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Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi
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Dear Most Reverend Bonazzi:

**RE: Father John Edward Sullivan
Our File No. 100622**

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I write you in my capacity as a lawyer involved in a case of civil litigation concerning now former Father John Sullivan who was until 2014, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. This office represents a number of victims of Mr. Sullivan.

I have been provided the attached three documents by legal counsel for the Diocese which lead me to believe that you are the individual to contact regarding this.

The issue before us is twofold.

Firstly, the Diocese has indicated that they had no part in petitioning for Father Sullivan's dismissal from the clerical state. Are you able to provide information as to who in fact then did initiate the process and why?

Secondly, the disclosure of the remainder of the "file" on the dismissal process in this case is something which the Court may want to consider. Again, are you able to inform us as to what else would exist and who would have the ability to provide such documents.

I would ask that you also pass these inquiries onto Archbishop Luis D. Ladaria, the Secretary of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith who appears to also have both knowledge and involvement in this matter. We only have a mailing address for him and I suspect that you have a more efficient means of communication with him and the Congregation.

I thank you in advance for your prompt consideration of this request. The trial of this matter is scheduled for April 4, 2016, so time is of the essence.

Finally, in closing I wish to point out that even just a few years ago I would not even consider writing you such a letter. I am encouraged though by the words of his Holy Father who has made clear that the Church is now both transparent and cooperative in these matters. I trust that his pronouncements are in practice and we can expect a fulsome reply in the near future.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RPT', written over a horizontal line.

Robert P.M. Talach

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Attach.

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