



Ven, Holy Spirit, Ven!

PROHIBITION AGAINST THE USE OF *SANCTUS RANCH*

To the Clergy, Religious, School Principals, ACTS Retreat Cores, Apostolic Groups, and the Christian Faithful in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

January 30, 2024

Greetings in the Lord.

After several months of unsuccessful attempts to dialogue with the owners of *Sanctus Ranch Retreat Center*, located at 2647 River Bluff Circle, Pipe Creek, Texas, concerning the actions and activities at this privately owned entity, I authorized a letter be sent to Mr. Dan Sevigny at *Sanctus Ranch* outlining my concerns, which include the following:

1. The presence of priests on the campus of *Sanctus Ranch* who do not possess faculties from their dioceses nor a status of good standing from their respective bishops. They are also not in possession of the required faculties nor required permission to exercise ministry of any kind in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. These priests have been disciplined by their respective bishops, yet they are exercising unauthorized ministry at a privately owned business, without supervision and without canonical authority. To be a priest in good standing is to act under the authority of a bishop, who is in communion with the Holy Father. These priests are acting independently of the Catholic Church.
2. Divine Mercy Chapel, located on the property of *Sanctus Ranch* and designated on its website as a *Church Militant Outpost*, is an unapproved chapel lacking any canonical status. There has been no approval granted to conduct sacramental ministry of any kind in this chapel and the altar has not been dedicated for the Sacred Liturgy. Currently, the chapel is being operated as a pseudo parish, with a regular Saturday evening Vigil Mass and Sunday Mass, including a weekly collection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is being celebrated by Reverend Donald Kloster, from the Diocese of Bridgeport, and Reverend Jeffery Fasching, from the Diocese of Wichita, is invalid since they are functioning without the necessary canonical faculties. The validity and liceity of the sacraments being celebrated in the Divine Mercy Chapel cannot be guaranteed.
3. The operation of *Lumen Christi Academy* and its misrepresentation to the public. It is **NOT** an approved Catholic school by the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

4. The presence of unauthorized priests, personnel, and volunteers at *Lumen Christi Academy* who are not safe environment certified.
5. The unauthorized use of the word *Catholic* throughout the website of Sanctus Ranch.

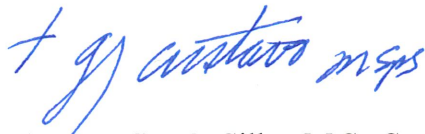
It is unfortunate that the situation with *Sanctus Ranch* has devolved to this point, but *Sanctus Ranch*, the *Spiritual Retreat Foundation*, and *Lumen Christi Academy* cannot be allowed to misrepresent their Catholic status to the public, while soliciting and accepting donations from the people of God in the Archdiocese of San Antonio. *Sanctus Ranch* is **NOT** and has never been an approved Catholic apostolate. It is a privately owned business that is misrepresenting itself to the public. I cannot and will not be silent and witness the people of God being misled by those who are acting independently of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

Therefore, effective today, Catholic parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic-affiliated organizations, Apostolic Groups, and all Catholic entities, are **PROHIBITED** from contracting with or utilizing *Sanctus Ranch* for any Catholic-sponsored retreats, meetings, activities, or spiritual endeavors until further notice. If contracts have been signed with *Sanctus Ranch*, please discuss alternatives with our legal counsel.

I also urge the Christian Faithful not to attend or participate in the Masses, and other sacraments, being celebrated at *Sanctus Ranch* nor to participate in any of its activities.

Let us stand united in our Lord Jesus Christ and the Church He has entrusted to our care.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "G. Garcia-Siller M.Sp.S.", written in a cursive style.

Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, M.Sp.S.
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