

# Declaration of Spiritual Independence

## In PRAYER July 4, 2023

*When, in the Course of human events, a people realize they are being controlled by influences which produce dependence on material systems and procedures thereby drawing them away from their Divine Rights of total Reliance on God, it becomes necessary to sever any connection with the all too familiar and oppressive demands of the material world. They must therefore deny self, take up the cross, and follow Christ. And it is only reasonable to declare to the world our intent and the cause of this separation.*

*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men and Women are created in the image and likeness of God, equally loved, and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Divine Rights, among which are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness, Health, and Holiness. – That to secure these Rights, Jesus of Nazareth has won the victory over the material world and given us an Inheritance in Heaven. – That whenever there should be an infringement of this Inheritance by the world's ways and means, it is within the inherent Divine Rights of Mankind to abandon and abolish the dictates of the carnal mind and follow only Christ.*

*The tyranny of the carnal mind, whether gentle and subtle, or demanding and terrorizing, is always deceptive and attempts in vain to rule our lives. Indeed this carnal mind claims to be the very life of mankind.*

*Therefore, we hereby proclaim for ourselves and all mankind, our Total and Unconditional Independence from the carnal mind, its façade of materialism, and the malicious deception that we, as God's Children and Heirs, can have, need, or desire a way of life or existence separate from our Creator, in Whom we live and move and have our Being. In the name of Christ, we claim our Freedom from all the machinations of evil.*

*And be it known to all men, that we will defend our divine rights herein declared, from the onslaught of the Evil One's fiery arrows of fearmongering, doubt, and deceit. Truth itself is our shield and fortress of defense, and we invite all Mankind to join us in this Holy Place.*

*We, therefore, as children of God, followers of His Son, Christ Jesus, and recipients of the Divine Comforter, the Holy Spirit, appeal to the Supreme Judge of all Creation for support of our intentions and endeavors. We hereby acknowledge, accept, and affirm our total independence from all evil influences and our unequivocal dependence on the Principle of all creation, God Almighty Himself, as the sole Source and Substance of our existence, our Life without beginning or end, our Protector and Guide. We trust Him. We know Him. We reflect Him. He is our God and we are His children. We have and need nothing but God and all He gives. – And in support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Hearts, our Lives, and our sacred Honor.*