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The Reverend Frank Pavone  
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Dear Father Pavone,

Having received your fax of 9 November 2013, and in the interest of providing you with a timely reply to your questions, I am pleased to offer you the following observations:

- a) A copy of the report was sent to "Priests for Life", to His Eminence Cardinal Dolan as President of the USCCB; to Archbishop Carlson as chair of the USCCB Committee for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations; and to the Bishop of Amarillo. The Archbishop of New York has already received the report, by virtue of his being President of the Episcopal Conference at the time.
- b) The existence of the apostolic visitation has never been made public, in large part to protect the good name of "Priests for Life." Now that the visitation has been completed, it would seem advisable for you to work with the Archbishop of New York, as the competent authority, to determine how best to use the content of the report. The Congregation will defer to his judgment, but the Apostolic Visitor should not be identified by name.
- c) Regarding how to clear the good name of "Priests for Life", again it would seem prudent to seek the counsel of the Archbishop of New York. He is able to communicate to the Episcopal Conference on behalf of the Association.
- d) While the Archbishop of New York is competent to issue public statements regarding the good standing of "Priests for Life", the Bishop of Amarillo remains competent to issue you a letter of good standing as a priest of Amarillo and to permit you to broadcast on EWTN. Therefore, you will need to discuss the matter with him directly.

Thanking you for your letter, and in the hope that this reply will prove helpful, I take this opportunity to express my sentiments of esteem and with every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Beniamino Stella  
Titular Archbishop of Midila  
Prefect