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Declaration concerning

Mr. Samy Tawfiq Amin Kelada (Ex. Fr. Mina Tawfiq)

The Catholic Church teaches that: “Since God employs every means to bring back the erring sheep, those who have received from Him the power of losing and binding, are to treat appropriately the illness of those who have committed offenses, by correcting, reproving, appealing, constantly teaching and never losing patience, and are even to impose penalties in order to ensure that the wounds inflicted by the offense may receive a cure and to preclude the offender from being given to dissoluteness of life and contempt of the law.” (CCEO: Can. 1401).

Therefore, the Coptic Catholic Church has, for a long time, tried to understand the behavior of Father Mina Tawfiq, inviting him several times, without any result, orally and in writing, to clarify things, but he

did not answer. Thus, after having studied his case, the Holy Synod in his meetings, decided on 20th of May 2016 as follows:

First: Father Mina is forbidden, now on, from the exercise of any function or service or task linked to the priestly degree (Can 1430 - Article 1), until the announcement of his return from such ideas and behavior (Can. 1436 - Article 1).

Second: The Church declares that the "Catholic-Biblical Association of Jesus", the "San Mina Foundation for Humanitarian Services", the "Association of Peoples' Hope for Spiritual and Social Services", and all other foundations in which Father Mina practices his activities, are not affiliated to the Catholic Church. That means that the Church will take all the necessary measures to remove from them the attribute of "Catholic".


Third: This decision will be communicated to all the official website of the Church, in church magazines, and will be sent to the Congregation for the Eastern Churches in Rome, and to the different organizations that collaborate with Father Mina to be informed.

Since he did not retract, and continued to speak and act separating himself from the faith and authority of the Catholic Church, we decided the following:

First: His reduction to the lay state.

Second: Declaring that he does not belong, any more, to the Catholic Church.

Third: This decision shall be published in the official website of the Church and the Church Journals, and shall be communicated to all concerned organizations.



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