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DECREE DECLARING THE EXCOMMUNICATION INCURRED *LATAE SENTENTIAE* BY LILLIAN LOHR LEWIS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Regrettably, Lillian Lohr Lewis, with full knowledge of the Church's teaching and the excommunication *latae sententiae* incurred by women who attempt to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, attempted to receive sacred ordination at the hands of Joan Houk in a ceremony at her home in Three Oaks, Michigan on May 31, 2014.

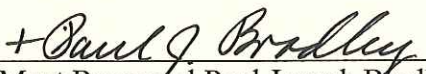
Now therefore, I, the Most Reverend Paul Joseph Bradley, by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Kalamazoo in Michigan, hereby declare in accord with canons 1342 and 1720 of the *Code of Canon Law* that Lillian Lohr Lewis has incurred the censure of excommunication *latae sententiae* reserved to the Apostolic See.

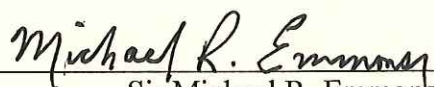
In accord with canon 1331, §1, an excommunicated person is forbidden:

1. to have any ministerial participation in celebrating the Eucharistic Sacrifice or in any other ceremonies whatsoever of public worship;
2. to celebrate the sacraments and sacramentals and to receive the sacraments;
3. to discharge any ecclesiastical offices, ministries or functions whatsoever, or to place acts of governance.

It is hoped that, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, Lillian Lohr Lewis might discover the path to conversion and so return to the unity of faith and to communion with the Church, a communion broken by their action.

Given at the Bishop Paul V. Donovan Diocesan Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Kalamazoo in Michigan on this 4th day of the month of June in the Year of Our Lord 2014.


Most Reverend Paul Joseph Bradley
Bishop of Kalamazoo, Michigan


Sir Michael R. Emmons
Chancellor, Diocese of Kalamazoo

