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MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Statement on the Proposed Episcopal Consecration of Father Michael Mary

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today news has reached the Diocese of Aberdeen that the Superior General of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer, V. Rev. Fr Michael Mary, F.Ss.R, intends to be consecrated as a bishop on 25th July on the island of Papa Stronsay in Orkney. This ordination would be celebrated without a papal mandate, by a group of bishops who deny that Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV is actually the pope.

Since this consecration is due to take place within the geographical boundaries of the Diocese of Aberdeen, I am obliged to make clear to the faithful of the Diocese that any such episcopal ordination would be unlawful and a grave act of disobedience, separating those taking part from communion with the Catholic Church. No member of the faithful should attend. This action is not "for the good of the Catholic Church" as is falsely claimed.

This development is greatly to be regretted and we can only pray that those concerned have a change of heart.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

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