

News from the Seminary



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Some words from Bishop Faure.



Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Bp. Tissier de Mallerais, twenty years after his episcopal consecration¹, affirmed that nothing has been done by the conciliar popes to re-establish the faith.

“The great apostasy of which St. Paul speaks (2 Thess. 2-3) has not ceased to grow. The social kingship of Christ is totally annihilated by religious liberty and the Rights of man” [of the Second Vatican Council]. “Without the consecrations by Msgr. Lefebvre in 1988 we would be dead; there would be no Fraternity of St. Peter nor anything else (neither Ecclesia Dei, nor Motu Proprio, nor the Mass. . .). Tradition would be dead—“Operation Survival” has been a complete success thanks to the heroic action of Msgr. Lefebvre (still “excommunicated”. . .) Nothing has changed in Rome: Hardening of hearts, blinding of souls. . . . The parallel Church is the new Church of Vatican II, and its new religion or “non-religion”.

Responding to a remark by his interviewer : *“Many of those who fought alongside Msgr. Lefebvre have a tendency at the present time to seek an accord with Rome, seeking a ‘more regular status’ in the bosom of the Church”, Bp. Tissier de Mallerais replied: “Yes, there are many losses, for the reason of a lack of principles, of infidelities to the fight of the Society (and of Msgr. Lefebvre), because of a search for compromise, a wish for peace. These*

poor people, whether they be priests or laity, are liberals, seduced by the smiles of Vatican prelates. These are people tired out by the long combat for the Faith . . . but this combat will last perhaps thirty more years – [That was ten years ago] – therefore, do not put down your arms, do not seek for a reconciliation, but continue the fight!”

“My most memorable recollection of Msgr. Lefebvre? That of October 13, 1969, when he opened to us the door at Fribourg in Switzerland, all alone, without any priest, to receive us, the nine seminarians. All alone, 63 years old, he began everything again with us, poor young people!”

“Has the combat changed? Absolutely not. Nothing has changed— with few exceptions, the bishops are enraged against the Mass – their new religion is opposed to the true Mass which destroys their new and false religion, a religion without sacrifice, without expiation of sin, without divine justice, without penance, without asceticism: the new religion of so-called “love, love, love” . . . The fight against religious liberty [of the Second Vatican Council] cannot be separated from the fight for the Mass. In the same way, the fight against ecumenism is a fight for the social kingship of Christ.”

*“Msgr. Rifan, of Campos, no longer combats the new mass, religious liberty, etc. . . . He has had to stop fighting. Silence in the face of the heresies of the new religion, that is the price, the sine qua non precondition, for ‘reconciliation’, for an agreement, for a Personal Prelature.” [What can be said today of the ecumenism of him who had been invited to stay with the Society in Switzerland, the conciliar bishop Msgr. Huonder? He is an originator of the celebration “*Dies Judaicus*”, from now on obligatory in the Church in Switzerland². His stay is seemingly cancelled for the moment; what will become of it in the future?]*

“Msgr. Lefebvre was right: only bishops who are totally free of all influence from liberal Rome will be able to work for the good of the Church.”

“What will be the greatest challenges in the course of the years immediately ahead? Above all, our perseverance in refusing the errors of the council and our resolution to refuse all “reconciliation” with occupied Rome.

Msgr. Lefebvre used to cry out – even when speaking of Benedict XVI ('a true modernist') – 'Heretics, you pervert the faith of the faithful!' "

"What will the next years bring? At Rome, the apostasy, which is the product of their collaboration with the Jewish religion. [On this subject, look at the career of him who perhaps will be nonetheless one day the guest of the Society, Msgr. Huonder².] But soon enough: 'In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph' . . . with a new Catholic pope. This is not the time to slacken; the devil, seeing that only a little time remains to him, makes haste to destroy that which still resists him. [The SSPX, for example. . .]

Ten years later, these statements of Msgr. Tissier have not become out of date. Thirty years after the consecrations of 1988, not one line, not a single word needs to be modified. The situation in the Church does nothing but worsen – who could pretend otherwise?

