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Dear Sister Elizabeth,

In my June 22, 2011 letter I informed you that the Committee on Doctrine would review carefully the observations on its March statement that you sent to the committee with the title, "To Speak Rightly of the Living God: Observations by Dr. Elizabeth A. Johnson, CSJ, on the Statement of the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops about Her Book *Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*."

With this letter I want to let you know that the Committee on Doctrine has completed its study. Enclosed is the text of the Committee's response to your observations. The committee intends to make this text public on Friday, October 28, 2011.

In earlier correspondence, you and I spoke about the possibility of meeting in person. I renew my offer to meet with you if you so desire.

My hope is that what we have experienced in this exchange of viewpoints and ideas will ultimately work for the good of the Church through the promotion of a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith.

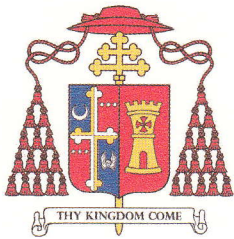
With every good wish, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

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July 22, 2011

Dear Sister Elizabeth,

Your July 14, 2011 letter arrived together with the copy of Father Thomas Weinandy, O.F.M., Cap.'s letter to Kevin A. Quinn and your six-page reflection labeled Appendix A. I appreciate your bringing this material to my attention.

As you request, the letter to Kevin Quinn and your Appendix A has been distributed to all of the members of the Committee. However, I want you to know that this material will not be part of the deliberations of the Committee.

As I wrote to you earlier, the Committee has received your observations on its earlier statement on your book, *Quest for the Living God: Mapping Frontiers in the Theology of God*. The next step in this discussion is the review of your observations and how they affect the Committee's original statement. The next meeting of the Committee is set for September and as soon as possible following the meeting, I will get word to you. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you.

You note that "New York and Washington are not far apart." I agree. Perhaps they are "not far apart" in multiples senses.

With every good wish, I am

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