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1. Let us learn from the Orthodox Church which is perfectly right in certain aspects!!
2. At the 2nd Lateran Council the Western Church was hoodwinked by the devil. For obligatory celibacy has brought immense misfortune to the Western Church. The reason for its introduction is deeply unbiblical and unchristian! "In order to spread God-pleasing chastity among ecclesiastical persons". Thus, marriage is described as impure, which in turn is a serious offense for married couples and a complete aberration!
3. It is also a total aberration to elevate the charism of celibacy to law and make it a requirement for priesthood. This is done ignoring the explicit commandment of Jesus "who can grasp this" (Mt 19:12). A charism can and must never be prescribed by law, for it is a gift of God.
4. In 1 Tim 4, 1-5, a prohibition of marriage is attributed to deceptive spirits and the doctrines of demons. Therefore, the celibacy never has God's blessing. This is recognized in the Eastern Church (Orthodox and Uniate).
5. They are called godless doctrines in 2 Tim 2:17 a. Therefore obligatory celibacy is also a **CANCEROUS ULSER**. It is a demonic doctrine according to 1 Tim.
6. The consequences are outrageous! Some 100,000 priests are married and are unable to fulfill their divine service in the world and this with the catastrophic shortage of priests! Is this demonic prohibition of marriage more important than the Holy Mass, the true source of Christian life? Many millions have transcended to other Christian denominations, especially in Latin America. Because they attach great importance to being **NEAR** the faithful! "And the Word has become flesh, and dwelled among us." Therefore, the Church with its priests must also **LIVE WITH THE PEOPLE**, and be near them, "to live with the smell of the sheep" (Pope Francis).
7. Priests' abuse of children is very much connected with the demonic obligation to celibacy. It is truly **TIME** to liberate the Western Church from this **CANCEROUS ULSER**!
8. It is irresponsible to constantly deny and reject vocations to the priestly office, because those called by God to be priests are also called by God to be married! And that even with the catastrophic shortage of priests! Does God call to priesthood differently in the East than in the West? Is the cardinal direction decisive?
9. I am deeply convinced that in the West, God is also calling many young men to priesthood and marriage. This demonic prohibition of marriage is very clearly an irresponsible resistance to God! And this is coupled with terrible consequences!
10. The very valuable charism of celibacy is obscured by this demonic ban on marriage!

11. **Let us pray that all those responsible will free our Western Church from this cancer as soon as possible! The source of salvation is soon to be opened to all believers without exception. We must not let them starve to death spiritually! The Orthodox and Unified Churches give us a deeply Biblical and Christian example! Jesus probably called only married men as apostles! St. Paul defended the right to free decision (1 Cor 9: 5); he emphasized that there was no command from the Lord concerning the question of celibacy (1 Cor. 7:25).**