

The following open letter was sent this morning [July 11, 2018] to bishops of the United States. The Lepanto Institute has created a [web page with a sample letter](#) that concerned parishioners can send to their bishops, asking them to ban the AUSCP from their diocese and forbid their priests from being members. NOTE THIS WELL – Call to Action and the succeeding decades of liturgical abuse and heresy could have been stopped, dead in their tracks if we had the ability to conduct this kind of research and get the word out as quickly as we can now. We have an opportunity here to stop what will in all likelihood become “Call to Action: Round 2” by stopping the AUSCP. Please contact your local bishop and ask him to banish AUSCP from your diocese. Here again is the [link to the sample letter](#).

Dear Eminences and Excellencies,

Since last November, the Lepanto Institute has been investigating and reporting on the actions and goals of an organization of priests called the Association of United States Catholic Priests (AUSCP). What we have discovered is that this organization of priests, which claims to be “the largest association of priests in the United States,” is:

- promoting women’s ordination to the diaconate (with eyes on the priestly ordination of women),
- homosexuality,
- priestless parishes,
- married priests,
- and a host of other heterodox positions.

In addition to this, we found that the AUSCP is acting in concert with heretical and condemned entities, such as New Ways Ministry, Dignity USA, FutureChurch, and the International Church Reform Network (ICRN). AUSCP was even instrumental in helping the dissident Fr. Helmut Schuller find a speaking venue, contravening the expressed wishes of Cardinal O’Malley, Archbishop Chaput, and Archbishop Vigneron, who banned him from speaking in their respective dioceses.

Two weeks ago, I personally went to Albuquerque, NM to observe the AUSCP as it held its annual assembly there. In addition to the common sight of these priests wearing rainbow pins on their lanyards and seeing the plethora of pro-homosexual literature proliferating the exhibition hall, I was able to sit in on a keynote address delivered by Fr. Richard Rohr, who denied the inerrancy of Scripture, denied the infallibility of the Pope, and claimed that Christianity was a “religion of white privilege.”

Your Eminences and Excellencies, the AUSCP is an organization which poses a clear and present danger to the faith and to the faithful. I bring this information to your attention

because they are a growing threat to the faith and to your flock, and their members are likely already present in your diocese. If you examine this organization on your own, I am confident you will see that this is an organization that should be banned and membership forbidden.

Please know that we pray sincerely and earnestly for all of you every day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael Hichborn
President, Lepanto Institute

Reports on the AUSCP:

- [AUSCP's Plan for Ordained Women and Priestless parishes](#)
- [AUSCP' Idea for Priestly Formation and Info on Conference speakers](#)
- [AUSCP's Desire to Obtain Funding from Unsuspecting, Pew-sitting Catholics](#)
- [AUSCP's Membership in an International Network of Heretical Organizations](#)
- [AUSCP's Alliance with Heretical, Pro-Sodomy Organizations](#)
- [AUSCP's Keynote Address from Notorious Priest, Fr. Richard Rohr](#)
- [AUSCP's Vision of the Church in Relation to the Vision of Bl. Anne Catherine Emmerich](#)

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