



Communication of the Cardinal-elect Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

Testo in lingua originale

In response to reports following Cardinal Ambongo's response to a question at the press conference of 22 October, Cardinal-elect Timothy Radcliffe OP wishes to make the following points clear.

1. Cardinal Ambongo's reply did not refer to the article published in L'Osservatore Romano, but one by Phil Lawler in Catholic Culture of 17 October. This was the article the cardinal showed me on his phone and which we discussed.
2. Lawler's reading of the Osservatore article misinterpreted what I had written. I never wrote or suggested that positions taken by the Catholic Church in Africa were influenced by financial considerations. I was acknowledging only that the Catholic Church in Africa is under tremendous pressure from other religions and church which are well funded by outside sources.
3. I am most grateful to Cardinal Ambongo for his clear defence of my position.