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Dear Bishop James,

This letter is to inform you that, effective immediately, I am suspending your faculties as the Bishop and local ordinary of the Diocese of the Northwest of the Evangelical Catholic Church. As the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Catholic Church, I have the right to take this action under the *ECC Administrative Guidelines and Policies for Local Dioceses*. My right to take this action is further supported by the precedent unilateral actions you took toward your brother bishops during your tenure as the Presiding Bishop.

In arriving at the decision to suspend you, I considered a number of factors including, but not limited to, the following: the unjustified, slanderous and abusive nature of your July 7, 2020 letter that you placed in the external forum; the ecclesial harm this letter caused by your attempt to separate the People of God from their duly installed spiritual leaders; your wanton disregard that this action would deny them access to the Holy Sacraments of the Church; and your inept leadership of the Evangelical Catholic Church as evidenced by the continued exodus of clergy and member churches over time.

As Presiding Bishop, I declare that you no longer have the duties, privileges, rights, and obligations set forth in Canon 17.

At the August 14, 2020 meeting of the National Board of Directors, the duly appointed board voted to remove you as a member of the board of directors of the Evangelical Catholic Church effective immediately.

To ensure that there is no canonical ambiguity as to their clerical status, I have given full faculties to Reverends James Radloff, Karen Till and David Verhasselt so that they can continue to minister to their congregations under my love and guidance. They remain as clergy in good standing in the Evangelical Catholic Church, and they have all the rights and privileges necessary to continue in their pastoral roles.

Reconciliation with you is possible if, in the external forum, you acknowledge your culpability for the ecclesial harm you have caused, and you right the wrongs you perpetuated against your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you do these things, we will consider favoring you with the title of Bishop Emeritus.

Sincerely,

Bishop Louis P. Serra
Presiding Bishop Independent Evangelical Catholic Church in America

cc. Reverends James Radloff, Karen Till & David Verhasselt