



CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SERVICES

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The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, D.D.
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Dear Bishop Pursley:

I wish to comment briefly on the packet you received from Dr. William Storey regarding the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

All the papers but one, refer to the former True House community. When the difficulties in True House were discovered, at least two bishops, several competent outside priests and a number of outside charismatic renewal leaders were called in to settle the matter. As a result of months of pastoral care for many persons, it was deemed best that the True House community be dissolved. While other communities are not perfect, by any means, I know of no evidence that such problems exist in other leading charismatic communities.

We have reported to you fully in the past on the misrepresentations made against us by Dr. Josephine Ford. Her present statement continues to misrepresent the facts.

The People of Praise, Charismatic Renewal Services, Inc., and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Committee remain open as they have always been to investigation and examination by church authorities and theologians. We have, and we will continue to cooperate thoroughly with such efforts.

I want to make it clear, as president of Charismatic Renewal Services, which is sponsoring the congress in Rome, that the congress in all its details has been carefully planned with international leaders and Vatican officials for a year. Every topic, speaker, and session has been submitted to and approved by Cardinal Suenens who is in contact with the Holy See regarding the content and conduct of the congress.

If you have any questions about this congress, I will be happy to answer them.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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