



THE LETTER OF THE BISHOP OF SAITAMA

The Right Reverend Mario Yamanouchi, Bishop of Saitama
February 9th, 2021

Re: THE DECLARATION CONCERNING “THE SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X”

I have been informed that, according to the Letter to the Archbishop of Tokyo from the Papal Nuncio dated on 1st September 2020, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith gave the following reply,

“Considering that the Society of Saint Pius X does not yet have a juridical status in the Catholic Church, ‘its ministers – even if they have been freed from ecclesiastical punishment – do not legitimately exercise any ministry in the Church’”.

Following the official statement above, within the Diocese of Saitama, the ministers belonging to the Society of Saint Pius X are not allowed to exercise any juridical ministry approved by the Church.

Therefore, you will not be recommended to join the masses officiated in by the ministers of the Society of Saint Pius X. I would like to ask each of you to decide the right decisions as a Catholic faithful.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.