

September 18, 1957

Most Reverend and dear Archbishop
Most dear Cofounder:-

May I beg Your Excellency to concur and approve of what I consider a very vital decision on our part - that for the sake of preventing scandal that might endanger the good name of Via Coeli we will not offer hospitality to men who have seduced or attempted to seduce little boys or girls? These men Your Excellency are devils and the wrath of God is upon them and if I were a Bishop I would tremble when I failed to report them to Rome for involuntary layization. It is blasphemous to let them offer the Holy Sacrifice. If individual Bishops pressuring Your Excellency can say -- Experience has taught us these men are too dangerous to the children of the Parish and neighborhood for us to be justified in receiving them here. Your Excellency can if you wish say - you do not wish to interfere with the Rule-experience has dictated.

It is for this class of rattlesnake I have always wished the island retreat - but even an island is too good for these vipers of whom the Gentle Master said -it were better they had not been born - this is an indirect way of saying damned is it not?

When I see the Holy Father I am going to speak of this class to His Holiness - they should be ipso facto reduced to lay men when they act thus.

In Spiritu,
Fr. Gerald of the Holy Spirit, sP

P.S. Expect to go the Carmalites on Friday - perhaps I may have the privilege of seeing Your Excellency then. G.

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