I hereby respectfully request and assert my right to a religious exemption from vaccination. I am a Christian who believes in the Bible, including the teachings in the New Testament. I have a Christian worldview. This perspective recognizes that faith and conscience compel an individual to submit to the proper jurisdiction within the rule of law, in this case, Divine Law.

I am objecting to vaccines because I believe in and follow God and the principles laid out in His Word and I have a deeply held belief that the current slate of COVID-19 vaccines violate them.

Below is a compilation of Religious Statements, Medical Studies, Professional Dissertations, and Hierarchical Statements which either forbid totally or recommend against receiving the COVID-19 Vaccine:

1. Bases of the Biblical and social concepts of the Christian Church

The Bible, which is our governing document, leads us as faithful Christians to the absolute inadmissibility of medicines prepared using fetal therapy.

The following are a small sampling of biblical citations (of which there are many) regarding the Church's view on abortion being a grave sin. <u>Exodus 20:13</u> "You shall not commit murder." <u>Matthew 19:18</u> "And Jesus said, 'You shall not murder...' <u>Psalm 22:10</u> "On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God." <u>Ecclesiastes 11:5</u> "As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God who makes everything." <u>Jeremiah 1:5</u> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <u>Psalm 139:13</u> "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb."

The Church believes it to be definitely inadmissible to use the methods of so-called fetal therapy, in which the human fetus on various stages of its development is aborted and used in attempts to treat various diseases and to "rejuvenate" an organism. Denouncing abortion as a grave sin, the Church cannot find any justification for it either even if someone may possibly benefit from the destruction of a conceived human life. Contributing inevitably to ever wider spread and commercialization of abortion, this practice (even if its still hypothetical effectiveness could be proved scientifically) presents an example of glaring immorality and is unacceptable to our faith.

It would be a grave an d unacceptable violation of my faith and conscience to receive the following coronavirus vaccines:

- A. Pfizer and BioNTech The Pfizer Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [3].
- B. Moderna The Moderna Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is cited by the vaccine researchers Kizzmekia S. Corbett, Darin K. Edwards, and Sarah R. Leist [4].
- C. Johnson & Johnson The J&J Vaccine has publicly admitted to using a cell line called PER.C6. This is published on the Janssen website [5]. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2].
- D. Sputnik V The Sputnik V Vaccine cites their manufacturers as using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293 [6][7].
- E. AstraZeneca AstraZeneca was developed using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is also contained in documents permitting its emergency use in the United Kingdom [8].
- F. Vaxart Vaxart was produced with the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [9].
- G. Altimmune The Altimmune vaccine was produced and developed with the abortion-derived cell line PER.C6. This information is recorded by Altimmune's own Clinical Trial Protocol [10]. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2].
- H. COVAXX and United Biomedical COVAXX was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [11].
- I. Medicago The Medicago Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This

information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [12].

- J. Novavax The Novavax Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by researches at ScienceMag [13].
- K. University of Pittsburgh "PittCoVacc" PittCoVacc was produced with the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by EBioMedicine at the Lancet [14].
- L. Walter Reed Army Institute The Walter Reed Vaccine was produced with the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [15].
- M. Sanofi Pasteur and Translate Bio The Sanofi Vaccine was developed and protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the vaccine researchers at NPJ Vaccines [16].
- N. Inovio Pharmeceuticals The Inovio Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by researches at ScienceMag [17].
- O. Arcturus Therapeutics The Arcturus Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [18].
- P. Imperial College London The Imperial College Vaccine was developed and protein tested using the abortionderived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [19].
- Q. Providence Therapeutics The Providence Vaccine was developed and protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [20].
- R. CoronaVac CoronoVac was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by researches at ScienceMag [21].
- S. CanSino Biologics The CanSino Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2].

This information is recorded by researches at BioSpace [22].

