



Concerning the Consecration to the Episcopate of +Tia L Douglass & Excommunication of +William G Ireland

Several allegations and rebuttals have been made regarding this event,
which we now feel compelled to clarify.

1. The Rt. Revd. Lady Tia L Douglass Titular Abbess of Holyrood OIO-KHTGP was consecrated on the 10th February 2011 by +William Glyn Ireland at the Temple of Theola in Chorley. +William has since attempted to deny that this had taken place, even though witnessed, and after photographic evidence was provided. He has subsequently attacked +Tia on various forums and even stated that he was of unsound mind at the time.

("In the juridical field, the same principle holds. For instance, a bishop who appoints a certain priest as pastor of a parish knowing that the man is morally or psychologically unfit for the task acts illicitly, since the appointment violates canon law (cf. canon 521 §2, 1983 Code; canon 453 §2, 1917 Code). But the appointment is still valid. In other words, that priest is the rightful pastor of the parish so that, for instance, the marriages he witnesses there will be true marriages... Even if this were so, a bishop who carries out an Episcopal Consecration while unsound acts illicitly but validly. He violates a just law, but the man or woman he ordains receives the sacramental powers of a bishop so that they in turn can ordain true priests capable of offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass. " Taken from Catholic.com.)

2. The Church of St Mary and St John and +Tia refute this utterly. A valid consecration did take place with a witness - The Revd. Sub-Deacon Graham Suddick who also took the photograph, which it has been suggested we forged.

2.1. Please refer to figure 1 and 2 below. Figure 1 was taken on 9th February 2011 on the day of +Tia's Priesting and after her appointment to Titular Abbess of Holyrood. +Tia is wearing the Priest's biretta and is wearing the large pectoral cross and ecclesiastical ring of a Bishop, which only a Bishop or Abbot/Abbess wear. +William at the time said he would save the mitre for the consecration. Figure 2 was a photograph taken by Revd. Graham Suddick on the 10th February 2011 after +Tia's consecration. Again she is wearing the large cross and ecclesiastical ring of a Bishop, and this time a mitre.

2.2. In figure 1 +Tia's cincture is worn low, the cross is on a long chain and her tau staff is very long, so much so it isn't fitting fully on the photograph.

2.3. On the afternoon of 9th February 2011 +Tia and Revd. Graham cut down the tau staff making it a more suitable length for the consecration ceremony. When you look at the figure 2, you can clearly see the tau staff is much shorter than the day before in figure 1. You will also notice that on figure 2 the length of the cross chain has also been altered to a more suitable length. On figure 2 the cincture is worn higher. On both photographs the hair style is completely different.

2.4. Please now refer to figure 3, which is a close up high definition look at the mitre on +Tia's head. You can clearly see that none of the pixels have been altered and the mitre is on her head and not placed on in Photoshop, as claimed.

