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Following the plea of guilty of the Most Reverend Raymond Lahey, former Bishop of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, the following statement has been issued by the Holy See Press Office:

The Most Reverend Raymond Lahey, former Bishop of Antigonish, has pled guilty to possession of child pornography.

The Catholic Church condemns sexual exploitation in all its forms, especially when perpetrated against minors.

Although the civil process has run its course, the Holy See will continue to follow the canonical procedures in effect for such cases, which will result in the imposition of the appropriate disciplinary or penal measures.

● COMUNICATO DELLA SALA STAMPA DELLA SANTA SEDE

A proposito del riconoscimento di colpevolezza da parte dell'ex vescovo di Antigonish (Nuova Scozia, Canada), Mons. Raymond Lahey, la Sala Stampa della Santa Sede pubblica il seguente Comunicato:

Il Rev.do Raymond Lahey, ex vescovo di Antigonish, si è riconosciuto colpevole di possesso di materiale pedo-pornografico.

La Chiesa cattolica condanna lo sfruttamento sessuale in tutte le sue forme, in particolare se perpetrato nei confronti di minori.

Benché il processo secondo l'ordinamento civile abbia fatto il suo corso, la Santa Sede continuerà a seguire le procedure canoniche previste per simili casi, che daranno luogo all'imposizione di appropriate misure disciplinari o penali.

• **STATEMENT OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

Following the plea of guilty to the possession of child pornography by the Most Reverend Raymond Lahey, former Bishop of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, the following statement has been issued by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops:

The Most Reverend Raymond Lahey, former Bishop of Antigonish, has pled guilty of possession of child pornography. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops condemns all forms of sexual exploitation, especially involving minors, and continue to work to prevent such behaviour and to bring healing to the victims and their families.

Recognizing the confusion and anger that this case has engendered among many of the faithful, we underscore our pastoral concern for those who have experienced great pain as a result of these events. In a special way our thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Diocese of Antigonish and all the Atlantic region.

We reiterate the Catholic Church's long-standing condemnation of the possession, distribution and use of child pornographic images in all forms, and renew our resolve to do everything we can to promote the dignity and respect of the human person.

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