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His Eminence
Cardinal William J. Levada, Prefect
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Your Eminence:

In November of last year I visited your esteemed Congregation to present a file regarding the matter of **Father Joseph Pavanivel Jeyapaul**, a priest for the Diocese of Ootacamund, India, who was accused of sexual misconduct involving minors in 2005 and again in 2006.

Recently, a parishioner came forward with the enclosed emails from Father Jeyapaul. Since they suggest a possible violation of the sacramental seal, and also because they relate to the accusations of misconduct made against him, I thought it best to send them to your Congregation, to be included with his file.

Moreover, I wanted to bring this matter to your attention so that you would understand the seriousness of the matter with which he is accused. I hope that for the good of the Church you are able to reach a speedy resolution to his case.

Your Excellency, I am extremely grateful to you and to all the members of your esteemed Congregation for the great assistance you have provided to the bishops of the United States, and for the leadership you have exercised in helping to resolve these issues which have so wounded the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Victor H. Balke
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