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Diocese of St. Petersburg

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Dolores Castaldo
Benedict Haven
210 72nd Avenue North
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Dear Dolores,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI has bestowed upon you both the pontifical honor ***Pro Ecclesiae et Pontifice*** which is only given to lay Catholics who have demonstrated a deep commitment to their parish, local Church and to others through heroic sacrifice in some instances and service in others. You are especially worthy of this recognition and I am pleased to convey this kindness of the Holy Father to you and to our local Church.

The powerful witness of your husband and yourself in setting up a safe environment for those suffering from various forms of schizophrenia is an example to many and a great reflection of what true commitment and service to others should be. This honor is for you and for your dear husband posthumously. I personally am so proud to count you among the members of this local Church.

I would like to convey this honor to you and to the other recipients at an Evening Prayer Service fittingly in the St. James Chapel of the new Bethany Center on Sunday afternoon, December 21, 2008 at five o'clock in the afternoon. A dinner will follow and please feel free to invite up to seven others to accompany you to both.

With thanks for your support and assistance and with heartfelt congratulations, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Robert N. Lynch
Bishop of St. Petersburg

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