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S.C. de Prop. Fide, litt. Encycl. 25 jul. 1883.

Quo propositis huic S.C. dubiis fieret satis, a Sacra Supremae Inquisitionis Congr. Quaesitum fuit: *An Vicarri Ap. Absque speciali facultate possint excipere denunciationes in materia sollicitationis ad turpia, et an, eiusmodi denunciationibus acceptis, teneantur eas ad S. Officium deferre,* Emi PP. Inquisitored Generales, in fer. IV 20 Iunii curr. Anni, respondendum censuerent: *Supplicandum Ssmo pro extensione ad omnes Vicarios App. Instructionis pro Vicario Ap. Cocincinae diei I iunii 1775, cum addito quod remittat ad S. Officium, per medium S.C. de de Propaganda Fide in epistola clausa, nomina sollicitantium.* Cum autem Summus Pont. Leo XIII in audientia eiusdem feriae ac diei, decretum Emorum PP. Approbare dignatus sit, et petitam concedere extensionem, hinc praedictam Instructionem, quae Vicario Ap. Cocincinae data fuit per epistolam diei 26 aug. 1775 ad A. T. Mitto, [2] ex qua Intructione eadem A.T. intelliget, qua ratione se gerere debeat si quando, quod Deus avertat, juius casus occurrant.

[Collectanea S.C. de Prop. Fide, vol. II, n. 1604].

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[2] Cf. N. 4568.

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In order to satisfactorily address the doubts raised toward this Supreme Congregation, it was asked by the Holy Congress of the Supreme Inquisition: "Can Apostolic Vicars without special faculty hear accusations in the matters of solicitation of sex, or when such accusations are received, are they bound to defer them to your office?" The Inquisitors General to his Eminence the Pope on the fourth day of the week, June 20 of the current year [1883] decided this is the best answer: "It is sought by His Most Holiness that the same extension of Instruction apply to all Apostolic Vicars as that of the Apostolic Vicar of Cochinchina dated June 1, 1775, with the addition that the names of the solicitors be sent to the Holy Office, through the intermediary of the *S.C.de Propaganda Fide*, in a sealed letter." Since, moreover, His Highest Pontifex Leo XIII was in audience on that day, it should be deemed worthy to approve this as a decree of His Eminence and to concede the extension sought. Therefore, I am sending said Instruction, which was given to the Apostolic Vicar of Cochinchina in a letter dated August 26, 1775, to A.T., from which Instruction A.T. may know in what manner he ought to conduct himself if – may God forbid it – cases of this sort ever occur.