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Dr. Eberhard Heller
Einsicht

Dear Dr. Heller:

I could not write you as soon I wished because to my ordinary illness it is added a tropical fever that some times take me. I am not much better but I am go to try to tell you the most important questions pendent.

yesterday from 1.- About Mgr. Carmona and Seminary. He returned yesterday from his visit to numerous groups, and called me to tell me this:

In the city of Hermosillo, a great city in the l^{os} s with the United States, there is a great group with many people of superior culture, professionals, masters, etc., They have there several seminaristic vocations and have been much interesting in having a seminary here in México. In the last visit Mgr. Carmona faunded the surprise they had to him that they have been working to do a directive group to have the seminary in that city, and they have obtained a good place to do the construction of the house. The "Patronato" has begun to do the ed~~i~~ building, and they hope to see it finished in october, to begin to work in september, with the four that Mgr. Carmona has with him, and those of Hermosillo and several others that wait in other groups.

Now, this is a fact. Mgr. is very happy with this, and people of groups is with a great enthusiasm. They say that is the building is not finished they will begin in a rented house.

¿Haw is going to work this seminary, I asked? Mgr. told me that in Hermosillo there is a man forty years old that was a benedictin, that has finished all his seminaristic studies in the old seminary, and that at last was not ordeined because he was to be the unique support of his ill and ancient-old mother. But ther is not other reason for him to don't be a priest; he is in the group of Hermosillo, and teaches gregorian music to the people there. His mother has died. He accepted to be as the director and teacher in the seminary there, and to br ordeined in two years more, as he want to be very good prepared for this. But he will be in the seminary living. Several professionals of Hermosillo that are serious layman, will give the classes they can, but the better of all, is that this people, -I think- will be as vigilants that will not let go the -- things wrong. I have in Hermosillo a friend that is the leader of the youngs, Manuel López; I am going to write him to know more about the plains. It is enough for me that Manuel is in the program; he is a very well prepared layman.

Now, Mgr. Carmona told me that he is going to be the Director of the seminary, traveling to Hermosillo to visit the seminary. I said him that it is not convenient the seminary is without the near vigilance of a bishops. He said me he has not yet speak with Mgr. Bravo, who has said he will go where the seminary is, and it is probably Mgr. B. accepts and then Mgr. Carmona will go to visit there.

The conclusion is: All catholics, (Union and not of Union) see that the most important question now is to have a Seminary. And it is a fact that the seminary will go on (with God aid). Mgr. Carmona said me that he is going to write a letter to you and send it to me to traduce it to english, to tell you about the seminary. I will send you this letter when I have it.

I asked Mgr. about father Ripoll, the ordeined without studies, and He answer me that he is working very well, fighting against masons, comunists and postconciliars, etc., That he is not going to do him bishope. About the boy that came from the aparitio nistic center of Puruarán, Mgr. told me: That he was tewlve years old when he, having the wish to be a priest for the truly Church, didn't knew then of any catholic seminary. He was entered about the little group that traditional priests had in Puruarán, and he went there, studing, and giving credibility to the aparitions to an indian woman, but when he ~~was~~ has been there three years, begun the questions of the other visionaries, when the first woman died, the dolls that speak, etc., and than he went away from there, and the fathers that attended the seminarist also. The boy didn' lost the hope to faund a catholic seminary some day, and when he new about Mgr. Carmona near two years ago, he begun to write to Him, and finished coming to live with Mgr., begging him to teach him, Mgr. Carmona said me that he has observed the boy in the months living with him; he has a good preparation everthless it studied under the direction of those jesuits, his theological preparation is good, his intention good, his conduct good. That He can not say to him to go away because it is a responsability for him to kill this vocation.

Well, I tell all this to you. Also told me Mgr. that as they the bishops are of old age, they can not give the seminarists ten or twelve years of studies; that He and the man to be the director of the seminary, and the professionals of Hermosillo, have did a a plain of studies of five years with the must important, and the new priests will continue studing after ordination. He gol me they are not going to ordein very young man. Those that go in in the seminary having 15, can not be ordeined at tewlve. They mus hope.

Now my opinion is:

The catholic seminary is a fact. We can not be oposed to it only if we considere as wrong the methods or persons are going to take part in it. Teachers, pupils, or methods

The Seminary is not a foundation of the Union Trento, but of Mgr. Carmona and catholics, some of the Union and others not of the Union, but I think it is better so, that it is a labor of the Catholic Church, not of a catholic group, as must be a catholic Seminary. And if we are with them, we can have a good influence with them. That questions of the man ordeined without studies I hope is going only one and no more, never, as Mgr. has tell me. The other boy camed from Puruarán center repu diating it; this case is not enough to not to be with Mgr.

THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION is that Mgr. Carmona wants to be in accord with you about the Seminary; have your opinions, Mgr. Carmona is a man of a great sincerity. A good man. He is very tired I as can see; the problem here is not to have no catholics, but that th~~ey~~ convinced of the truth, go every day in more and more number to our bishops; catholics are building chapels everywhere; offering aid everthless that here in Mexico the economical situation is explisave.

ONE IMPORTANT QUESTION.- About Semina- rys, here is now in Acapulco visiting Mgr. Carmona one priest that has come from Germany; he is a francisian that has abandoned post- conciliars, and has being wrriting Mgr. about his intention to found a Seminary in Germany, under the authority of Mgr. Carmona. Mgr. put at the telepfhone to this priest, whos name is....

Agustín Pool, but I could not understand him. He only speaks german and latin, but I didn't understand. Afortunatly, with Mgr. Carmona is Guillermo, that I told you that studied in a seminary of Lefebvre, and could talk elemental words in french with father Pool. This father says that he is in conditions to found in Germany a Seminary, that he would only put as teachers to priest of old age, to asure doctrine and moral to the pupils. Mgr. Carmona told me that in latin he has say to father Pool that He, Mgr., can not be the director or have responsability of a Seminary so far. Mgr. ~~te~~ say to father Pool he must go to visit you, in Munich, because He, Mgr., has an accord to don't do anything without having a common opinion of all us that are in this labor.

So, if father Agustin Pool visits you, you have this antecedents. I think it ir riesgouse to have a Seminary under authority of our bishops so far, but this will be well if that is a way to you for be pendent of so a Seminary.

ABOUT LEFEBVRISTS, other question to have us soon the seminary, is because some of those seminarist (mexican) that were sent to Lefebvres seminaries years ago, are going to be ordeined soon. This are of those that didn't wanted to abandon the seminary when Lefebvre changed. Two or three of them are of Guadalajara; I think that if in this city they think that the "hope is with Lefebvre", they will call this priests to atend the groups they control and then we will have a great danger of loose not only vocations, for the truly Church, but to loose people in the truly line.

Well, I have tell you all about Seminary. It has been a surprise to me also to know that those of Hermosillo had taken a decision against all terrible circumstances and menaces. But now I see this as a hope in meedle of the tempesty.

Soon you will have the letter I will send you from Mgr. Carmona in english to don't loose time.

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2.- About the Group of Fatima in the United States. Mgr. Carmona and Bravo had recognized them as catholics as the other bishops, Mgrs. Altttenbach, Siebert and Musey.

I must tell you that Mgr. Carmona informed me two days after going to the United States about this Comunity, but I had not enough information since Sister María Mercedes visited me. I only had confidence in what Mgr. Carmona told me about the Comunity, that was with little datos.

Well, the story is: that in 1967 a group of layman an named Shuckard that has abandoned the ~~protestant~~ seminary, formed a group of layman to fight for the truly Faith, as they had seen - the destruction of the Church with the Vatican II. Specially, they wanted to work to preserve catholic doctrines recognizing Popes on-ly since Pio XII, and to extende Fatima's message. The group had many young woman and some of them decided to found a religieuse congregation for this same ideals. They begun with five young women in a little convent (own of them) in Idaho, in 1967, as well erected by the local bishops as a "Simple Diocesana" congregation.

Sure, when those of the new church saw that the nuns were teaching catholic doctrines and encourage people to defend the truly doctrine, they could not have (and didn't want) to go on with more documents of canonical acceptance by the new church. But the community was formed and was growing.

The name of the Community of the nuns and of the friars now too, is "COMMUNITY OF MARY IMMACULATE QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE".

In other hand, the layman man looking at the necessity to preserve the Catholic doctrine and sacraments, begun to think in the necessity of a man community. At this, the group was giving a hard battle a cause of the New Mass; when this polemic was public, the group received the encouragement of a bishop they didn't knew: he was -- Daniel O. Brown, who was added them in the battle. They had a great and good surprise to found such a bishops when all were against them, and put in contact with him directly. Bishop Brown then told them he has received the consecration by the Bishops Rogers of Old Roman Catholics. But that he was a really catholic, Then they say to him they can not have anything to do with him. Bishop then told them that he was borned and raised in the Roman Catholic Church, but at last, he became very decepcionate and confussing by the changes a cause of the Vatican II. He left what he considered the wrong church, and became affiliated with the North American Old Roman Catholic Church, (not Old Catholics), of the United States under bishops Rogers. Brown studied at the Old Roman Catholic seminary and was ordained and consecrated by bishop Rogers. For some time Brown functionated as an Old Roman Catholic Bishops, but in september of 1970, he broken with the Old Roman Church, and begun referring to himself as a Roman Catholic bishops. Working alone with the layman that were with him in the fight for the catholic doctrines.

