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From the Vatican, January 12, 2001

Dear Mr. Johnson,

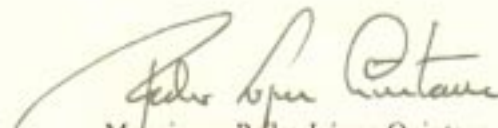
I am writing to acknowledge the letter which you sent to His Holiness Pope John Paul II, who has asked me to reply in his name.

Since the complex questions which you put could best be discussed personally, I would suggest that you consult a local Catholic priest.

In the meantime I am happy to assure you that His Holiness will remember you in his prayers, invoking upon you the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



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