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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to inform you of the inception of the Catholic Psychotherapists Association of Canada (CPAC). Led by a core group of well trained and spiritually formed Catholic psychological professionals, this new and growing organization promises to offer much needed support for Catholic mental health professionals in Canada. With their headquarters in Edmonton, Alberta, the association promotes a full understanding of the human person and society in communion with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church while integrating sound methodological scientific development.

Although I have assigned Fr. Andrzej Szablewski, PSS as their spiritual director, and I am kept apprised of developments through ongoing communication, the CPAC is an independent organization. It intends to provide professional development, continuing education, and networking opportunities for Catholic mental health professionals. This is not a replacement for provincial or national professional licensing.

The CPAC can assist in networking Catholic mental health professionals and providing ongoing spiritual formation; for example, they are currently involved in a regular teleconference study of the Theology of the Body. This type of ongoing formation not only supports the building of a culture of life but also continues the dialogue and integration of theology and science, and of faith and reason. Through the professional members, and those they assist, the CPAC will undoubtedly benefit our Church and our country.

Sincerely,

✠Richard W. Smith

Archbishop of Edmonton