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Statement from the Association of Christ the King
to the Faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth
Regarding the Arlington Carmel

1 October 2024

Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face

On September 14th, the Carmel of the Most Holy Trinity, in Arlington Texas, announced their formal association with the Society of Saint Pius X. That Society is presently in an irregular canonical relationship, vis à vis the Roman Catholic Church. According to the Carmel's website Statement, the Society of Saint Pius X is now responsible for assuring the Carmel's sacramental life and governance. The Statement further claims that the Chapter of the Monastery, with the agreement of the entire community, unanimously concurred in choosing alignment with SSPX.

On April 18th, however, the Holy See entrusted the Carmel of the Most Holy Trinity to the Association of Christ the King, an Association of Discalced Carmelite Monasteries in the USA, appointing the President of the Association as the major superior of the Carmel, and designating the Council of the Association to serve as the Council of the Carmel. In light of these appointments by Rome, the Arlington Carmel's September 14th Statement is incorrect in claiming that the entire community is in agreement with the new relationship between the Carmel and the SSPX. The Association of Christ the King is not in agreement. The Association of Christ the King does not support the Arlington Carmel's step outside the boundaries of clear communion with Rome, has not been consulted about this move, and has in no way cooperated with it. The August elections held at the Carmel under the auspices of SSPX were conducted without any consultation of the Rome-appointed major superior of the Carmel. The alleged elections are invalid, since according to the Constitutions which govern the Arlington Carmel, the local Ordinary is the competent authority to preside at elections, but he was not consulted by SSPX, nor by the Nuns residing at 5801 Mount Carmel Drive. Therefore, the Nuns' action of erecting new government for themselves, with the assistance of SSPX, is problematic, inasmuch as it is illegitimate. The Association of Christ the King is presently consulting with the Holy See to identify the proper action to be taken in response.

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