

AD CLERUM

OF THE COUNCIL OF THREE OF THE ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA
DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM

CONCERNING BISHOP ALISTAIR BATE AND THE COMPANIONS
OF THE CROSS AND PASSION

I. BISHOP ALISTAIR BATE

1. Bishop Alistair Bate has served in this communion as an assistant bishop, as Regionary for Scotland and Ireland, and as Father Prior of the Companions of the Cross and Passion.
2. Our Pastoral Letter (no. 25/2011) circulated to members of this communion details a number of recent matters of a disciplinary nature.
3. Having considered these issues, and in view of Bishop Bate's own circular email of today in which he openly repudiates this communion, the Council of Three has determined with regret that Bishop Bate should be deprived of Faculties as a bishop. From this point forward, he is not authorized to represent himself as a member of our clergy, nor to undertake any canonical function as a bishop. While his Episcopate remains intact, deprivation of faculties means that he can only function as a layman from this point forward. He has been removed from membership of all Orders under our communion.
4. The structural results for our communion will be as follows:
 - a. The Council of Three will operate with a vacancy for the time being.
 - b. The Mission Episcopate of St Genevieve will now be led by Bishop Francois Pouban.
 - c. The Edinburgh parish was due to close later this year due to Bishop Bate's intended move to Switzerland. This closure will now be brought forward. Our church will continue to have clergy representation in that area through Sr. Anne OSTLF.
 - d. The Trinity Grove will no longer operate in association with EADM.
5. Any website operated by Bishop Bate is hereby disclaimed as not representing this communion, including those external websites that have hitherto represented the Companions of the Cross and Passion. The website www.liberalcatholics.org remains the sole source of official information concerning our communion.

II. THE COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS AND PASSION

1. Authority in CCP is dependent solely upon the Charter issued to CCP (no. 14/2010) (see Appendix) by the Presiding Bishop (formerly Metropolitan Primate) of EADM, which gives the CCP legal existence as an Order and provides for its relationship as a dependent Religious Order of EADM. This replaced the previous (and similarly-worded) Charter which was issued by the Presiding Bishop as Metropolitan of the Liberal Catholic Apostolic Church in 2008.
2. In the current charter, the Presiding Bishop appointed Bishop Bate as the first Father Superior of the Order. That right of appointment is the prerogative of the Presiding Bishop as the chartering authority and if necessary, he reserves the right to suspend, remove or replace the incumbent or any successor in that role.
3. Since Bishop Bate has now been removed from his position as Father Prior, the Presiding Bishop of EADM will act as temporary administrative head until a new Father Prior can be appointed from among the remaining brethren, or an alternative future for CCP is decided.
4. Bishop Bate has indicated that he intends to promote an invalid continuation of CCP in opposition to the authentic order which remains within EADM and subordinate to the 2010 charter. Any such body would therefore be openly schismatic, without a charter, without legal authority and led by an ex-bishop who had been deprived of faculties for cause. Such an entity cannot be compatible with the Catholic faith, and the faithful are warned against it in consequence.
5. Recognizing the impact of this situation on other members of CCP, the Presiding Bishop has decided to permit those members to take advantage of a General Release from the jurisdiction of EADM. This permits clergy who wish to avail themselves of its provisions to be released from the jurisdiction without penalty.
6. Bishop Bruno Pedrini, who had been admitted as a Postulant to CCP and issued with temporary limited Faculties last week, is released from the Postulancy without penalty. The Faculties issued to him are withdrawn.

++JOANNES
Presiding Bishop

+ANDREAS
Regionary Bishop for England and Wales

31 May a.d.2011
No. 26 of 2011



APPENDIX

Charter issued by EADM to the Companions of the Cross and Passion on 19 June 2010 establishing CCP as a dependent Religious Order of EADM and appointing Bishop Bate as its Father Superior. This Charter was issued at the explicit request of Bishop Bate and was until recently displayed by him on the CCP website.



