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Can. 212 §3 They [Christ’s faithful] have the right, indeed at times the duty, in keeping with their knowledge, competence and position, to manifest to the sacred Pastors their views on matters which concern the good of the Church. They have the right also to make their views known to others of Christ’s faithful, but in doing so they must always respect the integrity of faith and morals, show due reverence to the Pastors and take into account both the common good and the dignity of individuals.

The reader may wish to ask a priest to clarify some of the more complicated arguments.

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Is the Society of St. Pius X

in Schism?



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(includes a study of SSPX marriage annulments)

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(SSPX) in Schism?

Background information

- [What is the SSPX?](#)
- [Jurisdiction and Schism](#)
 - Does the SSPX have **any** Jurisdiction?

Is the SSPX in Schism because they give marriage annulments and excommunicate people?

- [Four Reasons why the SSPX is in Schism](#)
 - **includes SSPX marriage annulments**
 - includes other abuses
- [Bishop Williamson](#): defends SSPX marriage annulments
- [Bishop Tissier de Mallerai](#)s: defends SSPX marriage annulments
- [Archbishop Lefebvre](#): Did he **really** defend SSPX marriage annulments?
 - **includes a critique of the 1997 Ordonnances**
- [Prof. Paulo Agozzini Martin](#): answers a letter from Bishop Tissier de Mallerai
 - condemns SSPX marriage annulments
 - shows how to answer Bishop Tissier de Mallerai using Canon Law
- [Prof. Orlando Fedeli](#): condemns SSPX marriage annulments
 - proves that the SSPX granted secret marriage annulments
 - shows how Bishop Tissier de Mallerai quotes the Law that actually condemns SSPX annulments
 - shows how the priests of Campos Brazil desperately tried to justify the annulments once people found out about them

SSPX negotiations with Rome (2001)

- [Bishop Fellay](#): an official statement
- [SSPX HQ](#): (March 2001) an official statement
- [Bishop Williamson](#): (February 2001) tells what's behind SSPX negotiations
- [Bishop Williamson](#): (March 2001) gives details of SSPX negotiations
- [Bishop Williamson](#): (April 2001) gives more details of SSPX negotiations

Schism is a rupture of unity in the Church. When many think of schism, they think of the consecration of four bishops by Archbishop Lefebvre on June 30, 1988, done against the wishes of Rome.

In 1988, the SSPX said there was no schism because the new bishops had no jurisdiction. Today, these bishops of the SSPX have jurisdiction, because they grant marriage annulments and impose censures on laypeople, and this requires jurisdiction.

How could we know that the SSPX is now in schism due to the jurisdiction they have taken for themselves? It's not by asking Rome who opposed the consecrations of 1988, or by asking the SSPX. No-one will ever admit that they are in schism. So, how could we know?

Fortunately, there are books on canon law and schism which we can study to know whether the SSPX is in schism or not, based on the principle that if someone illegally takes on the jurisdiction belonging to the Pope, then they are in schism – it doesn't matter what the SSPX says otherwise.

We hope that we have presented our case clearly and made the public aware of the issues.

- [The SSPX of France](#): talks about SSPX negotiations with Rome
- [Cardinal Ratzinger](#): (April 2001) talks about the failed negotiations
- [Bishop Fellay](#): (June 2001) gives the **real** reason why the negotiations failed
 - **he also forbids SSPX priests to read websites like this one**

What Happens to Priests who Criticize the SSPX?

Letters from SSPX Priests telling Why They Left the SSPX

North America

- [Nine priests](#) (SSPX demands loyalty that belongs only to the Church and to the Pope)
- [Father John Rizzo](#) (cultish behaviour, attitude towards women, political attitudes)
- [Father Robert Neville](#) (jurisdiction, inconsistency of SSPX, marriage annulments)
- [Father Eric Ensey](#) (legal situation of SSPX, desire to found a new religious order)
- [Father Marshall Roberts](#) (marriage annulments, legal situation of the SSPX)
- [Father Benedict Van der Putten](#) (SSPXers see no Pope in Rome, failed negotiations)

Europe

- [Abbé Emmanuel Berger](#) (Episcopal consecrations, jurisdiction, Bishop Tissier de Mallerai demands blind obedience to the SSPX: thus making the SSPX like a religious cult)

Australia

- [Father Gary Campbell](#) (private interpretation, SSPX discourages thinking)

Latin America

What can we do?

Are you concerned about someone who is under the influence of the SSPX? There is something you can do:

[How to Rescue Someone from the Influence of the SSPX](#)

Surviving as a Catholic Today

So what can we do if we want to be good Catholics and the situation in the Church is so grave? (Much of this section is still in preparation).

- You are responsible for your own salvation
- Learn your Catechism
- Read good Catholic books
- Say your Prayers
- Find a good priest if possible
- Find others of like mind for mutual support
- [Example of Japanese Catholics who kept the Faith without priests for 200 years](#)
- Good sources of Catholic info

- [Padre Rafael Navas Ortiz](#) (marriage annulments)

What happens to SSPX Priests who disagree with the SSPX

- [How the SSPX persecuted Father John Rizzo](#)
- [How the SSPX persecuted the Van der Putten brothers](#)
 - [A Letter from Father Angelo Van der Putten of the SSPX defending himself from accusations by his Superiors in the SSPX](#)

Do SSPX Priests have to stay in the SSPX?

