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Press Release of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith

On 11 January 2019, the *Congresso* of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, at the conclusion of a penal process, issued a decree finding Theodore Edgar McCarrick, archbishop *emeritus* of Washington, D.C., guilty of the following delicts while a cleric: solicitation in the Sacrament of Confession, and sins against the Sixth Commandment with minors and with adults, with the aggravating factor of the abuse of power. The *Congresso* imposed on him the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. On 13 February 2019, the Ordinary Session (*Feria IV*) of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith considered the recourse he presented against this decision. Having examined the arguments in the recourse, the Ordinary Session confirmed the decree of the *Congresso*. This decision was notified to Theodore McCarrick on 15 February 2019. The Holy Father has recognized the definitive nature of this decision made in accord with law, rendering it a *res iudicata* (i.e., admitting of no further recourse).