

**Editor: The Francinta Messenger:**

Yesterday I received the August issue of The Francinta Messenger. I am glad to see, that the series 'UPON THIS ROCK, THE RESTORATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH' is finally coming out. You are doing a great service for the Church by exposing this information to the faithful. I am looking forward to the other two installments.

"The inclusion of this material by David Bawden and Teresa Bennis does not necessarily mean I give my full approval to their efforts. Nor does it imply I have not. My reasons for the inclusion of this material are several. It has been over twenty years since the diaster of Vatican II. Much has been written by competent writers as to what has happened and how it happened. Few have come forward with an objective plan of how we can best solve our present dilemma." You comment correctly. One must look into these matters. In my attempts to follow a priestly vocation I have spent time in Econe and Lefebvre's Society. I have contacted the Thuc bishops, whom I found lacking in Catholicity just as I found Lefebvre lacking. I have studied for nine years seriously into these subjects in order to become a Catholic priest. I do not expect people to leap at this material and accept it at once. I do expect, that they will give it a reasonable look. They will take the time to check the books to see, if Teresa and I report the truth or have erred. If they find us in error, then I expect them to take the time to show me where I have erred. This is simple charity. I have often gone back to the books and pointed out why I think something is wrong or why I agree. If all this series does is to get the Catholic Faithful to take a good long hard look into their religion and begin to study, as directed by Pius XII and others, then we have succeeded.

"We will make every effort to present this series as it is written and will also make every effort to include the 'pros' and 'cons' of other writers many times more capable than ourselves. We believe this series should be brought to the light of day. Your comments will be appreciated."

I, too, wish to study each and every comment made. It might be good to include my address, so that anyone who wishes may contact me directly. I look forward to discussing with other Catholics the truths of Our Holy Faith. Some objections, of course, are already answered in the series. Others, we are not yet aware of. What people need to remember, is that our main objective is to find God's will and to follow it at whatever cost.

Actually I see a Papal election as an act of humility. We are truly trying to restore an authority over us. I have not seen this humility in a Lefebvre or a Thuc, who have set themselves up as mini-popes. We are wanting to place upon ourselves the yoke of obedience. Anyone, who promotes an election, unless he promotes himself for election, is promoting humility for himself. As stated in the series, I see our only solution to this confusion is the election of a Pope. Lefebvre and his ordaining of priests has not ended confusion. Thuc and his consecration of bishops has not ended confusion. Both actions have promoted and further spread confusion. Enough said, I shall await responses to the series.

The inclusion of "THE VIEW FROM HERE - THE FLAWS OF THE TRADITIONALISTS" in the middle of this first installment is quite appropriate. The piece complements the whole idea of this installment. M.M. Jerome should be complemented on his good article.

Next week I am traveling down to Texas to meet with a Catholic priest on the subject of a Papal Election. I shall let you know, if I develop any thing useful while there. May God bless and guide us in these days, "when, if it be possible, even the elect will be deceived."

Again thank you for helping Teresa and I get our reasoning out to the Faithful. May God bless you and yours.

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I should like to express my total agreement with Mr. Bawden's article, "Upon This Rock". His conclusions are also in accord with strong views appearing in Veritas, prior to and including the Feb.-March issue of 1977. The priest authors were Canonists, (excerpt from that issue enclosed).

Also particularly enjoyable and helpful were the articles, stories and comments of Teresa Bennis, M.M. Jerome, Shirley Noll, Patricia Boyd and Thomas J. Quinn.

In contrast, I find myself in total disagreement with the views expressed by Mary Brandt. As one of his readers commented to me, "I can't make any sense out of Bishop McKenna. Enclosed with her letter

to me was the December issue of Catholics Forever. I enclose herein only the chart of the numerous "bishops" ordained before or since his own "consecration".

Some years ago Fr. Noel Barbara dealt with this question in very serious terms, pointing out the grave consequences falling upon all the clerics involved and upon any and all who would have recourse to their ministry except in danger of death. I enclose his detailed statement on the matter, presumably based on Canon Law.

How distressing it is to observe that those appointed to uphold and enforce Church Law are content to disregard it. Is it not the rule that when two laws conflict, one should always obey the HIGHER law?

In closing, I should like to emphasize this quite realistic passage from the Veritas paper.

"The Divine Interdict does not cut us off totally or completely from every and all sources of spiritual life and health. We have still some sources of obtaining God's graces, but we must work harder than in the days before B.2, when the sheep were fat and sleek because graces were so easily come by then, for those who wanted them and appreciated Divine Grace and nourished themselves in the pastures

of the Good Shepherd."

**Sincerely yours,  
K.D., California**

**Editor: The Francinta Messenger:**

Following are my thoughts on "Jurisdiction" evoked by the article in your last issue.

Jurisdiction is necessary in a structured church so that it can function in an orderly manner. It developed immediately following the naming of St. Peter as head of the Church.

But what is this no structured true Church? Jurisdiction then ceases to exist. What of the true priests and true Catholics who now make up the true Church scattered as sheep without a shepherd?

Before Peter was appointed head of the Church, Christ had said to His Apostles, "Go teach all nations, baptizing them, etc." This mandate applied to all times because Christ went on to say, "And I will be with you all days, etc." Therefore true priests are under this mandate to teach always.

Jurisdiction has ceased and will not be resumed until the True Church has again taken its rightful place. In the meantime the True Church now in obscurity must continue to obey Christ's command.

Therefore, all learned studies based on Canon Law and theology concerning jurisdiction apply only to the functioning of a structured church.

**Sincerely yours,  
Margaret M O'leary  
Randolph, Mass.**

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