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One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian Church

SECOND APOSTOLIC LETTER

THE LIFE OF A PALMARIAN FAITHFUL IS VOCATION TO SANCTITY.

THE OBLIGATION TO DESTROY PROMPTLY THINGS FORBIDDEN BY THE CHURCH.

THOSE WHO DIE UNDER EXCOMMUNICATION ARE DEPRIVED OF ECCLESIASTICAL BURIAL.

SOME CONSIDERATIONS ON THE RELIGIOUS STATE

We, Peter II, Supreme Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of St Peter, Servant of the servants of God, Patriarch of El Palmar de Troya, *de Cruce Apocalyptica*, Herald of the Lord God of Hosts, Aflame with the Zeal of Elias.

We as Supreme Pastor address our words to the children of the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian Church, commencing with the following text from the Second Letter of St Peter: "*Therefore, beloved children of mine, be ever more concerned to strengthen your election and vocation to sanctity.*"

We, by the ardent impulse of the Holy Ghost, exhort and require all the children of the Church to consider profoundly that God calls them to sanctification, as the condition of Christian is a vocation to sanctity, which is the most sublime to which man can aspire. So then, that is the obligation you all have to respond daily to grace with the maximum zeal, without sparing any effort. The Palmarian Catholic, then, is rigorously called to sanctity, and to attain it has all the necessary means that Holy Mother Church places entirely at his disposition. The way of personal sanctification demands your assistance at Holy Masses, frequenting the Sacraments, prayer, sacrifice, complete detachment from every obstacle to your sanctification and heroic and constant battling against Satan, his pomps and works. There can be no excuse my dear children! Christ Himself says to us: "*Be you perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect.*" Therefore, your sanctification as children of the Church that you are is wholly attainable if you faithfully resort to the graces that Our Lord God most generously pours out upon you.

So then, my beloved children, the first obligation of the Palmarian faithful is to seek sanctity. Let nobody think that the way of personal sanctification necessarily requires extraordinary charisms in man, because these are not at the free disposition of anyone, since the Holy Ghost exceptionally manifests them to whom He wishes, how He wishes, when and where He wishes, according to the necessities of the Church and independently of the merits or demerits of the subject who receives them. Sanctity consists essentially in doing each day ordinary things with an extraordinary perfection, observing with upright intention the Commandments of God's Law, the Commandments of the Church and Her other dispositions. This is the divine plan, unavoidable for every Palmarian faithful, whose fulfilment requires in all of you the generous and heroic surrender to the service of God and the Church, manifested day after day in your religious, family and professional duties.



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Consequently, your fundamental thought and desire has to be that of carrying out the divine plan of your personal sanctification, so that all your steps follow with complete rectitude the way that leads to the Heavenly Fatherland. You should know that on your personal sanctification depends too, in part, that of Palmarian relatives and friends; since as militant members, through the life of grace, you are grafted onto the copious tree of the Mystical Body of Christ, where you receive the vivifying sap, capable of embellishing it ever more with the savoury fruits of your supernatural virtues, which redound to the benefit of the other members thereof.

We insist, my beloved children: the life of sanctity is indispensable to the members of the Church; and those who through negligence do not attempt this are comparable, in practice, to those who reject it openly. Furthermore, those who let themselves drift along in lukewarmness are those who blemish the Militant Church, as they continue in Her ranks as though they were good Christians, when it is all quite the contrary. Therefore, let those who openly reject sanctity leave the ranks of the Church, and She, though appearing more reduced in militant members, will nevertheless be much cleaner and more resplendent. Lukewarm souls, for themselves and for others, are the woodworm that passes almost unnoticed, but that deteriorates to total destruction everything it gnaws. In the Apocalypse, Christ emphatically reproves spiritual lukewarmness with the following sentence: *"As you act lukewarmly, however, I will spew you out of My mouth, since by your mediocrity and indifference in the exercise of virtue you are loathsome in My eyes; as lukewarmness implies selfish and arrogant self-complacency, owing to the scorning of many of the graces which I give you in order that you attain to salvation."*

