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(In response fiat mentio huius numeri)

Your Eminence,

The Secretariat of State has transmitted to this Congregation a dossier on the case of **Fr. James E. FOLEY**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston accused of sexual abuse against a minor. Fr. Foley has appealed against the measures taken by the Archdiocese of Boston claiming that the accusations have not been proven and that he has been deprived of his pastoral office and removed from his residence without due process. He requests annulment of these provisions and an immediate and regular canonical process.

This Dicastery, after careful consideration of the documents presented by Mr. Robert Keane, the petitioner's advocate, considers that Fr. Foley's rights have not been guaranteed and therefore asks Your Eminence to take into account his appeal. To this effect I am including a copy of the Norms governing the prosecution of *graviora delicta*.

With sincere respects and best wishes, I remain,

Yours devotedly in the Lord

Joseph Card. Ratzinger

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His Eminence
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