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Father ^{Tony} Vader (retired)

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Holy Cross 10 years old
Sister has allegation too

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Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review
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Chicago, Illinois 60611
(312) 751-5205

INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS
For

Rev. Anthony Vader

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of promoting the safety of minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (Director). The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for Rev. Anthony Vader is as follows (Director to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. ___ Therapy ___ times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by _____ (name of therapist). Attendance to therapy is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
3. ___ Continued regular Spiritual Direction ___ times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by _____ (name of spiritual director). Attendance to Spiritual Direction is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
4. ___ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the on-site supervisor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the on-site supervisor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.
5. ___ Abide by the assignment of residence to 12220 S. Will-Cook Road, Palos Park, IL.

6. ____ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement," and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. ____ Attendance at a recommended support group _____ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of ____ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel.
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the Director and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with the Director, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, and the VP. The cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the independent Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Director: _____ Date: _____

Signature of VP: _____ Date: _____

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes no

(Revised 4/5/07)

Father Anthony J. Vader

Pastor, Holy Name of Mary

Father Vader began his 30 year journey with parishioners of Holy Name of Mary on January 31, 1968.

When he arrived, Holy Name of Mary had a debt of \$250,000. Under his wise leadership, a "Pay off the Parish Debt" drive was initiated. The drive was so successful, that the debt was paid off to the Archdiocese of Chicago. This tremendous effort made Holy Name of Mary Church the first African-American Church in Chicago to pay off its entire parish debt.

As time passed the congregation of Holy Name of Mary grew by leaps and bounds . A large part of the growth was due to the many Catholics that had been following Father Vader since his first assignment at Holy Cross Church. They found in Holy Name of Mary, a place to rest, plant, grow and cultivate their religious roots.

Before long, a larger church was needed. Again Father Vader led a drive to finance a new and larger church. The drive was a success and the plans for the new church began. Holy Name of Mary was the first African American Catholic Church to have an African-American architect and an African-American contractor , all paid for by the African-American parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church.

Some of the best African-American artist were hired to decorate the church. Donated as well as purchased artifacts from Africa and American adorned the church. Father Vader brought back art works from the artist colonies in Kenya and Tanzania for his new Church. Holy Name of Mary is rich in love and pride of the accomplishments of the black man.

The new church was opened for Mass on Christmas, 1997. In the Spring of 1972, Cardinal Cody blessed the new Holy Name of Mary Church.

The Congregation continued growing so that even with the new church, another mass had to be added to the Sunday Schedule to accommodate the growing number of parishioners.

Holy Name of Mary acquired a Mission Church, Sacred Heart Church and gave it as much assistance as possible so that the people on the west and south boundaries of the parish could have their own Church.

The Holy Name of Mary parish school, through the cooperation of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and Father Vader receive the latest innovations in education. Today the school has the highest educational standards of all the schools in the Morgan Park area.

Throughout the years, Father Vader continued his education earning an M. A. in Sociology at the University of Chicago, a Ph. D. in Sociology at Loyola University, Chicago and did Post Doctoral studies at Tangaza University, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

Even with the demanding position of pastor of an ever growing congregation, Father Vader has, over the last 15 years, made time to share his knowledge and his love of knowledge with his many students at Niles College and at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary.

May 9, 1997 marks the day of celebration for Father Vader who, after 45 years of service to God and his many, many parishioners approaches a much deserved retirement.

Father Vader will live within the parish boundaries of Sacred Heart Church, the mission Church of Holy Name of Mary. There he will act as pastor of the mission to continue the christen goals of worship of the Lord, education of the children and care for the parishioners.

Father Vader, the many persons touched by you at Holy Name of Mary, St. Lawrence and Holy Cross Church thank you and wish you a blessed future.

Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

Anthony Joseph Vader Born: [REDACTED] Ordained: 05/01/1952 Died: 07/15/2011 Ethnicity: Dutch, Irish

Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
Holy Cross Parish (65th St.)	Assistant Pastor	07/08/1952	06/25/1964
St. Laurence Parish (Dorchester Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	06/25/1964	01/30/1968
Holy Name of Mary Parish (112th St.)	Administrator	01/30/1968	03/13/1970
Holy Name of Mary Parish (112th St.)	Pastor	03/13/1970	01/31/1997
Review Board	Member	06/25/1987	
	Sabbatical	06/15/1990	08/31/1990
	Retired	01/31/1997	
Sacred Heart Mission House (Avers Ave.)	Resident	01/31/1997	
Holy Name of Mary Parish (112th St.)	Pastor Emeritus	01/31/1997	

**Extraordinary
Appointments:**

SACRED HEART CHURCH

11652 CHURCH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

17 April

Your Eminence:

When Ray Goedert told me that I could not wear clerical clothing when at the Opera, Concerts, Art Institute, I am more than willing to comply.

I have been attending the Lyric Operaproductions since they began forty-nine years ago. I have been in the same seat all that time, and Monsignor John Cardiff always attends with me.

I know many of the people in ourbalcony and they knowMonsignor and myself. We have always worn clerical suits. IF I were to suddenly show up in sports clothing, I am sure that people would wnat to know what happened. They are accustomed to seeing me in clerical clothing. I am sure that they would ask questions of myself or Monsignor.

The same is true of the Friday afternoon concerts (14 of them each season). There may be more scandal if I dressed otherwise.

Wit regard to the Art Institute, often I am casually clothed since most do not know me nor do I know them.

However, I have always thought that it is good for a priest to be formally clothed at all of these functions. People are happy to see the priest in the Art Institute. Some months ago I went to complete my study of the "Manet and the Sea". The young man who checked my membership said that he had given you your ticket that morning and he was delighted "for he had seen two priests that day". Good public relations for the Church.

(sorry, but the tape broke. Let me continue here.)

Good public relations for the Church. However, I am willing to abide with your decision.

At the Goodman Theatre for which I also have season tickets for the main stage, I never wear clerical clothes since some of the modern plays have some degree of nudity.


SACRED HEART CHURCH

11652 CHURCH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

Vis-a-vis the third issue, namely Mass during the Santo Nino devotions. Today I informed the organizers of the devotions that we would no longer have Mass and they agreed. Instead, there will be more prayers and Bible study to fill out the Holy Hour.

I hope this complies with all of your demands. If there are any other, then please let me know. Also please excuse this typing, for this is a new typewriter and I feel the Company should be sued. I know I will never use their products again.

Sincerely in Christ,


(Rev.) Anthony J. Vader

cc: file

June 30th, 1952

My dear Father Vader,

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of
Holy Cross Church, Chicago, Illinois.

You will kindly report for duty to Father Doyle
on July 8th.

With blessing,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Anthony J. Vader


November 13, 1967

Reverend Bernard G. Guirach
St. Lawrence Rectory
1349 East 72nd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Dear Father Guirach:

With the approval of Monsignor Lahart, Pastor of the Parish in which Jackson Park Hospital is located, I am pleased to appoint you and your Assistant, Reverend Anthony J. Vader, to care for the Catholic patients who will be resident in the Jackson Park Hospital and I grant you both all of the necessary faculties, as follows, to carry out this assignment:

- a. Permission for the administration of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.
- b. Permission to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in accordance with the Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Sacraments, issued October 2, 1964.

Because of the difficulty of providing another Assistant at Our Lady of Peace Parish, I wish to express my thanks to you and Father Vader for your willingness to take on this added duty. If there should be any difficulties about this assignment, I would be pleased to hear from you so that a solution might be found.

With every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Father Guirach,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Rev. Anthony J. Vader
Very Rev. Magr. Joseph T. Lahart

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January 30, 1968

Reverend Anthony J. Vader
St. Laurence Rectory
1349 East 72nd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Dear Father Vader:

In accordance with Canons 472 and 473, we are pleased to appoint you Administrator pro tem of Holy Name of Mary Church, 11159 South Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois.

As Administrator, or Vicar Economicus, you will have all the obligations of the Pastoral Office, particularly that of celebrating the Missa pro populo (Canon 473, 1), just as if you were the pastor of that parish.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Your remuneration will be that set down for the pastor of the parish, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

We wish to take this occasion to commend you for your zealous priestly labors in the Archdiocese, and we are confident that you will continue to do fine work in the parish to which we are assigning you.

Wishing you every blessing, we remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lesniak, Vicar Delegate
Rev. Richard P. Burke, Administrator

AOC 020761

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690



Office of the Archbishop

March 13, 1970

C

Reverend Anthony J. Vader
Holy Name of Mary Rectory
11159 South Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

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Dear Father Vader:

In accordance with Canon 455 of the Code of Canon Law, we are pleased to appoint you herewith as Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish, 11159 South Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois, with full spiritual and temporal administrative powers, and we heartily commend you to the good people there.

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This appointment will be effective immediately, and we wish you to take canonical possession of this parish as soon as possible.

Y

You will assume canonical possession and jurisdiction of the above mentioned parish as soon as the Profession of Faith is taken before the Chancellor, one of the Vice Chancellors, or one of the Assistant Chancellors acting as our delegate according to the provisions of Canon Law.

Wishing you every blessing in this pastoral office, we remain

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. McGr. Francis A. Brackin, Vicar Delegate

PROFESSION OF FAITH

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

With firm faith, I, _____, believe and profess each and all of the articles which are contained in the Creed; that is:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of his kingdom there will be no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets. And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

I also firmly accept and hold in each and every part all that the Church has either defined by way of solemn pronouncement, or asserted and stated by way of its ordinary magisterium, concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, as proposed by the Church: especially the doctrines regarding the mystery of the Church of Christ, the Sacraments, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

OATH OF OFFICE

I promise before God that I will faithfully exercise the office of Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish, 11159 South Loomis St., Chicago, Ill. which has been entrusted to me. So help me God.

Rev. Anthony J. Vader

Signed under oath before the undersigned on (month) March (day) 26
(year) 1970

Robert J. Hagarty
Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Hagarty
Co-Chancellor

(SEAL)

- (Note: 1. The Profession of Faith is made and the Oath taken before the Ordinary of the place or his Delegate by the following: the Vicar General; the Diocesan Consultors; the Censor of books; Pastors; Confessors and Preachers before they receive the faculty to exercise their functions; Clerics called to Subdiaconate; and Superiors and Professors in the Major Seminary.
2. A priest takes an oath with his right hand on his breast.)



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General


ATTESTATION OF ACT OF INSTALLATION
IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, AMEN.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness Pope Paul VI, His Eminence
John Cardinal Cody, being Archbishop of Chicago, I do hereby attest that
the

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

duly appointed pastor whose letter of appointment bears the date of March 13,
1970, has on this date in accordance with Canon Law (Canon 461) and
the statutes of the Archdiocese of Chicago taken canonical possession of
the parish of

HOLY NAME OF MARY
11159 South Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois


Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Hagarty
Co-Chancellor

Dated: March 26, 1970

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

June 29, 1970

Rev. Anthony J. Vader
Holy Name of Mary Rectory
11159 S. Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear Father Vader:

In reply to your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish, I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend James J. Connolly as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from July 2, 1970 to August 2, 1970.

With every sincere good wish, I am, dear Father
Vader,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

P.S. In order that we will not be delayed in making the financial audit of the parishes, I would request that you arrange to have the Annual Report forms returned before July 15, 1970.

+J.P.C.

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackia, Vicar Delegate
Rev. James J. Connolly, Vicar Substitute

AOC 020765

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

file

May 14, 1971

Reverend Anthony J. Vader
Holy Name of Mary Rectory
11159 South Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear Father Vader:

This will acknowledge your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish. I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend Leo J. Belanger, S.J., as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from May 14, 1971 to June 4, 1971.

With every sincere good wish, I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Vice Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin, Vicar Delegate
Rev. Leo J. Belanger, S.J., Vicar Substitute

AOC 020766

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

August 22, 1972

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O

Reverend Anthony J. Vader, M.A.
Pastor, Holy Name of Mary Church
11159 S. Loomis
Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear Father Vader,

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I am pleased to appoint you as part-time instructor on the Faculty of Niles College of Loyola University, while retaining your present duties as Pastor of Holy Name of Mary parish, Chicago, Illinois.

This appointment is effective immediately.

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Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this new assignment, and with kindest personal regards, I am, dear Father Vader,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Reverend William O. Goedert, Rector
Priests' Personnel Board

AOC 020767



Office of the Archbishop

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

December 6, 1972

C

Reverend Anthony J. Vader, Pastor
Holy Name of Mary Rectory
11159 S. Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

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Dear Father Vader,

In reply to your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish, I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend Willard J. Meyer as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from December 20, to January 20, 1973.

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With every sincere good wish, I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Chicago

Co-Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin - Vicar Delegate
Reverend Willard J. Meyer - Vicar Substitute

AOC 020768

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

May 17, 1973

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Reverend Anthony J. Vader
Pastor, Holy Name of Mary Church
11159 S. Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

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Dear Father Vader,

In reply to your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish, I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend Willard Meyer as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from May 17, to May 25, 1973.

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With every sincere good wish, I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Y

Archbishop of Chicago

Co-Chancellor

cc: Vicar Delegate - Region VII - Rev. Msgr. Francis Brackin
Vicar Substitute - Rev. Willard Meyer

June 25, 1987

Dear Father Vader:

At the Presbyteral Senate meeting of June 22, 1987, unanimous approval was given to my appointing you and a number of other pastors to form a Pastors Review Board (c. 1742). Consequently, I am hereby appointing you as a member of this board for a period of three years.

If a situation should occur in which there are serious questions about a pastor's leadership, I will choose two or more of the members of the Pastors Review Board to advise me. While it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to call upon your assistance, I am very grateful for your willingness to serve.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

The Reverend Anthony J. Vader
Holy Name of Mary Parish
11159 S. Loemis
Chicago, Illinois 60643

JLB:RLK/cfb



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

February 1, 1990

Dear Tony,

In light of the recommendation of the Sabbatical Board, I am pleased to grant your request for a sabbatical beginning June 15, 1990 through August 31, 1990. Please inform Fr. Ken Velo and Fr. Wayne Prist of your address(es) during this time.

The appointment is made with the understanding that you will return to Holy Name of Mary after your sabbatical.

Following Archdiocesan and Sabbatical Board Policy, Holy Name of Mary will pay your salary for the period of the 2½-month sabbatical. The Center for Development in Ministry will pay tuition, room and board expenses.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your fine work at Holy Name of Mary as well as for your thirty-eight years of service to the Archdiocese.

As you look forward to this important transition in your priesthood, please know that you have my support and prayers. Please pray for me as well.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardini
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Anthony Vader
Holy Name of Mary Church
11159 S. Loomis Street
Chicago, IL 60643

cc: ✓ Rev. Kenneth Velo
Rev. Wayne F. Prist
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board
Rev. Lawrence Duris

AOC 020771

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT POLICIES

 X I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct with minors, adopted September 21, 1992.

 Please send me a copy of these policies and procedures.

Signature:

Name (printed):

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Anthony J. Vaser
Anthony J. VASER
1159 S. Locust St
Chicago, IL 60643

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

April 21, 1993

Dear Father Vader:

At the Presbyteral Council meeting of March 9, 1993, unanimous approval was given to my appointing you and a number of other pastors to form a Pastors Review Board (c. 1742). Consequently, I am hereby appointing you as a member of this board for a period of five years.

If a situation should occur in which there are serious questions about a pastor's leadership, I will choose two or more of the members of the Pastors Review Board to advise me. Since there are now thirty-six pastors available to choose from on this panel, and only two are needed in any given situation, it is likely that you will be asked to review very few cases and perhaps even none at all in the next five years.

While it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to call upon your assistance, I am very grateful for your willingness to serve.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph Card. Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

Thomas J. Paprocki

Chancellor

Reverend Anthony J. Vader
Holy Name of Mary Parish
11159 South Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

AOC 020773

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Diocesan Administrator



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

January 7, 1997

Dear Tony,

It was good to meet with you on Monday, December 30, 1996. As I mentioned at our meeting, I am writing to you as a follow-up to our discussion.

We agreed you would retire on January 31, 1997. As the time draws near, I will be writing a more formal letter to name you Pastor Emeritus.

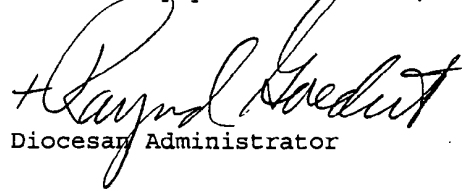
Please speak with Father Charles Kelly of the Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association regarding your pension benefits and other necessary arrangements.

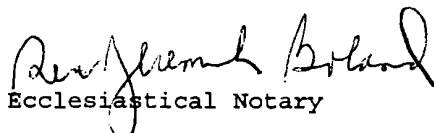
I am sending a copy of this letter to the Priests' Placement Board so that the process to select a successor can begin. You have indicated that you will be living at Sacred Heart Mission. I will have the Board include this in the Parish Profile so that the applicants will be appropriately informed.

Tony, I wish to thank you for all you have done during your 44 years of priesthood and especially for your leadership and service at Holy Name of Mary parish for 29 years. Know of my continued prayers and support, as well as my gratitude.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,


Diocesan Administrator


Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Anthony J. Vader
Holy Name of Mary
11159 S Loomis Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643

AOC 020774

Reverend Anthony J. Vader
January 7, 1997 - Page Two

cc: Archbishop of Chicago - file
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Vicar for Administration
✓ Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests
Most Reverend George V. Murry SJ, Vicar
Reverend Lawrence M. Duris, Dean
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board
Reverend Charles F. Kelly, PRMAA
Reverend Patrick Pollard, PRMAA

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, Illinois 60611



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

(312) 751-5205
Fax: (312) 751-5279

MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
Rev. James Kaczerowski, Vicar for Priests
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor
✓ Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review
John O'Malley, Legal Services
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri Palomino, ^{LNP} Administrative Assistant
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: September 30, 2002

RE: [PFR-137] Vader, Rev. Tony (Retired)/ [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of an allegation received by this office. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Vader, Tony/ [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

A:/PCAC Notification Memo

AOC 020776

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have a right to report accusations of child abuse to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (The Department of Children and Family Services "hotline" telephone number is 1-800-252-2873). You also have a right to report such accusations to the State's Attorney's Office or other law enforcement agencies. (The Cook County State's Attorney's telephone number is 312-603-5440 (direct); the Lake County State's Attorney's telephone number is 847-377-3000 (main #) or 847-360-6644 (direct). If you have any questions as to how to make such a report you may refer those questions to the Department of Children and Family Services or the State's Attorney's Office.

I have read and understood the above notice. A representative of the Archdiocese has given me a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws. The representative of the Archdiocese whose name appears below has not discouraged me in any way from reporting to the authorities.

(Date)

(Signature)

(Print Name)

I presented a copy of this "Important Notice" and a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws to the person whose printed name and signature appears above, on the date indicated in this document.

10/21/02
(Date)

Leah McCluskey
(Signature)

Leah McCluskey
(Print Name)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have a right to report accusations of child abuse to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. (The Department of Children and Family Services "hotline" telephone number is 1-800-252-2873). You also have a right to report such accusations to the State's Attorney's Office or other law enforcement agencies. (The Cook County State's Attorney's telephone number is 312-603-5440 (direct); the Lake County State's Attorney's telephone number is 847-377-3000 (main #) or 847-360-6644 (direct). If you have any questions as to how to make such a report you may refer those questions to the Department of Children and Family Services or the State's Attorney's Office.

I have read and understood the above notice. A representative of the Archdiocese has given me a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws. The representative of the Archdiocese whose name appears below has not discouraged me in any way from reporting to the authorities.

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file prepared by Leah McCluskey, Interim Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, dated November 10, 2002, summarizing Victim KG's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KG alleged that she was abused by Fr. Vader in approximately 1955-1956, when Victim KG was approximately 10-11 years old. The abuse occurred multiple times over a period of approximately one year and consisted of Fr. Vader fondling Victim KG's breasts and asking Victim KG to remove her clothing so Fr. Vader could see her breasts and pubic area. Victim KG also alleged that Fr. Vader abused her sister, Victim KF.

Victim Statement Abstract:

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137
From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 
Re: Anthony Vader's ^{RESPONSE TO} Allegation of Sexual Misconduct of 
Date: November 26, 2002








Date of Interview: November 15, 2002 **Time:** 10:30 a.m.


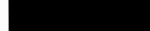

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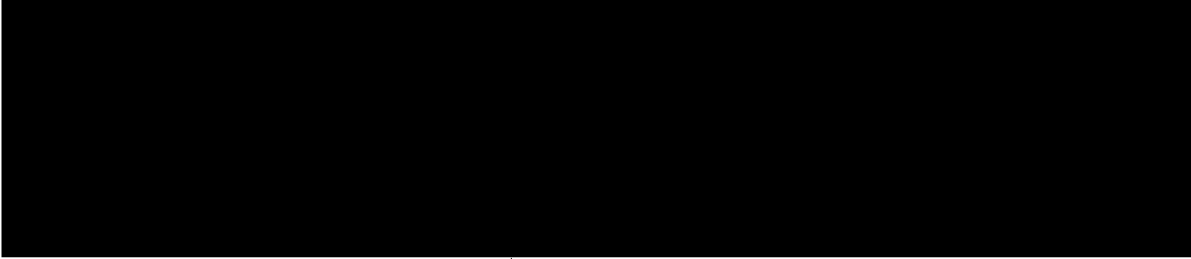
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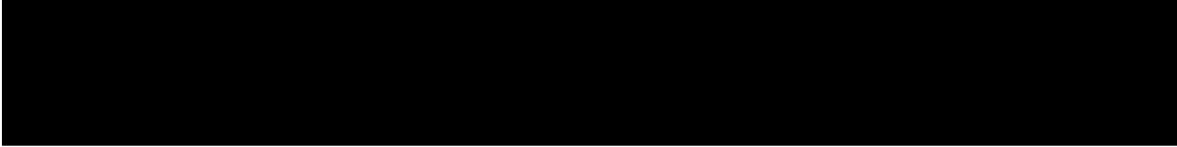
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. In regards to  stating that she  confronted AV approximately 10 years ago, AV stated that he does not recall the meeting. He stated, "No, she  didn't come. I would have remembered someone [coming to see him] with an allegation." AV stated that he was assigned to Holy Name of Mary 10 years ago and again stated, "No, she  never came [with  10 years ago to confront AV]. It would have been burned into my memory."

AV then stated, "I don't know who  is neither do I know either of the  sisters." As per AV,  name "rings a bell, but that's all."



VP asked AV if he recalled two African American women visiting him [at Holy Name of Mary]. AV replied that “all of my work has been with African Americans, so that [being visited by two African American women] would not be out of the ordinary.” When asked by VP, AV stated, “I deny all allegations of misconduct.”



VP informed AV that once PFRA was able to speak with ■ regarding a meeting 10 years ago with ■ VP would contact AV. As per AV, he would welcome the phone call.

Upon the end of the interview, VM discussed with AV the process of PFRA presenting the allegations and responses to the Review Board. PFRA then asked AV if he had any additional questions. AV asked if ■ and her sister were “African American girls.” PFRA stated that ■ and her sister are both African American. AV was cooperative throughout the interview.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
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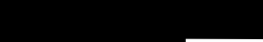



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
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PFRA then read the allegations of sexual misconduct made against him by 
 AV began by stating that he did not recall there being a  at Holy Cross, but then corrected himself by stating that there “might have been”  at the mentioned school.


When asked by PFRA and VP, AV stated, “I certainly do not remember the young lady . sister   “rings a bell.” AV again stated that he “does not recall anything about  [at Holy Cross].” He also stated that he does not recall visiting  home.

AV stated that he was assigned to Holy Cross from 1952-1964 and that Fr. Bob Doyle was the pastor until 1958. Upon the departure of Fr. Doyle, Fr. Martin "Doc" Farrell was the pastor at

Holy Cross. At the time that AV was assigned to Holy Cross the following priests were associates: John Cardiff [currently assigned to St. Linus], Leo Mann [currently assigned to St. Mary of the Woods], Jim Kenny [deceased], and George Kane [alive, unsure of current assignment].

When asked by PFRA and VP if he recalls visiting homes when assigned to Holy Cross, AV stated that he did "visit all homes...[but I] wouldn't go into the home if the parents were not home." When asked by VP, AV stated that he has never participated in misconduct "with anyone."

AV stated that Fr. Mann, Fr. Kane, and himself would meet every evening in the pastor's room and that they "all knew what the others [priests] were doing." AV stated that he and the other priests would also meet two nights per week for instruction classes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

After leaving Holy Cross in 1964, AV stated that he was assigned to St. Lawrence.

Upon the end of the interview, VM discussed with AV the process of PFRA presenting the allegations and responses to the Review Board. PFRA then asked AV if he had any additional questions. AV asked if [REDACTED] and her sister were "African American girls." PFRA stated that [REDACTED] and her sister are both African American. AV was extremely calm and cooperative throughout the interview.

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Date

Name
Address
City

Dear,

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to support Father Vader, especially with your prayers. This is a tragic situation for all concerned, and it fills everyone with sadness. Thank you for writing and for your life of faith. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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SUBJECT FILES
FR. TONY VADER

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There is always the possibility —

~~From~~ letter to be sent to those writing about Fr. Vader

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March 3, 10, 17, 24, 2003		
March 31, 2003 & April 7, 14, 21, 2003		
May 5, 12, 19/03		
June 6, 9, 16, 23, 2003		
July 28, 2003 and August 8, 25, 2003		
September 7-19, 2003	Yellowstone National Park	Fr. Anthony Vader



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June 30, 2003 & July 7, 28, 2003		
July 28/03 & August 4, 25, 2003		
September 25, 29, 2003 & October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2003		
September 7-19, 2003	Yellowstone National Park	Permission not given for trip - due to no identifying monitor given

Winter of 2003

Dearest Vicar Kaczorowski:

Shakespeare said it best —

"He who steals my purse steals
trash — but he who robs me of my
good name" —

We were indeed saddened by
the alleged charges recently made
regarding Father Anthony J. Vader!
He has been our pastor & stead-
fast friend for 30 yrs.

In times of joy (marriages - christenings)
in times of sorrow (death & etc), we could
always count on his compassion
& wise counsel.

We continue our loyalty, trust
& unwavering support & love & prayers
as he enters this dark "valley of tears".

Yours in
Christian faith

[Redacted signature]

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MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **ADDENDUM TO RESPONSE OF ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY [REDACTED] IN AN ACCOUNT BY [REDACTED]**

Date: January 3, 2003

Date of Interview: December 16, 2002

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Present at Interview

Fr. Anthony Vader [AV], accused
Mr. Patrick Reardon [PR], AV's attorney
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests [VP]

Face-to-Face Interview

Fr. Anthony Vader [AV] and his attorney Patrick Reardon [PR] were on time for the 3:00pm scheduled meeting at the Vicar for Priests Office. After introductions were made, PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA. PFRA also explained the Review Board process to AV and PR. At PR's request, PFRA also explained the basics of both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] allegations of sexual misconduct against AV.

PFRA then read the account by [REDACTED], a friend of alleged victim [REDACTED]. PFRA had contacted [REDACTED] at the request of [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED]'s knowledge of [REDACTED] initially confronting AV 10 years ago with her allegations of sexual misconduct. PR then asked for PFRA and VP to leave the room [for approximately 10 minutes] so that PR and AV could speak.

Once PFRA and VP rejoined AV and PR, AV stated, "I categorically deny the [REDACTED] incident...I never touched [REDACTED] breasts over her clothes." In regards to acknowledging [REDACTED] and her family, AV stated that he did recall that the family [REDACTED]. AV

added that he “ [REDACTED] was never in their home.” AV then stated that he did not know where [REDACTED] and her family lived at the time.

AV then informed PFRA and VP that he does recall “about 12 years ago two middle aged [African American] women came to see me [at Holy Name of Mary], but they left in a huff.” When asked by PFRA, AV stated that he does recall that these two women came to him and “an allegation of fondling was made.” When asked for clarification of what took place “about 12 years ago” by PFRA, AV stated that he does recall an individual calling him and “setting up an appointment” to meet with him, but does not remember the name of the person who called him. AV stated that the individual scheduling the appointment stated, “We’d like to come to see you,” to which AV responded, “Sure.” AV stated that this meeting took place at Holy Name of Mary, where he has been assigned for 35 years. He stated that “a seminarian” answered the door when the two women arrived for the appointment. AV informed PFRA and VP that the seminarian has since left the seminary. AV agreed that the meeting described by both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took place, however AV stated that he “denied the allegation 12 years ago.” He also does recall asking the woman who alleged the misconduct, “Do you need help?”

AV shared his feelings with PFRA and VP that he was not “in need of a lawyer last time [when allegations by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were initially read to him]” and that he still “feels the same way.” PR then stated that AV “completely denies” the allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. PR also made the point that the statute of limitations [both civil and criminal] ran out in “1963 or so” regarding the mentioned allegations of misconduct against AV. PFRA and VP then provided PR with specifics on the allegations made against AV by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as requested by PR.

PFRA and VP then informed AV and PR that the allegations and responses would be brought before the Review Board in January of 2003. VP stated that he would inform AV and PR of the specific date of when this matter will be brought before the Board.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal’s Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Patrick Reardon
Attorney

FROM: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Admn. Asst.

DATE: 1/8/03

FAX NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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RE: Response Reports

URGENT FOR REVIEW PLEASE COMMENT PLEASE REPLY PLEASE RECYCLE

Mr. Reardon,

I am sending you copies of the Response Reports from your clients, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Anthony Vader.

I thought you should have them since the allegations against them will be presented at the

Board Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2003.

Laura

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TRANSMISSION-REPORT

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Professional Fitness Review Board
Saturday, January 11, 2003

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]



Non-members absent:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2002

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Review:

A.

[REDACTED]

B.



C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader [AV] [Retired] – PFR-137

- A. The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: AV fondled [REDACTED]'s breasts under her clothing and AV directed [REDACTED] to expose her breasts and vaginal area to him.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Anthony Vader engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Board recommends that AV [REDACTED]. The Board also recommends that AV be moved to a monitored setting, such as residing at Mundelein.

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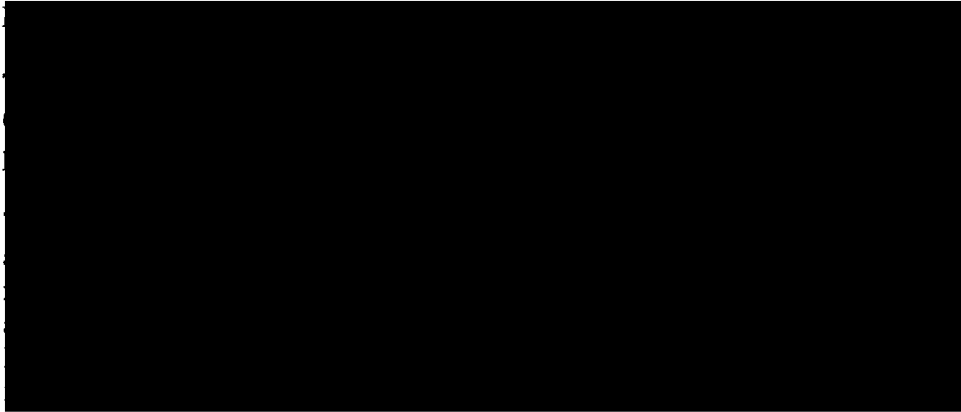
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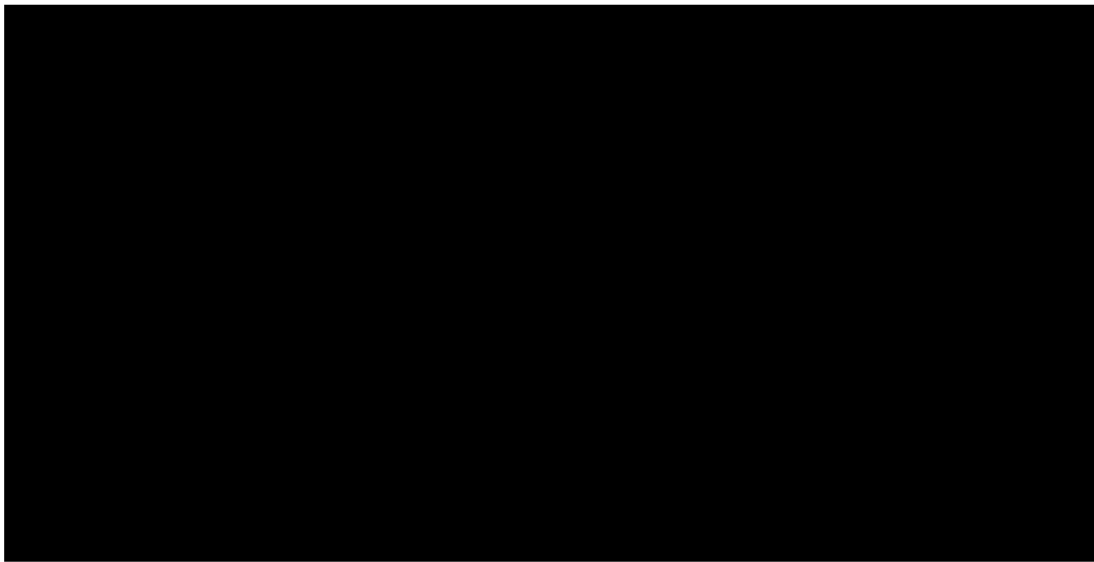
Second Stage Reviews:

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III. Other

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Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, January 11, 2003 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2002

II. Case Reviews

First Stage Reviews:

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired) – PFR-137

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

Second Stage Review:

A. [REDACTED]

III. Other

Holy Saturday, April 19, 2003

The two meetings scheduled in February are February 1st and February 15th, 2003.

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Vader

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 11/11/03 to conduct a
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) First Stage Review Second Stage Review Supplementary Review Status Report

regarding the allegation of [Redacted]
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Anthony Vader
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago

an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of _____
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)

a resigned priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

a deceased priest or deacon of _____
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which claims as follows: fondled breasts under clothing; AV
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

directed minor to expose her breasts and vaginal area

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
 no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: in a unanimous 6-0 vote that
Fr. Vader be ^{error} immediately ^{error} with [Redacted]

[Redacted] The board also recommends
that Fr. Vader be moved to a monitored ^{error} situation,
such as residing at Mundelein. ^{error} environment

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MEMORANDUM

To: File –PFR-137

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Anthony Vader (Retired)**

Date: January 13, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on January 11, 2003:

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MEMORANDUM

To: File –PFR-137

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Anthony Vader (Retired)**

Date: January 13, 2003

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Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey
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Jan 17 2003*

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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Your eminence - a lifetime of trials & sacrifice is nothing when
the reward is God's eternal embrace ☺

FAITH
is not
believing that
God can.
It is knowing
that He will.



DEAR CARDINAL GEORGE -

I'VE JUST LEARNED OF THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST FATHER VADER AND AM OBVIOUSLY SHOCKED. NOT ONLY SHOCKED - BUT APALLED. APALLED THAT SOMEONE COULD CONSIDER TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A KIND MAN. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH ALL THE ALLEGATIONS ON CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND THE BAD REPUTATION THEY HAVE RECEIVED, I HAVE HONESTLY SAT IN CHURCH WITH FATHER VADER PRESIDING AND WONDERED TO MYSELF, "I WISH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE JOKES ABOUT CATHOLIC PRIESTS ... AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FORMED AN OPINION ON CATHOLIC PRIESTS BASED ON SINGLE CASES, OR EVEN JUST ALLEGATIONS - COULD BE IN THIS CHURCH RIGHT NOW & SEE THIS WONDERFUL MAN THAT THEY ARE INCLUDING IN THIS CLASSIFICATION." HE IS THE EPITOME OF A KIND MAN - SOMEONE YOU COULD EASILY SEE AS A GRANDFATHER FIGURE JUST AS MUCH AS A PRIEST.

I'VE ALWAYS SHAKEN MY HEAD IN DISGUST WHEN I SEE THESE STORIES ON THE NEWS (NOT THAT SOME OF THEM AREN'T UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE). BUT WHEN I HEARD OF THIS NEWS, I WAS NOTHING BUT ENRAGED. I AM ENRAGED & CONFUSED THAT SOMEONE CAN DO THIS TO SUCH A KIND, INNOCENT 70 YEAR OLD MAN. THAT HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SERVING OTHERS. I REALIZE THAT THE CHURCH DID WHAT IT

HAD TO DO IN TAKING FATHER VADER TO THE
RETREAT HOUSE, BUT IN THE SAME RESPECT,
I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO SEE HOW THESE
ALLEGATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY
IN 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD, ONE INSTANCE (2 SISTERS)
OF SUCH BEHAVIOR (NOT BROUGHT TO THE TABLE UNTIL 40
YEARS LATER?!) JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE TIME HE HAS SPENT WITH
THE FILIPINOS - THEY LOVE HIM TO DEATH!!

BUT THIS LETTER IS NOT MEANT TO BRO-MOUTH
OR POINT THE FINGER AT ANYONE, IT IS TO SHOW
SUPPORT FOR FATHER VADER.

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IN COLLEGE. AS A YOUNG ADULT, I'VE FOUND IT
HARD NOT TO QUESTION MY FAITH & EVEN
DOUBT IT AT TIMES. I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT
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MY MOTHER, FATHER BILL BURKE, AND FATHER
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ME ABOUT THIS MAN. THANK YOU FOR READING.

SINCERELY,



Dear Cardinal George

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I most likely would not be a practicing Christian if not for the love and goodness of Father Vaden.

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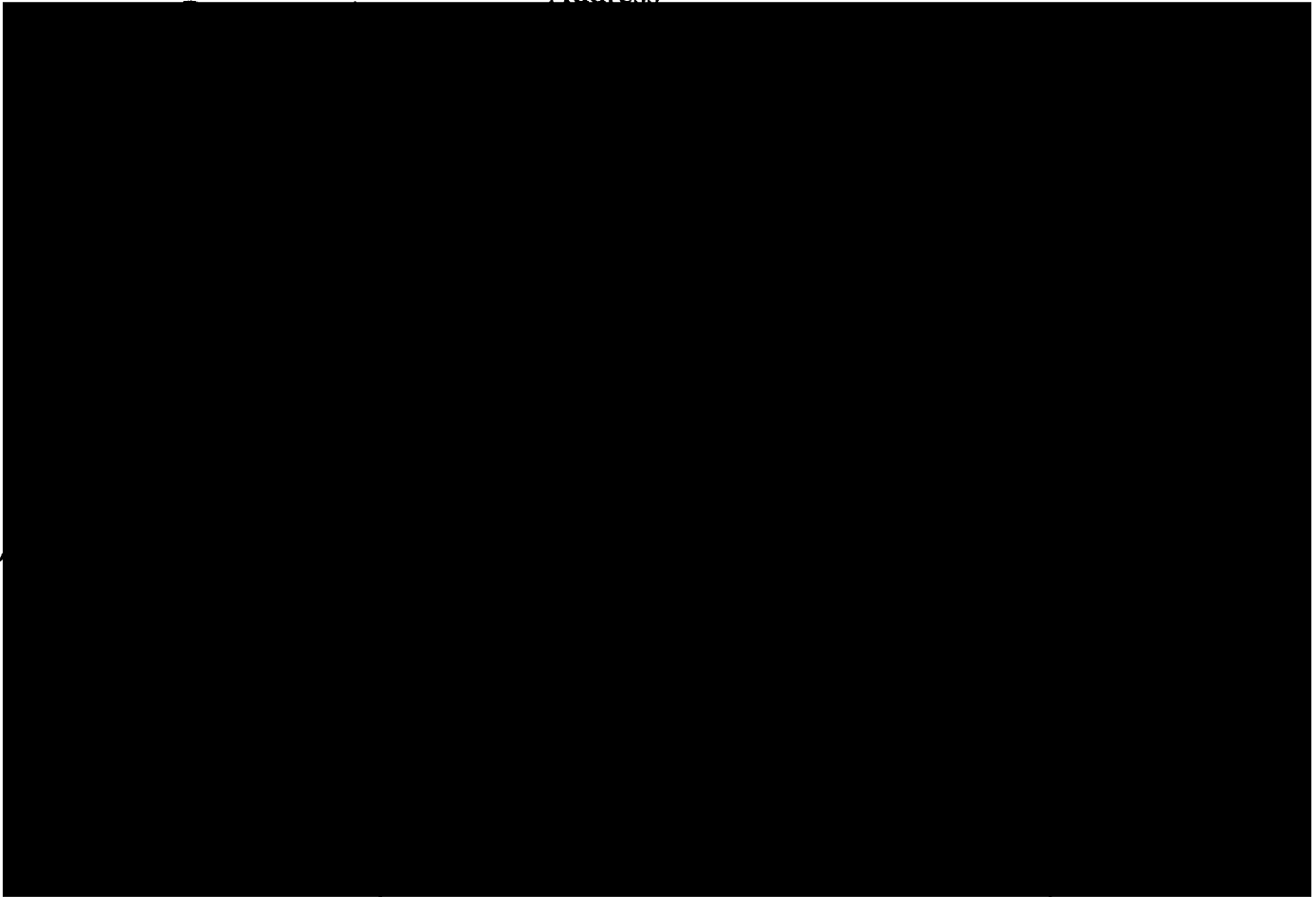
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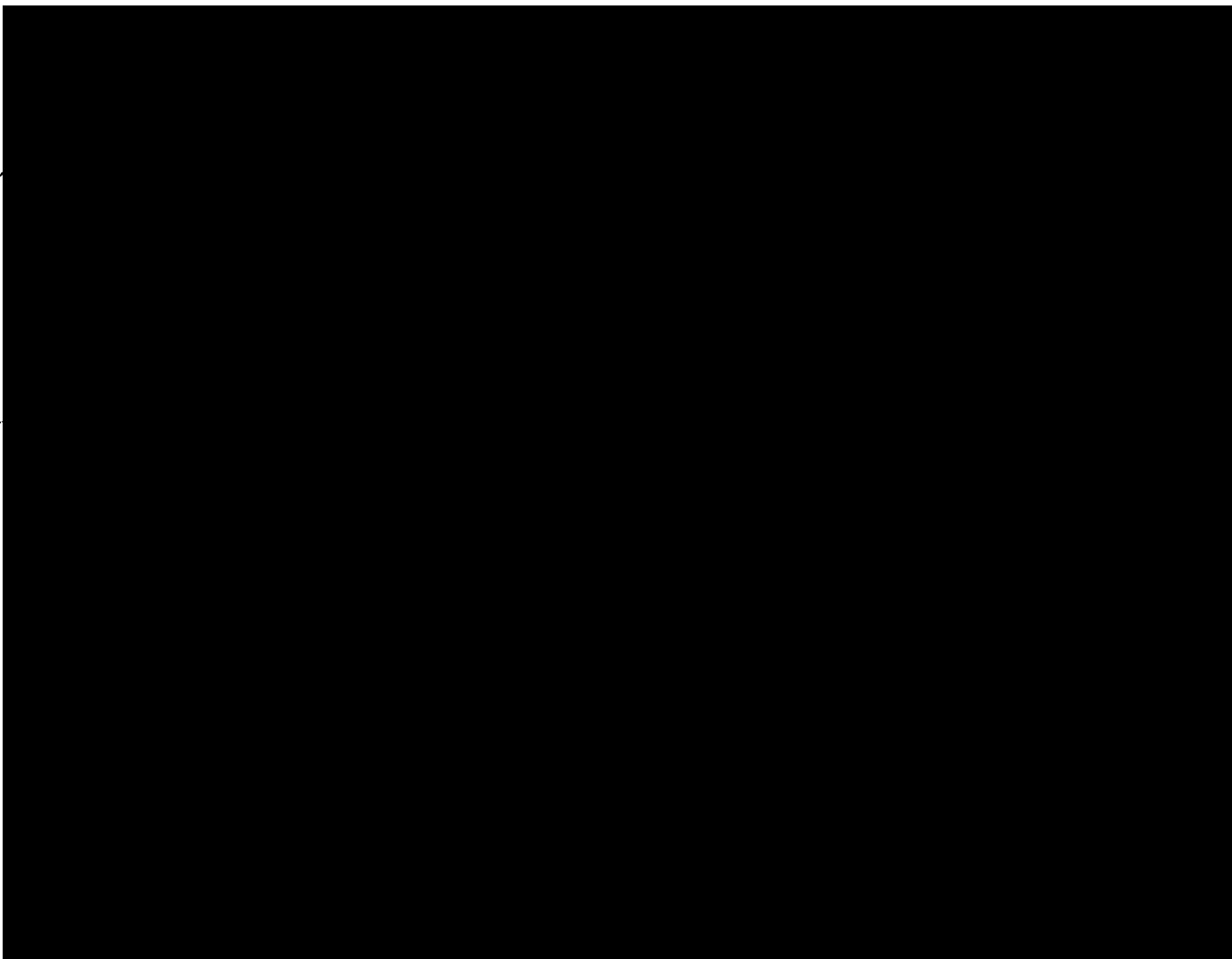
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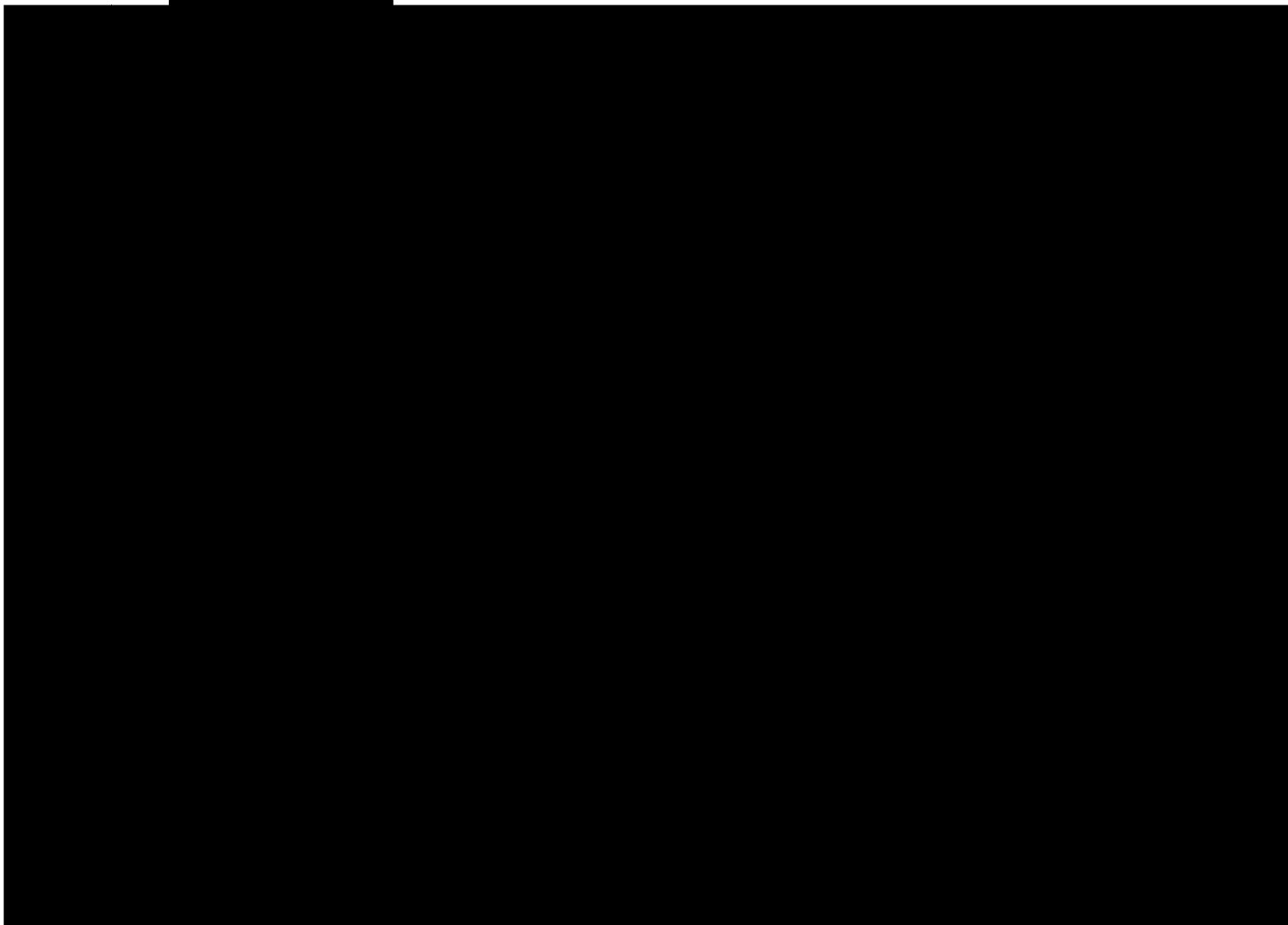
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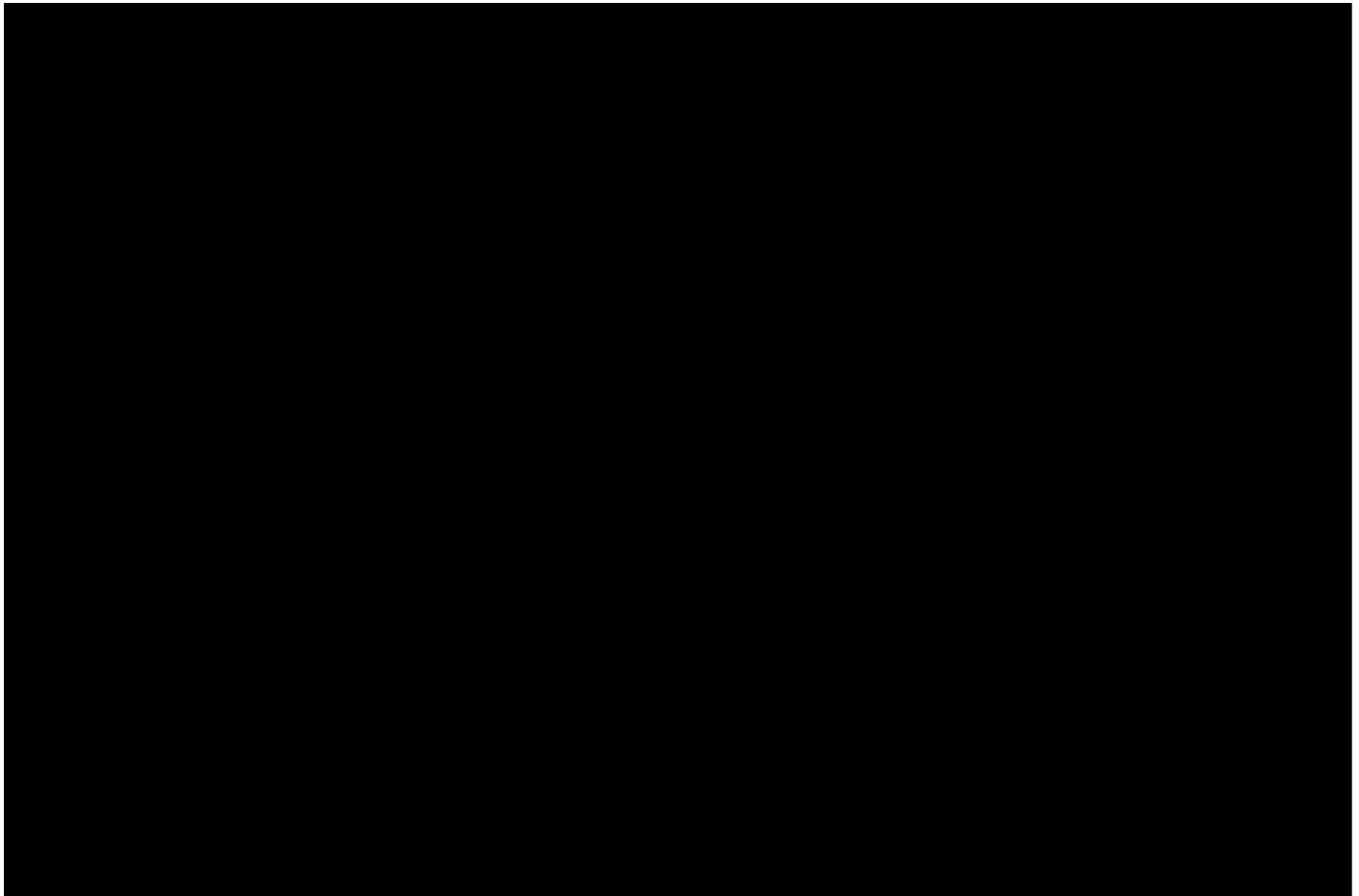
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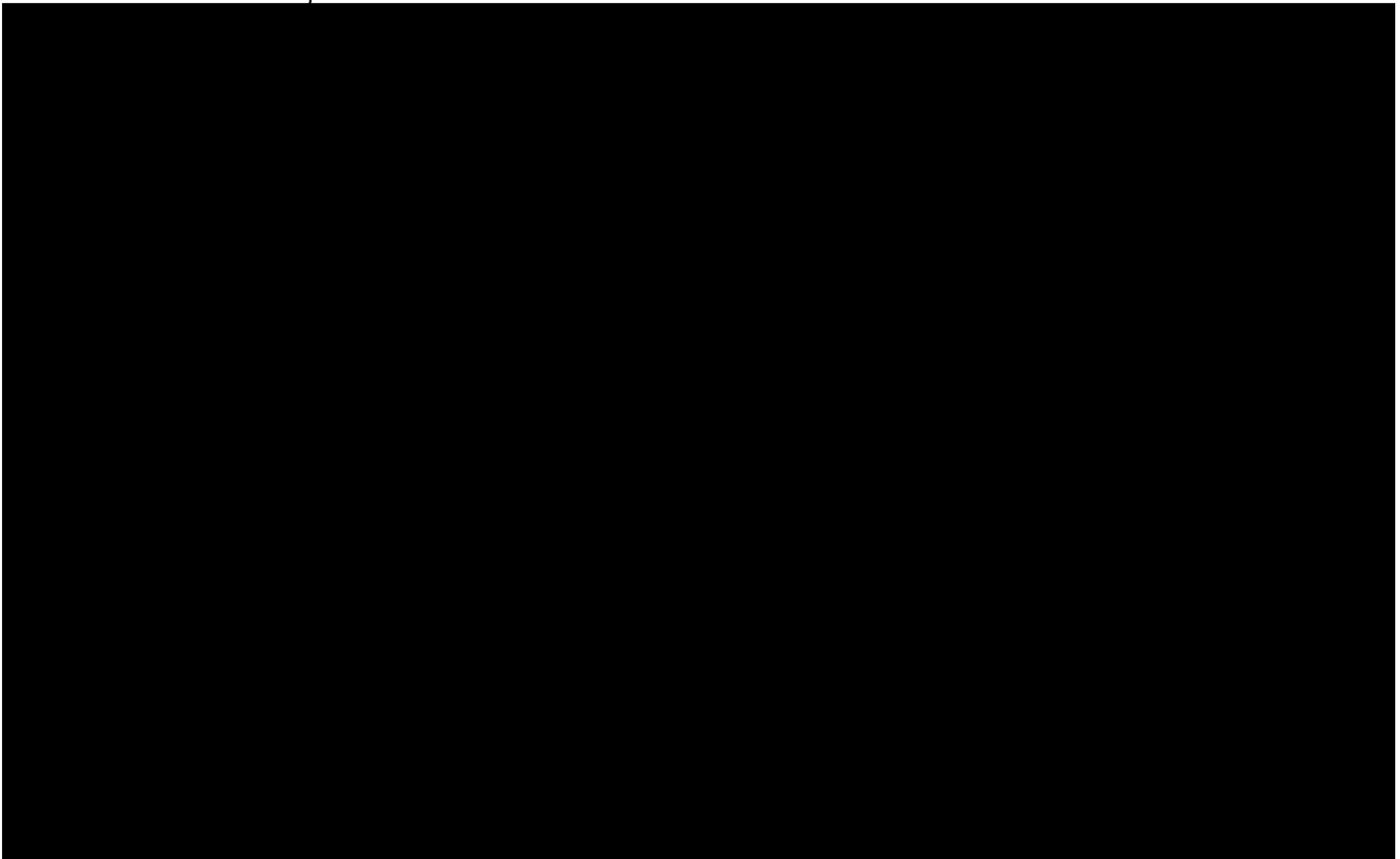
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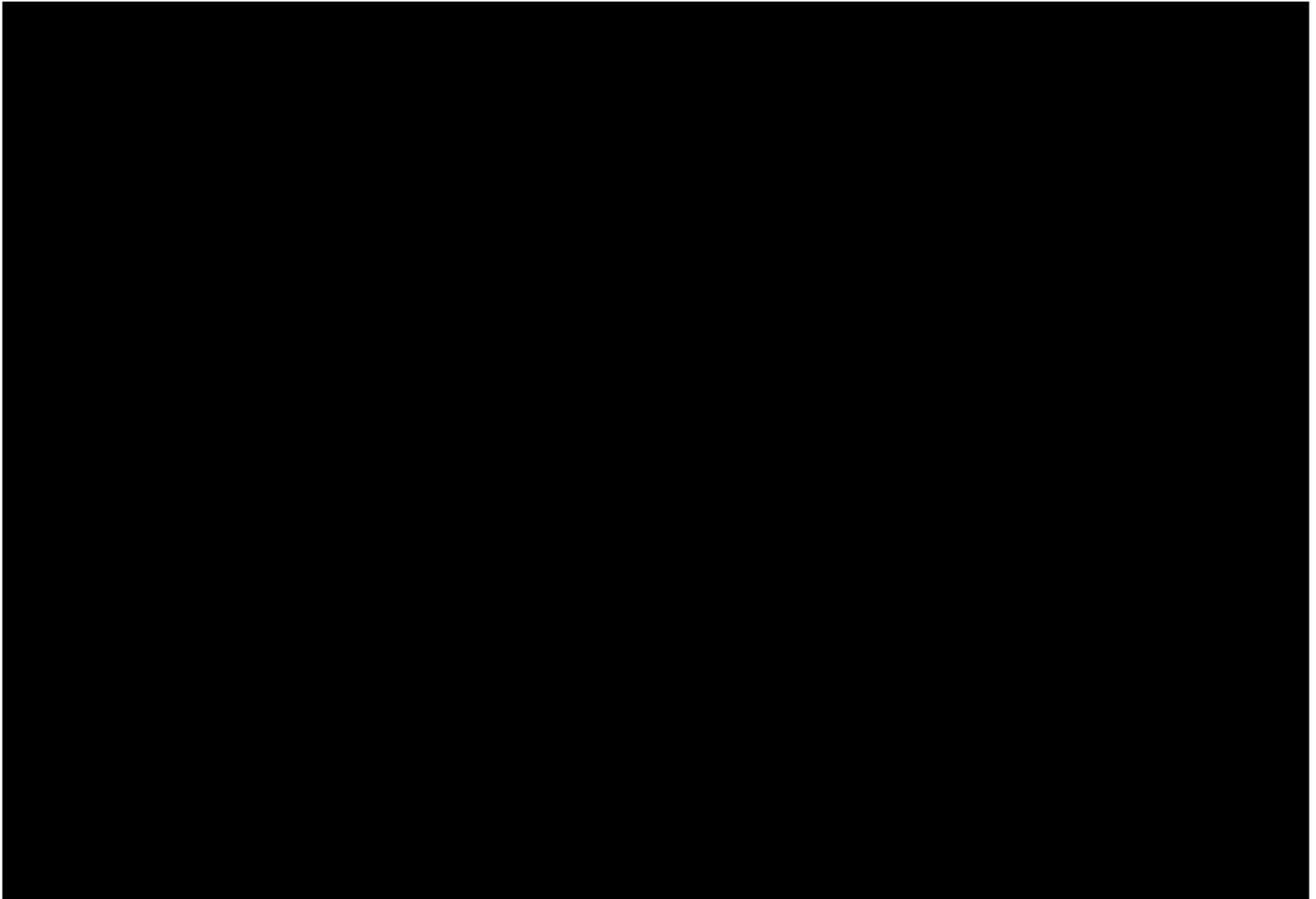
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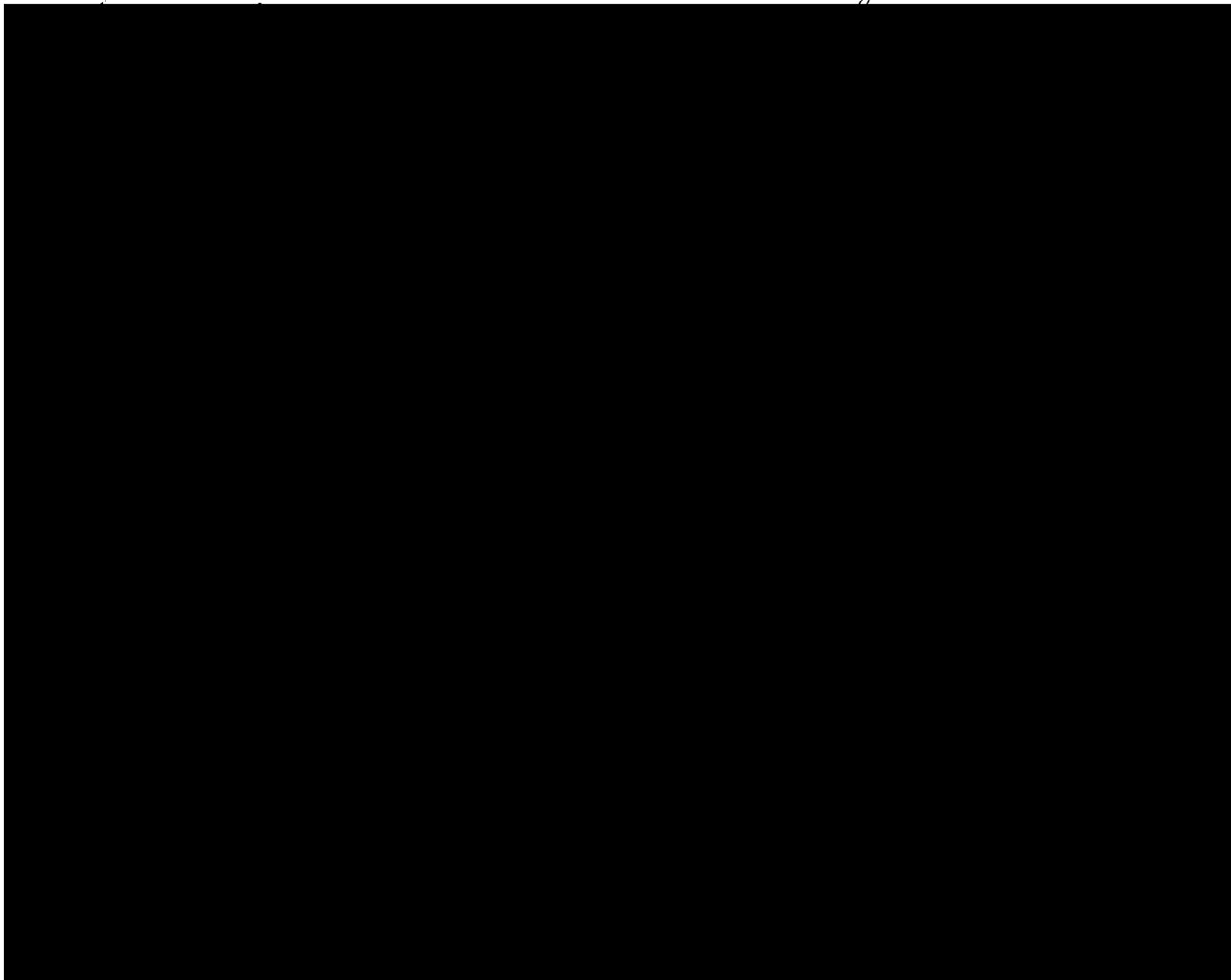
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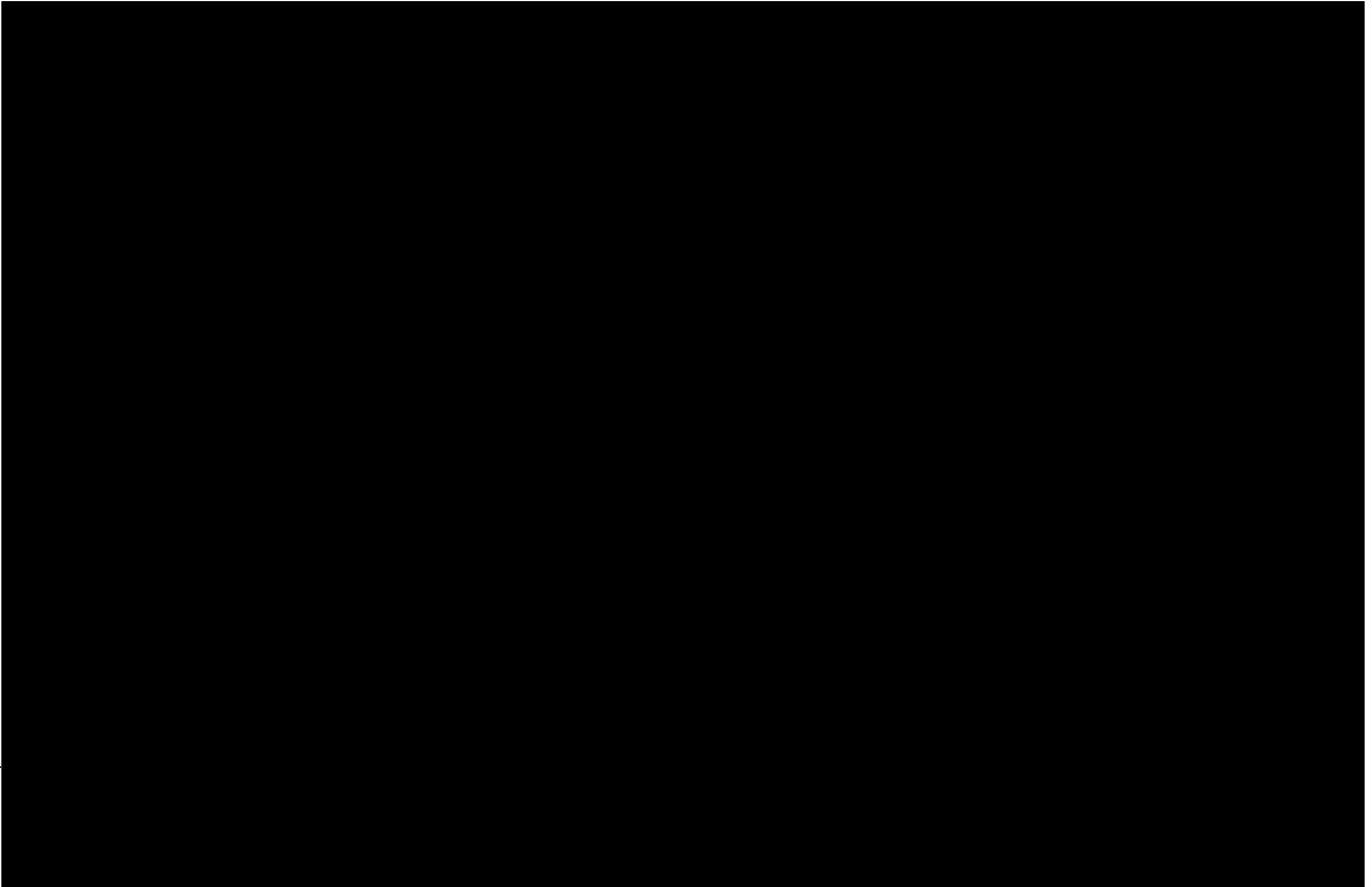
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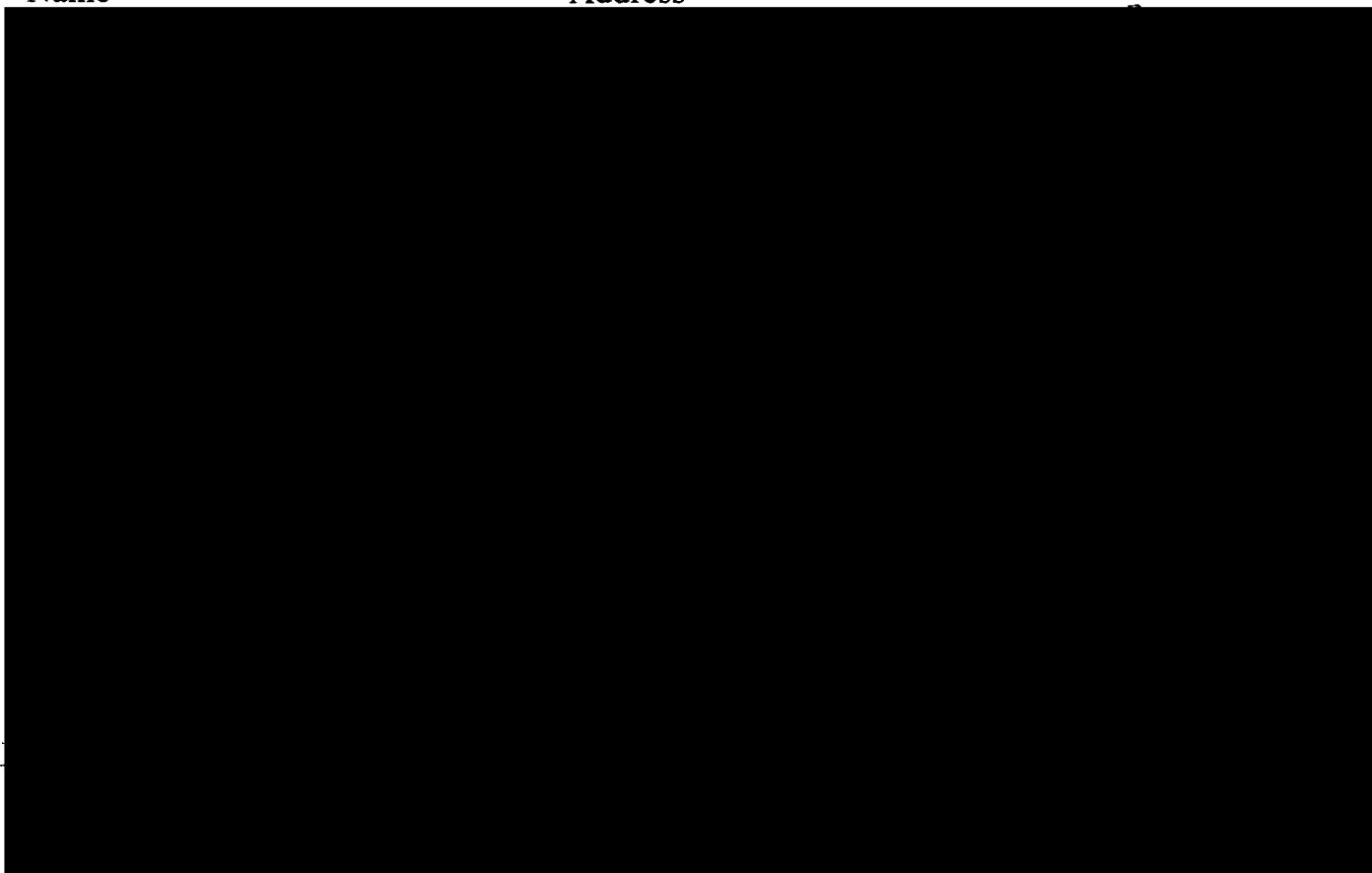
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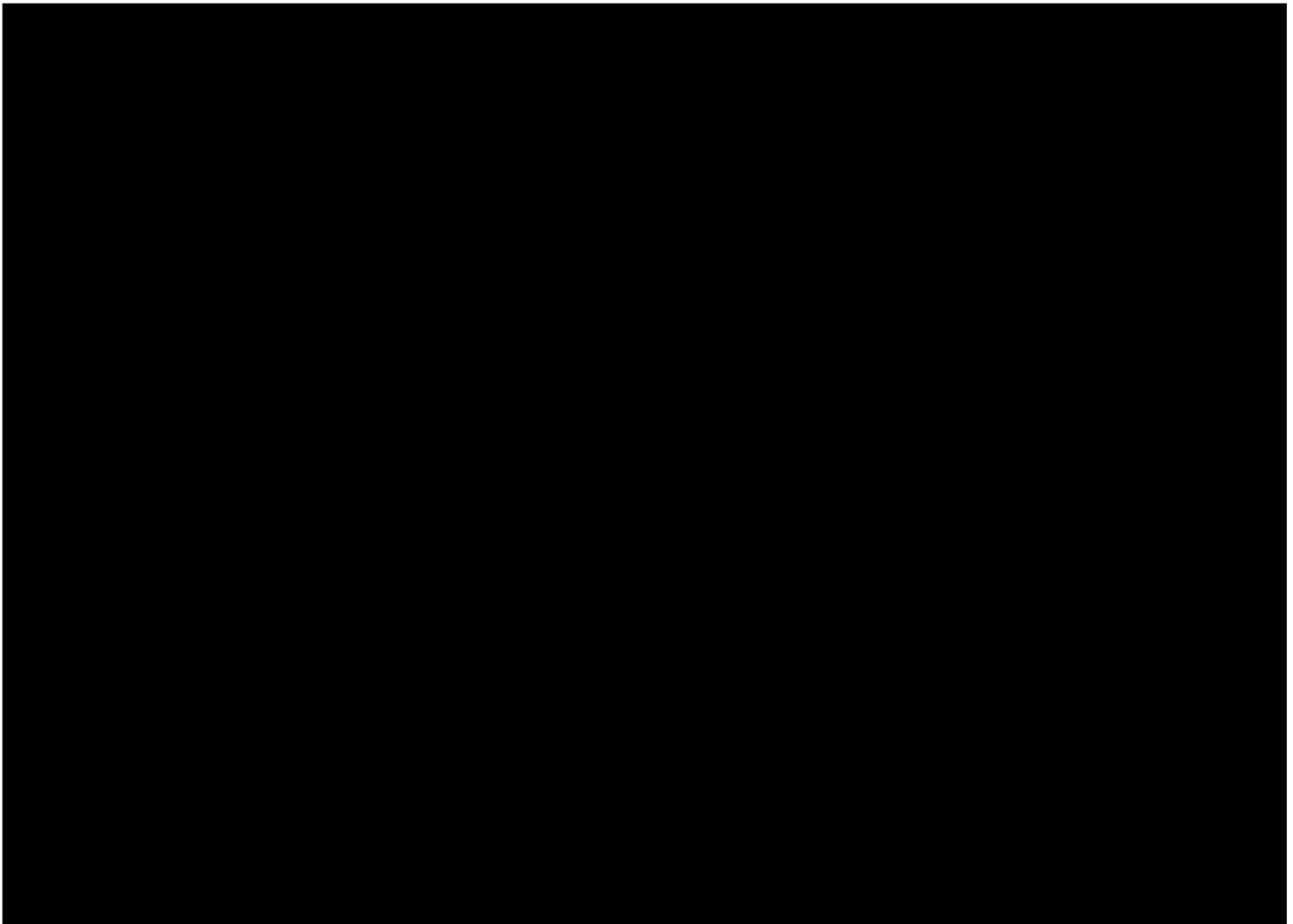
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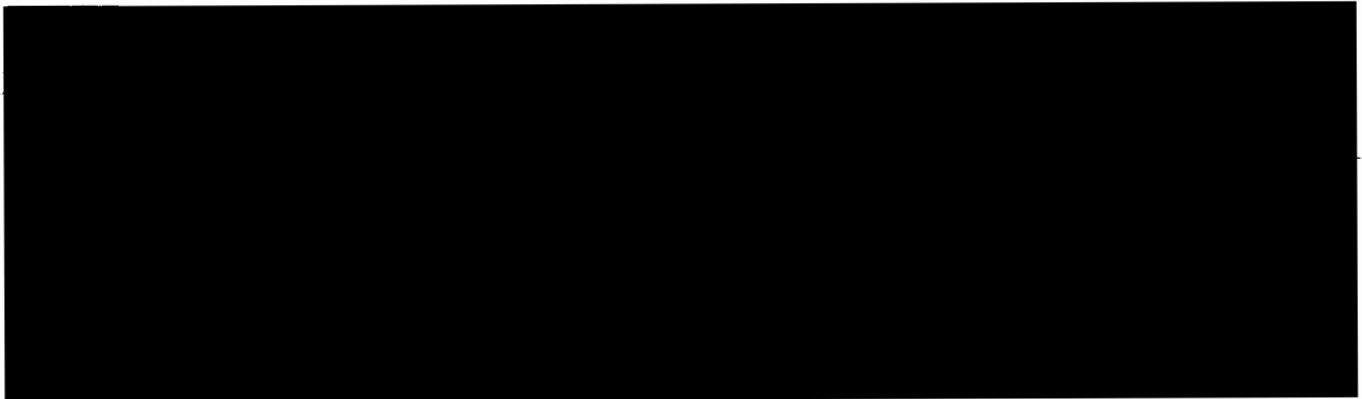
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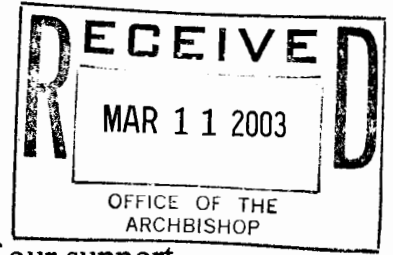


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cc. Fr. James Kaczorowski

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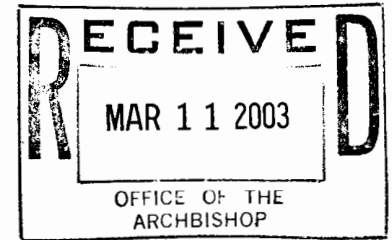
[Redacted Name]

[Redacted Address]

Dear Cardinal,

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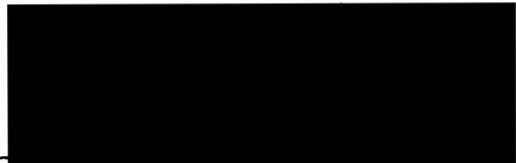
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Father Vader ministered my daughter who is a miracle of IN VITRO FERTILIZATION by Gods will as I am 44 years old and my daughter is just 1 year old.

I would not believe the accusation of this man. Nor does my family who met him.

I look forward to his return!



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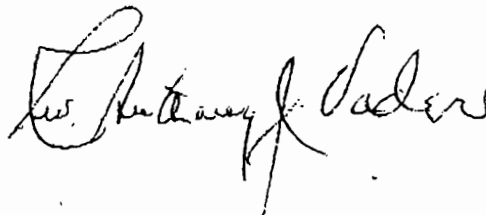
My Dear Filipino American Family,

I'm very, very impressed, grateful and appreciative of all your support. You have no idea how comforting this has been to me. Please keep me in your prayers.

I want you to know that I am innocent, that I have never in my lifetime touched these two sisters who have brought the accusations which supposedly occurred while I was at Holy Cross Church.

I have had one hearing, but the important hearings are still to come. When they will be, I don't know. I have two attorneys for the civil action and will have a canon lawyer.

Please pray for me and I'll pray for you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. Anthony J. Sadler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.

Dear Cardinal George,

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Sincerely,

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Dear Cardinal George,

The people of Sacred Heart, as well as the community, have asked what they can do to support Father Vader.

Petitions signed by these people are enclosed, to let you know how much they care.

Additional petition forms received will be sent on to you.

Thank you,

From All the People of
Sacred Heart

c/ Father James Kaczorowski

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just heard about the allegations against Fr. Vaden. It is very disturbing at best. I understand that the situation needs to be investigated but I truly believe Fr. Vaden is innocent. We has a wonderful zura about him. He radiates goodness & holiness.

A few years ago (or more) I started going to mass again. After trying several parishes for mass, I always went to Sacred Heart because of Fr. Vaden. Mass with him is a truly uplifting & spiritual experience, unlike most of the others I've attended. His masses are the only ones my sons will willingly attend. I hope you can clear this matter up & prove his innocence.

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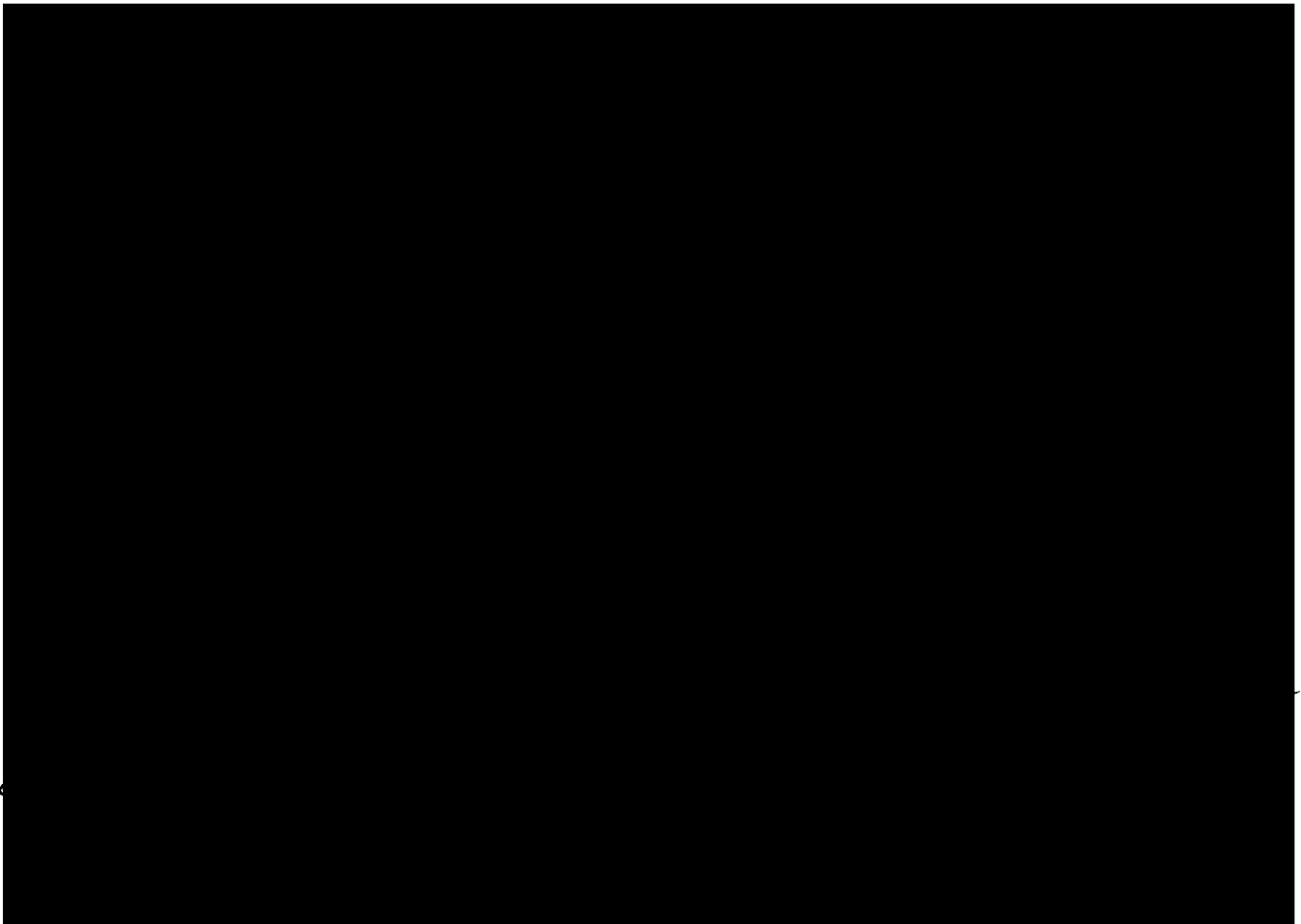
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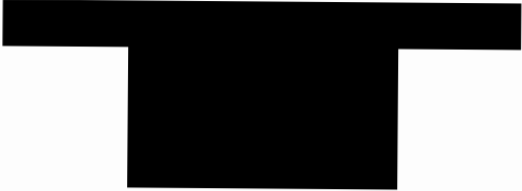
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I speak to you on many levels. First, I speak to you as a life-long Catholic. I have been steadfastly supportive of the Church on many levels. Defending it, during scandals, supporting it, monetarily and with my faith in the Lord. It never has been easy being a Catholic in today's society, but I have felt that my faith has always been strong. It has always been a source of strength when I needed comfort. I am proud of my faith, I am proud of my religion. And my strength, belief and faith were greatly nurtured by Father Anthony Vader. Father Vader has been a pillar of my Catholic upbringing as well as my secular upbringing. Father Vader has said most of the masses that I attended in my young life. He baptized my younger brother as well as all of my cousins and recently he married my older brother. Father Vader has always been there through every heartbreak, every triumph, and every mundane life event that a person can go through. He has always shared, lead and guided my family, my friends and myself throughout our lives.

I have known Father Vader since I was a little girl. I never doubted his spiritual guidance and love for my family and me. Numerous times, throughout my life, I have been alone with Father Vader. And NEVER would Father Vader ever do anything inappropriate, he is always loving and giving and the most pleasant of company, but NEVER inappropriate in any way. And this is one of the reasons why I feel so strongly about the falsity of these allegations. I grew up with Father Vader, along with most of my friends and family, he is and always will be trusted with our lives, and now as we grow older with our children's lives.

