

Statement from Fraternite Notre Dame

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Fraternite Notre Dame and its Founder, the Most Reverend Bishop Jean Marie Roger Kozik, thank you for allowing us to speak.

The Number of Christians persecuted around the world varies between 100 and 150 millions. every 5 minutes, one Christian person dies for his faith.

These numbers constantly increase, and therefore Christianity today is the most discriminated against religion.

To this terrible reality adds up a widespread media and intellectual indifference. Totalitarian nations redouble their hatred and scorn against those who show them signs of weakness. By keeping silent, the media and intellectual elite are accomplices to these governments that persecute Christians.

In France, under the pretense of secularism and freedom of expression, you can see journalists or even worse: government ministers, openly insulting Christians. When the Pope resigned, a journalist, on the first Sunday in Lent, greeted the event by saying: *“After the Pope's, God's Resignation”*; just imagine for a second that the Ramadan would have been announced in such terms...

A minister from the Republic asserted that: *“Today's Catholic would condemn the Holy Family, for a husband who was not a father, and a mother who was a virgin.”* Such rude and gratuitous insults ring the bell for a major crisis in Europe.

Nothing can assert to us that the French media and political system will not turn into a force of no longer moral, but material repression.

Facing such utter permissiveness when it comes to anti-Christian deeds or media machinations organized against the Church, there is not much distance left to cover before a witch hunt against Catholics is triggered.

What is this country we are speaking about? A European country; but Europe is losing her notion of respecting human beings, and she has started advocating hatred instead of mutual aid.

Church and cemetery profanations have multiplied; art galleries despise religious symbols: in Toulouse for instance, an artist has exhibited statues of the Virgin Mary, dressed up as Barbie, Christ as a plumber, and so on. In Belgium, a bishop was soaked with water during a public television appearance, using sprays that desecrated the Virgin Mary. Where are we heading?

Our European countries support depravity and have become dictatorships of mediocrity. We alert the Council on Human Rights concerning these infringements on religious freedom and incitements to Christianophobia.

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