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St. Joan of Arc, Virgin Martyr

Most Rev. Charles, J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap.
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Dear Archbishop Chaput,

Thank you for your letter but apparently I did not make myself sufficiently clear. Let me restate the purpose of my last letter as briefly as I can by first removing your misconceptions.

Every Catholic of good will knows that I have been the victim of a grave injustice from you when you instigated an illegal process of administrative laicization against me denying my right to canonical due process. For faithful Catholics, even if they know nothing about the process of administrative laicization that is strictly limited to those who manifestly have abandoned the clerical state and for whom moral certainty exists that they have no intention of ever returning, when they see canonical rights extended to homosexual pederasts within the clergy, and those same rights denied to a faithful Catholic priest, that there exists a grave moral disorder in the prelate who would foist such a sham. Now, this is a grave sin on your part that everyone already sees and the purpose of my letter was not to point this out to you as if you were not bright enough to know the moral implications of what you have done.

Nor was the purpose of my letter to address your calumny of "schism." The legal determination of which, beyond your accusation, was never done because you denied my right to due process. The very purpose of seeking my right for a canonical hearing by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF), which you obstructed, was to address questions of Catholic faith for which you now hurl the calumny of "schism." And it is a calumny because the accusation presupposes a canonical process, which you prevented, and the judicial determination of guilt, which never happened. You have denied a hearing while at the same time making a determination of guilt. This is the action of a worthless hypocrite. Seriously, if I had joined the Orthodox, who formally deny papal jurisdiction, you would not dare to publically call me a schismatic.

The purpose of my letter was to share with you what was a revelation to me by Bishop-emeritus of Rome Joseph Ratzinger that the faith itself possesses canonical rights which is why the CDF exercises jurisdiction in canonical cases of homosexual pederasts. Therefore, when you denied me my rights of canonical due process, at the same time, you also denied the faith its right to be protected because it is the faith itself that forms the justifications for what I have argued and for

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what I have done. My entire justification for my actions is derived from dogmas of the Catholic faith. And that is why I not only demanded from you my rights to canonical due process, I also demanded that this be conducted by the CDF for that very reason. You see, your sin is far more serious than I had suspected. It is a sin against the faith, and I wager that you had no idea of the grave moral implications of what you have done.

It is frightening to consider the implications of our sins of ignorance. Take the Apostle Judas for example. I doubt that in his treason he ever expected Jesus to be apprehended by the Pharisees much less brutally tortured and condemned to death. How many times before had the Jews tried to arrest Jesus? On two occasions they took up stones to kill him, but Jesus simply slipped away. Judas probably thought he would collect his thirty pieces of silver, Jesus would slip away again, and then they both would head in their different directions. But for the unfortunate Judas, being an Apostle, his sin of ignorance had such devastating repercussions that it "were better for him, if that man had not been born." Fortunately for me, I do not have the responsibility of an Apostle. Unfortunately for you, you do.

You cannot defend the faith in the current apostasy from the very top because dogmatic truth is the only weapon against an abuse of authority and you have denied that revealed truth has any standing. You have denied truth a canonical hearing. You have argued that truth must be sacrificed on the altar of obedience. Even if in the end I have erred in my defense of the faith, I have at least defended it. You have done less than nothing. You have injured the faith by denying the faith its rights. Yes indeed, your sin is far more grave than I ever suspected.

I am no longer actively seeking a canonical hearing. I recognize that one thing you, and others like you, have learned is that subverting a judicial process in the long run does not look good on your record. I am sure the French (not the English), who were responsible for St. Joan of Arc's murder, regretted leaving behind a judicial record of their conspiracy. The Jews likewise would love a chance to rewrite the record preferring now to have killed Jesus without the formalities of a trial. Show trials remain always show trials and end up only convicting the prosecutors so it is better for liars to deny truth any hearing at all. That is just what you have done. But, truth has a way of defending itself so in the end you lose either way. You will reach the mandatory retirement age this year and your successor appointed by Pope Francis will send you packing and you will be remembered as just another conservative prelate who conserved nothing. You will someday learn that it is less grievous to have been an open enemy to the faith than a spineless defender who was "neither cold nor hot."

I will be posting your letter along with the others already posted from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on the Mission's webpage because this letter is, although indirect, a clear admission of guilt on your part especially in your announcing a conviction while denying a trial. You are welcome to offer any further defense of yourself and I will post whatever you have to say in your behalf. But understand this, at this point you have offered nothing beyond a demand for obedience in the overthrow of truth and everyone for whom these questions are important will know you are a worthless hireling.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Samuel M. Waters

Pastor

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