

Archbishop of Paris

Officialité Trial

The Judicial Vicar

Prot AD 11/09

Paris, July 11, 2012

Madam,

Following to the report made by several people against Father Mansour Labaky, Maronite priest, a preliminary investigation was opened by the Ordinary of Easterns in France and entrusted to the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of Paris in September 21, 2011. The result of the survey was sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome on 16 December 2011. It had been complemented by a new item on March 13, 2012. The accused was heard by the Congregation on 14 and 30 March 2012.

By decree of April 23, 2012, as other facts are prescribed, the defendant was convicted of two counts:

- The offense « contra sextum » against three minors
- The crime of solicitation during confession in respect of a victim

Accordingly, taking into account the age of the accused, the following penalties are imposed:

- A life of prayer and penance in a religious community or other removed to be determined by the place eparchial bishop in agreement with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith which contact with minors will be rejected:
- Deprivation of all ecclesiastical offices currently held
- Prohibition to celebrate the sacraments Coram Populo, which means in public, which simply celebrate the Eucharist in the community or where it will be removed confined space and loss of faculties to confess any person, except in danger of death;

- Prohibition to ensure any spiritual direction, and participate in public or media events (conferences, television appearances, celebrations ...) and interdiction to contact the media or the victims

Pursuant to Article 27 of the Motu Proprio "sacramentum Sanctitatis Tutela," the culprit may lodge an appeal against this decision to the Ordinary Session (or Feria IV) of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in a peremptory period of sixty useful days from the notification of this decree.

In case of violation of the above penalties, the penalty shall be the minor excommunication (can. 1406, 1 and 1431; CCEO 1) the time required for the application of these penalties.

Remaining at your disposal for further information, please accept, Madam, my regards.

Signed: Bishop Augustin Romero (Official of Paris).