

CAUSE NO. 93-CI-11345

GUARDIAN F., INDIVIDUALLY
AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF MINOR G.,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO, et al.,

Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

225TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER

The United States of America has filed a Suggestion of Immunity in this cause. The Suggestion indicates that Pope John Paul, II, a named defendant, is the sitting head of state of a friendly foreign state, the state of Vatican City. It further states, and attaches a letter indicating, that the United States Department of State has recognized and allowed the immunity of the Pope from this lawsuit.

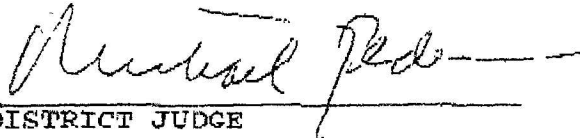
The courts of the United States are bound by a Suggestion of Immunity filed by the United States. When such a Suggestion of Immunity is filed, it is the duty of the Court to surrender jurisdiction. See, e.g., Republic of Mexico v. Hoffman, 324 U.S. 30, 35-36 (1945); Ex Parte Peru, 318 U.S. 578, 588-89 (1943); LaFontant v. Aristide, ___ F. Supp. ___, 1994 WL 30044, *13 (E.D.N.Y. Jan. 27, 1994); Saltany v. Reagan, 702 F. Supp. 319, 320 (D.D.C. 1988), aff'd in part and rev'd in part on other grounds, 886 F.2d 438, 441 (D.C. Cir. 1989), cert. denied, 495 U.S. 932 (1990); Anonymous v. Anonymous, 581 N.Y.S.2d 776, 777 (N.Y. App. Div. 1992).

Therefore, pursuant to the Suggestion of Immunity submitted

by the United States, and for good cause shown, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the plaintiffs' claim against Pope John Paul, II, is hereby dismissed with prejudice.

Dated: March 15, 1994



DISTRICT JUDGE