

Munich, 18th of February 2022

Most Reverend Bishop,

A couple of days ago, our initiative of German theologians and philosophers sent you a letter alerting you to the threat of a **second Reformation spreading from Germany**. This would be initiated by the German so-called "Synodal Way" and supported by a number of compliant bishops.

Now we are sending you this second letter **because our warnings have come to pass**. The German "**Synodal Way**" has met for its 3rd Plenary Assembly and has agreed (Each time with a majority of bishops) to doctrines which contradict Holy Scripture and explicit doctrine of the Magisterium. The decisions concern the moral theological appraisal of homosexuality, the shattering of CCC 2390, according to which practiced sexuality has its place exclusively in marriage, access of women to all ordained offices of the Church, laic attacks on the sacramental ordained priesthood, the integration of gender ideology and the undermining of the apostolic authority of the episcopate.

By now, it's no longer just declarations of will but **clearly schismatic acts** that have occurred: A number of bishops issued "self-commitments" declaring they would no longer punish violations of the Church's order of life by their employees. In other words, the bishop as "the supreme teacher and high priest of the faithful entrusted to his care, whom he guides with supreme legislative, executive and judicial authority" publicly declares that he **no longer wants to abide by the law and order of the Church**. Blessing ceremonies for unions of same sex couples had been announced for February 14th in several churches, among them also the cathedral church of Bishop Dr. Franz-Josef Overbeck who currently is chairman of the German Bishops' Conference Faith Commission. These announcements have been shared by the official German Catholic News Agency (KNA).

Many faithful do not want to give in to these expressions of disobedience shown by the majority of German bishops and have turned to the nuncio or are seeking help directly in Rome. Archbishop Gänswein and all German cardinals in Rome are appalled. One of them, who does not have the reputation of being particularly conservative, wrote these days:

"The decisions of the III Plenary Assembly of the Synodal Way have also left me speechless. Even though more than two-thirds of the bishops agreed, it is admittedly not a binding official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church in Germany. I have learned from this that critical theological statements no longer make sense at the moment. **The contradiction must come from the world episcopate and from Rome.**"

There are two things you can do to prevent the spark of disobedience and rebellion from spreading to the faithful entrusted to you:

- **Please insist** by virtue of the magisterium entrusted to the communion of bishops that Rome should finally act. Sexual abuse must not be used to nourish the triumph of "hermeneutics of discontinuity and rupture" over the continuity of the universally true catholic teaching.

- **Please sign here the reform manifesto which is also available in your language** under the following link (Download in the following languages: English, Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Croatian, Slovenian, Hungarian, Slovak and Polish) and thereby follow the example of the Hungarian Bishop Dr. Habil. János Székely. Here you will find the authentic teaching of the Second Vatican Council and the rejection of all forms of ecclesial self-destruction.

Saint Paul reminds us in his first letter to the Corinthians: God wants "that there be no discord in the body, but that all the members care for one another in unity. Therefore, if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. But you are the body of Christ, and each one is a member of it." (1 Cor 12:24ff.)

Please do not let our cry for help go unheard.

In the name of „Neuer Anfang“,



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