

ANOTHER UNACCEPTABLE PATRIARCHAL VERDICT

To: Karekin II

Subject: Patriarchal verdict to defrock me dated 01 June 2011

Neither being ordained by you is an honor,
nor is being defrocked by you a dishonor.

You may believe that having the authority to force me to renounce
my religious order by defrocking is your supreme power.
In reality, this “power” is your greatest weakness.

Since this defrocking “Patriarchal verdict” does not have any religious, theological, liturgical, canonical or disciplinary basis or reasoning, it is purely an abuse of our Church’s authority entrusted in you. Therefore, I pronounce the “verdict” to defrock me as unjustified, unacceptable and unlawful.

REV. Dr. FR. ABEL MANOUKIAN
Geneva, 2 June 2011