

English Translation

Personal comments by Dr. Francisco Tort Mitjans in light of the above facts.

Hearing on February 9, 2017: Mr. Juan José Omella's response to my comments and questions regarding the response of the parish priest of the Basilica of La Merced, Dr. Juan Martínez Porcell.

As for my comment about the Assignment, when I said that, in the current circumstances, it was something like "going where they do not love you", or was something like practicing a heroic act, the Archbishop said that no one is forced,..., He denied such a concept of heroism ... He argued that he often celebrates mass alone and also that in the Cartuja de Montealegre, a bishop of Venezuela, retired there, celebrates Mass alone daily and so on. I said "non habet paritatem", the aforementioned bishop is admitted to the monastery and celebrates this way only because there is no one who can accompany him ... The Prior would have problem if any known or familiar could attend his Eucharist. Less anyone could compare this with my situation, as the Archbishop voluntarily celebrates alone ... and I am rejected by the parish priest, his main reasons based on one fear: there could be more people attending my Eucharist, freely, than people in the one he celebrates in a Basilica that he seems to consider as its exclusive fief ...

I was on vacation a few days in the town of Jaca, where Bishop Omella was an administrator. In the comments, on April 19, 2017, made by the archpriest of the Cathedral, my classmate in Comillas, Dr. de la Fuente, I have found possible arguments to understand the beloved Bishop Omella.

Until the new Canon Law of 1983, parish priests did their job all their lives, and when they could not meet the obligations of their parishes, there were appointed helpers or coadjutors, but without losing their canonical title.

From the new Canon Law that, in my opinion, laid the foundations for the self-destruction of the social, historical and juridical foundations of the Catholic Church as preserved for several centuries, the new Canon Law in Canon 538, in decreeing de facto the loss of life, simply advises or asks the parish priests, also canons etc., apply for retirement at the age of 75 ...

Dr. De la Fuente told me so in Jaca, and I suppose that in a good part of the dioceses, he wanted to interpret this recommendation as something obligatory and, as he told me in Jaca, something to retire the parish priests, "drastically", without consideration ...

The history of these events, somehow lived by Bishop Omella, have helped me to understand how it was possible that he had been almost obliged to accept the unspeakable attitude of Mn. Juan Martínez Porcell in response to an official appointment of his ...

At the insistence of the Archbishop that I adapt to the conditions of Mn. Juan Martinez Porcell, presenting me with great humility ... I thought to obey him, to do so. He told me that after a few days he would invite the two of us to eat...

Accordingly, I phoned the parish priest of La Merced, since the Archbishop insisted that I limit myself to complying with the condition of his letter ...: Hold a Mass on Saturdays at six o'clock in the chapel which is Above the sacristy and let the sacristan close the ladder the same way as it's closed every Saturday ...

The response of Mn. Juan Martinez Porcell was short: "You can come on Saturdays at 6 to celebrate alone. As for the future invitation to eat together with Bishop Omella, no. "

Consequently, if the hearing with Bishop Omella was on February 9, 2017, it was notified to the parish priest of La Merced that, from Saturday 11 February, he would celebrate with only an acolyte.

I remain therefore, to this day, celebrating the Mass on Saturday alone. When I moved, parishioners from Santa Maria del Mar found me, they wanted to invite themselves to the Mass I was to celebrate, they heard the scandal response: You can not come because "I can only celebrate on Saturdays at 6 pm with no more than an acolyte ... "

At this moment is well known by the parishioners of Santa Maria del Mar how a Basilica that a few years ago celebrated eight Masses Saturdays and Sundays is now doing only two ... Is clear how a sponsor of the Foundation Endesa have squandered funds in illuminations, in a projects for the Great Cross, after three expensive tryouts. The comments concerning this Cross published in a pamphlet by the Parish, are the kind of comments only an ignorant could do,

directed to the singularity of such a debatable Cross, when they are valid for this Cross and for any other one ...

In this context, and also from the new Canon Law, when the archpriests need to be supported by the vows, and in order to achieve them, the priests and deacons of the Places, fully friendly and favorable ... In this is also being cemented the perversion of concepts and obligations ...

Going back to the subject that concerns me, no one in their right mind, can argue that the type of Adscript, described by Mn. Juan Martinez Porcell ... adapts for nothing to Canon 1446 and Canonical Doctrine, previously exposed, citing Fr Regatillo.

In view of the facts as they have been substantiated and petrified, the explicit comment that Bishop Joël Mercier, Secretary of the Congregation for the Clergy, makes in his last and definitive letter of December 1, 2016, (Which by the way, seems to be the final answer of the Congregatio, seen and read my letter to the Cardinal Prefect).

Monsignor Mercier's arguments are contrary to the fulfillment, wether in whole or in part, of my request for justice, to return to the situation prior to the non-existent retirement. In all concepts, also in the economic that Mn. Matabosch, of well-known implication in the case, in documents that, in order not to lengthen me, have not been published, executed quickly and obligatorily ...

It is evident that, at least for my part, I consider my recourse to the Congregatio to be unfulfilled when in the said letter of December 1, which seems to be, as it has been said, the definitive answer to my letter to the Prefect of the Congregation of 11 December 2016, "says Monsignor Mercier:" In addition, I inform you that this Congregation does not consider it appropriate to attend an appeal concerning the Parish of San Pau del Camp, after having received and accepted another office in the Parish of Our Lady of Mercé , that necessarily entails the renunciation of any responsibility in the former community."

Monsignor Joel Mercier, Secretary of the Congregatio By Clericis especially in his first letter of May 16, 2016, given his tenor, and citation of Canon 1446, seemed to imitate the justice and mercy of Pope Francis.

The second and last of December 1, 2016, having received Monsignor

Mercier and Cardinal Stella a copy of the document of the parish priest of La Merced that contradicts all pastoral, human and canonical balance in considering or validating that the existing, Conditions attached, imposed by ... and admitted by ... may give rise or sustain, in justice, the assertion that such Adscription "necessarily entails the renunciation of any liability in the previous community." Looking at everything in its context, nothing seems to be based on the doctrine of Pope Francis. Another thing would have been to apply the canon 1446.

Given the fact that my letter to Cardinal Stella bears the date of December 12, 2016, that by special mail is delivered on the 13th, that the last letter of Monsignor Mercier is dated December 1, and it was not delivered until December 17, it does not prevent a logical doubt: whether the last letter of Monsignor Mercier is in fact the final answer requested to the Prefect of the Congregation Mons Stella ...

In any case, even admitting that the Vatican Curia, as it always does ... without acknowledging the real influence of the Pope, I thank Monsignor Mercier, Secretary of the Congregation Pro Clericis, for his sincere attempt to do justice and to follow the example of Pope Francis, for which I am grateful, nevertheless. Mons Joël Mercier has done everything he could ...

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