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RESPONSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE NOTICE

RE: Kota Kinabalu Archdiocese Notice dated on December 31st 2019

In response to the above-mentioned notice, we would like to clarify the following:

1) About the Society of the St Pius X (SSPX):

- a. The SSPX is a Roman Catholic Society founded in 1970 in Fribourg, Switzerland according to the Laws of the Roman Catholic Church. Its main purpose is the formation of holy priests. Also due to the circumstances of times, it denounces some erroneous teachings elaborated at the occasion of the Council Vatican II and reminds Catholics of the unchanging Doctrine of the Catholic Church passed down from the Apostles up to now, what is called Tradition. Because of this denunciation, the SSPX had its canonical status suppressed and since that time, the condition to have it back has been to accept those erroneous teachings of Vatican II.
- b. The Bishops and priests of the SSPX give validly and licitly the Sacraments:
 - They are validly ordained Roman Catholic priests.
 - They are not schismatics, nor heretics nor sedevacantists, but recognize the authority of Pope Francis and local Bishops, although they refuse to follow them when, going beyond the limits of their ecclesiastical authority, they oppose what the Popes have always taught for 20 centuries.
 - They celebrate the Latin Traditional Mass, canonized by Pope St Pius V in his Apostolic Constitution [Quo Primum](#). Pope Benedict XVI declared in 2007 that all Catholic priests have the right to follow this liturgy in his [Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum](#). The Vatican stated openly in 2003 that Catholics fulfil their Sunday obligation at SSPX chapels.
 - They hear validly Confessions (Pope Francis declared in 2016 that the SSPX priests have officially the power to hear confessions in his [Letter Misericordia et Misera](#), faculty which has been extended indefinitely).
 - They witness marriages validly and licitly ([Pope Francis, SSPX and marriages](#)).

Note that the SSPX priests are officially allowed to say Mass in many places like in all the sanctuaries of Holy Land, in St Peter Basilica in Rome, in famous sanctuaries like Lourdes and Fatima <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tIsKBC6czQ>.

2) About Vatican II:

Vatican II's documents teach no dogma and are not infallible because the Pope did not want to use his privilege of infallibility. So, it is permitted, as a Catholic, to question and oppose these documents. Actually, more and more cardinals, bishops, priests and theologians in the world do question the righteousness of this Council. The reading of the Book [Catechism of the crisis in the Church](#) is highly recommended.

3) About our Chapel in Kota Kinabalu:

As we have yet to receive any formal communication from the Archdiocese of Kota Kinabalu prior to the recent Notice, we invite all Catholics to (re)discover and experience the treasures of the Catholic Tradition in our chapel dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

To learn more about the SSPX, its History and its works, please do refer **only** to authorized websites such as <https://fsspx.org/en> and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/imankatolik, or contact us on our e-mail chapel.ic.sabah@gmail.com.

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