

The last communique informs you about the now closed conversations between the presiding bishop and all sections within our church province. This consultation did not lead to a view on a solution in the situation that has arisen in our church community since December last year.

Also because of the great value we with almost all of you attach to staying a part of the international Liberal Catholic Church the General Episcopal Synod is approached directly. The wishes with regard to the rehabilitation of two of us and continuing our policy to open the regular ordinations also to women - a policy almost the whole church province agrees with - remain in full force for us, wishes that found no response with the presiding bishop the past two weeks.

This means that the highly undesired situation within our church goes on, although a realizable time limit is set to it. Yet the episcopacy is convinced that this second step in the consultation of the international church may bring us closer to a satisfying turn in the situation that has arisen. We ask you to be willing to show this patience; it will very much help our church province. Be ye convinced that we - be it with great difficulty and reserve - accept this longer period of our functioning on the background before we will again take our place in the church community that is dear to us and that - as we experienced strongly and gratefully during the past months - has grown to a closer solidarity.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Your +Philip Draaisma, +Tom Degenaaars,
+Frank den Outer.

*In typing this notice from a paper copy, I have made no attempt to correct the English.
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