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Dear Dr. Heller:

I received a card from you on May 24, 1982; and a letter containing the printed material, on May 28, 1982. Thank you for them. What was intended to Fr. McKenna, I mailed it to him. (in Dallas, Texas)

Last week we had a meeting with the two Mexican bishops and one American whom they consecrated (George Musey), before. Beside them, there were about 12 traditionalist priests. (Not a great number!) The meetings were informal, without a definite schedule. In my opinion, we did not accomplish much. We were in agreement, that a Seminary should be established somewhere in the U.S.A. However, nothing of concrete steps for this purpose was decided.

The bishops spent considerable time stressing the "per se" invalidity of the new Mass (NOM). Some of us found this as a speculative theological question, which needs more time to be decided "ex cathedra", - as Pope Leo XIII did with the validity of Anglican ordinations. We felt, that we are not competent to pronounce "ex cathedra" decisions. Our concern is, to guide our people toward salvation by preserving the true Cath. Faith, and the true Sacrifice of the Mass. For this purpose it is enough if we reject the NOM as conceived in evil intention, and has ^{been} proven evil by its fruits. In practice, as you well know, there is no uniform NOM. As many "priests", as many kinds of NOM. Every "priest" is making his own NOM. Meanwhile, it is also possible that some older priests, with good intention, with the proper words can say a valid Mass in vernacular. E.g. I cannot condemn Card. Mindszenty for saying the Mass in Hungarian, after he left the American Embassy of Budapest. In his captivity he was unable to get true information about the evil nature of Vat.2. and the NOM. Later on, while travelling in the world, he began to see the true picture; he might have planned some public statement in this matter, but his sudden death made this impossible.

It is easier to form an agreement on the "sede vacante" idea. The heresy of JP2 is well known to the public (at least for those who care about it). But again, for practical purposes, I would not make much and wild demonstrations about it.

It is like when a father in the family becomes alcoholic and adulterous. The children would not advertise it in the papers, or on TV. The same way, we just realize it for ourselves, that for practical purposes we don't have a pope; we are on our own; we have to take care of the family without the father.

In my last letter to you (May 10, 1982) I asked about the names of those whom NDT consecrated bishops beside Msgr. des Lauriers. And the age of the youngest one among them. And another question was: if you ^{are in} contact with Fr. Oswald Baker of Downham Market in England?

At the meetings (as far as I know) there was no talk about future consecrations. On May 27, Thursday evening, Bishop Carmona celebrated a Pontifical High Mass. About 50 people were present. Next day I left Dallas, thus I do not know what the newspapers wrote about the event.

We are keeping Archbishop Martin Thuc in our prayers.

Prayerfully Yours in Christ and Mary,

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