

Inside a letter sealed with a blank seal and with no identifying marks on it:  
To His Holiness Valance VI, Patriarch of the Eternal Light,  
Vicar of Glor'diadel on Aphonion, et cetera

26 O-Kas, Year of the Wyvern

Your Holiness:

May the Light of Lord Glor'diadel guide our steps.

We send you greetings in these dark times. We have become aware of grave dangers that threaten Lord Glor'diadel's will. We dare not write the details of these threats, for the utmost secrecy is necessary if they are to be countered effectively. We can say only that we have duties to act because of our obligations to Lord Glor'diadel, to the people whose safety He has entrusted to us, and to the Ecumenical Council pursuant to its founding agreement. That we may fulfill these responsibilities, we petition Your Holiness to take action that we may fully inform the highest authorities of the Church of the threats and of the response that we propose.

We respectfully request that Your Holiness call an assembly of all of the Cardinals of the Church, except His Eminence Claude Cardinal Flarvori, Archbishop of the Eastern Trade Federation. We will make clear the reason to exclude His Eminence Cardinal Flarvori at the assembly. We also ask that, in addition to the College of Cardinals, the three secular princes representing the greatest faithful power on each of the continents be summoned to this assembly: the Protector of the Light for Drucien, [insert appropriate ruler] for Khamista, and [insert appropriate ruler] for Zest'qua.

We ask that this assembly be called with complete secrecy-- we have written this message with our own hand, and none, not even the Cardinal who carries it, have read it that we may avoid warning our enemies of our movements. We suggest that Your Holiness may wish to purportedly summon each of the Cardinals and Princes to a private audience, that our enemies may not realize that an assembly has been called, and we ask that Your Holiness summon them through private missives for their eyes only with explicit instructions to discuss the assembly with no one. We would not presume to suggest a time for the assembly, except to note that the crisis is grave and requires haste. We will, of course, attend on Your Holiness at whatever date and time we are instructed.

We would not presume to make such a request if we did not feel that our duty to Lord Glor'diadel and to the people of Drucien requires it.

By the Grace of Glor'diadel,

The Protector of the Light:

Alistair, Emperor of the Sardonyx Throne,  
Archduke of Canberry, Head of the House  
of Ashberry, et cetera

Written, signed, and sealed by the Imperial hand