

Bishop Williamson's Response to a Cry for Help:

Your Excellency,

I am Rev. Fr. John Bosco Ohadugha, a Nigerian priest to whom you gave conditional ordination in New York in 2014. Currently I am in Nigeria.

I am writing to inform you about the deplorable situation in which we found ourselves (Traditional Catholics & Remnants) in this part of the world. It is highly regrettable that for over 45 years since the issuing of the documents of Vatican II no Catholic Bishop of Nigeria has made the effort to promote Traditional Catholicism in the country. One Nigerian Bishop who made despairing effort in the recent past to invite FSSP in his Diocese got it very hot from Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria. In essence they hate Latin Mass and Tradition.

This struggle of the remnants in Nigeria seems to be the latest recrudescence in our time of liberalism and modernism. We are the latest victims of a wicked collusion between the liberals and the non-Catholics. Our struggle is not a mere resistance, that would be purely negative. It is a positive commitment to revamp the faith, such as would be the pride of posterity to come.

Nigeria is a liberal country. In most of our seminaries Islamic religion has been made a compulsory subject for seminarians. During my own Novus Ordo formation, I was taught Islamic religion for two years before I was ordained in the new rite.

In view of this I would appeal to your excellency to use our good offices to come to our aid. Boniface is a seminarian from Novus Ordo diocese. He completed his philosophical and Theological studies in St. Joseph Major Seminary Ikot-Ekpene, an affiliate of Pontifical University Rome. He has received his minor orders: Lector and Acolyte. He later joined FSSP but after discerning his vocation, he decided to join the Resistance Group in Nigeria. He is desperately waiting to be ordained by a Traditional Bishop. Therefore, we are begging you to come and ordain him for us.

His ordination might open the door for other candidates desiring for Traditional Catholicism in Nigeria. Your kind consideration of this humble request will be greatly appreciated by all and sundry.

Thanks and may God continue to sustain you as you help the young traditionalists around the globe.

I hereby attach attestation letter from the Nigerian Superior of FSSP where Boniface was.

Your Sincerely,

Fr. John Bosco

January 27th, 2016

Dear Father,

Thank you for this email, as for the letter of attestation which arrived separately and which I have read.

Alas, the Church is in chaos, because the Supreme Shepherd is struck and the sheep are scattered, as they may never have been scattered before. I do sympathise with your desire to have Boniface ordained, but into what structure would he be incorporated? Can you be sure, for instance, that he would be a loyal collaborator of your own if he were ordained priest? There would be no diocese around and above him to control him, any more than there is around and above you or me. The Church is in chaos.

In Latin they say nobody is bound to do the impossible – *nemo ad impossibile tenetur*. In today's situation it may be impossible for you or for him to do more than you are already doing. Patience. This situation is not going to last for ever. Meanwhile, you and he can do much more than you think by enduring all the pains caused by the chaos, by praying (almost all day long) especially the Rosary, and by begging Our Lady to obtain from her Son the straightening out of the Church.

For myself I am already very busy, probably too busy, distracted by the chaos. I honestly do not see my way to extending my apostolate to Nigeria. I am very sorry if this disappoints you, but I do not feel that I could start in Nigeria without following up, and I could not follow up without neglecting what I am already doing elsewhere.

I am sorry if this reply disappoints you, but I dare not risk, in this chaos, biting off more than I can chew. I hope you understand.

May God bless you and keep you faithful. You may think that with your faithfulness you are not doing very much. You would be mistaken. Two faithful souls like Boniface and yourself give to the Sacred Heart and to His Mother much consolation.

I send to the two of you my own humble blessing,

+ ***Richard Williamson***

“Woe to you who command others! If so many are damned by your fault, what will happen to you? If few out of those who are first in the Church of God are saved, what will happen to you?”

- *St. Leonard of Port Maurice*

“I do not speak rashly, but as I feel and think. I do not think that many bishops are saved, but that those who perish are far more numerous.”

- *St. John Chrysostom*

“If traitors have arisen from among the very clergy themselves, let not this undermine your confidence in God. We are saved not by names, but by mind and purpose, and genuine love toward our Creator.”

- *St. Basil the Great*