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EXHIBIT

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His Eminence  
Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger  
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
Vatican City State, EUROPE 00120

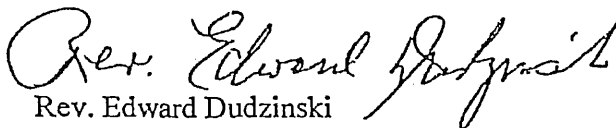
Dear Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith:

I would like to formally petition the Holy Father and the congregation for voluntary reduction to the lay state and a dispensation from celibacy.

I was born on March 26, 1950 and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware (USA) on April 8, 1978. The Diocese of Wilmington removed me from active ministry in 1985. I believe it is in my personal interest and in the interest of the Church for me to petition for a formal voluntary laicization.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Rev. Edward Dudzinski