(This section is for SSPX Priests, even though Bishop Fellay has forbidden SSPX priests to read websites like this one.)

- [On SSPX priests and their vows](#)

What Happens to Laypeople who Criticize the SSPX?

- **The SSPX criticizes the bishops.**
- **The SSPX criticizes the Pope.**
- **We criticized the SSPX and the SSPX called the police to throw us out.**

The SSPX vs. Dupuis, Eden & Thomson (DET)

- [Summary of the Case](#)
- [A Legal Case Study](#)
- [SSPX vs DET: Details of What Happened](#)

Other Subjects of Interest

Hot Topics / Frequently Asked Questions

- **The Pope:** [Is the Pope ALWAYS Infallible?](#)
 - **includes the Jan 24/02 prayer meeting in Assisi**
- **Vatican II:** [Is Vatican II Infallible or being Misinterpreted?](#)
- **The New Mass:** [Is the New Mass Valid or Pleasing to God?](#)

Other Websites

- [Is the Society of St. Pius X a Cult?](#)
- [SSPX sites](#)
- [non-SSPX sites](#)

Sexual Abuse in the Society of St. John (SSJ)?

Very serious accusations have been made against members of the Society of St. John (SSJ). These matters are still before the courts, and to date there have

- **includes whether a Catholic should attend the New Mass**
- [Critique of the New Mass by Cardinals Ottaviani and Bacci](#)
- [Critique of the New Mass by Bishop Antonio de Castro-Mayer](#)
- **The Bishops:** [Is Your Bishop a Schismatic or a Heretic?](#)
- **Archbishop Lefebvre:** [Was Archbishop Lefebvre a Freemason or a Validly Ordained Priest?](#)
- **Eastern Rites:** [Can a Catholic Switch to Another Rite?](#)
- **Campos Brazil:** [Traditional Priests of Campos Reconcile with Rome: Is this good or bad?](#)

Informative or Inspiring

- [A Catholic martyr on the Titanic?](#)
- [A Rule for Distinguishing Truth from error \(38 pages\)](#)
- [A Rule for Distinguishing Truth from error \(Summary\)](#)
- [Can someone who cannot or who will not think have the Catholic Faith?](#)
- [An Interview with God](#)
 - (If this Presentation doesn't work, get Macromedia Flash).
- [How Three World Wars Were Planned to Help Establish the New World Order](#)

News and Events

- **Italy:** [Police Include the SSPX in their List of Cults in Italy](#)
- **USA:** [Cult expert adds SSPX to his list](#)
- **USA:** [Cult expert comments on the SSPX](#)
- **France:** [Three boys dead, two missing. Court finds SSPX priest guilty of manslaughter.](#)
- **Ireland:** [One of FBI's Most Wanted sought refuge with the SSPX.](#)

been no convictions.

We believe that prudence dictates that precautions should be taken in the interest of protecting innocent children from possible harm. Because of this, and because the SSPX is implicated in this case, we are warning the public about these matters.

- [The Accusations against the SSJ](#)
- [Fr. Richard A. Munkelt, formerly with the SSJ, speaks out.](#)
- [The Seduction of the Society of St. John \(Part I\)](#)
- [Visit the website of St. Justin Martyr College for the latest news in this case](#)

Finding Help and Support

Are you the victim of abuse by the clergy? Do you know anyone (male or female) who has been abused? Here are places you can find help and support.

Support Groups:

- [Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests](#)
- [The Survivors of Clergy Abuse Linkup](#)
- [National Association of Survivors of Clergy Abuse in Catholic Seminaries](#)

Help for Homosexuals (If they want it):

- [Homosexuality and Hope:](#)

[Statement of the Catholic Medical Association](#)

The Unspoken Victims

In a real sense, the unspoken victims in all of this evil are good priests, who are now looked upon with suspicion and distrust. God knows who they are. In defense of good priests, we say this:

"Pedophiles become priests, priests do not become pedophiles."

A Request

Some people think we have "an axe to grind against the Society". We know there are good priests in the SSPX, although more and more of them leave the SSPX.

We thank God for the SSPX, because the priests of the SSPX taught us the errors in the Church today, and taught us about the true Catholic Faith and the true Catholic Sacraments, like the true Mass. In fact, the knowledge of the Catholic Faith, taught to us by the priests of the SSPX, enables us to know whether the SSPX is in error.

We are truly saddened by the fact that now, despite all the good works the SSPX has done, the evidence shows that they are in error and have gone astray. Many people now believe that the SSPX has become a destructive mind control cult, whose followers are discouraged from thinking for themselves, and that they are now are in schism from the True Church, despite their claims that they are the only true Catholics in the world today.

We ask you to join us in praying for the priests and bishops of the SSPX, that they may see their errors and return to the truth and the unity with Rome that Archbishop Lefebvre wanted them to have.

About us & Letters

Since their launch in 1998, the websites [sspx-schism.com](#) and [sspx-cult.com](#) have generated considerable interest. We've received many e-mail "letters" from visitors, both for and against our position with respect to the SSPX.

We thank all those who have written to us, whether you've been for or against us, or whether you've simply been curious about the state of the Church today.

For the next few months, we will be unable to respond to any further emails. However, we will keep this website open to continue to provide information to the public.

- [Who are We?](#)
- [Some Letters we've](#)

[received](#)

- [Some Questions we've been asked](#)