

NEWS FROM THE “RESISTANCE”

December 22, 2012

Dear Friends,

We would like to give you a news update of the **Resistance** group of priests in order to encourage all of you to continue the work for the preservation of Archbishop Lefebvre’s authentic heritage.

PRIEST RETREAT

The first good news is the **Retreat** preached from December 17 to 21, 2012 to the priests of the Resistance by **His Excellency Bp. Richard Williamson**, who kindly accepted to come from England.

We were 10 priests to attend this retreat, coming from different countries, but mostly from the U.S. We could have twice the number of priests attending if their pastoral duties did not prevent them to come.

His Excellency gave us during five days excellent spiritual and doctrinal talks which were very much appreciated. We were happy to recognize in him the authentic spirit of Archp. Lefebvre, so watered down today by some of the neo-SSPX leaders. We were also glad to find in him the clarity of his pedagogical teaching when he explained to us the problems in the world, the Church and in the neo-SSPX.

The venue for the retreat was a beautiful farm of Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer’s parents, near Boston, in the State of Kentucky, in the U.S.A.



Bishp. Williamson and the priests who attended the Retreat

This place has been for longtime a bulwark of Traditional resistance to the conciliar church. In the 1970’s Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer sheltered here two staunch Traditional old priests, Fathers Hannifin and Snyder. The former died and is buried there. At that time a beautiful chapel, dedicated to **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, was built there which has been for the last 40 years a Mass center for many Catholic faithful of this area.

Interestingly enough, since the mid-1800’s this northern part of Kentucky, called the “Holy Land,” has been a bulwark of Catholicism in the midst of a mainly Protestant region. The hilly country and the quietness of this area favor very much the atmosphere necessary for meditation and prayer.

A retreat house was built there in 1982 for the purpose of housing expelled Carmelite Traditional nuns and was adapted for this community. Later on it functioned as the beginning of Our Lady of Guadalupe Monastery from 1989 to 1991, now in Silver City, New Mexico. Then, for almost twenty years the building was rarely used.

Thanks to generous donations of the faithful of the Resistance, it has been recently restored in order to serve as a **Retreat House** with 9 bedrooms, a conference room and a large refectory.

We are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Pfeiffer, to their family and to some Traditional faithful, who are supporting the Resistance, for providing all the necessary material things for the retreat.

THE RESISTANCE IS ORGANIZING

Our retreat was also an excellent occasion to discuss about the kind of organization the Resistance needs in the near future. Bishop Williamson agreed of being the “**moral authority**” for the Resistance, thus accepting to give us doctrinal guidance and the administration of the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Orders. A moral authority means that he guides more by example and counsel, rather than by command.

Beneath his moral authority, the Resistance will continue to work with its different kinds of organizations: **Fr. Pfeiffer’s group, the two Religious Communities in Brazil (The Benedictines of Santa Cruz and the Manossians), and the different independent churches and chapels (like St Athanasius’, in Vienna, VA).** In other words, we established a kind of “federation” rather

than a centralized organization.



Maybe in the future another kind of organization more structured will be needed, but it was agreed that this kind of structure is the best suited for the actual circumstances.

This good news, we hope, will also comfort all the **faithful** resisting all around the world the conciliar church and the “operation suicide” of the neo-

SSPX.

We all are happy to see Bishop Williamson “back to work” when the Resistance is most needed of a leadership coming from a true successor of the Apostles.

FUTURE SEMINARY

There is another bit of good news: Fr. Pfeiffer has already received requests from several young men who are thinking on the Priesthood. Therefore, he is making arrangements to start, God willing, a **Seminary** on the grounds in September 2013.

The building we mentioned before seems to be very suitable for this project. The priests of Fr. Pfeiffer’s group will be in charge of this much needed Seminary.

The reason of this opening is that the neo-SSPX seminaries are also suffering from its internal crisis and are not giving the true doctrinal and priestly formation they used to give in the past.

You can find in the website (ourladyofmountcarmelusa.com) [*under construction*] all the information needed for those **young men** who want to apply for and for the **faithful** who want to help financially this very important project of forming good Traditional priests.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are 5 priests now in Residence in Kentucky at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, who are now visiting around 15 centers in the **USA and Canada** and about 10 places in **Asia** (South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines) as well.