- T. ImmunityBio and NantKwest The ImmunityBio Vaccine was developed, produced, and protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [23].
- U. Institut Pasteur and Themis and Merck The Institut Pasteur Vaccine was developed and protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America [24].
- V. Rega Institute, KU Leuven The Rega Vaccine protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Global Virus Network [25].
- W. Anhui Zhifei The Anhui Zhifei Vaccine was developed and protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cell Press Journal [26].
- X. Clover Biopharmeceuticals The Clover Vaccine was protein tested using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is recorded by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory [27].

It is our sincere religious conviction that the transplantation of organs and tissue from a living donor can be based only on the voluntary self-sacrifice for the sake of another's life. In this case, the consent to explantation (removal of an organ) becomes a manifestation of love and compassion. However, a potential donor should be fully informed about possible consequences of the explanation of his organ for his health. The explanation that presents an immediate threat to the life of a donor is morally inadmissible.

Therein our religion condemns the harvesting of biological material from a subject without their total informed consent. This condemns the usage of any vaccines manufactured utilizing stolen organs, thereby also condemning the CureVac Vaccine because it was protein tested on HeLa cells, which were harvested from an African American mother of five in 1951 without her knowledge or consent. This information is enumerated by the Lozier Institute [2]. This information is accounted by John Hopkin's Magazine [28].

2. The Cloning of Embryonic Cells [29]

Our Church expresses its categorical opposition to conducting experiments on human embryonic cells. The effort to improve life can not pass through the destruction of millions of human beings of embryonic age.

This absolutely condemns the bulk of the already abovementioned Vaccines which are the product of testing on cells harvested from aborted fetuses. This would make it a contradiction to my faith to receive those vaccines even if said vaccines genuinely benefited me.

3. The Transplant of Organs

Because the extraction of organs implies the consent of the donor, extraction of tissues from an embryo is inconceivable given the fact that although alive, this one cannot give its consent. On this basis, the Church condemns all medical work profiting from the harvesting of cells from a embryo, or, in fact, any medical work profiting from the harvesting of cells from a non-consenting individual. This statement alone condemns all the above-mentioned vaccines on the basis that they come from either an aborted fetus or a non-consenting individual; in the vast majority of cases, these vaccines are condemned by both qualifications.

I am of the opinion that receiving the vaccines mentioned above would be participating in the sin of abortion and represent a serious violation of my faith and biblical law. While neither physical or spiritual death is desirable, the Church has since antiquity declared that spiritual death is magnitudes less desirable than physical death because spiritual death results in the eternal suffering of our souls, as is declared in Revelation 21:8 - "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." And again in Revelation 20:14 - "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death."

4. HEK-293

The Church condemns the AstraZeneca Vaccine on the basis that it was developed using the abortion-derived cell line HEK-293. On this basis, most of the above-mentioned vaccines are condemned because of their usage of HEK-293 in the development or testing of their vaccines.

5. The Necessity Of Vaccination Being A Free Choice And Not Compulsory

We welcome the fact that the Covid-Pandemic vaccination process has been declared voluntary and not mandatory; This is especially important today, when the vaccine is newly developed and health professionals in different countries have different opinions about it.

The Church acknowledges that the different opinions are valid enough to be such a concern that the vaccines should not be compulsory and notes that this is "especially important." I also believe that this is especially important, and I believe this would be a contradiction of my faith and thereby should not be mandatory.

All of the above is a confirmation that it is not only my right to not be subject to the COVID Vaccine, but my duty as a Christian. It is contradictory to my sincere faith no matter how you look at it. It cannot be justified and may even lead to our eternal spiritual disaster. It is for these reasons that I am requesting, through the appropriate channels, an exemption to the mandate to receive the COVID Vaccine. The following are my sources for why it is a violation of my Christian Faith to receive at this time a COVID Vaccine:

2: The Lozier Institute Lists a number of COVID-19 Vaccines which utilize aborted fetal cells - https://lozierinstitute.org/ update-covid-19-vaccine-candidates-and-abortion-derived-celllines/

3: The Pfizer Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.08.280818v1.full 4: The Moderna Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://

www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-2622-0
5: The Johnson & Johnson Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells https://www.janssen.com/emea/emea/janssen-vaccine-technologies
6: Sputnik V Vaccine citing trial tests of their manufacturers =
https://sputnikvaccine.com/about-vaccine/human-adenoviralvaccines/

