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Your Eminence,

First of all, I offer sincere congratulations on Your Eminence's appointment as Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Bishops. It is an honour also to Canada and marks the highest Vatican position given to any Canadian.

Permit me to introduce myself. I am the oldest priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto, born on August 14, 1915 and ordained in 1939. In 1939-42 I lived at La Maison des Etudiants, Rue St. Joachim, Quebec and was among the first students at the Faculty of Canon Law at Laval University. The dean of my doctoral thesis was the late Fr. Aderville Boureau, killed in the crash of the Canadian Pilgrim plane about 1949. I have many happy memories of my sojourn in Quebec. My classmates, including Bishop Gérin, are deceased.

Among my appointments were Vice-Chancellor of Toronto Archdiocese, Secretary of the Metropolitan Marriage and Provincial Matrimonial Tribunals and various other positions including Officialis of the Archdiocesan and Provincial Tribunals. Under Cardinal McGuigan I was Director of Catechetics of Toronto Archdiocese. I also served as pastor of three parishes and chaplain of various groups. At present, in declining health, I am a resident at Houses of Providence, Toronto.

Your Eminence, I know you are aware of the crisis in the Church in Canada due to the contraceptive mentality. For many years I have written and worked to restore the teaching of the Church on life. A main obstacle, I am sorry to say, has been the Canadian bishops.

Some years ago, I asked Archbishop Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Nebraska, for advice. He thought that if I could get five or six bishops to write to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith asking for an evaluation of the Canadian Bishops' Winnipeg Statement, that would be a major step towards overcoming the dissenting statement. I wrote to about ten bishops. Not one Roman Rite bishop was willing to take such a step.

As you know the great majority of Catholics of childbearing age are using contraceptives if they are not already sterilized.

This past month, I have written the enclosed article. It has not yet been published. I am sending it to you in the hope that some means may be found to restore the teaching of *Humanae Vitae* to Canada.

Thank you, Your Eminence, for your consideration of this request. My concelebrated Mass this morning was offered for Your Eminence's intentions.

Most Respectfully Yours in Our Lord,

Msgr. Vincent Foy