but not from procedural or penal laws, nor from those whose dispensation is reserved especially to the Apostolic See or to another authority.

We profess to you the greatest love and respect, but at the same time we reiterate our deep sorrow. Although this new Motu Proprio repeals and abrogates the disciplinary dispositions of the previous Motu Proprio, it does not abrogate the reasoning and argumentation of the previous Holy Fathers. Thus, we continue to hold with our beloved Bishop Emeritus of Rome that "...what for previous generations was sacred, also for us remains sacred and great and cannot suddenly be totally forbidden or even harmful."

H.H. Benedict XVI.

Your children in Christ, who sign at the bottom.