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Rev. Father Brian Lucas
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Dear Fr. Brian,

Please find enclosed a Notification for a wide circulation among the Bishops, Religious Congregations and Catholic Institutions concerned.

With every cordial and best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Giuseppe Lazzarotto
Apostolic Nuncio

Encl.



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NOTIFICATION FOR ALL BISHOPS, CLERGY, RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS AND CATHOLIC INSTITUTIONS

The Holy See continues to receive notices of financial scams perpetrated via Email and which falsely refer to Heads of Dicasteries and other Church Authorities. Such scams solicit financial support in favour of exceptional situations or fictitious projects. They also ask for monetary transfers that involve money laundering resulting from illicit dealings.

In case of any doubt regarding the legitimacy of requests made with reference Cardinals, Bishops or other Officials of the Roman Curia, it is advisable to contact the Apostolic Nunciature for further inquiry and clarification. It would likewise be worthwhile that the Episcopal Conference, Religious Superiors and other Institutions (universities, schools, and associations) be notified of this occurrence so that they may in turn be prudent in verifying such cases, thus not succumbing to the requests.

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