



To all supporters in our coalition -

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Resource Materials now ready for your use

The model letter to Bishops and the Press Release have both been edited and are now ready for you to send adapting them, of course, for your needs. Thank you for your editorial contributions to both of these. Reaching as many bishops as possible around the world will help make it clear that we, the baptized, are taking seriously our responsibility to speak out for the good of our Church. Both actions are encouraged but doing so is purely discretionary on your part.

Model Letter to Bishops

You are encouraged to reach out to the bishops in your part of the world. This letter is provided as a model to make it easier for you.

Note: the U.S. Bishops will be meeting in Baltimore November 11 - 14. It would be most effective if your letter reached your bishop prior to this meeting.

To download this letter to the Bishops and the enclosure of the open letter, click <http://www.catholicchurchreform.com/letters.html>.

Press Release

If you want to send out this press release but do not want to be the contact person, let us know and we can connect you with a contact person in your part of the world. Also, if you want to send the press release out but do not want to be the spokesperson, you are welcomed to use my name: Rene Reid representing Catholic Church Reform.

To download the Press Release, click <http://catholicchurchreform.com/media.html>.

Next Proposed Letter to Pope Francis

The drafting committee, a wide representation of organizations and countries, is now working on the next letter proposed to be sent to Pope Francis in time for his December meeting. The committee plans to have this letter to you before the end of this month giving organizations enough time to meet with their boards, offer input, and give their official approval to the letter.

Apology and Clarification

A point of clarification: As you know, we have just gone through gathering your input and approval of our process, strategy, and resource materials. Only those who had suggestions, editorial changes, or needed more time were encouraged to respond. Those who were in full agreement were advised that there was no need to respond yet and to simply wait for the next notification. This was meant only to be a matter of practicality so that we weren't overwhelmed with 6000 emails mostly offering their agreement. Unfortunately, some perceived this to mean that they would automatically become a party to any action where their approval was assumed if they failed to answer an e-mail. That was never the intent and I apologize if I failed to make this clear.

For resource materials, such as the press release or the model letter to Bishops, we are merely requesting that you offer input to help improve the support material. But for matters that involve an action step, we said: "***For a letter being delivered to the Pope***, every individual must sign the letter and church reform organizations must give their explicit permission to have their name included." Forgive me if I failed to make this clear."

Process and Strategy decisions on hold

Decisions about Process and Strategy are on hold for the moment. Valuable conversations are underway that hopefully will clarify these important issues. We welcome all participation in helping guide us as to how Catholic Church Reform can best serve you while continuing to unite both individual Catholics and Church Organizations in speaking out with one voice to bishops, cardinals, and the pope. So many of us, particularly those who are individuals or smaller organizations, need the unity of our coalition to feel that our voice has a chance of being heard.

Catholic Church Reform Website

Thanks to some of your suggestions, we are updating our website to better reflect our mission and our desire to serve as a communication and service center to all of you. Please continue to share our worldwide coalition with other reform groups and individuals with whom you have a connection. The more we continue to grow, the more effective our voice will be.