However, one change has intervened: before 2012 it was the conciliar Church which persecuted and expelled those most faithful, while today it is Menzingen who, after having expelled one of its bishops, numerous priests, and among them a permanent member of the Chapter, today expels Oblate Society Sisters who take such good care of the little pupils of St. Michael's School in England. The reason? Their refusal to show allegiance to the conciliar Church by receiving the local bishop and participating in a ceremony with the pupils. Nothing is more normal, in brief, for a Society won over to Rome's point of view; reconciled, and almost reabsorbed into the conciliar Church, than to expel the recalcitrants who refuse to accept the apostasy of the new religion.

The poison of the errors of the Council has penetrated into all the fibers of the Church: as Benedict XVI said, the ship takes on water everywhere, and is close to capsizing both bodies and souls, but Our Lord affirmed to us: *"Her enemies will not prevail against Her."*

And Our Lady of La Salette said: *"Fight, children of Light, the small number of you who can see . . . the Church will be in eclipse, Rome will lose the Faith. May your zeal make you hungry for the glory and the honor of Jesus Christ."*

Courage, dear faithful!

Bishop Jean-Michel Faure

Seminary Life



Short Chronicle from the Seminary

November 2018 : Our dining room is really too small for our community.

In the absence of a crypt, we adapt our veranda as a chapel for the Masses of passing priests. Seminarian Duarte set it up for us with much talent.

December 8 : A beautiful Marian day. In the morning, three seminarians make their first promises in the SAJM followed in the evening by a torchlight procession in the streets of Angers.

Preparation of the Nativity : one of our faithful offered us an original figurine for our Crèche: a bishop who strongly resembles a contemporary Englishman who makes the headlines for his historically incorrect positions. An appropriate reason to put him next to the Infant Jesus.

December 21 and 22 : Some seminarians leave with Fathers Salenave and Morgan for the Christmas ministry and the others go to Ireland to help Father Ballini.

It is said that travel molds the youth ; here the contact with the priests molds the young levites to their future duties.

January 2019 : It is traditionally a hard month : the seminarians and priests fall ill one after another, but work, studies and offices continue. They must substitute for one another and help one another with their duties. It is the whole strength of a community life : mutual support, and prayer for the most weak. Charity grows stronger.

February 9 : After exams, there followed a retreat preached by Fr. Morgan and a pontifical ceremony by Bishop Zendejas, in the presence of a beautiful crowd, to confer the tonsures and first minor orders (read the words of Fr. Morgan on this subject at the end of this bulletin).

February 13 : Bishop Williamson comes to the seminary for a few days to observe the young levites but also to give them a series of conferences on *Pascendi*. The tireless bishop will also give a conference on the music of Beethoven.



March : Outing of the seminary to the island of Noirmoutier to relax the neurons. As the feast of Saint Joseph approaches, the seminarians say a novena, entrusting their intention – that of finding a Seminary building – to him, who solves many material problems.

There is a visit to a building that could work but there are still legal obstacles to overcome.

CONVERT TODAY



Bp. Williamson gives some advice to a young convert.

Dear young friend,

Congratulations on having received from God important graces of conversion which give you a fighting chance of saving your soul for eternity! For you may fall by the wayside like any of the rest of us (I Cor. X, 12) on the narrow path leading to Heaven (Mt. VII, 14), but if you want to get to Heaven, then with the grace of God you will do so, despite anything that the world, the flesh and the Devil can throw at you. For make no mistake, you and I are alive and Catholics in order to save our souls by loving God and by loving our neighbour as ourselves. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets, yesterday, today and tomorrow, down to world's end. Not even the modern world changes such basics.

Therefore today's situation of Church and world may appear more frightening than ever, but you need not let yourself be frightened. "For I am sure," cries out St Paul "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus Our Lord." (Rom. VIII, conclusion). However, there is one thing that can separate us from God, and which fills Hell with the damned souls of the majority of human beings that ever lived or will live (Mt. VII, 13), and that is – sin. Therefore whatever else you do, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. II, 12), because the prospect of eternal damnation is too horrible to think of, and keep constantly in front of your mind the Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Hell and Heaven. And stay close, wherever

reasonably possible, to the Sacraments, especially Confession and Mass, so as to be living regularly in the state of grace.

