

MESSAGE FROM:
FR. MARK HOBSON, RESURRECTION CHURCH IN SOLON
TO: SAVE OUR CHURCH AND OUR REPLY

Fr. Hobson's objections were to our documented report: *FutureChurch, The Truth Behind the Mask*, exposing this group and their March 1st meeting at his parish in which the image of the Lord was removed and in its place went up all over the "sanctuary" large banners of the "goddess Sophia." This was the meeting where the speaker, instead of being met with outrage and protest was met with laughter and applause when she called St. John the Evangelist a liar and admonished her audience "Don't buy into the Scripture!"

From: David Webster [dwebster@saveourchurch.org]
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2003 1:34 PM
To: 'jmhobson@en.com'
Subject: Response

Dear Fr. J. Mark Hobson,

Unfortunately, and I say this as respectfully as I can, neither I, nor any rational being, could place any credence in you as a priest or your word. Call to Action can summarize the sentiment of the March 1, 2003 FutureChurch meeting in your parish as "No longer Christian," and you expect me to take seriously your implication your area faithful Roman Catholic priest? You now have only added to your apostasy and disloyalty to the Church of Christ deceit and deception. I would have hoped to have at least been able to respect you for being honest and forthright but apparently you do not hold even that as essential to your spirituality. May God have mercy on your soul. Fr. Hobson, I do *sincerely, with heartfelt compassion*, pray that for you, because you have obviously lost sight of what lies at the end of your course because of the souls you are leading astray. What good you could do for so many by seeking out the way back to true faith.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dave Webster

-----Original Message-----

From: J. Mark Hobson [mailto:jmhobson@en.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2003 3:23 PM
To: info@saveourchurch.org
Subject: Your web site

Dear Mr. Webster:

One of my parishioners asked me to review what you have written about our parish on your web site. That is the purpose of this correspondence.

As the pastor of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord in Solon, Ohio, I am shocked and deeply grieved by the inaccurate details you are publicly sharing on your web site regarding our faith community. I can only hope

that you were unintentionally misled, and that by receiving the facts you will remove the ugly things you have said about us.

We are a Roman Catholic parish. I am the only priest assigned to the parish and I preside at every celebration of the Eucharist here. We follow the Roman Rite as outlined in the Roman Missal. We do not now, nor have we ever practiced witchcraft here. We have an image of our Blessed Mother in our Eucharistic chapel. Six years ago we replaced the fiberglass image of Mary in the chapel with an iconographic image of our Lady. The first image was given a good home elsewhere. We never threw an image of Mary into the trash as described on your web site.

We believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We do everything we can to express that reverence in our liturgical celebrations, and in the education we offer our young. In fact, the main reason that we are building our new church (which we prefer to call our worship space in an effort to stress that the baptized People of God are most accurately called "Church") is not to accommodate more seating, but to prepare a more appropriate place for the celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments. You see, we have been in a "multi-use space" for many years. We have been using the same room in which we celebrate the Mass on Sundays for parish gatherings, meetings, and PSR classes during the week. This was largely due to financial limitations, and a desire to direct our resources to the poor rather than toward buildings. Nonetheless, we have come to feel the need to create a dedicated worship space to allow the people of God to properly gather and celebrate the sacred rites of the holy Roman Catholic Church in dignity. Our seating design imitates the ancient antiphonal style of the medieval monasteries. It offers two sides of seating which allows for the recitation and chanting of the psalms for the Divine Office. It also allows us to be reminded that we are gathered as a family around the table of the Lord...a table of both word and sacrament. The altar will, of course, be the main focal point. Near the altar will stand an eight foot bronze image of Christ crucified. Visible from the altar will be the entrance to our Eucharistic chapel, where the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved for the sick, and for the adoration of the parishioners. We will also have an entire chapel available near the Blessed Sacrament chapel to be used for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will contain a screen and kneeler for penitents who choose to celebrate the sacrament anonymously. We are also seeking the services of a sculptor to create a statue of our Blessed Mother for our worship space. In the floor around the edge of the worship space will be mosaic images of the various appearances of our Lord after the Resurrection as they are narrated in the New Testament.

We are very excited about our new church, and look forward to enhancing the dignity, beauty, and prayerfulness of our liturgical celebrations when the new building is up. I hope this clears up some misconceptions you may have had about our liturgy and the design of our new church. I respectfully request that you will make appropriate adjustments to the things you have been publishing about us.

Fr. Hobson