

ALEXANDER
BY THE GRACE OF GOD
AND
THE AUTHORITY OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE
ARCHBISHOP OF SEATTLE

DECREE

Whereas, on September 15, 2004, I opened a preliminary investigation into an allegation lodged against the Reverend Michael J. Cody concerning a possible violation of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, art.4, that is, sexual abuse of a minor below the age of eighteen years; and

Whereas, the investigation has been sufficiently instructed to enable me to make a prudent and objective evaluation regarding the matter;

I hereby decree and declare, in conformity with the norm of law (*CIC*, c. 1718 [*CCEO*, c. 1469]), the conclusion of the preliminary investigation.

Further, having weighed the elements gathered by the duly appointed investigator, and having heard experts in the law and others possessing expertise concerning these issues, I find and declare that the allegation lodged against Father Cody does not appear to be manifestly false (or frivolous). Motives for this conclusion are contained in the acts of the preliminary investigation.

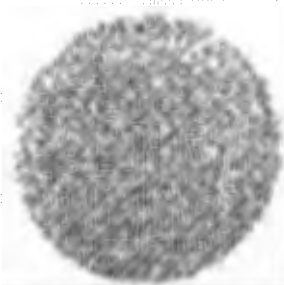
Wherefore, by this decree I direct that the acts of the preliminary investigation, together with my own votum concerning the matter, be referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith as mandated by the norm of universal law (*Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, art. 13).

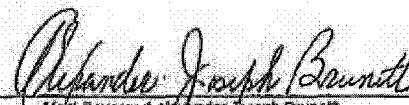
Given at the Chancery
Of the Archdiocese of Seattle, Washington


This 29th

day of October

In the year of our Lord, 2004.



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Most Reverend Alexander Joseph Brunett
Archbishop of Seattle


Very Reverend Stephen C. Rowan
Vicar General

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