See, my beloved Palmarian faithful: Belonging to the Church of Christ is a grace gratuitously given by God. However, in these apocalyptic times, it is as well a very special privilege. From amidst a world completely corrupt, you were chosen to participate in supernatural life, thus to be legitimate heirs of the eternal promises of God the Father by virtue of the merits of His Most Divine Son Jesus Christ and of His Divine Daughter Mary. You are, then, through Christ and Mary in the order of grace, the true sons of God, Whom with every right you can call your Father. Moreover, in virtue of this divine affiliation you are living temples of the Holy Ghost, the Great Supernatural Gift, Sanctifying Grace itself; in short, you are tabernacles of the Most August Trinity, since God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost dwell in your souls in the state of grace, with the Infinite Majesty that corresponds to the Triune God alone. So that you may value even more your condition of privileged Christians, you should take well into account that we are in times when Satan, by divine permission rules in the world as never before, and dwells in the souls of thousands upon thousands of millions of persons who are outside the true Church, the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian. While it is true that you know this doctrine, We nevertheless present these considerations here so that you reflect profoundly, value them more, and correspond generously to the copious graces you receive from God.

We, as Universal Father require from all Palmarian faithful that they be models of obedience to the commands of the Church. Disobedience to the dispositions of God gives rise to appalling evils, both in the spiritual and temporal orders. Our first parents Adam and Eve, by their disobedience to God lost the exalted gifts they possessed in the Earthly Paradise, and became subject to the tyranny of sin, to pain, to sickness and corporal death, leaving us all those evils as inheritance. Nevertheless, Christ and Mary by their most generous obedience to the divine plans, through the Work of Reparation and Redemption opened the doors of reconciliation with the Eternal Father by giving men the opportunity to recover the life of grace lost in Paradise and to attain



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eternal salvation, if they resort to the Deific Blood shed on Calvary. Here are the sad consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience, and the beneficial fruits of the obedience of Christ and Mary.

Obedience to the Church is total submission to the authority of the Vicar of Christ, through unconditional deference to His teachings and dispositions. Disobedience to the Church, on the contrary, is disregard for the Supreme Authority with total or partial rejection of his teachings and dispositions through the imposition of personal criteria. Lamentably there have been many Palmarian faithful who manifested submission to the Church when faced with dispositions easy to fulfil, yet they apostatized later when obedience exacted of them greater detachment from their personal criteria, or from their family, or from anything else opposed to the salvation of their souls. We say that they were all Palmarians of convenience, as they lacked the necessary generous surrender to God and to the Church to be authentic faithful. The children of the Church must be constantly disposed to defend the Catholic Faith and to exercise Christian virtue, including heroically, and even to martyrdom should it come to that. Those who lack this disposition would do better to leave as soon as possible, since they dishonour the Church with their presence and reject their share in the Cross of Christ, wherefore they are not worthy to be His disciples or heirs to the Heavenly Fatherland.

We again insist that the life of sanctity is vital for the members of the Church. St Peter in his first letter says that God had written in the Book of Enoch: "You are to be holy, for I am holy." And if it is true that the soul in the state of grace is already holy because the Holy Ghost who is sanctity itself dwells there, yet the participation of the soul in the sanctity of God is in greater or lesser degree according to the perfection attained through the exercise of virtue. Since by a greater response to grace, the action of the Most Divine Paraclete in the soul through His seven gifts is more intense and His espousal with her is more profound. When man is vivified by the seven divine gifts, he obtains the fruits of the Holy Ghost, the possession of which is sanctity in greater or lesser degree, according to the perfection of the soul. In such wise that, however greater or less the espousal of the soul with the Holy Ghost may be, it will have greater or less supernatural life or sanctity. See then, that the essential basis of sanctity in man is in the indwelling in his soul of the Holy Ghost, Who is Sanctifying Grace; and thanks to this Great Supernatural Gift, a greater intensity of divine life can be attained by response to grace and the exercise of the virtues. Yet, how many Palmarian faithful have lost the life of grace through not striving to increase it further and further by the exercise of the virtues. That is called disdain for God's graces. Whoever is not concerned about increasing the supernatural life of the soul, at the end will lose it, and will run the risk of losing it forever. One cannot fool around with divine gifts, as Christ will vomit from His mouth whoever by his lukewarmness does not make use of them.

