



**CONGREGATIO
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From the Vatican, 3 July 2021

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Ms. Susan E. VANCE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Ms. Vance,

This Congregation has received your correspondence of 7 June last, presenting complaints against the Most Reverend Richard F. Stika, Bishop of Knoxville, and his predecessor, the Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, now Archbishop of Louisville, submitted under the motu proprio *Vos Estis Lux Mundi*.

Although the discipline of priests and deacons belongs to the competence of this Dicastery, matters pertaining to the governance of bishops falls under the Congregation for Bishops. With that in mind, the documentation you presented has been forwarded to that Dicastery.

With kind regards and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Andrea Ripa
Undersecretary