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Ad Majorem Gloriam Dei!

**Chapel of Our Lady Queen of Angels
535 N. Hyde Park Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18504**

November 10, 2004

AD NOTANDUM:

I have been assisting Father Paul Wickens at St. Anthony of Padua Chapel for some years before he entered into his eternal reward. Just recently, before he was admitted into the hospital and just prior to his first treatments for cancer, I was taken into his confidence concerning the future of the chapel of St. Anthony of Padua.

He explained to me that he had visited the bishop at the time to see if any reconciliation could be effected. It was not amicably settled. Father Paul Wickens did not like his terms and felt that it was too modernistic, compromising our Traditional Faith and Morals, and unacceptable. This is why he always maintained his firm stand on maintaining the Chapel as an independent Chapel. He was firmly committed to our Traditional Catholic Faith, Morals, and Doctrines and Devotions.

When he became ill, I was asked to assist at the Chapel. It was then that we had long and extensive talks about the matter at issue. There were only two options available. One was that a good, dependable independent priest would take over the administration of the Chapel for the good of the people and our Holy Mother the Church. The other option was to hand it over to the Society of St. Pius X on the provision that they care for the spiritual needs of the people.

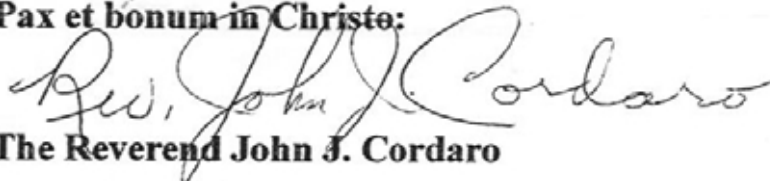
He drew up a handwritten document indicating that the Chapel and all its assets would be given to the Society of St. Pius X. It was understood that the Society would ensure a continuation of the Traditional

movement as Fr. Paul had initiated when he first established the Chapel. Father Paul labored long and hard at maintaining the Chapel and it was his desire and wish that it would continue in the same manner as when it was first established. He attempted to maintain a certain solidarity and a definite traditional attitude for all concerned. He did this with prudence, Charity, and discretion. He wanted to welcome all to the Chapel to bring them close to Christ and to introduce them to the great love Our Lord has for His flock.

It would be a mockery to his memory to change the status of his last wishes and concerns for his people at St. Anthony of Padua. You will find no better priest that has such a warm, loving concern for his flock. He was truly a good shepherd after the Heart of Jesus. I know this through our intimate talks we had together. He confided in me completely and trusted in me. Other matters of a private nature I cannot divulge, as you well know. However, suffice it to say that his only concern was the continuation of the Chapel for the Salvation and Sanctification of the people.

I was asked to sign the document he had written. That I did and left it in the his bedroom on the dresser. I had called to have it mailed to my address as listed above, but apparently, someone had removed it and it cannot be found now. However, I attest to its authenticity and its truth. Also, I solemnly swear before God Almighty to the above statements pertaining to the Chapel and Father Paul Wickens wishes and desires for the spiritual welfare of the people who attend the Chapel.

Pax et bonum in Christo:


The Reverend John J. Cordaro

State of Pennsylvania
County of Lackawanna
On this 10th day of November, 2004
before me personally appeared
Rev. John J. Cordaro

to me known to be the person who executed the
foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he
executed the same as his free act and deed.

SEAL (signed) 
Notary Public

NOTARIAL SEAL
JANE V. TAYOUN, NOTARY PUBLIC
CITY OF SCRANTON, LACKAWANNA COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 30, 2006