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Archbishop Declares Excommunication of 4 Priests in Move

CARACAS, Venezuela, March 8 (AP)—Catholic Archbishop Lucas Guillermo Castillo of Caracas announced today the excommunication of Luis Fernando Castillo Mendez and three other priests who founded the "Venezuelan Apostolic Church."

Minister of Interior Mario Vargas ordered Federal police to take measures to prevent Castillo Mendez from wearing the vestments or insignia of a Bishop of the "new church."

Castillo Mendez, 24, recently notified the Interior Ministry that he had founded the new church and had been elected Bishop of Caracas by 250 fellow priests. He said his church would be independent of the Vatican, would substitute Spanish for the Latin liturgy, and would permit priests to marry.

Archbishop Guillermo Castillo said excommunication was decreed for the four priests because they violated fundamental dogma of the Roman Catholic Church and held concepts blasphemous and offensive to the person and authority of Pope Pius XII. The prelate warned all Catholics that any who supported the Castillo Mendez church also would be excommunicated.

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