Ecclesia Apostolica Divinorum Mysteriorum

The Apostolic Church of the Divine Mysteries

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CHARTER TO THE COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS AND PASSION

ELEUTHERIUS, METROPOLITAN PRIMATE
OMNIBUS HAS PRÆSENTES LITTERAS VISURIS - S a l u t e m in Domino!
☉ In the Sacred Name of the Most Holy, Adorable, and Undivided Trinity, Father,
Son and Holy Ghost. Amen
Ad Perpetuam Rei Memoriam

By Virtue of the ANCIENT PLENARY POWERS inherent in Our Sacred Office and of the LEGAL POWERS and PREROGATIVES vested in Us by Articles FOUR and SIX of the Constitution of ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM being a denomination of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church established with full Canonical Authority, and of all other Powers hereunto Us enabling:

We do Hereby

INCORPORATE

Our well-beloved Sons in Christ BISHOP ALISTAIR BATE, BISHOP ISAAC FELLIZARI, FR. ROBERT PIEPER, FR. FRANCOIS POUBLAN, FR. SALVATORE SCUDERI, THE REVD. BRAM HEIDENDAL and BARRY JONES, into a lawful and canonical Religious Order, HEREBY CONSTITUTED, ESTABLISHED, and ERECTED under the name, title, or style of THE COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS AND PASSION, and do GRANT unto such Order this Our PERPETUAL CHARTER, together with the CONSTITUTION hereunto annexed, providing that the said BISHOP ALISTAIR BATE shall be appointed as the first Father Superior with due powers to regulate and govern the Order accordingly.

AND WE PRAY that the grace and favour of ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT, may rest upon the said Order, and upon every Member and Officer thereof, and as an earnest token of Our Paternal solicitude, We do hereby impart unto them Our Apostolic Benediction.

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in the Archives of the
ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA
DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM
No. 19 of 2010
+ A. L. J. Grand Archdeacon

In Faith and Testimony whereof We have here unto set OUR SIGN MANUAL and EPISCOPAL SEAL and caused these OUR LETTERS to be made PATENT, and have directed this CHARTER to be issued out of Our Chancery at LONDON, ENGLAND, this nineteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and ten and in the third year of Our Episcopate.

Eleutherius
Metropolitan Primate



Witness :- + A. L. J.



And that the following may be truly and duly attested as an OFFICIAL ACT of HIS GRACE TAU ELEUTHERIUS, METROPOLITAN PRIMATE OF ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM, a Corporation Sole within the scope of the Constitution Powers vested in him, the CORPORATE SEAL of ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

A. L. J. Secretarius ad hoc

Letter of Faculties issued by EADM to Bishop Bate on 29 May 2010 and setting out clearly the nature and extent of his authority within the communion.



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APPOINTMENT OF THE MOST REVD. ALISTAIR BATE AS BISHOP IN CALEDONIA OF ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM

ELEUTHERIUS, The Servant of Jesus Christ by the Grace of God METROPOLITAN PRIMATE OF ECCLESIA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM, ARCHBISHOP OF GREAT BRITAIN IN THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BISHOP AND RECTOR PRO-PROVINCIAL OF CANTERBURY IN THE ORDER OF CORPORATE REUNION, U n t o : All and Singular to Whom These Presents Shall Come: PEACE, HEALTH, AND APOSTOLIC BENEDECTION :
 ☩ In the Sacred Name of the Most Holy, Adorable, and Undivided Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen



By Virtue of the ANCIENT PLENARY POWERS inherent in Our Sacred Office and of the LEGAL POWERS and PREROGATIVES vested in Us by Articles FOUR and SIX of the Constitution of the ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM being a denomination of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church established with full Canonical Authority, and of all other Powers hereunto Us enabling:

We do Hereby

A P P O I N T

The Most Revd. Alistair Herrick Bate, O.C.R., D.D., to the office of B I S H O P I N CALEDONIA of Ecclesia Apostolica Divinorum Mysteriorum, that office to be held for a duration and under terms to be determined at Our pleasure.

In Faith and Testimony whereof We have here unto set OUR SIGN MANUAL and EPISCOPAL SEAL and caused this LETTER OF APPOINTMENT to be issued out of Our Chancellery at LONDON, ENGLAND, this twenty-ninth day of May in the Year of Our Lord Two thousand and ten and in the third year of Our Episcopate.

Eleutherius
 Metropolitan Primate

Witness :-
+ A. Liz



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 in the Archives of the
 ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA
 DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM
 No. 10 of 2010
+ A. Liz Grand Archivist



And that the following may be truly and duly attested as an OFFICIAL ACT of HIS GRACE TAU ELEUTHERIUS, METROPOLITAN PRIMATE OF ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM, a Corporation Sole within the scope of the Constitution Powers vested in him, the CORPORATE SEAL of ECCLESIA APOSTOLICA DIVINORUM MYSTERIORUM was hereunto affixed in the presence of: -

+ A. Liz Bishop in Anglia