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Dear Professor Valente:

I recently finished reading your book, Sex: The Radical View of a Catholic Theologian, which was recommended to me by Canon Clinton Jones of Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut. Allow me to say that nowhere have I read such a compelling and forceful statement of the issues confronting the Church as an institution and men as Christians. To say that your little volume kept my interest throughout, and that I found myself in complete agreement with the position you maintain would be an understatement.

I am co-chairman -- with Professor Walter E. Barnett of the University of New Mexico School of Law -- of the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties, on which Canon Jones serves as a member of our Board of Consultants. As a group organized for the purpose of legal reform in the area of sex, I am sure I need not tell you how important it is in our work to have a proper understanding of the religious roots of our jurisprudence in this field. In view of your widespread knowledge of so many of the issues with which we are frequently confronted, I am wondering whether we could meet in order to discuss the work of our committee as well as other subjects of mutual interest. I could arrange to meet you at Seton Hall or elsewhere in South Orange to suit your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

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