Fr. Vargas, from Mexico, will visit a few places in **Mexico and South America** as well.

Bishop Williamson has graciously agreed to return to Kentucky after Christmas, from Dec. 28 to Jan. 1, for a **"Family Workshop"** to which all are invited. The theme will be **"To Fortify"** in this time of global Crisis. There will be conferences for the Adults and activities for the Children.

Also in 2013 there will be a schedule of **Retreats** for Men and Women in Kentucky. Please visit the website: inthissignyoushallconquer.com where are posted schedules for the retreats and other activities of the Resistance as it comes up.

Faithful from **Australia** have contacted the Resistance and we are considering making a visit early 2013.

There are some individual contacts in **Europe**, and so far the Resistance is best organized in the UK, where Bishp. is living.



It is worth observing that the Resistance is in contact with **many SSPX priests** who are realizing more and more that the direction of the congregation is shifting from its original principles. The **persecution** by the superiors of the SSPX against good priests who have resisted publicly the deviations of their congregation continues. We hope that they "jump out of the ship" before wreckage...!

A lack of reaction from other priests is quite disappointing, and we fear that, as it happened in the implementation of the conciliar reforms in the 1960's and 1970's, their passivity will lead to a full acceptance of a compromise with Modernist Rome.

MORE PRIESTS OF THE RESISTANCE SPEAK OUT

In the past weeks several priests of the Resistance have published a series of documents, public letters and warnings exposing the gravity of the situation within the neo-SSPX.

The most recent one was the publication of **Fr Ringrose's** letter to the US district superior of the SSPX, Fr. Rostand, exposing the reasons which have motivated him to stop the cooperation with the district. Fr Ringrose is the pastor of St Athanasius's in Vienna, Virginia, USA, a congregation of around 500 faithful. Father has supported the Resistance from the very beginning and is one of the priests who signed the Vienna Declaration last August. You can find his letter in **CathInfo**.

Fr Cardozo from South America has published an open letter to **"the Silent Priests"** calling them to take public stand against the new orientations of the SSPX. You can find it in the excellent website **CathInfo**.

Fr Ortiz published an essay on “**The New Hermeneutics of Bishp. Fellay**” in several languages, destined especially to show to the Traditional priests the erroneous foundations of the new orientation in the SSPX.

A worldwide network of **websites** have opened during the last months supporting the Resistance. We can see how much this powerful means of communication can serve priests and faithful to get the information needed to counterweight the “propaganda” of the neo-SSPX.

You can also find many **sermons** of the Resistance priests in these websites, either in audio format or in text. Listen to them if you are isolated and cannot attend a Resistance Mass center.

It is worth mention the following websites supporting the Resistance:

- **In ENGLISH: CathInfo, InThisSignYouShallConquer, SOSSaveOurSSPX, TrueTrad, ourladyofmountcarmelusa.com** [under construction]
- **In FRENCH: Un évêque s'est levé!, antimodernisme.info, Avec l’Immaculée.**
- **In SPANISH : syllabus-errorum, Non Possumus.**

THE SPIRIT OF THE RESISTANCE

There is much debate recently about the **position** of the Resistance’s priests.

Let us make clear that our main enemy is first of all the **conciliar church**. Our fist attacks go to those “officials” who are destroying the Catholic Church. Their destructive work is making day after day tremendous ravages and, as a consequence, many souls are irreparably lost.

But it is not enough to claim that one is opposed to the Modernist Rome, as the leaders of the neo-SSPX claim, and at the same time **favor an agreement** with the same Rome! Therefore, all those who are seeking an agreement with the enemies of the Church, should be exposed and attacked as well. And this is the reason why we are resisting the superiors of the neo-SSPX. We have to denounce them because they are **compromising** with the conciliar church and betraying the mission Archp. Lefebvre entrusted to the Society of St Pius X.

We are not against the SSPX as an institution, but we are resisting those who are setting a neo-SSPX with a new doctrine, alien to the one entrusted by Archbishop Lefebvre.



We wish you all a Holy Christmas and a New Year 2013 abundant of many graces.

God bless you.