## THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT IN THE DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON 302 EAST 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

# THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

**PETITIONER** 

#### V. FINAL JUDGMENT AND SENTENCE

#### THE REV. CHRISTOPHER PLATT

RESPONDENT

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A Presentment herein came on for trial before the Court on April 19, 2004. At the conclusion of the trial on April 22, 2004, the Court entered a Trial Order and Judgment which adjudged Respondent Christopher B. Platt guilty of the offenses of Crime and Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy under Title IV, Canon 1.1, subsections (a) and (j).

Pursuant to Title IV, Canon 4.22 the matter of sentencing was ordered deferred until June 10, 2004, and the parties were directed to submit matters in mitigation or excuse or otherwise comment on the subject of an appropriate sentence in writing no later than June 1, 2004. Petitioner has filed such a writing recommending that the Respondent's sentence should be Deposition. Respondent chose not to file any writing regarding the issue of sentencing.

At the conclusion of the assigned sentencing hearing, which Respondent and his counsel attended, and at which both parties were provided with an opportunity to adduce testimony and make arguments, the Court recessed for the purpose of deliberating and voting upon an appropriate sentence to be imposed.

At the conclusion of its deliberations, the Court unanimously agreed that the appropriate sentence herein should be Deposition. Accordingly, it is hereby Ordered and Adjudged by the Court that the Respondent Christopher B. Platt should be and he is hereby deposed entirely from the ordained ministry and any and/or all ecclesiastical offices held by him including any Rectorship and further that all ecclesiastical and related secular offices held by him are hereby terminated and declared vacant.

Entered this the 10th day of June, 2004

PRESIDING JUDGE

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### Distribution:

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