

DESCRIPTION AND SUMMARY OF RESCRIPT PROT. N. 20170776/F ISSUED BY

THE CONGREGATION FOR THE CLERGY

The Congregation for Clergy received from the Diocesan Bishop of Rockford a petition for the declaration of the loss of the clerical state and a dispensation from the celibacy and all obligations connected with sacred ordination in regard to Father Aaron Brodeski.

After adjudicating the case, the request could not be presented to the Holy Father because the acts of the delict were found to be imputable but their gravity lessened due to a diminished state of awareness on the part of Father Brodeski, and because no other canonical penalty had been applied in this matter (*Circular Letter of the Congregation for the Clergy, Prot. N. 2010 0823, March 17, 2010*).

Because the Congregation was, however, satisfied that the external violation of the precepts of can. 1399, in and of itself objectively grave and scandalous, was committed by Father Brodeski and the act was imputable to him, although in a reduced gravity, some penalty should be imposed to repair scandal, restore justice, and reform the offender.

The Holy Father has approved, *in forma specifica*, admitting of no appeal and subject to no recourse against them, the following in this matter:


- The deprivation of the title of Chaplain to His Holiness with the loss of the designation "Monsignor" (*can. 1336, §1 2<sup>o</sup>*);
- The imposition of one year of prayer and penance at a location to be determined by the Ordinary of Rockford (*can. 1340*);
- A penal precept that any subsequent commission of the same delict will result in further penalties, not excluding the permanent expiatory penalty of dismissal from the clerical state.

The Congregation has ordered the notification of this Supreme Decision as follows:


- The Rescript is to be read to Father Brodeski by a notary or an ecclesiastical official and signed by both parties.
- The Ordinary is to return to the Congregation one copy, signed by the priest as proof of his receipt of the conditions. If he fails to sign, the Rescript remains fully effective.
- Should Monsignor Brodeski request an attestation of the Rescript, the Chancellor is to prepare one, sign it, and give it to him.

The Rescript is dated January 10, 2019 and is signed by Cardinal Beniamino Stella, Prefect and Archbishop Jöel Mercier, Secretary of the Congregation for the Clergy.

ATTEST

  
Ellen B. Lynch, Chancellor

Date: January 30, 2019

  
Father Aaron Brodeski

Date: Jan 30, 2019

