Letter from Bishop Mergel of Eichstätt to Cardinal Faulhaber, April 5, 1922

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Translation from the original German:

Your Eminence!

Reverend Lord Cardinal and Archbishop!

1. Concerning the issue of the school law . . .

2. Concerning the Concordat negotiations, I deplore the continual procrastination (*Verschleppung*) and lack of straightforwardness of the Government in the North [Berlin]; on the one hand they cite the Weimar Constitution, on the other hand they keep taking away from the Church the freedoms that were guaranteed at Weimar . . .

[specific responses to provisions in latest draft of Bavaria-Vatican concordat] . . .

In conclusion, my sincere sympathy and my protest concerning the slander against Your Eminence that is enclosed [from an article in the Bavarian Courier describing an attack by an ex-priest of a religious order against Cardinal Faulhaber at a Freethinkers’ association meeting in Munich].

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/s/ +Leo, Bishop of Eichstätt