



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

25 March 2022

Thank you for your recent letter in which you asked me to begin an inquiry in accord with the provisions of the *moto proprio*, *Vos estis lux mundi* (henceforth noted as *Vos estis*) against The Most Reverend Steven J. Raica during the time he served as Bishop of Gaylord.

In accord with the norm of law, your concerns were thoroughly reviewed, and it is my determination that the concerns you brought forward do not qualify as a matter to be considered under *Vos estis*. Article 1 of *Vos estis* sets forth the precise scope of applying the Holy Father's *motu proprio*, and none of the matters you raised fall within that narrowly defined scope.

Regarding the information in your letter pertaining to the now Mr. James Holtz, I would like to provide some additional information that we discovered as part of our review. In 2011, Mr. Holtz was arrested, and criminal charges were brought forward by the St. Joseph County Prosecutors Office. Mr. Holtz pled guilty and is listed on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry. Mr. Holtz does appear on the list of Clergy Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse of Minors in the Diocese of Gaylord and was laicized in 2021.

Asking God's blessings upon you, I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron  
Archbishop of Detroit

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