7: Sputnik V manufacturers acknowledge usage of aborted fetal cells - <u>http://actanaturae.ru/2075-8251/article/view/10302/106</u> 8: The UK Government acknowledges AstraZeneca's usage of aborted fetal cells - <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/</u> regulatory-approval-of-covid-19-vaccine-astrazeneca/informationfor-healthcare-professionals-on-covid-19-vaccine-astrazenecaregulation-174

9: The Vaxxart Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://content/10.1101/2020.09.04.283853v1.full 10. The Altimmune Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://clinicaltrials.gov/ProvidedDocs/67/NCT03232567/ Prot 000.pdf

11. The COVAXX Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://
www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.11.30.399154v1.full
12. The Medicago Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://
www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.11.04.20226282v1.full-text
13. The Novavax Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://
science.sciencemag.org/content/370/6520/1089

14. PittCoVacc utilized aborted fetal cells - https://

PIIS2352-3964(20)30118-3/fulltext

15. The Walter Reed Vaccine utilized fetal cells - https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.04.28.441763v1.full

16. The Sanofi Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://www.nature.com/articles/s41541-021-00324-5

17. The Inovio Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-020-16505-0

18. The Arcturus Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.03.280446v1

19. The Imperial College Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.22.055608v1

20. The Providence Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.05.11.443286v1 21. CoronaVac utilized aborted fetal cells - https:// science.sciencemag.org/content/suppl/2020/05/05/ science.abc1932.DC1 22. The CanSino Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https:// science.sciencemag.org/content/suppl/2020/05/05/ science.abc1932.DC1 23. The ImmunityBio Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.29.227595v1.full 24. The Institut Pasteur Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells https://www.pnas.org/content/pnas/117/51/32657.full.pdf 25. The Rega Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https:// www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-3035-9 26. The Anhui Zhifei Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells https://www.cell.com/cell/fulltext/S0092-8674(20)30812-6 27. The Clover Vaccine utilized aborted fetal cells - https:// www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.09.24.311027v1.full 28. The HeLa Cells were harvested without informed consent https://pages.jh.edu/jhumag/0400web/01.html 29. Greek Orthodox Press Release on "The Cloning of Embryonic Cells" - https://www.bioethics.org.gr/03 c.html

Below is a list of reasons why it would not impede mission readiness, nor disrupt my physical capacity to perform, if I do not receive a COVID Vaccine.

1. The Low Mortality Rate of the Disease

The particularly low mortality rate of the disease, but also its distribution by age, clearly denote that vaccination, whenever it becomes feasible, must be targeted. This percentage is fictitiously over-evaluated for the time being $(\sim 2.5\%)$: on the one hand, due to the over-representation of severely positive cases of the virus [1], and on the other, given that the death toll from COVID has also included the deaths of cases found positive for COVID but with other, underlying diseases (not the SARS respiratory syndrome). The Center for Disease Control (CDC) admits this, saying only 5% of deaths involving COVID-19 had COVID as the exclusive cause of death [2]. Recent studies which have estimated the number of deaths in relation to the actual number of people exposed to the virus - based on serological tests (antibody tests) in a specific geographical area - have determined that this percentage is of the order of magnitude of seasonal flu (certainly <1%) [3] The fact of the matter is that COVID has a 99.74% survivability rate, so says the CDC [20].

2. COVID Mainly Affects People in the Third and Fourth Age Groups

COVID mainly affects people in the third and fourth age groups, where the phenomenon of immune senescence [4] occurs - that is, the reduction in size, quality and duration of their immune response-protection - which can occur, after being vaccinated. In other words, the vaccineinduced active immunity may not be capable of protecting the elderly, who are the par excellence "target" of the corona virus; hence, the finding of an anti-viral therapy should be a priority - assuming that the protection of the elderly is in fact what is desired. The youth are affected very marginally, almost not at all.

