

# Fraternite Notre Dame's Statement

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Fraternite Notre Dame, founded by His Excellency, Bishop Jean Marie Roger Kozik, requests the Council on Human Rights' attention on the ongoing discrimination against, and religious freedom infringement on Christians around the world.

Without speaking of bloodshed persecutions on the earth, it seems that our arrogant 21st century, with speed, the internet, radar detection and thinking machines, tends to exclude any possibility for recollection and interior life.

The media have managed to relegate the pieces of truth pertaining to the Faith into the category of medieval fabliaus, and they keep jeering at Christian convictions, which upset their ways of life and their consciences. Public authorities often condemn and ban peaceful Christian marches.

On a regular basis, the media further promote a pervert image of the clergy. While all religious entities are not perfect, at least, they are different from other societies, in the sense that their desire for perfection is the only possible explanation for their renewal and survival.

The decadence of society is worsening more and more each year, with its cortege of torments and sufferings. In France, repeated attempts by unemployed persons to set fire to themselves, or children using violence against other children or committing suicide because they feel uneasy at school, are observed. Again, beatings and murders, or assaults against teachers have happened: as many tragedies in a society and education system that have been emptied out of their Christian morality.

The hope of man is then set towards the future. People work to sustain their hope, keeping it open and tolerant, so happiness may become a reality. But true hope cannot be found without links to the past. Whomever plans to build the future, first needs to inherit some sort of tradition. He that wants to cast himself into the upcoming, should beware of first looking behind him.

Why so much hatred expressed against the Christian Religion? The media and school system foster great respect for the cathedrals, but they also foster deep contempt for, and outright ignorance of the Faith which prompted such monuments; they admit the buildings, but reject the spirit which animated them, and without which we would be incapable of re-erecting them today.

We leave these few remarks to your reflection. We thank the Council on Human Rights for the work it has accomplished, and ask that all available means be set into motion towards the respect of Religious Freedom for Christians around the world.

*[ End of the Statement from Fraternite Notre Dame ]*