

# **Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Mission**

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**May 13, 2023  
+St. Robert Bellarmine, BpCD**

**Very Rev. John Bateman, J.C.L., V.F.  
St. Patrick Catholic Church  
231 South Beaver Street  
York, PA 17401**

**Fr. Bateman,**

**Your publication at the direction of Bishop Gainer in the parish bulletin (appended) on April 30 regarding Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Mission was brought to our attention. This circular tripe is reposted by the diocesan officials from time to time with the same mindless belief that reiteration is the greatest and only evidence of truth. The post is a canned smear containing erroneous presuppositions and corrupted definitions to make indefensible charges which are inexcusable from anyone, but to be published by a man with your academic credentials and experience should be, well, embarrassing. The fact that it is not speaks volumes on the formation of the modern clerics.**

**For nearly twenty-five years Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Mission has been trying to get the bishops of Harrisburg (Datilo, Rhoades, McFadden, and Gainer), either themselves or by means of their appointed representatives, to enter into a public written debate (or if you prefer, dialogue) regarding the doctrinal, liturgical, moral and canonical claims on which the Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Mission is founded for the purpose of bringing those in error back to the truth. We have received no takers but we keep the letters of request and of reply from the diocese posted on our web page. The only reply is the canned publication that you parrot.**

**I am formally asking you to take up this challenge. Unlike American jurisprudence which seeks an accommodation of error, canon law is intended to find truth and bring those who have deviated back to truth. Certainly as a canon lawyer you have some devotion to the truth? It is reasonable to assume that the Diocese of Harrisburg does not want a canonical process because they fear truth and, like Pontius Pilate, they prefer to walk away. The former parishioners of St. Patrick who attend our Mission are seeking truth. They came here only after reading the Mission's web page published letters and found our claims and arguments compelling. Looking to their parish priest and the diocese of Harrisburg they have heard nothing to refute them.**

**Saints Peter & Paul Chapel, 129 S. Beaver Street, York, PA 17401**

Well, what are you going to do about it? Would you like a litany of Catholic saints who spent their lives, often losing them, to bring back erring Catholics to the truth to remind you of your religious obligations? Or does that sound too much like proselytism that Pope Francis calls "solemn nonsense"? The exchange will be published on our Mission web page without redaction or editing of any sort. It will be an opportunity to proselytize your former parishioners who now attend Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Mission where they hear Catholic doctrine and morals preached without compromise or qualifications and they can participate in the most perfect and acceptable worship of God according to the "received and approved" immemorial Roman rite of Mass of the Catholic Church.

Believe, Fr. Bateman, I do not presume to be any smarter or more clever than you or any other cleric in the diocese of Harrisburg, rather quite the opposite, but after fifty years of debating with Novus Ordo clerics, it gets easier every time only because truth has its own luminosity, its own brilliance, and the Novus Ordo record of rotten fruit of heresy, moral corruption and cowardism can no longer be excused by cheap, empty headed slogans like, "Time is greater than space."

Sincerely in Christ,



David Drew

Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Mission

cc: Bishop Ronald Gainer  
Bishop Timothy Senior

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE YORK DEANERY REGARDING ST. PETER & PAUL MISSION**

Periodically, groups which are not affiliated with the Catholic Church attempt to portray themselves as truly Catholic. Their ministers may present themselves as Catholic priests and their services may contain elements of Catholic Mass. One of these groups is Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Mission on S. Beaver Street in York City (just 1 block from our church). The Diocese of Harrisburg wishes to remind all faithful Catholics that this and other similar groups in the area are not in any manner affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Their prayers and services are not licit sacraments. Attendance at their services does not satisfy the obligation of Catholics to participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation. It is important for Catholics to remember that an essential element of Catholic identity is communion with the local bishop and with the successor of Peter, the Pope. This and other similar groups lack this element of Catholic identity and many of their doctrines deny authentic Catholic teaching. Any Catholic who willingly joins or embraces the teaching of one of these dissident sects or groups is in danger of schism with the Catholic Church and could be subject to the penalty of excommunication.