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Dear Father:

Thank you for your letter of 21 July regarding the status of laicization and my request of several years ago. I especially thank you for the fraternal tone and sense of sharing that was evident in the letter.

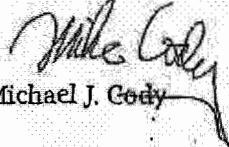
First, let me say that I only requested the process, in the event the Archdiocese may have wished it. For myself, I feel that my holographic letter of resignation from the active ministry was sufficient for my purposes and should have been enough for the Church. Laicization is an internal business of the Catholic Church bureaucracy, which I consider irrelevant. If a bishop can bring 'em in, he can let 'em go. I am happy with the present status if you are. It will save you a bit of paper shuffling. Bluntly put, the less I have to do with the Church structure, the better my health.

Secondly, I would request my name be taken from national mailing lists to priests, as well as those of the Archdiocese. This has been previously requested.

Thirdly, please note that my address is 1460 Bronco Rd, Boulder City, NV 89005-3104. Let Business and Finance know, if you would be so kind.

Business aside, I have lived in the upper Mojave Desert for about 4 years now with my pilot brother. We have a happy, fulfilled and stable life. We both have done volunteer work in a nearby national park for nearly the whole time. My brother is now an intermittent law enforcement Park Ranger. Our work is mostly remote backcountry patrol, although I have lessened the amount I do personally since I had a CVA a year and a half ago. That stroke left me with permanent claudication in my left leg, but otherwise mostly okay. I do a lot of document editing and word-processing at home for the park. Hundreds of pictures have been taken for Park archives. Where else can a herpetologist-ranger bring a nice rattlesnake for a portrait?

Sincerely yours,


Michael J. Cody

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