

Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, regarding this matter are the following:

1. the establishment of an ordinariate or apostolic administration to provide complete pastoral care for those attached to the traditional Roman Rites. (A personal prelature is not sufficiently broad in scope to provide for the needs of the faithful)
2. that at least one bishop be appointed for France, one for the rest of Europe and one for the United States and Canada
3. that the SSPX be subsumed as a prelature, under the ordinariate or apostolic administration
4. that the SSPX, as the basis for the continuation of a dialogue, and to further the process of reconciliation, sign a document of assent to the statement made in the **Instruction on the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian** of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith which states: "When it comes to the question of interventions in the prudential order, it could happen that some Magisterial documents might not be free from all deficiencies. Bishops and their advisors have not always taken into immediate consideration every aspect or the entire complexity of a question. But it would be contrary to the truth, if, proceeding from some particular cases, one were to conclude that the Church's magisterium can be habitually mistaken in its prudential judgments, or that it does not enjoy divine assistance in the integral exercise of its mission." (n.24)
5. for its part, the Apostolic See would sign as part of the same agreement, a declaration of its willingness to provide clarification of any matters regarding doctrine on faith or morals of concern to the SSPX. These clarifications would be provided by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Perhaps the easiest way for this to be accomplished would be in the form of 'dubia'. (Bishop Bernard Fellay, Superior General of the SSPX stated in an interview granted to the publication *La Liberte* on May 11th, 2001: "...that would give the impression that we reject everything in Vatican II, whilst in fact, we retain 95%. We are opposed to the interpretation of it more than anything else.)

Space does not allow me to detail the other 2 pages of the letter to the Holy Father. Suffice it say that I presented it with the hope that perhaps, even in a small way it might contribute to the ameliorization of this situation.

As always you are remembered in my monthly first Saturday Mass for our benefactors and friends.

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