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THE HAWKESYARD AGREEMENT III

Sacred Scripture urges that we are mindful of erroneous individuals or religious organisations which set out to deceive.

So, it is that we draw your attention to Our Lord's Words when He was sitting on the Mount of Olives. The disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

Take care therefore of ^[1]"Heretics", the most prominent and perhaps the most dangerous of all the false teachers; the ^[2]"Charlatans" who only use Christianity as a means of personal enrichment; ^[3]"False Prophets" who claim to be gifted by God to speak fresh revelation outside of Scripture—new, authoritative words of prediction, teaching, rebuke, or encouragement. In reality though, they are commissioned and empowered by Satan for the purpose of misleading and disrupting Christ's church. Then ^[4]"The Abuser", who uses his position of leadership to take advantage of other people. Usually, he takes advantage of them to feed his sexual lust, though he may also desire power. Then ^[5]"The Divider", who uses false doctrine to disrupt and destroy a church, and ^[6]"False Teacher" who cares nothing for what God wants and everything for what men want. Finally, ^[7]"Speculators" are the ones obsessed with novelty, originality, or speculation.

So, it behoves us all to ask and uphold, all that is required for a sacrament to be valid. The Church's answer is usually given under several headings. There must be a proper minister who orders his life to the highest of moral standards and conforms to Sacred Scripture - and where the minister is a priest, he must be validly ordained; the minister must have the proper intention; there must be proper "form" and "matter"; the recipient must be capable of receiving the sacrament. If any one of these are faulty or absent, the Sacrament is not effective.

Signed: This Third Day of April (St Richard) in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen

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"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever"
(Hebrews 13:8)