

English Translation of

Prot.N. 15182/2015

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I present the following, responding to the letter Prot. N. 2774/8/15, of 28 October 2015, with which you have asked this Pontifical Council to interpret the can. 1688 of the mp. *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* and to clarify whether the authentic interpretation of can. 1686 of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts [AAS LXXVI (1984) 746-747] and the response of the Apostolic Signatura on January 3, 2007 [Periodica 97 (2008) 45-46] still remain in force.

After careful consideration of the above issues, I would like to inform you of the following clarification.

The discipline of the new can. 1688 of the m p. *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* does not make significant changes to the provisions of the former can. 1686 CIC, and therefore, it does not seem necessary to carry out any interpretation on the matter.

Consequently, the principles upon which the authentic interpretation of can. 1686 by the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts and the subsequent answer of the Apostolic Signatura that had said interpretation as source were based, seem not to have been change.

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