3. Asymptomatic Transmissions of COVID are too Insignificant to Warrant the Mandate of a Vaccine

Researchers at Nature Communications [5] and the Journal of the American Medical Association [6] both found that asymptomatic transmissions of Coronavirus are less than one percent. In the case of JAMA, 0.7% of transmissions were among households, which would undoubtedly be lower in the general population or, hypothetically, a short time in a workplace where we are already spread apart, or an even shorter time in close proximity due to the infrequency or nature of such gatherings. Previously I spoke about deaths due to the virus, but it is probably even less likely that I would spread it to another person, if I had it, than the likelihood that I would die from it. The vaccine's main purpose is to prevent the spread of the disease to others, but that is already incredibly unlikely, not only due to natural herd immunity, but also because, at this point in time, most people who have desired the vaccine have received it, making any mandate of it among those who do not want it frivolous.

4. Among the Seriously Ill, the Vaccine May Actually Cause More Harm Than Good

With seriously ill patients, acute respiratory failure occurs through an immuno-pathological mechanism (a "storm" producing inflammatory cytokines and reducing CD4 and CD8 T-mediated immune response [7]). There are serious concerns that vaccination will exacerbate this immune complication in the event of a subsequent viral infection and will consequently worsen the patient's clinical course. A similar effect was observed with the FeCoV coronavirus vaccine, which affects cats and causes peritonitis. [8].

5. In the 12-29 Age Group, there has been a notable risk of heart inflammation due to the COVID Vaccine [9]

The CDC reports that there have been many reports of myocarditis and pericarditis following the reception in mRNA vaccine recipients. These are inflammation of certain heart muscles, the myocardium and the pericardium respectively. The vaccine has caused multitudes of people who are not allergic to any product in them to suffer heart inflammation. Many have even died. Therefore, the COVID Vaccine is not only a spiritual threat, as indicated in the prior documents, but also a physical threat. It seems to me very impractical, inconsiderate, and even abusive to mandate a vaccine that has such a high rate of physical harm to a recipient.

6. The Vaccine is Temporary and Will Go Obsolete, Will You Mandate Future Developed Vaccines for Future Mutations of COVID?

The logic of eradicating an infectious disease through global vaccination, on the one hand presupposes the existence of a very safe and very effective vaccine, and on the other hand, most importantly that there be no other hosts of the virus in the natural environment. That is, man has to be the only species that can host the virus. This is true of the polio virus, but it does not apply to the coronavirus, because all research suggests that the virus originated from bats. Unknown and controversial remains the intermediate link (host?) which had transported it from the bats' caves of Wuhan city. In any case, the disappearance of the virus through global vaccination would only be temporary - in other words, a terrible waste of resources, inasmuch as it could transfer from its natural refuge (the bats or the intermediate host) to the human population at any given moment, capably mutated for bypassing the existing herd immunity and initiating a new pandemic.

Coronaviruses, being RNA viruses, mutate rapidly, gaining genetic and therefore antigenic diversity. This diversity, especially for coronae, also increases through RNA recombination, due to the particularly inconsistent mode of transcription of viral RNAs. Two types have already been identified for SARS-Cov2, S and L [10][11]. It is doubtful that a vaccine can provide both equal coverage for all strains of the virus that emerge, as well as permanent protection over time, hence underlining one more time the importance and priority of finding anti-viral drugs against coronavirus. It is quite likely, therefore, that over time, a global vaccination evolve into regular global vaccinations.

Could this perhaps be the aim? Why all the rush for a vaccine that not only does not promise much, but is the cause for concern in the scientific community, especially if it is produced in a hurry and implemented en masse? Finally, do the pharmaceutical industries serve man, or does the opposite apply?

Multiple, Eminent Health Authorities From All Across the World Have Warned Against the Safety and Efficacy of Coronavirus Vaccines

Dr. Peter Hotez [12], UK scientist Hilda Bastian [13], and former Vice President of vaccine-manufacturer, Pfizer, Dr. Michael Yeadon [14] have all warned against the safety of the COVID Vaccines due to the nature of their creation. Vaccine development usually takes many years or decades, whereas the coronavirus vaccine has been manufactured in less than 12 months. I am not comfortable with receiving a "fast-tracked" product, as by definition, fast-tracking a product means there is no data on long-term safety.

