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Dear Monsignor/Father:

It has come to my attention that the Tridentine Mass has been more common in the Diocese of Fresno than I had reason to suspect.

I wish you to make it a matter of conscience to discover if such a Mass is being celebrated in any hall, house or wherever within the confines of your parish.

If so, I wish you to definitely confront the priest if possible and tell him he has no faculties or permission in this Diocese to offer any Mass. If any of his followers are present tell them that the Mass is gravely illicit and that they are gravely sinning through destroying the unity of Faith by their disobedience.

If such a practice continues I will be forced to use the ultimate decision of declaring them contumacious and excommunicated.

Sincerely in Christ,

Hugh A. Donohoe
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Bishop of Fresno
HAD:g

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It has been suggested by the USCC:
The following petition is suggested for insertion into the general intercessions on March 14 in the parishes of your diocese:

That there be an alleviation of the suffering experienced by the Jews living in Syria and that they may be free to move and to emigrate as they desire, let us pray to the Lord.