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Bishop James Conley blesses the faithful Nov. 20, 2012, as he leaves the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, Nebraska, after his installation as bishop of Lincoln. (CNS/Southern Nebraska Register/Courtesy of Kevin Clark)

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Last year, excommunicated members of the Lincoln, Nebraska chapter of Call to Action met with Lincoln Bishop James Conley in a series of dialogue sessions. These sessions have led to an agreement to have the 1996 censure lifted for individual members in a process facilitated by Conley.

On the show today:

Brian Roewe, NCR staff writer, based in Kansas City, Missouri.

Background Reading

- Nearly 22 years after area Catholics were excommunicated for their membership in a national church reform group, the bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, has proposed a way to end their censure and return them to full communion with the church.
- From the archives: A year after the excommunication order, "Dueling Catholic conferences enliven Lincoln" (NCR, May 30, 1997)
- 16 years after the excommunication, the Call to Action group was still at a crossroads.
- Appreciation: Lincoln Call to Action member James McShane fought his excommunication for 17 years. He died in 2003.
- In 2014, Lincoln Call to Action member Rachel Pokora published a book of the account, *Crisis of Catholic Authority: Faith and Power in the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska*.

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