- 2.5. We therefore conclude that there was no way these two photographs can have been taken at the same time, and anyone claiming such is accusing +Tia and Revd. Graham of lying and as such if these accusations continue legal action will be sought to put a stop to this libel.
3. In a memorandum from +William dated 2nd April 2011 in point no. 4 it is claimed: "Additionally, Bishop Ireland appointed Tia Douglass to the position of Titular Abbess of Holyrood with the consent of the community of which she is a part. He emphasizes that he did not consecrate her to that position. He asserts that Tia Douglass has subsequently changed her style to that of "Titular Abbess of *Holyrood*" without his consent."
- 3.1. This is a complete fabrication from +William, and we have evidence as such from various email communications, plus we have a document of intent from Monsignor Anthony Raul Guagliardo, which clearly states Holyrood. +William himself had contacted Monsignor Anthony to ask him for his support for +Tia's consecration, which had at that time already taken place, however this document was to be put on the altar during the public event. +William had said the more support we got the better to ensure everyone saw it as valid. At that time we had no idea +William would cancel the public event.
- 3.2. This does however prove that +William is back-tracking and making things up because for whatever reason he has decided to regret his decision to consecrate +Tia.
- 3.3. We therefore conclude that the decline in +William's mental health since his return home has clouded his judgement, and with all the pressure from Mr Chris Cain and various others, it all got too much for him. He then acted in haste and thought that he could get his friends to intimidate +Tia into renouncing her Holy orders, which she is refusing to do as this is impossible.
4. In a memorandum from +William dated 2nd April 2011 in point no. 6 it is claimed: "It is understood further that The Young Rite has not elected Tia Douglass bishop nor authorized Bishop Ireland to consecrate her."
- 4.1 As +Markus Van Alphen pointed out to +Tia in email correspondence: "+William has been operating independently, which is his right to do." he also stated, "+William has operated independently and your consecration is therefore no concern of ours, it is strictly a matter between you and him."
- 4.2. +Markus also stated the following regarding +Tia still being listed as a Priest within The Young Rite: "As far as I am concerned if you have been ordained a priest you remain a priest, the ordination is irreversible. There is no doubt that you have been ordained as such and I see no reason to remove you from the list of ordained priests."
- 4.3. When asked if, even though done independently, if +Tia's consecration is valid, +Markus stated, "if you have been consecrated there would be no reason for any further polemic. I trust the wave of negativity between you and +William will dissipate with time, in the mean time my blessings, +Markus."
5. +Tia was first approached by +William last year and after chatting many times about +Tia's spiritual path, enlightenment and goals. He suggested that if he ordained and then consecrated her to the Episcopate this would allow her to fulfil her calling, and help protect her Esoteric Order by means of a Charter under Canon Law. It has been shown through documentary evidence that it was always +Williams clear & serious intent to Ordain and Consecrate +Tia, at no time during the communications between +Tia & +William did he show any signs of uncertainty about his course of action, neither did he appear to be in any doubt during his visit or during any of the ceremonies. And his denials came only after returning home following the consecration of +Tia in a private ceremony attended by Revd. Sub-deacon Graham Suddick acting as chaplain & witness.
6. After +William contacted +Tia stating that he would be unable to conduct the public ceremony, +Tia contacted other Bishops asking if they would step in at the last minute to perform the public ceremony as the venue had been booked and paid for and guests

invited. +William had stated that the public ceremony was only needed to sure up the private consecration ceremony, which he had also stated must be kept secret. After receiving an unsolicited phone call from Mr Chris Cain asking her to renounce her Holy Orders +Tia was told that if the public ceremony had taken place this would have been a Blasphemes act and would have actually invalidated her earlier consecration. At this point +Tia felt she had no other option than to publicly announce the earlier private Consecration ceremony.

7. Comments have been made about the haste with which +Tia was Ordained and Consecrated. However we had been assured by +William that this was still correct under canon law, as this would be classed as a sub-conditional ordination and consecration due to +Tia's other spiritual work obtained during her life.
8. As a new and progressive church attempting to bring together people from all paths and faiths, we are fully aware that we will be attacked and vilified by some of the established churches and groups as has happened throughout history. And that the constant division, wrangling and in fighting has seriously marred Christianity and the various churches purporting to represent The Divine, which has led to a serious decline in numbers attending services. We feel now more than ever we must come together, help and support each other to fulfil Christ's teachings.
9. We feel the constant denials and bickering that has ensued from +William and his friends will do more to damage the cause for unity, liberalism, openness of the church and acceptance of female clergy. And so after much thought, meditation and consultations, this statement has been issued by The Church & +Tia to bring an end to this matter. However anyone wishing to contact us or view any of the documents can do so via our website, and we hope that all concerned can now move on with their respective works.
10. At a synod meeting on 14th April 2011 it was decided that due to +William's unreliability and deceptive behaviour brought on by his declining mental health, that it would be best for all concerned if he was to take a permanent sabbatical and therefore has been excommunicated from the Church of St Mary & St John and has also been expelled from Ordo Infinitus Orbis. Any claim by +William stating he is a member of such bodies are false and fraudulent.

++Tia L Douglass
Revd. Graham Suddick



24th April 2011

Figure 1. Priesting and Appointment to Abbessy. 9th February 2011.



Figure 2. Consecration. 10th April 2011



Figure 3. High definition close up of the mitre on +Tia's head. All round the mitre can be examined closely and you will find no pixel out of place.

