

## Defense of Father Gruner

For anyone new to the events, prophecies, and promises associated with Our Lady of Fatima, it would seem quite natural to wonder why there would be any controversy in promoting what Our Lady specifically asked for... the [consecration of Russia](#) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

And for over thirty years, Father Gruner has been promoting just that. But incredibly, as a result, he has drawn down upon himself and the Fatima Center apostolate criticism, threats, and controversy, which at times have grown to hysterical proportions.

Briefly stated, the controversy revolves around the current, unprecedented crisis of faith and discipline in the Church and the growing moral and spiritual crisis in the world at large.

As early as 1903, Pope Saint Pius X (in his inaugural encyclical *E Supremi*) warned that the world was very possibly witnessing the beginning of the era of the Antichrist prophesied in Sacred Scripture. Only fourteen years later, Our Lady appeared at Fatima to warn of the coming errors of Russia and the entire panorama of ecclesial and social crisis which we see today.

Yet because of his staunch defense of Catholic orthodoxy, including the integral Message of Fatima, with its call for conversion of the whole world to the fervent practice of the Catholic faith, it was not long before Father Gruner began to incur the wrath of certain liberal-progressivist members of the hierarchy.

The persecution of Father Gruner and his apostolate is only one of many examples which demonstrate that today we are truly facing a state of affairs very much like that decried by Saint Basil the Great at the height of the Arian heresy:

“Only one offence is now vigorously punished — an accurate observance of our fathers’ traditions. For this cause the pious are driven from their countries and transported into deserts... Religious people keep silence, but every blaspheming tongue is let loose”

As the late great German bishop Rudolf Graber noted in his book about the current crisis:

“What happened over 1600 years ago [during the Arian heresy] is repeating itself today but with two or three differences: Alexandria is today the Universal Church, the stability of which is being shaken, and what was undertaken at that time by means of physical force and cruelty is now being transferred to a different level. Exile is replaced by banishment into the silence of being ignored, killing by assassination of character.”

This indeed is what is happening to Father Gruner: he is threatened with banishment into silence and the assassination of his character. Meanwhile, “every blaspheming tongue is let loose.”

This controversy involves simply and only an attempt to give the appearance of legality to the unlawful suppression of Father Gruner's legitimate views, shared by millions of Catholics, on the Message of Fatima and its relation to the present crisis in the Church and the world.

If Father Gruner and those who support him are right, then what is at stake in this controversy is nothing less than the salvation of millions of souls and true peace for all mankind.

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**For further reading:**

[Dispelling the Misleading Announcement of Sept. 12, 2001 Regarding Father Nicholas Gruner  
"Actually, Virginia, Fr. Gruner is \*Not\* Suspended"](#)

[Would Pope John Paul II's personal secretary repeatedly send warm greetings to Father Gruner if he were suspended?](#)

[Letter of Support to Father Gruner from Archbishop Dziwisz \(Aug. 2001\)](#)

[Another Letter from Archbishop Dziwisz \(May 2003\)](#)

[A Third Letter from Archbishop Dziwisz \(Jan. 2004\)](#)

[10 Frequently Asked Questions About Father Nicholas Gruner](#)

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