

MEMORANDUM

THE ANGLICAN INDEPENDENT COMMUNION

1. The Anglican Independent Communion was founded on 4 December 1999 by the late Bishop Peter Compton-Caputo, following the separation of the Anglican Parish of St. Charles the Martyr from the Traditional Episcopal Church. The Anglican Independent Communion is incorporated in the State of Maryland, USA, and maintains an official website at <http://www.cinemaparallel.com/anglican.html>. It is a conservative Anglican church which accepts the St. Louis Affirmation, the Bladensburg Call, the 39 Articles and uses the 1928 P.E.C.U.S.A. Book of Common Prayer as the Liturgy for public worship. The A.I.C. clergy has also voted to accept the 1958 P.E.C.U.S.A. Canons.
2. Following the resignation of Bishop Compton-Caputo in 2000, he was succeeded by Bishop Robert Samuel Loiselle who continues to hold office at the time of writing. Bishop Loiselle was consecrated by Paget E.J. Mack, Archbishop *ad personam* in the Apostolic Episcopal Church, on 11 March 2000, assisted by Patriarch Emigidiusz J. Rzyzy and Bishop Compton-Caputo.
3. On 23 September 2000, the Anglican Independent Communion entered into a Concordat of Intercommunion with the Uniate Western Catholic (Orthodox) Church under its then-Primate Archbishop Bertil Persson at the Synod of the Apostolic Episcopal Church. The U.W.C.(O.)C., which is a dependent communion of the Order of Corporate Reunion, has since united its administration with the Apostolic Episcopal Church under the worldwide Primacy of Archbishop Francis C. Spataro. There are further links of intercommunion through the American World Patriarchates.
4. The A.I.C. has caused the following to be published concerning other groups which use similar names or that claim descent from Bishop Compton-Caputo:

“The Anglican Independent Communion, Inc., is lawfully incorporated as such in the State of Maryland, in the United States of America. This is the only Apostolic body which descends in a direct, regular, valid and lawful manner from the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, in the Diocese of Annapolis and was established by the Continuing Anglican Parish of St. Charles the Martyr.

All others using variations of "the Anglican Independent Communion" name in the "UK", "Caribbean", or "in the Americas" are not recognized to be in Communion or fellowship with this lawful jurisdiction, our clergy or our historic churches.

Some may claim Holy Orders from irregular "one on one" consecrations for monastic and other orders by +Peter Caputo. They may not however, claim to be in "fellowship" or "communion" with this Anglican Continuing jurisdiction or descend in Apostolic Succession from us, or lawfully extend their ministry outside their Monastic context into the larger Catholic and Apostolic Church, without evidence of prior written approval to do so, from a Presiding Bishop of this Communion, with a copy filed and duly recorded with the Canon of the Diocese, with the Vestry of St. Charles Parish or with the Chancellor of the AIC, Mr. John Vickerman.

If that is NOT the case, they are simply "vagantes" in violation of all existing historical and Catholic jurisdictions."

5. Because this communion has on occasion been approached by individuals who claim Holy Orders that derive from the now-numerous groups mentioned at (4) above, it is necessary to clarify that such groups are not recognized within this communion, and Holy Orders that derive from them are regarded by this communion as irregular.

FOR THE COUNCIL OF THREE

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