We charge you further: the Palmarian faithful should ever be disposed to do whatever God asks of them to attain holiness. Christ Himself says: "If anyone of those who follow Me does not leave his father and his mother, his wife and his children, his brothers and sisters and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me, cannot be My disciple." In this sentence of the Divine Master is wonderfully condensed the life of renunciation to which the children of the Church must be disposed. For to renounce the things of the world when they oppose our sanctification is always imperative. No one can at the same time serve two masters who are opposed to each other. No one can love Christ without first renouncing everything which opposes the salvation and sanctification of the soul. How many problems some Palmarian faithful give to the Church because of non-palmarian relatives and friends! Look, if it is necessary to



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break with father or with mother, or with husband or with wife, or with children or with brothers or sisters, or with friends, because they are a grave obstacle to our salvation, for the greater glory of God and benefit of your souls, break with them without human considerations. How many problems some Palmarian faithful give because of their attachment to garments and other objects forbidden by the Church and which they have the duty to destroy without delay! How much it costs them as well to do away with certain appliances which, though not expressly forbidden, are indeed so when their use be a grave danger for the soul! Look, my dear children, when the moral good of your souls so requires, at home you are obliged to do without television or video, or including computer, or any other utensil which might turn out to be pernicious. Throw them out into the garbage, if need be! For whoever exposes himself to a proximate occasion of mortal sin, is already sinning mortally by doing so. Sadly there are Palmarian faithful who knowing that, by the use in their homes of such appliances, they are almost certain to incur excommunication reserved to the Pope, nonetheless use them and put themselves imprudently at risk. There are Palmarian faithful who by their reckless actions do not give due importance to the gravity of mortal sin or to the fatal consequences of the same. And that is so sad, my dear children; for we must be ready even to give our lives rather than offend God, Our Father, who though infinitely kind, is also infinitely just.

We wish you to bear very much in mind: there are Palmarian faithful very much given to breaking the norms which forbid dealings with persons who do not dress in accord with Palmarian Christian decency or who live in concubinage. And they easily let such into their homes or visit them at their homes. Here we must be upright and valorous. For example, when people call at the door and on opening you see they are not properly dressed, you tell them briefly how they should dress, deny them entry into the house and shut the door. As simple as that. If a Palmarian has to visit a house, before going he should make quite sure that the people living in the house are dressed in accord with Palmarian norms, otherwise he cannot go. The Palmarian faithful should promptly withdraw from any person not clothed according to the Church's norms, or who lives in concubinage. And as you know as well, at work, at school, in college, the only dealings allowed with colleagues dressed against Palmarian norms or who live in concubinage are those strictly related to work or study; consequently there can be no contact which might beget friendship or be understood as such; for the Palmarian faithful cannot go along with persons who do not give up their corrupt morals. The Palmarian faithful, as child of the Light, should act in God's interests with the tenacity and shrewdness that the children of darkness act in worldly matters and mundane concerns.

We warn you so that later you may not be taken by surprise: according to Palmarian Church Law or the Palmarian Code of Canon Law, Palmarians who die under excommunication are deprived of church burial and all funeral rites, since they die outside the Church. All you faithful should bear this very much in mind. And those of you who still have garments, books, photos, holy pictures, documents or anything else against Palmarian norms, destroy them with the utmost promptness and diligence. Older people have no excuse, for if necessary they can ask for help from other Palmarians. There is no time to lose! Obedience to the Church has to be without delay of any kind. Do not be so attached to things you should not have! Consequently, those who still have things forbidden by the Church, whether out of resistance to the norms, or negligence, indifference, laziness, excessive attachment, fear of family, or whatever other unjustifiable reason, now know that they are living under excommunication reserved to the Pope, and forasmuch in most grievous sin, and that if they die in that wretched state the Church will not be able to carry out their burial, or any kind of funeral service, and they will be considered apostates. With the greatest urgency go through every corner of your homes and destroy everything forbidden.



