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## Declaration of the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni

While reiterating its trust in the Australian justice system, the Holy See acknowledges the decision of Australia's High Court to accept Card. George Pell's request of appeal, aware that the Cardinal has always maintained his innocence.

At this time, the Holy See reaffirms once again its closeness to those who have suffered because of sexual abuse on the part of members of the clergy.