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Reverend Father,

This Dicastery received, on 28 November 2013, your correspondence dated 18 November 2013 in regards to two matters under the competence of this Congregation.

First, you ask for the nullification of the 12 August 2013 decree issued by the Most Reverend Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Ordinary of Philadelphia, in which he declared your *latae sententiae* excommunication due to public and contumacious schism on your part (can. 1364, CIC). Given that the recourse was not presented within the peremptory time limits as defined in the *Code of Canon Law* (canon 1737), this Dicastery has determined to reject it *in limine*.

Second, you express your desire to “appeal directly to the Holy Father for a definitive and infallible resolution [...],” including that he infallibly include “a declaration on the errors that constitute the ‘hermeneutic of rupture’ on the proper understanding of the documents of the Second Vatican Council.” In this regard, it would be the recommendation of this Dicastery that you study the enclosed document, authored by this Congregation in 1998, especially the sections addressing the Ordinary Magisterium of the Church.

With prayerful support and every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

TEXTS OF THE MAGISTERIUM
REGARDING THE
“PROFESSIO FIDEI”



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PREFACE

The present issue is a collection of three documents related to the new formula of the "Profession of Faith":

— The text of the "Profession of Faith and of the Oath of Fidelity on Assuming an Office To Be Exercised in the Name of the Church", published by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on January 9, 1989 (AAS 81 [1989] 104-106).

— The text of the Apostolic Letter *Motu Proprio Ad tuendam fidem* of Pope John Paul II, published in the June 30 - July 1 1998 edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, by which certain norms are inserted into the *Code of Canon Law* and into the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*, the aim being to conform the norms and canonical sanctions with that which is established and prescribed by the new formula of the "Profession of Faith", especially in relation to the duty to adhere to the truths proposed in a definitive way by the Magisterium of the Church.

— The text of the "Doctrinal Commentary on the Concluding Formula of the *Professio fidei*", issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and published in the June 30 - July 1 1998 edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, to explain the meaning and doctrinal weight of the three concluding paragraphs of the "Profession of Faith" that refer to the theological classification of doctrines and the nature of assent required of the faithful.