

RJMI's Authority to Rule Catholics

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From: MW

To: RJMI

Dear Mr. Ibranyi,

I have been looking at your site for a while and listened to one of your sermons—or lectures—(No popes since 1130, I think?) and near the end of that lecture you mentioned that you believe you're going to be the next pope. Since that procedure would require some form of hierarchy (at least a Catholic Bishop, I would assume) that cannot happen just yet. In the meantime, what do you consider yourself? I consider you to be the religious leader of Mary's Little Remnant, like St. Dominic vs. St. Francis, both being leaders of their respective orders, but due to the Great Apostasy and lack of hierarchy you have the added privilege/duty/burden of being the only person that I know of who is actually teaching the Catholic Faith in these days. So I know it may sound a little strange, I beg you to please not misunderstand me. My question is based on the fact that many people out there have repeatedly said: "Oh! Ibranyi calls himself the head of the Church." I have repeatedly defended you against that claim because, to me, that would be schismatic, because unless you are actually *elected* Pope, head of the Universal Church, it would be incorrect to say you are "the head of the Church," or your religious group is the Catholic Church. You are the head of your group, by all means, and demanding respect from people not in your order because of your teaching position, just not the head of the entire Catholic Church and equal to a pope. Also saying that your group is the Catholic Church would sound like the heresy you refuted when you gave your sermon on the *Church Survives without Catholics*. I am meaning no disrespect. I believe in what you are teaching on dogmas, etc. I just personally want to say things right and not over exaggerate and sound schismatic, set scandal for Protestants, and make a joke out of true papal authority.

Sincerely,

MW

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Ss. Tryphon & Respicius, Mm;
and Nympha, VM

Dear Michael,

I know I am not (and never claimed to be) a pope, a bishop, or a priest. I am a layman, a prophet, and a Witness. Hence when I say I am the head of the Catholic Church, I do not mean as a pope or bishop but as a prophet (like a judge, such as Samuel during the Old Covenant era) and as one of the final-day Witnesses mentioned in the Book of the Apocalypse, Chapter 11.

1. Catholic bishops are the primary teachers and enforcers of the Catholic faith and hence are called prophets. In this sense I too am a prophet, even though I am not a bishop, because I am a primary teacher and enforcer of the Catholic faith by necessity because there are no Catholic bishops that I know of in the world. The Bible teaches that men can take authority unto themselves in emergency situations as long as they do so justly: “He that taketh authority to himself unjustly shall be hated.” (Eccus. 20:8) Conversely, a man who takes authority to himself *justly* shall be loved by good Catholics. Because I am the only one that I know of that is teaching the full deposit of the Catholic faith, that makes me the head of the Catholic Church over Catholics (catechumens and the faithful) who know about me. This was the case with Moses and the judges during the Old Covenant era when individual judges who were faithful and holy, such as Samuel, rose up to rule God’s chosen people. Hence I am the head of the Catholic Church in the same way a Catholic bishop is the head of the Catholic Church in his diocese. If there were another Catholic in Russia or elsewhere that I do not know about who is teaching the full deposit of the Catholic faith, then Catholics who know about him and are closer to him than to me must be subject to his authority.
2. I am also a head of the Catholic Church and ruler over Catholics because I am one of the Witnesses mentioned in the Book of the Apocalypse who is needed in these final days to teach and enforce the Catholic faith and rule over Catholics. Hence my authority over Catholics is also confirmed in the Bible: “I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy...” (Apoc. 11:3) Prophecy, as used here, means not only teaching and enforcing the Catholic faith but also foretelling events, pronouncing God’s judgments, calling down punishments, and performing miracles. If there were a Catholic hierarchy intact (a pope and Catholic bishops) in these final days, then there would be no need of the two Witnesses and they would be schismatic for opposing or undermining that hierarchy. Even if a Catholic or catechumen did not believe I am one of the Witnesses, he must still be subject to me because (as mentioned in Point 1) I am a prophet in the sense of a teacher and enforcer of the Catholic faith.

Because I am not a pope, I cannot make infallible definitions. But I can and do tell Catholics that they are bound to the past infallible definitions from the unanimous consensus of the Church Fathers (the ordinary magisterium) and infallible papal decrees (the solemn magisterium) and hold them to it. And I can tell Catholics that they must obey valid disciplinary laws and punish them when they do not.

The fact that I, a layman, am a head of the Catholic Church in these final days should not cause scandal to anyone who reads the Catholic Bible and holds the Catholic faith and understands the extent of the Great Apostasy. Jesus said, “The Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth?” (Lk. 18:8) The true humongous scandal and undermining of papal and other hierarchic authority is to believe that the apostates in Rome are Catholic and rulers over Catholics as well as the other apostate nominal Catholics throughout the world.

For more on my authority over Catholics, how I exercise that authority, and about Mary’s Little Remnant, see my letter *On RJMI and Mary’s Little Remnant*. And for my authority to teach the Catholic faith without the approval of a Catholic bishop, see my article *On RJMI’s Position and Authority*.

I do not believe I ever said that Mary’s Little Remnant is the Catholic Church. What I say is that we are members of the Catholic Church. What you may have taken out of context is when I say that “The only place where the Catholic Church is that I know about is with us in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico,” meaning that we are the only members of the Catholic Church that I know about and thus the only visible presence of the Catholic Church that I know about on earth.

Sincerely,

Richard Joseph Michael Ibranyi
To Jesus through Mary