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DEDICATION TO ROBERT ARAUJO, S.J.

Archbishop Francis Chullikatt

With great pleasure I congratulate the Ave Maria School of Law, its faculty, staff, students, and the *Ave Maria International Law Journal* for their excellent work in presenting this symposium on the nature of the Holy See in the international order. This is a vital and timely topic, and I commend the editors of the *International Law Journal* in particular for the insight shown in choosing the topics addressed. This work and the contributions of the authors, well-chosen to investigate and address these topics of significance, will assist the reading public to understand better the role of the Holy See in the realm of international law and international relations. Moreover, these contributions will dispel myths that linger to this day about the Holy See and the Catholic Church. This is the work of the academy that serves beyond its immediate community: to study carefully and fully and to report accurately in its search for the truth that must include the Truth of God! To your reading public, I borrow from St. Augustine's Confessions and exhort: *tolle et lege*—take up and read!

In addition, I take this opportunity to commend the authors who have generously contributed of their intellect to make this volume possible. I am familiar with a number of them and their work, and I express my gratitude to each for their respective labors which have made this scholarly edition of the *Law Journal* a significant submission for the consideration of students, international lawyers, judges and interested citizens everywhere. We who follow the topics they have investigated are in their debt.

But there is one contributor in particular whom I wish to offer special thanks: the Reverend Father Robert John Araujo of the Society of Jesus. His name joins a list of other Jesuits such as Pietro Tacchi Venturi, Robert A. Graham, Pierre Blet, Bruno Schneider, Gustav Gundlach and John LaFarge, to mention a few, who have responded generously to the Holy See's requests in modern times for assistance in various dimensions of Papal diplomacy. Sometimes this assistance has necessitated great personal sacrifice. Like all sons of St. Ignatius, Fr. Araujo has responded to the call for help quietly and faithfully, not only without objection but brimming with enthusiasm.

Having completed his legal education in the early 1970s, he entered the military service of his country, the United States of America. After his military service, he continued his work in public service as an attorney for the Federal Government of the United States. In 1979, he left his public service and lent his skills to the private sector until he finally responded to

God's call to enter religious life in 1986. During his formation, he had the opportunity to expand on his practical skills by returning to the academy to obtain advanced degrees that would prepare him for new service both scholastic and ecclesiastical.

As a consequence of his academic, professional and religious formation, he was asked by his superiors to be available to assist the work of the Holy See at the United Nations with various matters dealing with public international law in 1996. In February of 1997, he commenced his service as an advisor to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See in New York and provided assistance on the negotiations for the International Criminal Court. As a consequence of his generous service, he was asked on subsequent occasions to assist the Secretariat of State on a variety of other tasks demanding sensitivity and steadfastness. In some instances, Father would juggle his academic schedule to ensure that his students and the Holy See were simultaneously well served. On other occasions, it was necessary for him to take leaves of absence from his teaching and other duties in order to work full time for the Holy See. No request for his assistance has ever been rejected or gone unanswered. His only response would be: "How can I help?"

I had the occasion to come to know Father Araujo in 2001 when I was assigned to be the First Counselor of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. From that point to the present day, he has generously assisted me on many projects. I know he much prefers to avoid the spotlight of attention, an important attribute of those entrusted with the confidential and delicate matters that are the substance of international diplomacy and the practice of international law that goes along with this international service. Today I recognize him as a faithful son of the Church and a valued collaborator in her mission in the international order. As a priest, he displays compassion to those in need. With the UN delegates and diplomats, he exercised patience, discretion, cooperation, objective reason and resolve.

My prayer for him is that God will reward him for his many areas of service to the Church and the Society of Jesus, sustaining him in the pursuit of the common good for a long time to come! *Ad multos annos!*