In this connection, to save our souls Our Lady knows that modern times do make Catholic life difficult, so she has given us a special remedy – the Five First Saturdays. Find out all about them, in all their detail, especially by means of [this flyer](#), and then do them as soon and as faithfully as possible, because any Catholic who knows about them and does not pick up on Our Lady's offer of this easiest possible means of salvation, needs to have his head examined. Her offer is too generous to be true? No, She knows exactly what you yourself have learned the hard way, namely that today's atheistic materialism, lies and corruption, excessive comfort and freedom, do all act as obstacles between her human children and her divine Son, so here is Her answer. By doing exactly what She asks, you will also be doing the most you can to obtain for the Pope the grace to consecrate Russia to Her Heart, which is the God-given key to unlocking today's universal troubles.

Meantime on the supernatural level, use the time presently available to you to pray and study. Pray as many as you can each day of the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, the next greatest prayer to Mass, and study everything that you can lay your hands on said and written by Archbishop Lefebvre, God's own guide through this unprecedented Church crisis. Read also any other Catholic books (from before the 1960's) which catch your interest. Dutiful but uninteresting books will not give you as much. Likewise exploit, but beware of, the Internet, where treasures are surrounded by traps. By all means meet a variety of Catholic priests and learn from each of them, but not to the point where you would get confused. Visit communities, and stay as long as you are welcome in any surroundings where you find God.

And lastly, on the natural level, by all means look for honest work if you find that as a man you are getting out of balance without it, but avoid committing yourself long-term until you are sure that you have found God's will for you. By the same token, treat the girls chivalrously and avoid choosing a wife until you have found your life's work. A wise girl hangs back from a man who has not yet found his work.

And may God bless you, and His Mother protect you. Vaya con Dios!

Spirituality.

The stages of the priesthood By Father Morgan



Tonsure and Minor Orders

Tonsure

The tonsure was first adopted by the monks ; the priests used it in the 6th century. From the 7th century onwards, there were several types of tonsure used, including the Roman tonsure, consisting in shaving only the top of the head, the rest of the hair forming a crown, reputed to be based on the authority of the apostle St. Peter. Over time, the Roman tonsure has been reduced to a circle of a few centimetres in diameter. During the Ordination ceremony, it is indicated by cutting a few strands of hair.

The ceremony of the tonsure (trimming) is the rite by which a layman becomes a cleric in preparation for the reception of Minor and Major Orders. In itself it is not an Order. The bishop or other prelate with authority, cuts



the candidate's hair in five places in the shape of a cross, and then vests him in the surplice. This is the visible sign of the clerical state and symbolises the Crown of Thorns of Our Lord. Thus, it



represents renunciation to the world but also the birth into the ecclesiastical state with the obligations and privileges of clerics. *"Let us pray to Our Lord Jesus Christ for his servants who are eager to cut their hair for His love; let Him give them the gift of the Holy Ghost, to preserve them always in the clerical state and defend their hearts from the obstacles of the world and temporal desires; so that with this outward change His divine hand may give them an increase in virtue, keep their eyes from any blindness of the spirit and the flesh, and grant them the light of eternal grace... "* (Pontifical)

MINOR ORDERS

The four so-called "Minor" Orders (Porter, Lector, Exorcist, Acolyte) form the first degrees of the Priesthood. Each of them corresponds to both a precise function and a stage in the initial ascent to the so-called "Major" Orders (Subdiaconate, Diaconate and Priesthood). They are not of divine origin and thus do not form part of the sacrament of the order. The matter of these ordinations

is the tradition of the symbols of the Office and the words that accompany them constitute the form.

Porter

His duty, which has been known since the 3rd century, is described as follows: *"The Porter must guard the church day and night, taking care that nothing is lost in it; open and close the church and the sacristy; take care of the cleanliness and decoration of the church; ring the bells to indicate the times of the various prayers; keep everyone in line and observe silence and modesty; prevent infidels from entering the church, disturbing the services or profaning the Mysteries; opening the books for the preacher."*

Guardians of the Church: this is the title that is given several times during their ordination, to the Porters.... *"Just as with the material keys you will open the visible church, so apply yourselves to closing to the devil and opening to God, by your words and examples, His invisible temples, that is, the hearts of the faithful, so that they may keep in them the divine words which are understood and put them into practice."* (Pontifical)

In a statement by Pope Pelagius I of 556 AD. we find the order of Porter treated as the first degree of the ecclesiastical state.

