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Dear Sister,

This is a follow-up to our meeting Aug. 31st at the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, with the Under Secretary, Rev. Sr. Enrica Rosanna, FMA.

The meeting was very successful and I'm sure you are encouraged by it.

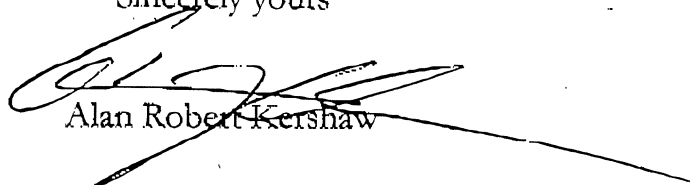
The opportunity for you to review pertinent documentation on file at the above cited Dicastery, and thereby verify your status – i.e. 1) that you are in no way associated with the Precious Blood Sisters of Dayton, Ohio; 2) that you are the legitimate legal representative of “Our Lady of Nativity Convent,” in Seneca County, Ohio – underlines the importance of said meeting.

Our Lady of the Nativity Convent, once a papal enclosure at New Riegel, Ohio, has since become (circa 1980) a private association of lay faithful, living out a religious life in accordance with Catholic Church law. “By private agreement among themselves, Christ’s faithful have the right to constitute associations” of this kind (can. 299, *Codex Juris Canonici*), which do not require the approval of the local bishop. As you will recall, this was specifically confirmed by the Under Secretary, during our meeting.

As stated to the Under Secretary, we have prepared statutes for a “public” association of the faithful, which will be presented to the bishop for approval in due course.

The eventual approval of a public association of the faithful is to be considered separate and distinct from the promotion of a cause for the beatification of the Servant of God, Sr. Mary Ephrem (Mildred Neuzil); and also from the meeting already requested with the Toledo Ordinary with regard to the Our Lady of America devotion.

Sincerely yours


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