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Hon. John Tarlton Olivier, Clerk
Louisiana Supreme Court
400 Royal Street
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No. 11-30756, St. Joseph Abbey v. Paul Castille
USDC No. 2:10-CV-2717

Dear Mr. Olivier

The Fifth Circuit has determined to certify a question of law to the Supreme Court of Louisiana in connection with the referenced appeal.

I am enclosing herewith one folder containing the following documents:

- (1) Opinion of this Court directing certification;
- (2) The formal certification to the Supreme Court of Louisiana;
- (3) Briefs of the parties;
- (4) The record on appeal will be forwarded once received from chambers.

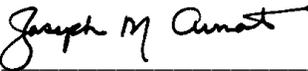
Also enclosed are seven additional copies of the Court's certification opinion for distribution to all of the Louisiana Supreme Court Justices.

Since the case has proceeded in this Court on the original typewritten record, we would appreciate the return of this record to this Court, when the case has been decided by your Court.

Please acknowledge receipt on the enclosed copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk

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