

+ Ave Maria...February 6, 2026, Feast of Saint Titus, Bishop & Confessor

Dear concerned souls and members of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Church, past, present, and future:

Deo gratias...+ On February 2, 2026, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I wrote to Father Dominic Crawford to inform him that neither Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Church nor I could accept his requirements and conditions that he proposed to us in November 2025, that we reject Baptism of Desire, Baptism of Blood, and Periodic Continence by name. Hence, I informed him that I have renounced my heretical errors against these Catholic doctrines, and thus submit myself to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, in humility and in imitation of the most profound humility of Our Blessed Mother the Most Blessed Ever-Virgin Mary Our Queen and also in imitation of her most loving submission and obedience to the entirety of God's Most Holy Law. In addition, I encouraged him to do the same.

Therefore, I pray for the conversion of Father Dominic Crawford, and will continue to pray for him, and I humbly ask that you also please pray for the conversion of his soul, the souls of his family members, the souls of his chapel, and the souls of those former members of Our Lady of the Most Trinity Church who believe his errors and heresies against the Magisterium of the Catholic Church along with his schism against the Unity of Faith of the Catholic Church.

About 1999 or before, I was first introduced to these erroneous and heretical beliefs against the Catholic Doctrines of Baptism of Desire, Baptism of Blood, and Periodic Continence by Brother Michael Dimond, which were also to be found in the writings on the website of his Most Holy Family Monastery. Thereafter, I further studied the erroneous and heretical teachings on these doctrines written by certain authors like Richard Ibranyi, Brother Peter Dimond, Charles Coulombe, Father Leonard Feeney, and Father Dominic Crawford. As a result, for over 25 years, I publicly believed, taught, and promoted the same erroneous and heretical teachings of these authors, and I also rejected the following Catholic Hierarchy and Clergy to whom I have given or will give my sincerest heartfelt apology to beg their forgiveness and prayers, especially:

- Bishop Martin Davila of the Priestly Society of Trent, including: Father Melchor Moreno, Father Jaime Preciado, Father Raul Macias, and Father Fernando Albiter
- Bishop Mark Pivarunas of the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen, including: Father Benedict Hughes, and Father Gregory Drahran
- Bishop Daniel Dolan (RIP), Bishop Terence Fulham (RIP), and Bishop Charles McGuire
- Father Adan Rodriguez of the Company of Jesus and Mary

- Father Courtney Krier and any other traditional Catholic Clergy that I might have rejected and/or omitted herein.

Nonetheless, by the mercy and grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King, and by the intercession of Our Most Holy Mother the Blessed Ever-Virgin Mary Our Queen and Saint Joseph Our Guardian Father and Protector, and the prayers of the Communion of Saints, my conversion began in 2023. On May 26, 2023, Almighty God the Holy Ghost inspired Bishop Martin Davila to write a letter to inform me of the heresy of denying the Catholic teachings of Baptism of Desire and Baptism of Blood. The next year, on October 4, 2024, I met for several hours in El Paso, TX to discuss these doctrines with Bishop Martin Davila, Father Melchor Moreno, Father Raul Macias, and Father Fernando Albiter. Then, in August 2025, I met with Father Melchor Moreno and a Catholic layman named Pedro D. Lopez here in Corpus Christi to discuss these doctrines further for about five hours. Also, in October 2025, I met again with them in Corpus Christi for a few hours in the online presence of Father Dominic Crawford (in Minnesota) via a Zoom meeting in which most of the discussion was between Father Crawford, Father Melchor, and Pedro Lopez.

I am very grateful to Father Melchor and Pedro Lopez for their charity to not only pray for me but also to engage me in theological discussions that prompted me to reflect and to become more receptive to the grace of God. Thereafter, mostly in January 2026, after reviewing the correspondence between Father Dominic Crawford and Bishop Mark Pivarunas, found in the online scholarly book *Contra Crawford: A Defense of Baptism of Desire & Periodic Continence* (Fellows, D. & Conlon, C., 2018), the Catholic Church teachings found on BaptismOfDesire.org, the online video of Fr. Benedict Hughes titled *On the Errors of Feeneyism*, the online video sermon of Fr. Anthony Cekada titled *The Universal Ordinary Magisterium*, Bishop Pivarunas' article titled *On the Question of Natural Family Planning* at cmri.org, and the online video Bishop Pierre Roy (interview) titled *Natural Family Planning (NFP) or Periodic Continence?*, I, by the mercy and grace of God, finally came to the realization that I was wrong and that I needed to convert.

I deeply regret and publicly repent that I previously rejected the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and held, taught, and promoted erroneous and heretical beliefs on the Catholic Doctrines of Baptism of Desire, Baptism of Blood, and Periodic Continence for over 25 years.