8. Current Pfizer CEO Unable to Say if Vaccine Will Mitigate COVID Transmission [15]

Albert Bourla, CEO of Pfizer, was unable to confirm if any of effectiveness of the COVID Vaccine. It is evident from the above that the vaccine has a negligible effectiveness and a great chance of harm caused to a recipient of the Vaccine. The Vaccine certainly has greater risks than it does benefits.

9. Adverse Reactions and Death Caused by the Vaccines are Underreported

According to a study done by Harvard [16], at the commission of the United States Government, less than 1% of all adverse reactions to vaccines are actually submitted to the National Vaccine Adverse Events Reports System (VAERS). These problems have yet to be fixed.

It is unpredictable what negative effects will be suffered from the reception of the vaccine, therefore I find that it would be inappropriate to mandate the vaccine and, in fact, harmful.

I believe that this is sufficient evidence to conclude that it would not be against the best interests, nor would it be a threat to the health and safety, of the environment, workplace, or my compatriots for me to not receive the COVID Vaccine.

I therefore assert my right to and respectfully request exemption from any compulsory vaccination policy.

The following is a list of sources demonstrating that not
receiving the vaccine would not be a threat to the organization:
1: That COVID Deaths are over-evaluated due to false positive
tests for the virus - https://www.bmj.com/content/368/
bmj.m1113.long
2: That only 5% of Deaths had COVID as the only cause - https://
www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid weekly/index.htm
3: That COVID has a death rate of less than 1% - https://
www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.14.20062463v2
4: That COVID only marginally affects the youth - <pre>https:// www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2265901/</pre>
5: That COVID has an almost zero percent chance of asymptomatic
transfer - https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-020-19802-w
6: That COVID has a less than one percent chance of asymptomatic
transfer among individuals living together within the same
household - https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/
fullarticle/2774102
7: How Acute Respiratory Failure Occurs - https://
www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S205229752030024X
8: That FeCov Worsens a Subject's Clinical Course - <u>https://</u>
pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16322745/
9: That mRNA Vaccines have a chance of causing Heart
Inflammation - <u>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/</u>
mm7027e2.htm?s_cid=mm7027e2_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_921-
DM60791&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.
<u>%2070%2C%20July%206%2C%202021&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM60791</u>
10: Mutations in COVID - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/
articles/PMC7108124/
11: Mutations in COVID [part 2] - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/
<pre>pmc/articles/PMC7108196/</pre>
12: Dr. Peter Hotez on the unsafe nature of the Vaccine -
https://uk.reuters.com/article/uk-health-coronavirus-vaccines-
insight/as-pressure-for-coronavirus-vaccine-mounts-scientists-
debate-risks-of-accelerated-testing-idUKKBN20Y1I1
13: Scientist Hilda Bastian on the unsafe nature of the Vaccine
- <pre>https://www.wired.com/story/the-astrazeneca-covid-vaccine-</pre>
data-isnt-up-to-snuff/
14: Former Vice President of Pfizer, Dr. Michael Yeadon on the
unsafe nature of the Vaccine - https://
health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/diagnostics/no-need-
for-vaccines-covid-effectively-over-ex-pfizer-vp/79445839
15: Current Pfizer CEO Unable to Say if Vaccine Will Mitigate
COVID Transmission - https://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/
article-9018547/Pfizer-CEO-not-certain-covid-shot-prevents-
transmission.html

16: That Adverse Reactions and Deaths due to the Vaccine are underreported - <u>https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/</u> 2020/12/Lazarus-report.pdf

20: 99.74% Survivability Rate of COVID - <u>https://www.nbc26.com/</u> <u>news/coronavirus/cdc-estimates-covid-19-fatality-rate-including-</u> asymptomatic-cases

Respectfully requested by:

Date:
