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Letter from the Secretariat of State – LATIN GTLD

To whom it may concern:

The Pontifical Council for Social Communications has been authorized by the Secretariat of State to apply for the generic top-level domain ‘.catholic’ for and on behalf of the Holy See.

The chief task of the Pontifical Council is to encourage and support in a timely and suitable way the action of the Church and her members in the many forms of social communications (as specified in Article 170 of the Apostolic Constitution "*Pastor Bonus*"). Consequently the Council is the entity most suitable to make this application and to develop the GTLD ‘.catholic’ project as a way of authenticating and bringing cohesiveness to the presence of the Catholic Community in the digital arena.

The Secretariat of State, in conjunction with the office of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See (A.P.S.A.) and with the Prefecture for Economic Affairs of the Holy See, will ensure that the Pontifical Council is provided with all necessary financial and logistical support required for the successful execution of this project.

From the Vatican, 30 March 2012

