

# Three Important Letters From the Founder of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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To whom it may concern:

If Archbishop Medeiros came and asked me to submit to him I would not do it unless he submitted to this doctrine of the Catholic Church — "outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation." A heretical bishop is not a bishop to be obeyed. It is because of the fact that this doctrine is not upheld that all the collapse is coming in the Church today. It has resulted in lack of vocations, nuns leaving their convents and every other evil that has happened.

Before his death Cardinal Cushing boasted of the fact that he had never made a convert in his life.

If the Bishop would tell me that he believed that there was no salvation outside the Catholic Church I would immediately take our Order and submit it to him or someone in authority. The Bishop would first have to give us his support with regard to the doctrine as we hold it. "There is no salvation outside the Catholic Church nor without personal submission to our Holy Father, the Pope." Anyone who does not believe this doctrine is a heretic. This doctrine must not only be believed, but be professed openly.

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I would like to make clear what I hold about the Novus Ordo.

I say that the Mass in English may be valid, but I think that the Mass should be said in Latin and that those who are going over and saying the Novus Ordo are traitors to the Catholic Faith.

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Your Holiness:

It is with the deepest anguish that I write to You, the Vicar of Christ on earth, to ask You to protect me in the crusade which God has given me to wage in Your defense and in the defense of our Holy Faith in the United States of America. . . .

Your Holiness must believe me when I tell You that the condition of the Church in the United States of America in the matter of doctrine is utterly deplorable. There is no doubt about it that we are slowly becoming a National Church, controlled not in the least by Your Holiness, but by the National Catholic Welfare Council of Washington, D.C. Americans are not being taught the Catholic Faith as it is contained in the writings of the Fathers and the Doctors and in the definitions of the Councils of the Church. They are being taught what a committee of extremely deficient American theologians thinks will interest the American mind without ever embarrassing or challenging it.

I am writing this letter to Your Holiness simply, and as a child. Your Holiness may see already that it is not a legally organized document. It is a cry of anguish from my priestly heart. In order not to tire you with too many details, may I tell you in brief statement what is the fundamental heresy universally taught by Catholics, priests and teachers, in the United States of America. This is the doctrine which American Catholics are being taught:

"The way to be saved is by being sincere to your convictions and living a good life. If one of your convictions happens to be that the Roman Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ, then you are obliged to join it. If you do not sincerely think it is the one way to salvation, then you are invincibly ignorant and God will save you, apart from the Church. You are then said to belong to the soul of the Church, and whatever you desire for yourself in the way of salvation, Catholic theologians are prepared to call 'Baptism of Desire.' Were you to sincerely think that the Roman Catholic Church is not the true Church of Christ, it would be a sin for you to join it."

Your Holiness, I assure You in all my honour, in the sanctity of my Sacrament and whatever voice I have to be heard in profession of Faith, that the above statement is the substance of what is being taught all Americans as the means of eternal salvation. I am bold enough to say that You know what I am telling You is the truth. There is no Pope in history who has been as close to the American mind as you have been. I personally heard you speak in New York City when I was one of the editors of America, and I know that this is true. Every day you defer calling a halt to the wild Liberalism of the American hierarchy, a Liberalism which pays not the slightest attention to Your messages against Interfaith movements and against exposing our Catholics to the dangers of heretical perversion, the more will grow the spirit of indifference and apostasy in our land, and ten years from now will be too late to save it. I know that along with this challenge which I offer to Your Holiness, while prostrate at Your feet in reverence and love, there go thousands of graces to enable You as Christ's Vicar to save this world for our Holy Faith. Unless You are the thundering leader of the world, other thunderers will take Your place, be they the Hitlers, the Mussolinis, the Stalins or the Roosevelts, who have already so confused the world that is waiting for our Pontiff to speak. . . . Every one of my thousands of readers in America knows that I will never give up my Faith, and many are scandalized that I received so little protection in my profession of it. I beseech the protection of the Vicar of Christ on earth.

With profoundest respect, I am . . . Father Bernard Feeney, M.S.C.M.