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***Based on the Handbook, Chapter 20 Legion System Invariable,
Section 4, page 127***

This section warns us that tampering with the Legion system brings about its death. Some try to “pick apart,” with the surgical scalpel of unfair criticism, the Legion system in one or more of its aspects, not to better understand it, but to twist it to their own advantage. To their way of thinking, there is something deficient or inconvenient about it. They isolate one or more parts, then ignore, subtract from, add to, or modify them. The Handbook calls their methods “ingenious” to alert us to their creativity, inventiveness, imagination, and even brilliance. When they succeed, they produce a counterfeit of the Legion system. In-depth Handbook knowledge is the best way to equip members to identify falsifications, forgeries, and fakes. It takes years of studying and reviewing the Handbook to become a legionary who easily spots fraud.

The “ingenious picking of parts” never actually captures the fascinating charm, the inspired genius, and the startling originality of the Legion System Invariable. The results of such attempts are more often than not a lifeless creation – a corpse. Put another way, its finest form is a glittering engine, but it does not live; a beautiful shell, but utterly soulless; something polished and mechanical, but not channelling the true life of the Legion.

When the Legion System Invariable is inadequately supported, only partially maintained, weakly defended, and not upheld in whole or in part but instead tampered with and adulterated, the praesidium will always pay a price for the poor results and failure that inevitably follow. Thereby, it is incumbent upon members and officers to repair the hurt done to the apostolate, the praesidium, relations among the members, and sometimes the ill effects on non-legionary contacts. Those responsible should be held accountable, and humbly willing to rectify the situation, redress the wrong, repair the damage, and restore the Legion to its original integrity. Guard yourselves against attempts to modify the Legion system, often driven by self-interest, which result in a dysfunctional counterfeit causing the praesidium to fall well short of its apostolic mission.