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His Holiness
Pope Benedict XVI
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Your Holiness The Honourable Pope Benedict XVI,
Dear Brother in the common faith in Christ,

In July 2005 and in July 2006, we, as conscientious members of the People of God and as members of the *International Movement We Are Church* greeted you and asked for a personal meeting.

There was no reply to our first letter, dated July 2005. Our second letter, dated July 2006, was answered by the Apostolic Nunciature in Germany as follows: "The State Secretariat has instructed the Apostolic Nunciature to let you know that regrettably your request cannot be complied with. You and the other members can at any time lead a constructive dialogue on the current questions and problems in the Church with the bishops and priests of the legally qualified dioceses and parishes."

However: We already had dialogues with many bishops and priests on the current questions and problems in the Church during the last ten years. Even when there was willingness to address those problems they pointed out that these pastoral problems are not their responsibility but are the responsibility of the Vatican and of the global Church.

As we are convinced that the charismas of our Church are very important to you, and because we wish to support you and our bishops in the desire to take appropriate and courageous measures to meet the huge pastoral needs of the faithful, we cordially ask you again – for the third time and on the 10th anniversary of the founding of the *International Movement We Are Church* in Rome – for a personal meeting to launch an open, broad, constructive, and mutual dialogue. For it is only if we all, Church leaders and the People of God, work together – jointly and constructively in a true spirit of cooperation that the challenges of the future can be dealt with successfully.

Yours sincerely



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