

## THE BLACK BOX TREASURES (#29)

There is an interesting term called the "black box theory". It speaks about an object which can be analyzed in terms of its input and output, but there is no knowledge of its internal workings. Many of us probably don't know that in our Archives here in Rome we have more than 200 black boxes. Some of those treasures have seen the light of day in many publications, but there are still others waiting to been seen...

## (Our Constitutions #29)

The last General Chapter introduced some changes to our Constitutions, mainly to conform it to the current ecclesiastical legislation. After receiving the approval from the Congregation of the Institutes of Consecrated Life and

Societies of Apostolic Life, the "updated" Constitutions can be officially presented to the members of the Congregation. Superior General Fr. Paul Voisin CR began handing it out to our members during his canonical visitation of the Polish Province. Soon everyone in the Congregation should receive his copy of the Rule. With this in mind, I would like to share with you a letter written by Fr. Peter Semenenko, C.R. on September 3, 1950 to Fr. Joseph Hube, C.R. In his letter Fr. Peter is referring to the Rule of 1850 which was "a blueprint for the future, enabling the community to respond to the needs of the contemporary Church without losing sight of its roots and the vision of its founder" (J. Iwicki, *Resurrectionist Charism*, 147).

"I am convinced that the Rule in its substance comes from God; that is, each of its main points, and all of them together, was given to us by God. Therefore, it is not proper to change the points themselves, even though we may change their order, their expression, etc. If we once began to make changes in the Rule there would be no end or limit to such changes. God forbid that this should happen! Therefore, let us respect and strive to observe the Rule, rather than begin tearing it to shreds the day after we accepted it.

My dear Father , there is one thing you must definitely accept: The composition of the Rule requires the Spirit of God. Now please give this some thought. In your judgment, at what moment were we mote likely to have the Spirit of God? Was it when united in prayer, love and harmony, we unanimously accepted the Rule? Or is it now when no longer possessing the means of listening to one another and so reaching an agreement, each one tends to his own inspirations and reaches different conclusions?

Further, my dear Father, this Rule binds us. Only a general chapter can decide such matters."

(P. Semenenko, C.R., Letter to J. Hube, C.R., dated September 3, 1850, ACRR 493)

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493 L'repra moj drog, Ojne la Reguta nas Obowiapuje - Otor ona stanowi re tyllio Zebranie Ogohie o takiel reenal rostnyga. - Zebrania byolnego listami rastappic niemorna; truba weed go Cientiwie crehae, albo zaraz zebrae; - ale inaczej Emian podobnyd iadra miara robic niemoina. Bytoby to najwighera mierostroponostia, wylerowenius meciwto Regule a rateur grechem preciotes Boga. Kochany Ojuice nate wry Mie powady mouse me zwrit; tak byter maj drugi these rajety twojim raciams Aneciwles ough artyluson, ier na co innego michward. W mess hym moin hice Haratim G'in objecuriorie naturoje racye; ale jahlishvich hunta moja odnowiely przyjątes, niewaspie że distiejne more nwagi brajia zapetwie do tweep pneuo namia. Riepotnebuje Ciz rapervisas moj najdrosny Ofice 2 falig da lielus motoring i panulum to pisze. Cor nam porodaje robie ? Moj dragi Ojere, nie imego jale to com wymertym biai wharywat. Moieny podac projuvature Ojeu S. narra reguto, albo nawet i 2 tem jerure zan Geliai; ale publicue; approbaty rulear ani na myst med han neprychodi jerreze. - Lostaje nam borna Boga prome al Coi grabil i dal nam (asie erobic wymusty, i cremi rostar - a potem besti churta. - Ojalire ile in niejesterny rarem! Catrize twoje rgce moj drugi ojne i mong aby ug. modif la megodnego ra najmegodniej rego re why mid disen twoich, kroiges jestem = XS word