

August 6, 2021
Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus

Hello _____:

Thank you for the opportunity provided for me to share my sincerely held beliefs and convictions regarding the Covid-19 vaccination mandate. I am grateful to support my exemption by citing the latest [Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines](#)* issued by the Roman Catholic Church's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, specifically where stated in Section 5 that:

1. Practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary.
2. Those who, however, for reasons of conscience, refuse vaccines produced with cell lines from aborted fetuses, must do their utmost to avoid, by other prophylactic means and appropriate behavior, becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent.

Being that "other prophylactic means and appropriate behavior" have been demonstrated effective and practical by governmental health agencies, it is not unreasonable to have recourse to these options rather than vaccines that remain arguably unproven in safety and linked to abortion. Furthermore, Section 4 states:

Both pharmaceutical companies and governmental health agencies are therefore encouraged to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience for either health care providers or the people to be vaccinated.

Thus, to encourage such pharmaceutical companies and government health agencies to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines, persons concerned should be free in good conscience to abstain from participatory acts that lend support, or imply approval, however passive, in order to not incentivize these unethical practices.

I hope this letter is helpful, and please know of my prayers for all the students, faculty, and your fellow staff. May our Blessed Mother keep you all close to Her Son Jesus, always.

*https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html