I have thus realized, after much prayer, many Rosaries, study, humble listening, discernment, and counsel with others, that we, at Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Church, cannot, in good conscience, reject the legitimate Papal teachings of the Catholic Church and Her infallible Magisterium, which is comprised of both the Solemn Magisterium and the Ordinary Magisterium, as solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX at the First Vatican Council (1870):

“All those things are to be believed by divine and Catholic faith which are contained in the written Word of God or in Tradition, and which are proposed by the Church, either in solemn judgment or in its ordinary and universal teaching office, as divinely revealed truths which must be believed.” (BaptismOfDesire.org)

In summary, we at Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Church cannot, in good conscience, reject or condemn the Catholic doctrines of Baptism of Blood, Baptism of Desire, and Periodic Continence, as I did before and as Father Crawford requested. This is because the Magisterium of the Church has taught these doctrines. Since the Church has taught these doctrines, we must listen and believe them, for as Our Lord Jesus Christ the King told His Apostles: “He that heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me (St. Luke 10:16, drbo.org).” Most importantly, we must believe these doctrines to be part of “the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15).” Therefore, as Vatican I dogmatically teaches that the Catholic Church Magisterium cannot error, we must listen to and submit our beliefs to the teaching authority of the Catholic Church—the Church Magisterium, which is guided by the Holy Ghost, if we hope to save our immortal souls. The *Catechism of the Council of Trent* teaches on the Ninth Article of the Apostles Creed—I believe in the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints---in “The Marks of the Church” under the Fourth Mark of the Church titled “APOSTOLIC”:

“The true Church is also to be recognized from her origin, which can be traced back under the law of grace to the Apostles; for her doctrine is the truth not recently given, nor now first heard of, but delivered of old by the Apostles, and disseminated throughout the entire world. Hence no one can doubt that the impious opinions which heresy invents, opposed as they are to the doctrines taught by the Church from the days of the Apostles to the present time, are very different from the faith of the true Church.

“That all, therefore, might know which was the Catholic Church, the Fathers, guided by the Spirit of God, added to the Creed the word *Apostolic*. For the Holy Ghost, who presides over the Church, governs her by no other ministers than those of Apostolic succession. This Spirit, first imparted to the Apostles, has by the infinite goodness of God always continued in the Church. And just as this one Church cannot err in faith or morals, since it is guided by the Holy Ghost; so, on the contrary, all other societies arrogating to themselves the name of *church*, must necessarily, because guided by the spirit of the devil, be sunk in the most pernicious errors, both doctrinal and moral.” (*Catechism of the Council of Trent for Parish Priests Issued by Order of Pope Pius V*; J. McHugh & C. Callan, Trans.; Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., 1982. Originally published 1923, p. 107)

Therefore, for the greater glory and love of Almighty God in Our Lord Jesus Christ reigning through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Joseph, I beg of you to please, as I have, if you have not already, listen to, and humbly submit to the Church Magisterium in order to be in communion with all the faithful, Saints, Doctors, Fathers of the Catholic Church, and all the true Popes from Saint Peter the Apostle until the last sovereign Pontiff, + His Holiness Pope Pius XII (1876-1958, A.D.), and any future Pope that God the Holy Ghost in his mercy, may grant us for the salvation of our immortal souls...+

May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ the King have mercy on my soul, and may the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Ever-Virgin Mother Mary Our Queen and the Sacred Heart of Saint Joseph Our Guardian Father also have mercy on my soul and intercede for me before the Throne of the Most Holy Trinity, the One True God — God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost — as I have misled many, especially at Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Church, by my heretical and erroneous beliefs against the Catholic Faith. Therefore, I humbly beg your forgiveness, as I also have humbly begged in email correspondence and in fervent humble prayers for the forgiveness of all the Catholic Hierarchy and Clergy, whom I have rejected previously.

Moreover, I give thanks to Almighty God in Our Lord Jesus Christ, through the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, for this immense grace obtained through the prayers of the Catholic Hierarchy and Clergy, all the faithful and the entire Communion of Saints, including all their Rosaries, prayers, and sacrifices, especially in the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass...+

Please keep me in your prayers that I may make reparation for all my sins, and so that I may be a good example of fidelity to the Catholic Faith, and grow in grace and virtue to become the saint that I am called to be, and to persevere to the end in remaining faithful to Our Lord Jesus Christ the King and His Most Holy Family, and to His Catholic Church, and all His Commandments in the living, professing, and sharing of the one saving Catholic Faith for the salvation of my immortal soul and many other souls...+

Gratefully repentant and penitentially prayerful in Jesus reigning through Mary and Joseph and the daily Rosary...+

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“One Lord, one faith, one baptism (Eph. 4:5).”