## FORMAT FOR LETTER SEEKING RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FROM A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES

TO: Command Authorities to The Surgeon General

FROM: [Name]

SUBJECT: <u>Request for Religious Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccine</u>

DATE: September \_\_, 2021

This letter will serve as my formal notice that receiving the COVID-19 vaccination would violate my sincerely held religious beliefs, practices and/or observances. For that reason, I respectfully request a Religious Exemption from this requirement.

My name is:

My serial number is:

My rank is:

My MOS/branch is:

The reasons for my sincerely held religious belief is as follows:

1. As a pro-life Christian, my deeply held religious belief is that abortion is murder and a grave sin, violating the Sixth Commandment of our Lord, "Thou shalt not kill." Furthermore, I believe that the use of fetal cells in vaccine studies and production is completely abhorrent, and that receiving a vaccine that uses fetal cells in testing or production would constitute participation in the sin of abortion. Exodus 20:13; Exodus 21:22-25; Job 31:15; Psalm 106:38-39; Psalm 139:13: Proverbs 6:16-19; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:41; Since I have learned of the use of fetal cells in vaccine studies and production, I have purposely avoided their use. I cannot accept a vaccine which results from the murder of babies, and therefore am requesting an exemption to the Covid-19 vaccine so that I do not participate in this grave sin. Detailed information about the use of aborted fetal tissues in these vaccines is available at Charlotte Lozier Institute at <u>www.lozierinstitute.org</u> and Children of God for Life www.cogforlife.org.

2. Additionally, God created man in his own image. Genesis 1:26-27. God created every "kind" to procreate after its own "kind." Genesis 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25. He specifically proscribes the mixing of kinds. Leviticus 19:19; Deuteronomy 22:9. Prior to the COVID-19 vaccine, vaccines employed weakened (attenuated) or dead pathogens (e.g., viruses) to trigger an immune response that could later fend off an exposure to the live virus. The three COVID-19 vaccines approved for emergency use in the United States (Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, Moderna, and Pfizer) use experimental gene therapy --- outside of the traditional definition of a vaccine. These

vaccines use a totally new and exotic technology that utilizes cutting edge nanotechnology to introduce into our bodies lipid platforms (i.e., "lipid nanoparticles") or virus delivery systems (e.g., adenovirus, as is the case with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine) for the purpose of bypassing the innate immune systems that God gave us so that the vaccines contain genetic instructions to produce the SARS CoV-2 spike protein to gain entry into the recipient's nucleus and therein alter the DNA. The mRNA vaccines can permanently alter our inherently fixed and stable human genetic code in such a way that these changes are irrevocable and produce lasting harm to potentially every cell in the body.

4. Although I am not asserting that I have a religious conviction that the COVID-19 vaccines constitute the "Mark of the Beast" discussed in Revelation it has similarities with the characteristics of that Mark. Revelation 13:17 explains that there will come a time when "no man might buy or sell" without it. In various locations around the country and the world, vaccinations are being required to practice professions, or go into stores and restaurants. Here, I am being required to take the COVID-19 vaccine in order to be allowed to continue to pursue my career in the military. Revelation 20:3 indicates that those who receive this mark at minimum put at risk their eternal destiny. I have a conviction not to receive a vaccine which could reduce the resistance of many persons to make a decision to accept the Mark of the Beast in the future.

5. Every person is responsible for acts done in his or her body. Responsibility to God for one's own actions is not obviated by government or private party demands to disobey God's Word. No temporal crisis, calamity, disease, or pandemic obviates the will of God or nullifies one of his commandments. Whenever civil law contravenes the revealed will of God, we must and will obey God rather than men. Acts 5:27-29.

These are my sincerely held religious beliefs. I would be pleased to provide such further information as may be required.

Respectfully submitted,