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It is correct. The interview describes the content of the guidelines.

Regarding deceiving a child, we discussed discernment with the mother and that it was important to take all considerations into account, and you beautifully cited John 16, verse 12 as a response, which I think is really beautiful. Yes. I believe the point isn't deceiving or not, but helping the child, according to John 16, 12.

Regarding the impossibility of a priest remaining in priesthood, recommitting to celibacy and acknowledging his child, you comment that it is not impossible adding that many considerations must be taken into account including the suitability of the priest for priesthood. Yes

If a priest has fathered a child, we have to consider two things: the good of the child, all we have to do for that, keeping in mind any concrete situation, and the suitability of the priest for priesthood and for exercising ministry.

