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to the Superiors of Districts  
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Your Excellencies, Rev. Superiors,

As you are aware, our Superior General had responded to the letter of March 16 of Cardinal Levada that attempted to impose the Doctrinal Preamble of September 14, 2011. By this document, dated April 15, he wished to move away from the impasse created by this Preamble. According to several agreeing sources, the new text seemed to satisfy the Supreme Pontiff.

On June 13, 2012, Cardinal Levada delivered to our Superior General the text from last April, but amended in such a way that it now reintroduces, substantially, the propositions of September 2011. Bp. Fellay immediately informed him that he could not sign this new document, clearly unacceptable. The next [General] Chapter will allow for an appraisal of the complete dossier.

Furthermore, I inform all members of the Chapter that, in virtue of Canon 2331 § 1 and 2 [of the revoked 1917 Code of Canon Law] (nc [Code of Canon Law in force] 1373), the Superior General has deprived Bp. Williamson from the position of capitulary due to his stand calling to rebellion and for continually repeated disobedience. He has also been forbidden to come to Écône for the ordinations.

Finally, Bp. Fellay has decided to postpone the ordinations of the Dominicans of Avrillé and Capuchins of Morgon that were to take place in Écône on June 29. This postponement of Holy Orders was motivated simply by the wish to ensure the loyalty of these communities before the imposition of hands on their candidates (cf. I Tim. 5, 22).

Please rest assured, Your Excellencies, Reverend Superiors, of my respectful and faithful priestly dedication.

Father Christian Thouvenot