

February 18, 2006

Feast of St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous

Dear Friends of Our Lady of Emmitsburg &

All Who Honor the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary,

In light of the Public Message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg on February 5, 2006, William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, sent me the enclosed letter to him, dated February 15, **2003**, from Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and which was based upon the *local* Commission of Inquiry's report. This indeed is the *first* time this letter has ever been seen by me and my priest spiritual director and priest advisors.

I have been advised by my spiritual director and advisors to point out to the faithful that Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger simply commends the work done by the commission and "*considers*" Cardinal Keeler in a "*position to conclude*" the matter with a decree of "constat de non supernaturalitate". Cardinal Ratzinger does not *himself* conclude this matter and, as is the customary procedure, allows the authority to rest at a *local* level, that being with Cardinal Keeler and *not* the Holy See.

As conflicting as it appears to be on the surface, it is for all of us to pray for the gift of discernment to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit who reveals the **Truth**. God bless you all. You will continue to be in my prayers, and I ask for yours. Remember, Our Lady has often said, "*I am not leaving!*".



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