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Fr Malcolm L Broussard Jr
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Dear Fr Broussard

I received your letter of 11 June 2003, amazed how you can keep missing the whole point. I did not excommunicate you, I simply declared the excommunication that you incurred under Canon 1382 by receiving purported 'episcopal' ordination without a Pontifical Mandate.

Where is your Bull of Appointment by Pope John Paul II? If you do not have that, you may not be ordained a bishop. If you go ahead without a Papal Mandate, both you and the one ordaining you incur a *latae sententiae* excommunication reserved to the Holy See. Therefore your excommunication is not about whether your purported ordination is valid, rather it is about your placing yourself and those who formally adhere to you in schism.

You have broken communion with the Catholic Church. You have gravely breached the Law of the Church and committed a very serious offence. You have incurred an automatic excommunication that is reserved to the Apostolic See. The Pope's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has directed me to issue the formal decree that I have issued for the good of people's salvation and, of course, you received it first.

Canon 360 states: "The Supreme Pontiff usually conducts the business of the universal Church through the Roman Curia, which acts in his name and with his authority for the good and for the services of the Churches. The Curia is composed of the Secretariat of State or Papal Secretariat, the Council for the public affairs of the Church, the Congregations, the Tribunals and other Institutes. The constitution and competence of all these is defined by special law."

So this decree has the Pope's authority, make no mistake about that!

Firstly, I have simply declared that you yourself, by receiving purported 'episcopal' ordination unlawfully, have excommunicated yourself (Canon 1382). Secondly, those who formally adhere to your ministry in the so-called 'Order of St Charbel',

who deliberately and knowingly intend to remain with you in schism, are also by that very fact excommunicated and place themselves outside the Catholic Church (Canon 1364§1).

You speak about the pastoral care that I and the Holy See owe you. By publicly declaring that you have excommunicated yourself, I am acting very pastorally and making a fresh attempt to call you, William Kamm and your followers, back into communion with the Catholic Church. I want you to heal the breach of communion that you have committed. I want you to see the error of your ways and be reconciled with the Church.

I also have a pastoral concern to protect people of good faith from being caught up in a schismatic movement that you have now endorsed by your unlawful purported ordination. I am concerned for your salvation and the salvation of people who have been drawn into your schismatic movement. I want to help you all back into communion with the Catholic Church.

You speak about an appeal. Your appeal would be to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith expressing repentance for gravely breaching the communion of the Church by going into schism. You should ask for the lifting of the automatic excommunication you have incurred; you should fulfil the requirements the Church will put on you, and be reconciled to the Church.

I would be happy to forward your appeal for a lifting of the excommunication, provided you were willing to come to terms with being part of the communion of the Church and submitting to lawful ecclesiastical authority. In your current situation, attention to Canons 1382, 1364§1 and 360 are relevant, not Canon 605.

I sincerely pray you will open your heart to this call back to real communion with the Church.

Yours sincerely

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