Second, I speak to you as a social worker. I have spent most of my post college career, in social services. I spent two years after college working at a group home for abused and neglected children. I went on to get my social work degree at University of California, Berkeley. I spent most of my time in California, specializing in sexual abuse and sexual offenders at Giarretto Institute in San Jose, California. I did intense clinical intake, assessment, and therapy with sexual abuse victims, non-offending parents and sexual offenders. I know every single, in and out of sexual offense and the cycle of a sexual offender. I have done intense group therapy sessions with sexual offenders and understand comprehensively, the characteristics of a sexual

offender. This is how I know, without reservation, that the allegations against Father Vader are absolutely and completely false. He holds none of the characteristics exhibited by sexual offenders. He does not have anything close to the repeated cycle of an untreated sexual offender. On the contrary, Father Vader has always upheld the values, principles and ideals of the Catholic Church. He has been completely ethical and moral in every possible way.

Third, I speak to you as an attorney. I have spent much of my law school career, being a champion for sexual abuse victims. I worked many hours at the Illinois Attorney General's Office in the Sexually Violent Persons Unit of the Criminal Enforcement Division. Prosecuting life-long sexual offenders was second nature to me in the two years that I worked at the Attorney General's Office. Knowing a case, the intricate, lengthy details of a sexual offenders life became a part of my everyday working life. It is what I know, it is what I breathe, and it is what I understand. As a result, I look at cases, bad side always in the forefront, never giving the benefit of the doubt to them and they are lifelong offenders with many victims in their wake.

And as a result, with my prosecution background I can tell you with absolute certainty that Father Vader is so far from those people. He is quite the opposite in fact and in life. Father Vader cares and loves deeply-- it is his greatest quality. He has upheld the ideals and the morals of the Catholic Church for as long as I have known him. He has done this better than any other person in the priesthood that I have ever met.

I hope this letter reflects my deepest sorrow that these false allegations have been initiated against Father Vader. I am deeply concerned and hope my words are taken genuinely and seriously. I believe the greatest sadness in this situation is that Father Vader has been taken out of the active ministry. It is a great loss to the Catholic Church and the countless parishioners and other Catholics that he has guided through hard and trying times that our world is now facing. It is my greatest hope that this loss is not permanent and I urge you to do whatever is possible to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I say this because I know with my deepest convictions, both personally and professionally that these allegations are baseless, untrue and complete fiction.

Please contact me for any further questions or information or if there is anything I can do further to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I will continue to pray for Father Vader as I hope you will too.

Respectfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

CC: Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Most Rev. Raymond Goedert

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Ill. 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

I am unable to describe my reaction to the 40 yr. old allegations regarding Father Vader. I have known Father Vader and been an active member of Sacred Heart Church for over 20 years and find these allegations unbelievable.

Father Vader has been available for anyone who may need his help either at Sacred Heart or Holy Name of Mary. I was especially astounded at his concern for the aged Nuns at Holy Name of Mary when the Archdiocese closed Holy Name of Mary School. The little sisters did not care to live in an institution and Father Vader saw to it that they didn't.

We are hoping and praying that Father will be back with us within 30 days.

Thank you.



11/1/2010

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegation made against our retired pastor Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the retreat house in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

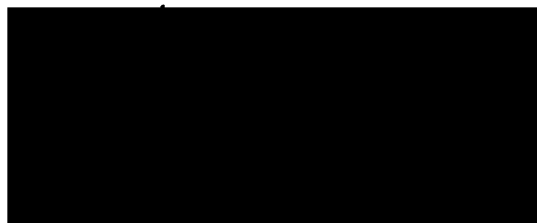
I am 30 years old and have been raise and educated through the Catholic church. I attended St. John Fisher grammer school, Mother McAuley High School, and Saint Xavier University. I have attended mass every week and sometimes during the week my whole life. I have run across many priest with alot of different styles, some very inspirational but very few like Father Vader.

Father Vader has been very special to me personally, he has always been kind and shows a real commitment to his church and parishioners. I was asked to be a god mother to my nephew and the baptism was going to take place at Sacred Heart. Father Vader had a meeting with the parents and god parents explaining what it meant to be a god parent and the responsiblity that it holds. Since that time I have been asked two more times to be a god mother and neither time was there a meeting or a conversation between myself and the priest, not even an introduction. Father Vader had taken the time to make the baptism special for me as the god mother but also the parents, I take that honor and responsiblity to this child very serious as a result of Father Vader taking the time to simply talk to us. Every week I sit in mass and listen to Father Vader talk about the gospel and how it pertains to our daily life, he talks about how to be a good parent, child and friend. He encourages us to keep going when times are difficult. I leave mass every week feeling refreshed, renewed and with the energy to try harder to be a better person after listening to Father Vader. I have never seen a person who could reach out to the old and young and get a greater response.

Father Vader is an exceptional person and is such an asset to the Catholic Church, he is a fine example for young priests and it should be noted. During this difficult time I will continue to attend mass at Sacred Heart in full support for Father Vader, because at this time he certainly deserves it. I do hope and pray everyday that Father Vader will be back at Sacred Heart as soon as possible because he is needed.

AOC 020838

Thank you for taking the time to listen about someone who has been very important to me.



Dear Fr. James T. Kaczorowski

I am greatly saddened on hearing about the recent accusations against Fr. Anthony J. Vader, it made me cry. I have known Fr. Vader for over three years now. He has been a great source of strength to me through his kindness and spiritual guidance. Everything I have known and seen of Fr. Vader all these years fully convince me that these accusations are nothing but lies, designed to destroy a good, honest and holy man. Fr. Vader will always be in my thoughts and prayer. Please help him clear his name

With love in Christ,

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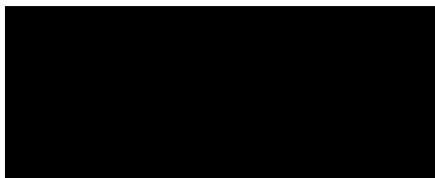
Dear Cardinal George,

We've known Father Vader for many, many years and cannot understand any of this. The allegations and the punishing requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein are incredible, unbelievable and shocking.

Father Vader has been such an inspiration to ourselves and our children. He has been available whenever needed. He has given 100% of himself to both Holy Name of Mary and Sacred Heart Parishes. We really need him.

We are praying that you will send him back soon.

Thank you.



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SEP 11 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against our Retreat Pastor, Father Anthony Vader. Father has been at our church for more than 20 years, as Administrator, Celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. My reaction to this 40 year old allegation is complete shock and disbelief.

Father Vader is dearly loved by all. The number of men - young and old - attending Mass, in fact, the overflow crowds at Sacred Heart Church each Sunday is truly amazing. We will certainly miss his interesting sermons while he is in the Retreat House. Please send him back to us soon.

Thank you,

Some suggestions for your letter to Cardinal George. It can be as long or as short as you wish.

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We've known Father for many (20) years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

(add your own words - your experiences with Father Vader - help kindness, weddings, baptisms, etc.)

WE BAPTISED OUR GRANDDAUGHTER 11 YEARS AGO. WE KNEW HIM THEN AND NOW TO BE A KIND & LOVING PRIEST. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THESE ALLEGATIONS

The allegations and resulting requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our Church for more than 20 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

(again, please add your personal words of support)

HANG IN THERE FATHER VADER. YOUR CONGREGATION IS 100% BEHIND YOU. YOU HAVE OUR PRAYERS. ***** GOD BLESS YOU.

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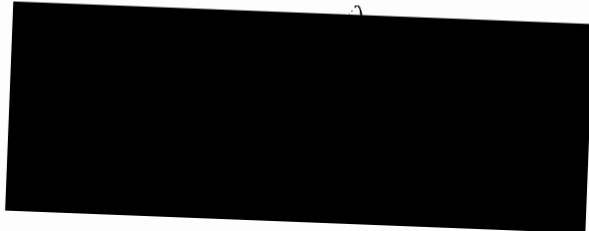
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We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

(again, please add your personal words)

LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CAST THE FIRST STONE

Please be sure to sign and mail it to the Cardinal with a copy to Father Kaczorowski



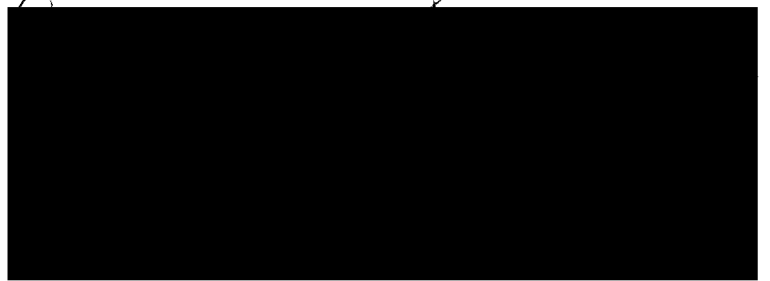
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Fr. Pflaeger can bring in a Baptist minister and preach anti-Catholic doctrine on the altar I was baptized on in 1946 and he stays 'o' 'o' I don't get it 'o' 'o' 'o' 'o' 'o'

Sincerely,



FEB 17 2003

AOC 020844

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing to you on behalf of Father Vader. I have been going to mass at Sacred Heart Church for many years. I have always found Father Vader to be a wonderful, kind, loving man. I refuse to believe the allegations made against him! I urge you to do likewise.

He couldn't possibly hurt anyone -- in any way !!

The disrespect you & the Archdiocese are showing Father Vader are disgraceful!

Please return our priest to us !!



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Dear Francis Cardinal George,

We attend Sacred Heart Church where Fr Vader has celebrated the Mass since we've attended. We've always enjoyed his masses because he seems very well-versed with the bible and combines the 3 readings each Sunday. I did not know him 40 yrs ago but do know there is but one truth. Hopefully with our prayers this truth will set him free to come back to Sacred Heart where he was and is regarded a good priest that preaches what it's all about - JESUS/LOVE.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James Kacprowski
Vicar for Priests

Dear Cardinal George,

When Father (a visiting priest) told us at Sunday Mass that Father Vader is being accused of sexual misconduct dating back forty years, I felt extreme shock and grief. I have only known Father Vader for approximately one year. I was spiritually lost at my former parish. I felt no connection. I felt I could not fit in. Our pastor would not even acknowledge our presence unless we addressed him first and then he would act like it was the first time he had ever seen us. One Sunday, I went to mass at Sacred Heart, which because of Father Vader has become our family's parish. I felt engulfed in love in the presence of Father Vader. His aura of quiet gentleness, peace, respect, integrity, strength, and reverence made me feel hopeful in my despair. I wanted my children to be in his presence, especially at a time when our world is in such great pain. In his sermons, he spoke so simply of love, as if he possessed the heart of a child. He made me feel that I could truly change the world with simple acts of love. Because of Father Vader, for the first time in my life, I looked forward to Sunday mass. The church is standing room only every Sunday, at every mass, because we come for Father Vader. At the end of every mass, Father Vader blesses every child, and shakes every parishioners hand. I always looked forward to shaking Father's hand at the end of Mass. It made my week. I felt as though I was personally touched by a saint. I would gently squeeze his hand, and say, "Thank you, Father," hoping he could feel my gratitude for his presence at Sacred Heart Church.

I cannot comment on Father Vader's past, but I know in my heart that he is a good and holy man. He fills me with a desire to love my world and my fellow man. He heals my shame of being a human being. He inspires me to use my life in service to others, and convinces me that I can make a positive difference with every human encounter.

Father Vader is greatly missed and we hope and pray that he will return very soon. Sacred Heart is not the same without him. He is the "heart" of Sacred Heart.

Father Vader, and all priests will be constantly in our prayers. If there is anything we can do to help Father Vader at this most painful time, please do not hesitate to let us know. We remain faithful and supportive of Father Vader and the Catholic Church no matter what the circumstances.

Sincerely Yours,



Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vaden. These reportedly date back 40 Plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vaden cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

Our family has known Father for 20 years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

Father Vaden helped reopen our church when times were hard for us, Father was the Priest who married my wife & I in 1990 and baptized our child - though the years, he also blessed my wife mother along with blessing us all every time we left the back of the church. My prayers & blessing are with him now.

This church was where I rediscovered
my faith in God. I built trust
& strength due to the teaching of
Father Vach.

Please be able to let me (us) know
how Father Vach acted wrong in plain
terms (The Facts). If I know the truth
then maybe I can understand. We know
of no facts at all, just that Our Father
Vach has been taken away.

When will we have peace again!

P.S. Return of Father Vach is Peace


greatest respect for the
man.

He came to the
church's aid when we
needed him. I feel as
though the people need
to come to his aid.

I feel as though a
retired Pastor with all
the background & years
of service that he has put
in - should be given
some extra consideration
& concern for his future
plans.

Please let FR Vacker
come back to us

FEB 22 1980

Sincerely,


FEB 9 2006

Dear Cardinal George,

I am one of many Sacred Heart parishioners who are shocked at the allegations against poor Fr. Vaden. I know the church must take any such charge into account, however, does this open the door to any individual who wants money to take aim at people who have dedicated their entire adult life to help others.

I am 53 yrs old from a family of [redacted] & my wife [redacted]. My uncle is a Carmelite priest serving in [redacted] & my aunt [redacted] runs [redacted] home for abused women. My wife's sister is [redacted].

[redacted]. Do these people have to now have to defend themselves like Fr. Vaden because they help others & serve God. I hope the church takes a stand against these greedy people & their lawyers.

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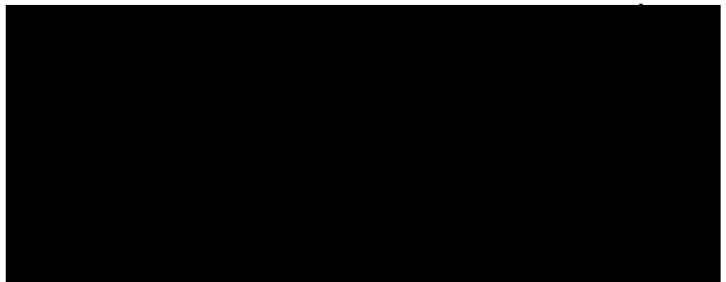
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We have just learned of the allegation made against our retired Pastor, Father Vaden. This is very shocking news

We have known Father for 10 years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as kind and wonderful.

He is the reason my teenage boys go to church & our family really misses him.

We will pray for his quick return. We know these are false accusations.



Dear Cardinal George,


FEB 19 2003

Bishop Perry was kind enough to come in person to ~~see~~ our Mission Church & inform us of ^{Fr} ~~our~~ Vader's situation.

Bishop Perry was direct & compassionate. It was very much appreciated.

