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Reverend Professor,

As you know, as part of its work, this Congregation has for many years been attentively and systematically following the editorial policies of certain theological and pastoral periodicals.

In order to obtain a correct impression of these publications this Dicastery has drawn up a set of "Guidelines" to steer the reviewer in his choice of which articles to review and draw attention to, and spelling out the clear and precise **motivations** behind this initiative (cf. enclosure). These Guidelines also explain the **methodology** that is to be followed and seriousness of the commitment taken on by each reviewer. Obviously, it goes without saying that, in order to obtain an objective overview of each periodical and to avoid false alarms, every reviewer needs to exercise the greatest prudence and discretion.

May I thank you in advance for agreeing to cooperate in this important work. The year currently under review is 2007 and we hope that you will be able to send the results of your work to this Congregation before **June 30, 2009**.

With every good wish and renewed gratitude for your collaboration, I am

Yours faithfully,

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(With 2 Enclosures)

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