Lector

The office of Lector has been known since before 251 AD, the date of the Letter (from Cornelius) to Bishop Fabien of Antioch. His office is described as follows: *"The Lector was responsible for keeping the sacred books; reading for the preacher; singing the Lessons; blessing the new bread and fruit. He served as secretary to priests and bishops."*

We can summarize his duties as follows: Read in a distinct and clear manner. His voice should edify the faithful assembled; sing and conduct the songs; bless the new bread and fruit, as well as certain blessings authorised by the bishop. If this function is well

performed it will be worth to the Lector, - as the ritual tells us - "*an increase in glory in the Future Life.*"

"What your lips proclaim, believe it with your heart and practise it; in this way you will be able to instruct your listeners both by word and example. When therefore you are going to read, place yourself in a high place in the Church, in order to be seen and heard by all, showing by this high position of the body that you must live a high degree of virtue, so that you may be for all who see and hear you, an example of a heavenly life." (Pontifical)

Exorcist

It is in St Luke's Gospel and that we find the foundation of what will become, for the Church in the future, the minor Order of Exorcist: "*After that the Lord appointed seventy-two other disciples and sent them in pairs*" (Luke X, 1) - "*Behold, I have given you the power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and overcome all the power of the enemy; and nothing can harm you*" (Luke X, 19). From the earliest times of the Church, exorcism was entrusted to many men. As early as 251 AD, it is mentioned as an Order in ancient writings. The exorcist was a cleric and every priest was an exorcist.

"The exorcist must cast out demons, tell the faithful who do not receive communion to withdraw and pour out the water of sacrifice." (Pontifical)

Great wisdom must govern the exercise of this very particular ministry, now reserved for experienced priests. The Gospels remind us of the need for prudence and simplicity (Matthew X, 16); they also reveal to us that the exorcist should not focus his thoughts on the results achieved but on the fact that his name is "written in the Heavens" (Luke X, 20).

"Study yourself so as to expel from your soul and flesh every defilement and iniquity, so that you yourself may not be slaves to him from whom you will deliver others. Learn by your duty to even command your passions, so that the enemy finds nothing to claim in your conduct." (Pontifical)

Acolyte

The acolyte (from the ancient Greek "follower, servant") has the function of assisting the priest and the higher ministers during liturgical ceremonies. He is to accompany these ministers for the proclamation of the Gospel with candles, to prepare the altar, especially the candlesticks or candles which will have been carried in procession and the Sacred Vessels with water and wine for the Holy Sacrifice.

This Order is one of the Orders of initiation to the Mysteries of the Altar. From the order of acolyte, the cleric crosses the threshold of the Holy of Holies, climbs the first steps that separate the secular world from the sacred world. Thus, the acolyte receives power over the Mystical Body of Christ since he must enlighten the faithful with his good example and over the Real Body of Our Lord since he presents at the altar the material of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

"Let us pray, Almighty and Eternal God, source of light, principle of goodness, you who through Jesus Christ, your Son, True Light, have enlightened the world and redeemed it through the Mystery of His Passion, deign to bless your servants whom we consecrate in the office of Acolyte, asking Your Mercy to enlighten their minds with the light of science, and to nurture their hearts with the dew of Your Mercy: so that with Your Help they may fulfil the ministry received in such a way as to deserve to reach the eternal reward. "

(Pontifical)



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Treasurer's Note

The Seminary must support close to 15 people (often more): food, medical care, vehicles, various kinds of insurance, lodging (we have to board the seminarians in two houses!), assistance to priests and also everything necessary for worship since we are starting again from zero because of the crisis.

Archbishop Lefebvre taught us the spirit of poverty and the seminarians do their utmost not to waste the money of benefactors. Therefore we have made the choice not to heat with electric radiators, but to feed day and night a large woodstove which heats the whole house.

It is the same with the vehicles: a pre-seminarian very gifted with manual skills repairs our cars which the priests use for their Sunday ministry.

We economize also thanks to the generosity of the faithful who offer us provisions on the Sunday circuits to Mass centers.

We are not able to have a cook for the moment because of our too-small budget; it is therefore the seminarians who devote themselves to this task for the evening meal, under the supervision of a "seminarian chef".

Also the seminarians count always on your support, however modest it may be. What counts for us is your heart.

May God bless your generosity and repay you a hundred-fold with diverse graces.

The Seminary Treasurer



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