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## Health

### Mobile phone masts are banned from churches in Ain (region of France).

**Based on worship and principle of precaution, Mgr Bagnard no longer wants phone masts on bell towers in his diocese.**

**“We discussed this problem in the Episcopal Council, and we considered it was better for these contracts not to be renewed”.** Mgr Guy Bagnard clarified to whom it may concern that in due time mobile phone masts will be banned from his diocese churches.

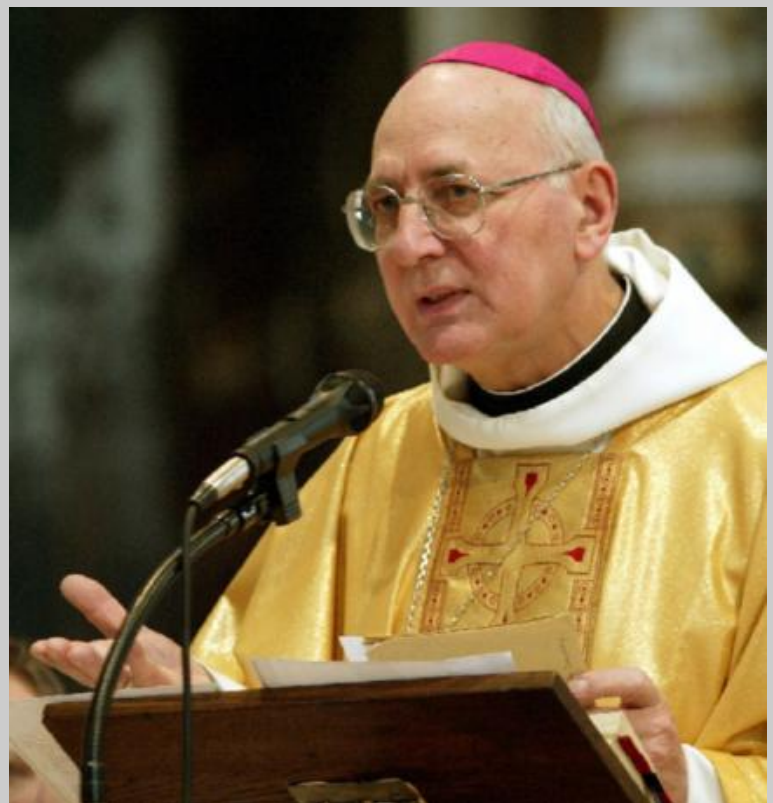
In the light of Treffort :

In the meantime Bishop of Belley-Ars was telling of the trendy priests who forgot to pass him a phone call to ask him his opinion. *“They were finalizing [the contract] without us. Often the mayor visits the priest who ends up signing”.*

*“I can understand them. That makes some money getting in the parish coffer, but they had to refer to the Bishop”. “It’s our job to settle the debate. The church is in the affectation of the buildings that are put at its disposal by municipalities”.*

His Eminence decided. *“I didn’t want to argue as the contracts were already signed. But I have made it clear that I would not renew them”.*

**This clear cut position like a satellite connection comes in the framework of the diocese.**



**Mgr Bagnard : « Even if they are privileged places, bell towers are not made to stand for phone relays. »...**

**Bishop of Belley-Ars has always been preaching to have churches being exclusively worship places. “Even if they are privileged places,**

**BELL TOWERS ARE NOT MADE TO STAND FOR PHONE RELAYS.**

*It is better to have them wearing a cross instead of antennas”.*

More surprising, Mgr Bagnard who rarely takes part in debates on society is clearly expressing himself in favour of the principle of precaution.

**“Yes, as far as public health is concerned, I think we must practice it”**

A decision taken as he puts it based *“on what happened in Treffort”*

*“Consecrated bread”* for phone masts opponents.

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