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Dear Dr. Heller,

I would like very much to obtain a copy of the autobiography of Archbishop P.M. Ngo-dinh-thuc. I have just returned from visiting Fr. Baker in Downham market, and whilst there, he lent me a copy of one of the Einsicht 'specials' (i.e. multi-lingual). It was in this that I read of the autobiography. I understand that it is still only in French. Is this the case? I would like to know some things: 1. What is the cost? 2. In what currency would you like the money order payable in and to whom? 3. Would you prefer U.K. currency notes and if so to what value?

I must admit that I am unable to make up my mind about Mgr. Thuc's actions. Of course, the first I read of him was in a publication by Fr. Barbara, so naturally, my first reaction was unfavourable. I have since been in touch with other traditionalists who are in favour of Thuc, e.g. Fr. Baker, Fr. McKenna (U.S.A.) and Nicolaas Hettinga. I also read some of the articles in the Einsicht copy at Fr. Baker's. So now, I cannot make up my mind. Is it true (as Barbara says) that some of those he consecrated - ~~para~~ apart from the Palmar de Troya people - were apostates and schismatics before Thuc consecrated them and that he made no attempt to convert them? Fr. Barbara says alot of nasty things about Thuc, e.g. schismatic, suspended, excommunicated etc. Whilst I am basically, I think, more for Thuc than against, yet I cannot entirely remove the first impression I got from reading the Barbara booklet (Burning questions - straight answers) and I do not want to be excommunicated etc. for supporting him (Thuc.)

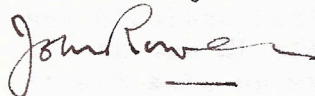
Now however, our mutual friend Mr. Hettinga has changed his mind about Mgr. Thuc. He now says that Thuc and all the other bishops at Vatican II lost their authority due to heresy - i.e. signing the V-II heretical documents, so had no authority to consecrate bishops. Also that all the bishops consecrated my Mgr. Thuc, and those they have since consecrated, are now falling out and arguing all the time with one another. What do you think of all this? Mr. Hettinga was a strong supporter of Thuc, and when I recently met him at Downham Market, he had changed his mind and said all the above things. So, I don't honestly know what to think anymore. I am hoping the autobiography may help me. It's a pity I don't speak German then I could get your magazine.

Also, all the traditionalist groups are always falling out all the time, e.g. Lefebvre, Barbara, M.Gwynne (U.K.) Thuc bishops etc. Do you ever find it all terribly depressing? I do!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours in the Holy Family,

John Rowley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Rowley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. There is a small horizontal line under the name "Rowley".