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His Eminence
Stanisław Cardinal Rylko
President
The Pontifical Council for the Laity
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Your Eminence:

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

This is to recommend the Association known as the International Catholic Engaged Encounter for pontifical approval.

The New Orleans Chapter of the Association has been in existence in the Archdiocese of New Orleans since 1975. Since its inception in the Archdiocese, its officials and members have participated in the various activities and programs of the Archdiocese. They have also helped immensely to enrich the lives of the Clergy, Religious, and Lay faithful of this Archdiocese.

Their primary apostolate and activity is to provide marriage preparation programs for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. We believe they have been doing a good work and will continue to do so. They are also faithful to the teaching magisterium of the Church. In lieu of their commendable apostolate, the undersigned recently issued a decree of ecclesiastical approbation for the Association in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

In conclusion, We recommend pontifical approval and recognition for the Association known as the International Catholic Engaged Encounter.

With sentiments of high esteem and best wishes, I am

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



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HIS EXCELLENCY

MOST REVEREND GREGORY M. AYMOND

By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ORLEANS

DECREE APPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC ENGAGED
ENCOUNTER, NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER AS A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION OF THE
CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL

Steve and Claudia Schulz, the Executives of the *de facto* association known as the International Catholic Engaged Encounter, New Orleans Chapter have petitioned that the Association be canonically approved as a Private Association of the Christian faithful in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana.

After having carefully considered the petition and examined its statutes; and

After having determined that this Association would be useful to the Clergy, Religious, and Lay faithful of the Archdiocese of New Orleans; and

After having been assured that this Association has the means and resources to achieve its designated purposes;

I, the undersigned Archbishop of New Orleans, do hereby, by this Decree, accept and approve the Statutes of the International Catholic Engaged Encounter, New Orleans Chapter and herewith canonically approve and commend it as a Private Association of the Christian faithful in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the purposes defined in its Statutes.

By virtue of canon 300, I hereby granted the Association permission to use the name "Catholic" as part of its official name in the Archdiocese and in its logo, emblem, and insignia.

All associations of the Christian faithful are subject to the governance of the diocesan Bishop, who is to exercise vigilance so that (i) the goods of the association are used for its proper purposes; (ii) the integrity of faith and morals is preserved in the association; (iii) abuse does not creep into ecclesiastical discipline; (iv) dissipation of their energies is avoided; and (v) their exercise of the apostolate is ordered to the common good. (cann. 305 §1 and 323 §2).

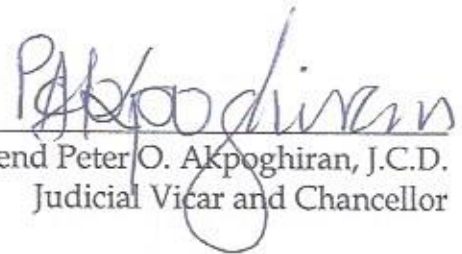
By virtue of canon 397 §1, I reserve to myself and my successors the right of ordinary episcopal visitation to ensure that its spiritual and material matters are directed according to the norm of law and its statutes.

The approved statutes of the Association cannot be changed or amended without the approval of the competent ecclesiastical authority.

Given at the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana, on this day September 8, 2014, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



Very Reverend Peter O. Akpoghiran, J.C.D.
Judicial Vicar and Chancellor