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PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

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(In response fiat mentio huius numeri)

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Your Excellency,

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith received, on 10 March 2009, your correspondence regarding Mr. John Gerard NESTOR, who was dismissed from the clerical state by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2008.

This Dicastery, after a careful and attentive study of the facts presented, including the account of your effort to communicate the Decree of the Holy Father to Mr. Nestor, decided that:

The Pontifical Rescript of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI dated 17 October 2008, CDF Prot. no. 539/2008, has been properly communicated according to the norms of can. 56, *CIC* 1983.

Given the seriousness of this matter, the Episcopal Conference of Australia should be promptly notified about the canonical status of Mr. Nestor. Furthermore, if Mr. Nestor was baptized in another Diocese, Your Excellency should notify the Ordinary of the Diocese where his baptism took place. As specified in the paragraph 3 of the Decree, ./..

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His Excellency  
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the fact that he was dispensed from all the obligations connected with sacred ordination and lost the clerical state should be inscribed in his baptismal record.

With gratitude for your assistance in this serious matter and prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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✠ Luis F. LADARIA, S.J.  
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