

# Hawaii Six documents

## Diocese of Honolulu

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### FORMAL CANONICAL WARNING



Office of the Bishop

TO: **PATRICIA MORLEY**

Whereas on April 28, 1987, you and your accomplices established the chapel entitled, "Our Lady of Fatima" and incorporated it as a non-profit and tax exempt corporation (I.D. #6783D2) contrary to the prescriptions of Canons 205, 515.2, and 751 of the Code of Canon Law.

Whereas, in February 1987 you produced and hosted on Radio KNDI the program, "Catholicism in Crisis", and thereafter from April 1987 until the present, continue to host and produce the aforementioned program on Radio K-108 through which you have caused grave and serious harm, namely, confusion, scandal and heresy, impugning the lawfulness and doctrinal soundness of the Roman Missal (1970) and further aligning yourselves with the Pius X schismatic movement (August 7, 1990; August 14, 1990; January 1, 1991), and acting contrary to the exhortations and admonitions of the Papal Pro-Nuncio Archbishop Pio Laghi (March 10, 1988) as well as the canons 1341, 1364.1, 1369 and 1373 of the Code of Canon Law.

Whereas, on May 1987 you performed a schismatic act not only by procuring the services of an excommunicated Lefebvre bishop, Richard Williamson, who performed contra iure illicit confirmation in your chapel, but also by that very association with the aforementioned bishop incurred ipso facto the grave censure of excommunication as forewarned by the Office of the Congregation of Bishops at the Vatican to all the faithful (July 1, 1988);

Whereas, you did not heed the public, personal warning and admonitions of the diocesan bishop to cease and desist from your activities when he responded to you on your radio show on August 9, 1989.

Therefore, I send you this formal canonical warning wherein I confirm that if you persist any further in your schismatic activities, you will, by that very fact, be subject to and declared to have incurred the most serious censure of excommunication set forth in Canon 1364 in the Code of Canon Law.

I beseech and implore you, in the name of Christ Jesus, to cease from your pertinacious disobedience and contumacy. You have thirty (30) days to present yourself to the diocesan bishop to rectify and reconcile yourself according to the norms of Canon Law.

I pray that this extremely grave warning will, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, assist you in returning to the one, true, Catholic and Apostolic Church in the Diocese of Honolulu.

  
CHANCELLOR

  
BISHOP OF HONOLULU

GIVEN AT THE CHANCERY THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 1991.



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Ms. Patricia Morley  
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Dear Ms. Morley:

Upon instruction of His Eminence, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I perform the duty to communicate the following reply which I just received from him regarding the recourse submitted first by you and then by four other persons against the Decree of declaration of schism given on May 1, 1991 by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph A. Ferrario, Bishop of Honolulu.

1. From the examination of the case, conducted on the basis of the Law of the Church, it did not result that the facts referred to in the above-mentioned Decree are formal schismatic acts in the strict sense, as they do not constitute the offense of schism; and therefore the Congregation holds that the Decree of May 1, 1991 lacks foundation and hence validity.

2. At the same time the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith holds that

- those same facts referred to in the Decree on the whole do not conform to the liturgical and canonical norms;
- the five petitioners with their behavior cause grave nuisance, putting in danger the common good of the local Church;
- and therefore the local Bishop can avail himself of Canon 1373 of the Code of Canon Law, imposing upon them the foreseen punishment of interdict or other penalties, either medicinal or expiatory.

With kind regards and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio



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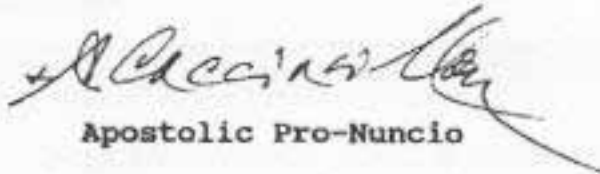
Dear Mrs. Morley,

I forward to you, herewith enclosed, the Decree of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, dated June 4, 1993, concerning your recourse against the declaration of schism, given by Bishop Joseph Ferrario on May 1, 1991.

The reference under number 2 in my letter No. 10.311 of June 28, 1993 to Canon 1373, which is not in the Decree, as you may notice, was simply intended as a reflection and suggestion to the Bishop.

With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Apostolic Pro-Nuncio

Enclosure 1



# CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

## DECREE

On July 3, 1991, Mrs. **Patricia Morley** had recourse to this Congregation against the Decree of the Bishop of Honolulu issued on May 1, 1991.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph Anthony Ferrario, with aforesaid Decree declared Mrs. Morley excommunicated on the grounds that she had committed the crime of schism and thus had incurred the "latae sententiae" penalty as provided for in canon 1364, § 1 of the Code of Canon Law.

This Congregation has examined carefully all the available documentation and has ascertained that the activities engaged in by the Petitioner, though blameworthy on various accounts, are not sufficient to constitute the crime of schism.

Since Mrs. Morley did not, in fact, commit the crime of schism and thus did not incur the "latae sententiae" penalty, it is clear that the Decree of the Bishop lacks the precondition on which it is founded.

This Congregation, noting all of the above, is obliged to declare null and void the aforesaid Decree of the Ordinary of Honolulu.

*Joseph Card. Ratzinger*

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Prefect

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Secretary