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## STATEMENT OF THE MOST REVEREND LIAM CARY, BISHOP OF BAKER, ON RECENT PUBLIC ACTIONS OF THE REVEREND JAMES RADLOFF 25 April 2014

On April 18, 2014, the Reverend James Radloff, an incardinated priest of the Diocese of Baker, informed me of his decision to resign from the priesthood and to sever his relationship with the Roman Catholic Church. I am also in receipt of public statements that he has made in which he has indicated his decision to become associated with the Evangelical Catholic Church, a religious entity that is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

Out of concern for the confusion and sorrow this news has brought to Roman Catholics, I have written Father Radloff to encourage him to reconsider his decision in light of the detrimental effects it will have on him personally and on the Catholic faithful he has served so long. The doors of the Church are open to his return. I am hopeful that he will choose to walk through them into reconciliation and peace.

Most Reverend Liam Cary Bishop of Baker

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