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The salvation of your souls is far above all perishable things. Before God's Judgement, only virtues are in your favour, for perishable things will be left behind on earth. We also warn that in houses where there is a Palmarian Chapel, the Missionary Bishop is obliged under pain of excommunication reserved to Us, to remove the Chapel unless all those things in the house which go against the Church's ordinances are not speedily destroyed. We do not admit any further delay, since God Our Lord, as Supreme Judge, will demand a strict account if, out of weakness or condescension, We do not govern the Church with the rectitude proper to the high office of Supreme Shepherd of the flock confided to Us by Christ.

We bring our Second Apostolic Letter to an end with a brief reference to Religious Life. For those called to the Religious State, their sanctification depends on observance of the Commandments of the Law of God and of the Church, of the observance of the Evangelical Counsels or Holy Vows, and of the observance of the Holy Rules and other constitutions of the Religious Order. The Holy Vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience essentially constitute the state of perfection proper to the religious life. The Holy Rules constitute the true spirit of the Order, as they are the essential basis for community life and for the personal life of every religious. According to fulfilment of the Holy Rules will be the degree of perfection, of generosity and commitment to God's service of a friar and of a nun. Accordingly the Holy Vows and the Holy Rules are an essential condition of religious life, which religious should observe with utmost scrupulosity. And speaking now most especially of Obedience, We teach that fundamentally this is the link between the religious and God by means of the Superior who represents Him in the government of the community. For the disobedient religious sets God's authority aside when he does not respect the Superior's will, and forasmuch imposes his own will over and above the Divine Will. The life of obedience, then, is the total renunciation of oneself so as to live fully subject to God's will by means of the Holy Rules and the orders of the Superior. Not only should religious know this well, but also those who aspire to the Religious Life.

With ardent zeal, We tell Palmarian lay faithful, both men and women: the Church needs religious vocations! But We also warn that the Religious State demands great renunciation and commitment to God. The good religious, for being just that, is a Victim Soul, as he lives in continuous immolation of his person since, in the Religious State, Calvary is mystically lived in its deep reality. Religious, as Christ's most faithful followers, go in the footsteps of the Divine Master laden with the cross of total renunciation of themselves and of things licit for lay faithful. And their objective is to die on the Cross with Christ. The true religious is dead to everything incompatible with Religious Life, in order to live for Christ, so that he can well say with Saint Paul: "*And therefore I am nailed to the Cross together with Him. So that I no longer live, rather it is Christ who lives in me.*"

There are youthful Palmarians who make known their many problems in their dealings with those of the world, and some even complain. To all of them We say that, though it is true that we live in the world, we do not therefore live according to the world. To live according to the world is proper to the children of darkness; but Palmarians, as true Christians, are children of Light, and do not belong to the world but to the Kingdom of God. We urge these youths to ask Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Most Holy Virgin Mary for the grace of the Religious Vocation, and the necessary strength to respond to it, if they truly wish to leave the world. The Church needs many Priests and Brides of Christ! Look, in the Holy Gospel is found the passage of the wealthy young man who, wanting to be a religious, rejected Christ's very loving invitation, not being disposed to renounce his possessions. At the youth's selfish reaction, Christ lamented at those who put their trust in riches alone, living attached to them.



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The Apostle Peter then said to Jesus in the name of the Twelve Apostles: *"See, we have left everything and followed You in the religious state. What then shall be our recompense?"* And among other things, Jesus replied: *"Truly I tell you, that everyone who, for My Name's sake, shall leave home or brother or sister or father or mother or wife or children or land, even with the sufferings proper to the religious life, shall here in this world receive a hundredfold in homes or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or land; and afterwards shall possess eternal life. Since many who in this world are considered foremost in honours and riches, if they do not employ them in God's service, will be least in the Kingdom of Heaven; and those who, having left everything for My sake, are regarded as least in this world, will be foremost in the Kingdom of Heaven."* And Jesus concluded saying: *"Many are called but few are chosen."*

And nothing more for now, my dear children.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 8th of May, third day of the Novena in honour of the Holy Ghost, who is Sanctifying Grace, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMV, and first of Our Pontificate.

With Our Apostolic Blessing
Petrus II, P.P.
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