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Dear Reverend Fathers and Faithful,

You are, perhaps, aware of the upcoming episcopal consecrations of Father Fernando Altamira and Father Pierre Roy by Bishop Rodrigo da Silva.

As head of the international apostolate of St. Gertrude the Great, formerly headed by Bishop Daniel Dolan, I am under a moral obligation to make a public statement regarding my position on these consecrations. My silence would otherwise give the impression that I consent to them.

I cannot approve or consent to these consecrations, due mainly to the fact that I, and the clergy who work with me, know little about the Bishop-Elects.

An episcopal consecration has such grave implications on the Church and on souls for both time and eternity that serious consultation must be had regarding its necessity and the suitability of the candidate. Bishop Dolan, who was always prudent and cautious in the matter of episcopal consecrations, only decided to consecrate a bishop after many years and only under extreme circumstances.

However, Bishop da Silva, despite my expressed concerns regarding these points, unilaterally proceeded to announce the consecrations publicly and has thereby chosen to work with us no longer.

To sum up and leave no room for doubt, I neither approve nor condone the episcopal consecrations of Reverend Fernando Altamira and Reverend Pierre Roy. Furthermore, I am forced into a position in which I must cease working with Bishop da Silva.

Yours in the Sacred Heart,

+ Charles J. McGuire

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire

