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## MEANING OF COAT OF ARMS

1. A Coat of Arms, or an Escutcheon, is an ancient form of Heraldry to distinguish a certain person, family or group from every other one, and to give out the purpose which this person or group wishes to fulfill. It is an ancient custom for Bishops, each to have a special Coat of Arms, such as is the one on this page for Bishop Altenbach. The Symbolism of the Emblem is of sacred significance, and needs very little explanation, because all the symbols express the essence of our Divinely Revealed Catholic Faith.

2. Suppose we review the sacred items of this beautiful Emblem, starting at the tip at the bottom of the shield: the "M" stands for our Blessed Mother Mother Mary, through whose "FIAT" our Redemption was accomplished, namely, the CRIB of the Divine Incarnation, the CROSS of our Redemption, and the ALTAR of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. These Holy Symbols are imposed upon the SWORD of TRUTH and upon the SHIELD of FAITH, and are impregnated with the meaning of THE MOTTO of the Bishop, namely, FAITH, HOPE and CHARITY!

3. It is the obligation and privilege of a Bishop to implement all these Sacred Symbols to TEACH, to RULE and to SANCTIFY the souls under his fatherly care. THE KEY represents fidelity to the Holy See and represents the promise of eternal heavenly reward for fidelity to our Holy Faith: The CREED of Belief, the CODE of Conduct and the CULT of Divine Worship. Without this threefold faculty, exercised and diligently applied, the very purpose of Christ's Church would be frustrated.

4. In order to Sanctify souls by their participation in the Holy Sacrifice symbolized by the CHALICE and HOST, the teaching and ruling of their Bishop is taken for granted, as represented by THE CROSIER, THE MITRE and the HOLY BOOK.

Throughout all this essential and intensely divine activity there is the HOLY GHOST shown in the FORM of a DOVE inspiring, directing and producing the supernatural results of Holiness of living in the countless souls who are willing to submit to the generosity of a Divine Lover, Who assures them: "Yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee." (Jer. 31.3)

In The Sacred Hearts,

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TO ALL SOULS UNDER MY CARE:

God, through His One and Only True Church established divine terms in order to obtain Grace and Benediction, by doing that which He willed: to know, to love and serve Him, in order to save our immortal souls.

This letter is a warning to all souls under my spiritual care - a serious warning that it has become my duty to issue, by the circumstance of my being recently consecrated a Bishop.

A man who claims to be "Father Dominic Savio" who is, in fact Michael Degnan, is not even a Catholic. He claims to have been ordained by a Bishop, which Bishop belongs to the Old Catholic United sect. Michael Degnan, by having himself ordained by a prelate of the Old Catholic United sect, (thereby objured the Catholic Faith and joined the Old Catholic United sect,) which is heretical and schismatic. In addition, Michael Degnan was unable to produce documentation as to which Rite was used in his "ordination" and explained his inability to do so by stating that when he requested a copy of the Rite from the ordaining Bishop, that Bishop stated that -

- a) he could not recall which Rite he had used and
- b) that he had lost the one and only copy of that Rite that he had.

It all comes down to the simple question: "How can a Non-Catholic Bishop (Bp. Swigert) ordain a Catholic Priest?"

This then created the basis for a reasonable doubt as to Michael Degnan actually being a priest, whether Catholic or Old Catholic United and precludes anyone, including most especially Bishop Vezelis, from being certain that Michael Degnan, is, in fact, a priest. C E R T A I N T Y is required in a matter of this gravity.

Michael Degnan was not properly investigated by Bishop Vezelis and yet this was Bishop Vezelis' very serious responsibility in that he was the Bishop of this area at that time. Indeed, Bishop Vezelis sent Michael Degnan to help at St. Pius V in Mukwonago, Wis., during my illness in December of 1983. What developed in St. Pius V parish since then is unjustifiable and was directly caused by Michael Degnan, in collaboration with Bishop Vezelis.

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We hereby warn all souls to have nothing to do with Michael Degnan, who is definitely not a Catholic Priest, who lied to my people, deceived them and is stealing material means from them under the false pretense of claiming to be a Catholic Priest. Those souls who disregard this warning and keep on cooperating with this Fake-Catholic-Priest, Michael Degnan, do so at their own eternal peril of joining a Heretic and Schismatic and incur all ecclesiastical penalties.

It is the duty of every soul involved to make these facts known to all others caught in the false meshes of the Degnan-Vezelis-Net-of-Deceit.

The enclosed copy of Bishop Musey's letter on the status of Michael Degnan is a powerful confirmation of the duty resting on each and every soul involved in this sordid, unfortunate betrayal and piracy of St. Pius V Parish by a Fake-Catholic-Priest, Michael Degnan - encouraged and supported by Bishop Vezelis.

It is significant to note that during this time of treachery, Bishop Vezelis and Michael Degnan tried by many means, including using the Sacraments as weapons and the threat of excommunication, to keep Father Altenbach and Father Siebert from being consecrated Bishops and to keep all former members of St. Pius V Church from attending the consecrations.

Wouldn't you expect Bishop Vezelis, who was in charge of the entire Eastern half of the United States, to welcome help from a growing Episcopacy?

God will bless and reward your cooperation.

In The Sacred Hearts,

+ Bishop Altenbach