All this exposition is in the documents I am adding to this. There are very good proves about validity of ordinations and consecrations to aid us to defend the consecrations did Mgr. Thuc (RIP).

Well, seeing that there no was other hope -as they can see- to have a catholic seminary to save the Apostolic Succession, the Community of Mary Immaculate that has a convent for man, begged to bishops Brown to consecrate bishops to Schuckard. So, that catholic community could have, and have, priest of the apostolic sucesion with the catholic doctrine and sacraments.

They had ordained three priests when their bishops Schuckard become ill with a nervous illness and take drugs to obtain health, but not only he didn't obtain this, but became an H.S. !! ... Community refused to be under his authority by this cause. Then, they knew about the catholic bishops near or them and invited them to know them, and their problems. They had a big seminary, 90 nuns in several cities and countries, and a great number of layman, catholics, with them, their schools and labors.

Mgr. Alttenbach and Musey examined their case, and accepted to receive them under their authority; if some doubt could be, they the bishops ordained conditionally the three priests. Now, Mgr. Vezelis is giving a great battle against this community saying that they have heretic and schismatic doctrines, of jansenists, and revolving the questions. He is not sincere.

THE QUESTION IS THIS: There is in the United States and other countries included Mexico a Community of priests that are friars and nuns that only do and teach what Saint Church has always do and teach. With them are thousand of catholics. I have studied the question of the consecrations and ordinations and I see that have been

satisfactory resolved IN THIS CIRCUMSTANCES. In this situations that if have not exist, it would be no necessity to actuate in this ways. Now I beg you please to read the documents I am sending you and give me your opinion.

Mgr. Carmona was invited to the great ceremonie by which the Comunity and laymans with them accepted our bishops as the only catholic in the world.

The question is also that they have a great seminary, very well organized, Mgr. Carmona and our bishops didn't want to consecrate bishop noone yet. Mgr. Carmona invited the nuns to come to Mexico to aid him in the cathechism, and they are working very well.

Here is a little relation of the labors of the Comunity of Mary Inmaculate Queen of the Universe, piest and nuns: (Sister Ma. Mercedes gave me. I speak with her longly and I could only see a very complete instruction in catholic religion and about the theological problems of the postconciliaris. She is native of Puerto Rico, she is one of the founders of the woman comunity, and spea spanish very well. She has now a house that catholics rent for the nuns in Acapulco, and she with other go to found groups, cathechis and have many woman religiose vocations here in Mexico).

The Comunity has: In U.S.A.

A Seminary in Spokane, with six priest, 18 seminaris, It is a convent. They are friars.

The woman comunity has:

The Central Convent of Our Lady of Perpetual Aid, in ~~Idaho~~ Washington.

A Novicias Convent in Idaho.

Primarian Shcool in Idaho and convent there.

Other schools for catholics in Ohio, Laffayette, Louisiana, New Orleans, Pennsylvania. In other countries, New Zelandia, Hawaii, and now, Mexico. (In USA also in Nebraska. They are also nurseys and help in everthing they can.

They have a very good apostolate of press: the Bulletin they publish are:

"Salve Regina", "The Resurrection", "Ecclesia". In the exemplars I am adding you can see the fotos of the priests, nuns, our bishops, people, etc., when our bishops received them, not as reconciliated heretics or cshismatics, because they had not were this, but as catholics recognizing the catholic bishops they have founded.

I repeat, please read the document I send you; I think these people in sincere; Our Lord in meedle of the Chaos has keepe this souls for the Saint Church, I think. It has been for me a surprise also. I ask you, ¿What do you think about?....

Now, I am keeping for other other questions. With this I feel I have rest of the must serious questions I had to tell you I beg you to pray for me, please, because I don't feel well as I say you, and I am here alone with problems as the way have taken those with Lefebvre. I will do all I can to mantain the Union. Mgr. Carmona knows now, I have tell him about the change about Lefebvre, and he is in accord sith me in that we can not have any hope, but much danger in this position.

Sister Ma. Mercedes took me very good notices. There are in the United States near of two hundred priests that are not with the new church. Some alone, other in groups, all they are with the catholic Mass and Sacraments and attends thousands of catholics. There is a movement to unit this priests. Pray for this enterprise. Lefebvrist and "barbarians" and people as Mgr. Vezelis try to confound priest and laymans about our catholic bishops.

Now I finish today with our prayers, my mother sends you also greetings for the Easter. We will have to wait perhaps months to have Holy Mass. It is better other people have this, the people that have recently have contact with our bishops need more. We pray at home. Remember us in your Holy Masses, please.

Your sister in Our Lord, cordially!

Gloria Riestra

Here goes the leak. Copy of the "spanish prior" I told you about!