



Catholic Renewal & Evangelization

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Dear Friends and Supporters of Renewal Ministries,

After consulting with Renewal Ministries' Chairman of the Board Deacon Dan Foley, Executive Vice President Peter Herbeck, and Vice President Pete Burak, I have decided to release the best explanation I have regarding my recent termination from Sacred Heart Major Seminary. My decision to share this is based on widespread dissemination of the news since my firing (and that of fellow professors Dr. Eduardo Echeverría and Dr. Edward Peters) and my belief that our colleagues, friends, and supporters deserve an explanation.

Yesterday, Archbishop Weisenburger told me that he was terminating my position at the seminary effective immediately. When I asked him for an explanation, he said he didn't think it would be helpful to give any specifics but mentioned something about having concerns about my theological perspectives.

This news came as a shock. I have contributed much to the seminary over more than twenty-three years. I even helped introduce and lead, up until yesterday, our flagship pontifical degree program, the Licentiate of Sacred Theology Degree in the New Evangelization.

I want what I say about this situation to be truthful, but I also do not want to unnecessarily contribute to current polarization in the Church.

I am grateful for the support and guidance of Renewal Ministries' boards in both Canada and the United States. They continue to support our mission in the very center of our Catholic faith to bring as many people as possible to Christ and the Church and to help as many as possible grow in holiness and missionary discipleship.

As I write this, I have just returned from a national deacons' conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Tomorrow, I will leave for a conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Then, Bishop Scott McCaig and I will leave on Monday for a priests' retreat supporting hundreds of priests in Cameroon. All the members of our team continue to focus on advancing the mission—and our gratitude for your support continues as well.

I am looking forward to seeing the good that God will bring out of this. Thank you for your partnership in the mission.

In Christ,

Ralph Martin

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**Updated August 18, 2025, to include Dr. Edward Peters, who did not publicly share about his firing until shortly after this letter was released.*