

CANON 1395

Sister Faustina Kowalska: Writings (Holy Office, 6 March, 1959) AAS 51-271.

A Notification by the Holy Office:

The Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, having examined the alleged visions and revelations of Sister Faustina Kowalska of the Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, who died in 1938 near Cracow, has decreed as follows:

1. The distribution of pictures and writings which present the devotion to the Divine Mercy *in the forms proposed by this Sister Faustina*, should be forbidden;

2. It is left to the prudent discretion of the Bishops to remove such pictures which may have been already exposed for worship. From the Holy Office, 6 March, 1959.

AAS 51-271; Holy Office, Notification, 6 March, 1959.

CANON 1403

Faculty Granted to Rector of University to Permit Professors and Students to Retain and Read Prohibited Books Under Certain Conditions (Holy Office, 13 Aug., 1958) Private.

Fr. Michael P. Walsh, S.J., Rector of Boston College in the New England Province of the Society of Jesus in the United States, prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness, humbly asks that he be granted the faculty to permit the professors and students of the said College to retain and read prohibited books and papers under certain conditions.

On Wednesday, the 13th of August, 1958, His Holiness Pope Pius XII, through the special faculties granted to the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, graciously deigned to give to the petitioner, Fr. Michael P. Walsh, the following faculty to be exercised by himself and not to be subdelegated to anyone, sc.:

To grant permission *for single cases* to read and retain prohibited books and papers with precautions, however, lest they

fall into other hands and with the exception of professedly obscene works; this permission can be granted to each professor for the proper exercise of his teaching function and to each student of the same College who truly needs to read those books and papers to pass his examinations or to prepare dissertations for the attainment of academic degrees.

The Petitioner has a grave obligation in conscience as to the actual concurrence of all these conditions.

The present faculty is valid *for the duration of his office as Rector*.

Everything to the contrary notwithstanding.

(Private); Holy Office, 13 Aug., 1958, Prot. No. 280/58/i; copy of original kindly sent us from Boston College.

Another Faculty Granted to Rector of University to Permit Professors and Students to Read and Retain Prohibited Books Under Certain Conditions (Holy Office, 11 Sept., 1961) Private.

The following rescript is here published because it is broader in scope for professors than is the preceding document.

Fr. Raymond J. Swords, S.J., Rector of Holy Cross College in the New England Province of the Society of Jesus in the United States, prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness, humbly asks that he be granted the faculty to permit the professors and students of the said college to read and retain prohibited books and papers under certain conditions.

On Monday, the 11th of September, 1961, His Holiness, Pope John XXIII, through the faculties granted to the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office and in view of the special circumstances of the case, graciously deigned to give the petitioner, Fr. Raymond J. Swords, the following faculty to be exercised by himself and not to be subdelegated to anyone, sc.,

To grant permission to read and retain prohibited books and papers with precautions, however, lest they fall into other hands and with the exception of professedly obscene works — 1) to individual professors for the proper exercise of their teaching func-