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Dear Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Sullivan,

Thank you for your letter of December 13, 2012. I apologize for not responding to your letter of November 7, 2012.

Yes I am affiliated with Ss. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Mission in York, PA however you err in saying that the Mission is "not in full communion with the Holy See." That is a charge of schism. Since the Mission and I both deny this allegation you must produce the documentary evidence of findings of fact and judicial determination from a canonical criminal trial that proves the charge. Until that is done, the charge of schism, of "not (being) in full communion with the Holy See," constitutes the sin of calumny.

The Saints Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Mission, with whose doctrinal, liturgical, moral and canonical opinions I agree, has been demanding from the Diocese of Harrisburg for over ten years to take their claims directly to Rome from which they petition a formal judgment from the infallible Chair of Peter. If unable to get that, they have demanded that the Diocese of Harrisburg bring a canonical case against them for their doctrinal, liturgical, moral and canonical positions that they and myself affirm from which a formal appeal may be made to the infallible Chair of Peter.

Perhaps you could be of help. Every letter exchanged between the Diocese of Harrisburg and Ss. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Mission is posted on the "Open Letters" link on Ss. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Mission web page:
(http://www.saintspeterandpaulrcm.com/open_letters.htm).

These letters provide sufficient evidence explaining our doctrinal, liturgical, moral and canonical position and show that we have made every effort to insure that our consciences are both truly and certainly formed regarding our claims.

We as Catholics are obligated to follow our consciences in these matters and we have fulfilled our canonical requirements to properly document and justify our actions to the Diocese of Harrisburg. If you would like to bring a formal canonical charge of schism against me for holding and defending these same doctrinal, liturgical, moral and canonical opinions then perhaps we can get from Philadelphia what we cannot get from Harrisburg.

Any canonical censor or penalty imposed upon me must address these grounds that justify violations of specific canon laws. Canon law is hierarchical. The proper worship of God according the "received and approved" rites of the Catholic Church and the preaching of undiluted unadulterated Catholic doctrine is the right of every Catholic and the obligation of every priest for the "salvation of souls is the highest law" (St. Pius X). This first principle of canon law was repeated again in the new code of canon law, "[...] the salvation of souls, which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one's eyes" (Can. 1752).

The Mission has previously said in a letter to the Diocese of Harrisburg regarding our claims, "If they are true, we have not only a right but a duty to do what we are doing, and if they are determined from the infallible Chair of Peter to be false, then your obligation in charity will have been fulfilled. After all, the purpose of a canonical judicial procedure is to discover the truth, and the purpose of imposing a canonical penalty is bring back those who have erred from the truth, thus it is an act of charity."

Please give this your serious consideration.

Respectfully in Christ,



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