



Diocese of Kamloops
BISHOP'S OFFICE

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In recent days, many of you have heard the news concerning the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX). Some have asked what this means for us as Catholics. I simply want to encourage you: do not be afraid. Let us remain calm, pray for everyone involved, and keep our hearts firmly rooted in Christ and His Church.

The Church is our family. Like every family, she sometimes experiences moments of pain and difficulty. Yet these are the very moments when we are called not to drift apart, but to draw closer to Jesus and to remain united with the Holy Father and with our local Church. Communion with the Successor of Peter is not just an administrative matter; it is a precious gift and a visible sign of the unity Christ desires for His Church.

Many faithful Catholics have found spiritual nourishment in the beauty of the traditional liturgy, and we respect that sincere devotion. At the same time, our love for the liturgy should always deepen our love for the Church and strengthen, never weaken, our communion with her.

I ask you to pray especially for those who may be confused or troubled by these recent events. May the Lord heal every wound, overcome every division, and lead all His children to the fullness of unity. Let us speak with kindness, avoid harsh judgments, and always witness to the truth with charity.

May Mary, Mother of the Church, keep us close to her Son. May she help us remain united in faith, joyful in hope, and generous in love as we continue our journey together as one family in Christ.

With my prayer and blessing,

✠ Joseph Phuong Nguyen
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