

June 7, 2013
Year of Faith

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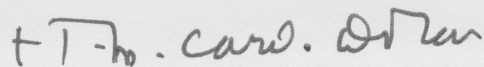
Dear Dr. Roemer:

Thank you most sincerely for your letter of June 6, 2013, together with enclosures. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

While I am grateful for your kindness in writing, neither as Archbishop of New York nor as president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops do I have canonical (Church law) jurisdiction over Father Thomas Smolich, S.J. I trust that you will understand.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York