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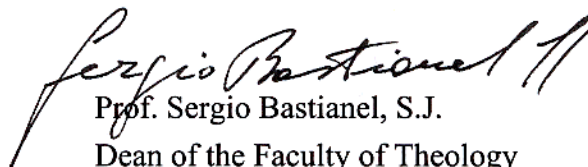
It is my privilege to confirm that the Pontifical Gregorian University for the academic year 2001-2002 has again taken on Niels Christian Hvidt as a part-time lecturer in fundamental theology. Hvidt has taught since October 2000 in the fields of Ecumenical Theology, Reformation History, and Christian Prophecy. We are happy to have him on our staff, and have high expectations for his contribution to theological work.

As with most university careers, Niels Christian Hvidt's initial teaching is such that it guarantees him enough time for post-doctoral research. Hvidt has dedicated his 500 page doctoral dissertation, defended on 13 January 2001, to the so far poorly treated problem of prophecy in the Christian church. He has already published extensively on the issue. Hvidt now intends to continue this research with a comprehensive research project on a related issue, namely the theology and function of miracles in the Christian church, with the aim of completing a Danish "Habilitationsschrift". To guarantee interaction with wider theological research, Hvidt has an international network of colleagues who are interested in the subject and who look forward to giving feedback on his work from their respective competences.

The Gregorian University was founded in 1551 by the Jesuit Order who run it to this day, and Jesuits still constitute the majority of professors. As a layperson, Niels Christian Hvidt is an exception to this majority, as we have found his background and language skills reason enough to admit him to our teaching body. Furthermore, our University is happy to sponsor Niels Christian Hvidt's project *Miracles and Revelation*, although unfortunately we are unable to finance the project. We therefore highly recommend him for scholarships that will assure his continued contribution to modern theological research. We are sure it will reap a rich harvest.

Best regards,

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