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## At a pivotal point

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"We are at a pivotal point for the future reconstruction." Bishop Bernard Fellay, Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, expresses himself in these vigorous terms in [an interview granted to Nouvelles de Chrétienté](#) [News about Christianity] (no. 125, Sept.-Oct. 2010) and posted online at [www.dici.org](#). In it he explains his statement made on [www.laportelatine.org](#) on October 7 concerning the spiritual needs of various countries which cannot be met for lack of a sufficient number of priests. But above all he gives his perspective on the net results of three years of

(rather restrictive) implementation of the *Motu Proprio* on the traditional Mass: "There are two spirits embodied in the two Masses. That is a fact!" And he alludes to current relations between the local bishops' conferences and the Holy See: "We certainly are in those times that have been foretold, when there will be cardinal against cardinal, bishop against bishop."

With regard to the conference given last July by Msgr. Guido Pozzo, Secretary of the *Ecclesia Dei* Commission, on the hermeneutic of continuity, Bishop Fellay declares, "they are presenting a new Second Vatican Council to us, a council which in fact we never knew and which is distinct from the one that was presented during the past forty years." He goes on to say, "If we discover such a great divergence in interpreting the conciliar documents, we will have to admit someday that the deficiencies in those documents are there for a reason."

Concerning a solution to the crisis in the Church, the Superior General of the Society of Saint Pius X asserts, "The choice of personnel will be the determining factor. If the policy for nominating bishops finally changes, then we can hope." By the same token he looks forward to "a thoroughgoing reform of teaching at the pontifical universities and of priestly formation in the seminaries".

As for the role of the Society of Saint Pius X, which is celebrating its fortieth anniversary this year, Bishop Fellay confides, "When we ask priests who approach the Society what they expect from us, they tell us initially that they expect doctrine." With respect to the young generation devoted to Tradition, he notes that "it is waiting, ready for the adventure of Tradition, sensing very well that what is being offered to it apart from Tradition is nothing but imitation goods."

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