I do not know Fr Vader but have experienced his great love for people through his masses for sometime. I believe him to be a saint. We struggled for years at St Barnabas ever since Fr (now Bishop) Goedder left. I pray for Fr Vader and that he is treated with the respect & dignity he has earned over the last 50 years.

Thank You

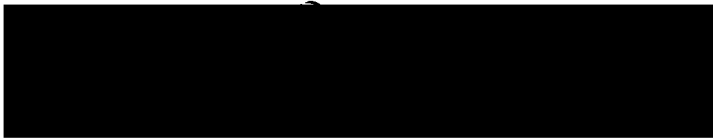


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he was very good to my mother she came to give her communion on Sunday



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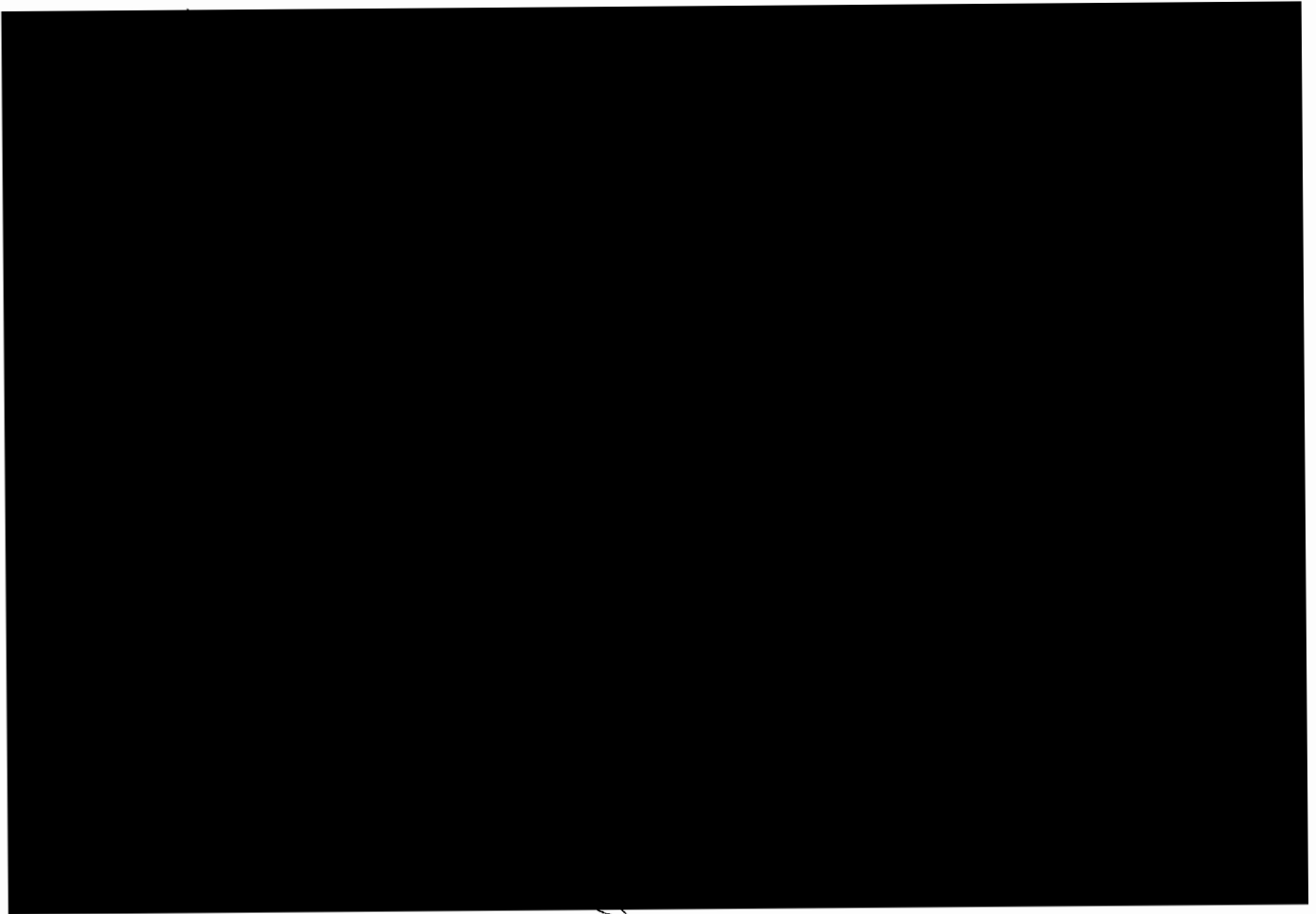
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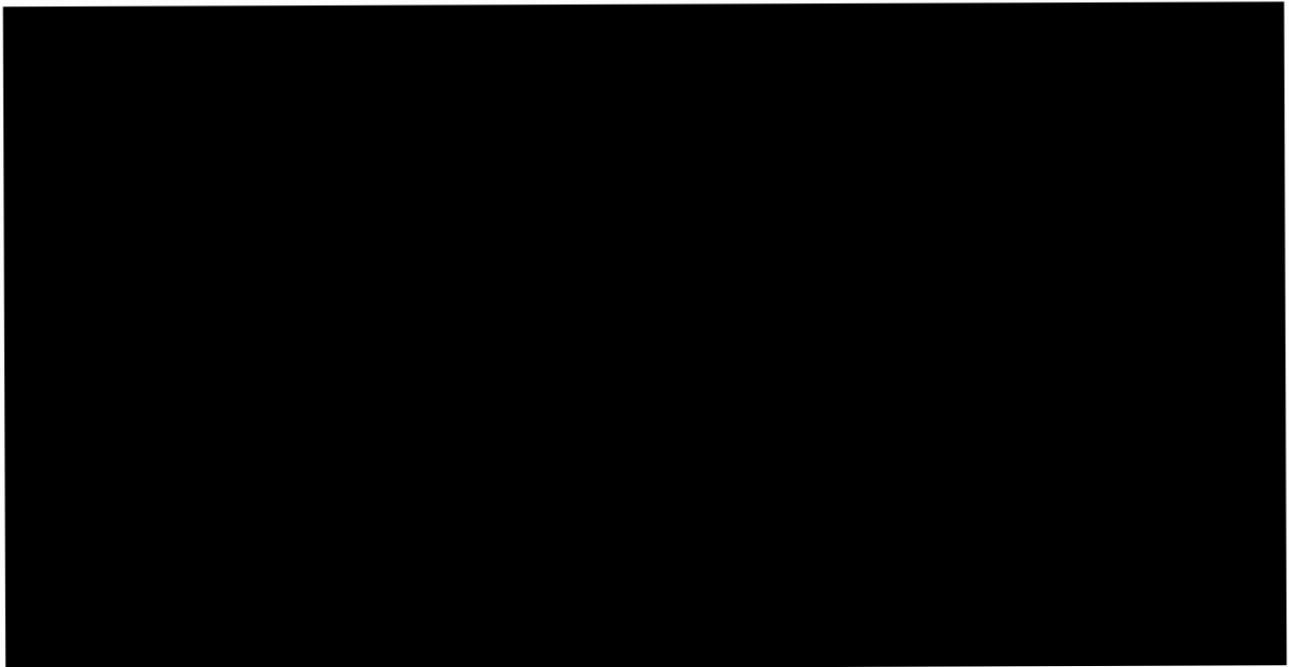
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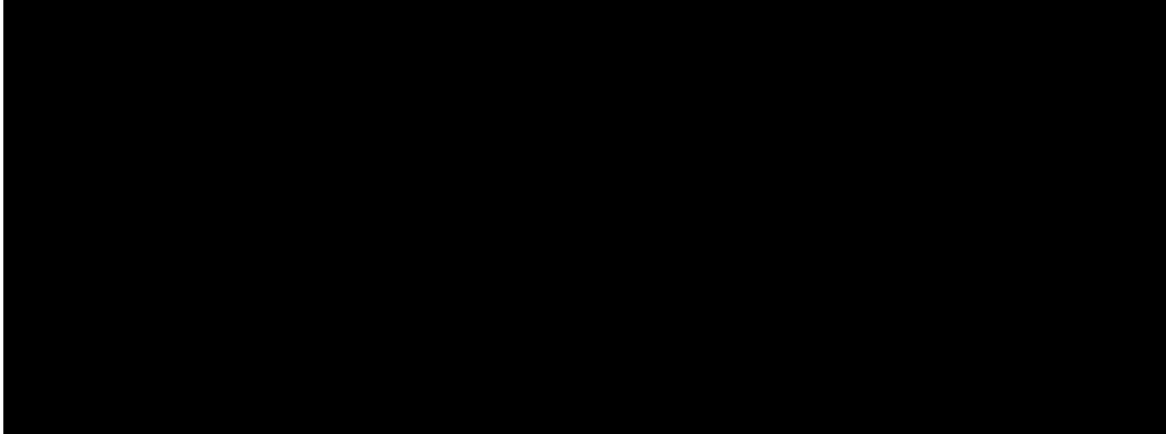
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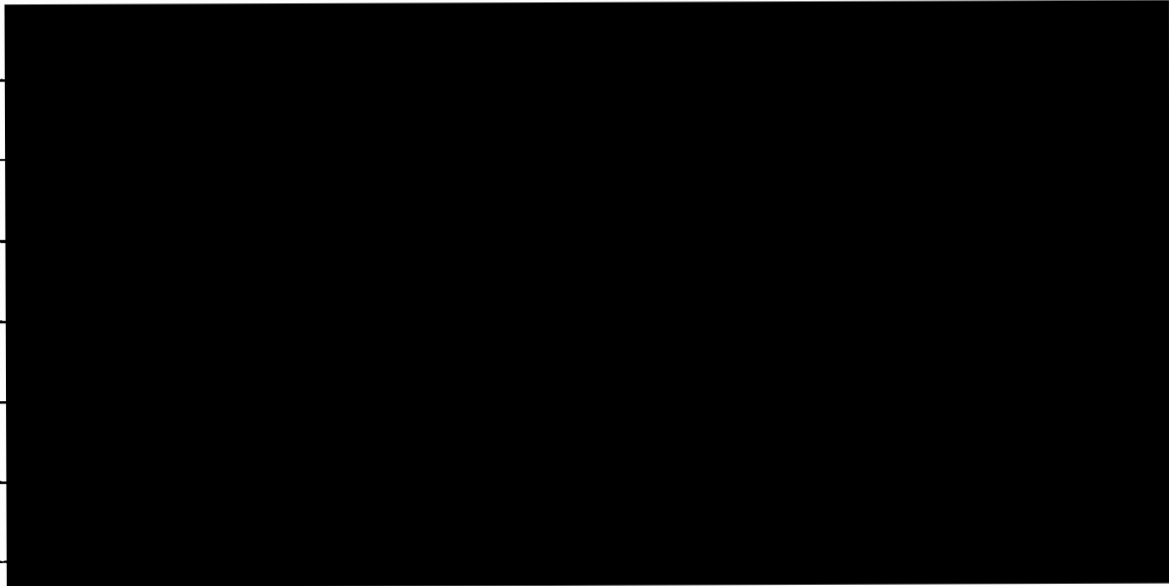
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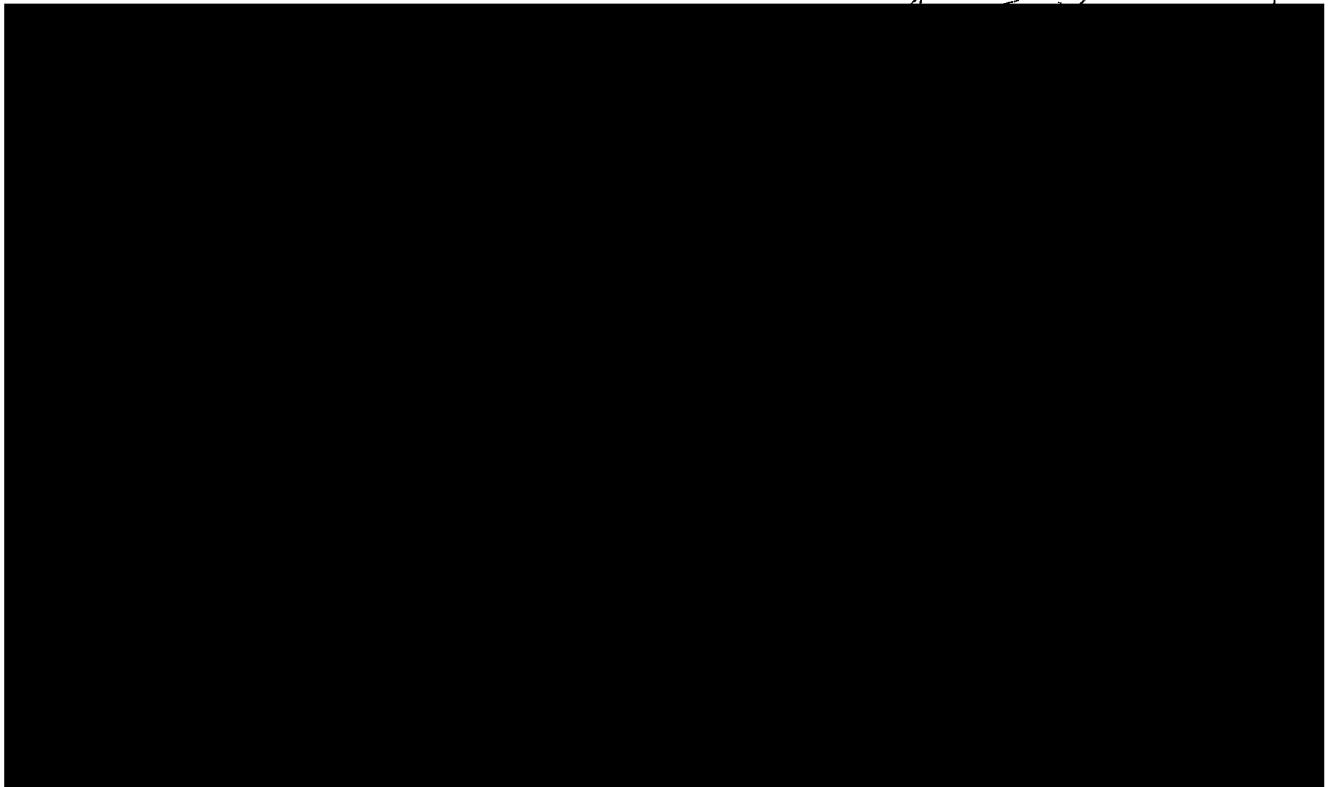
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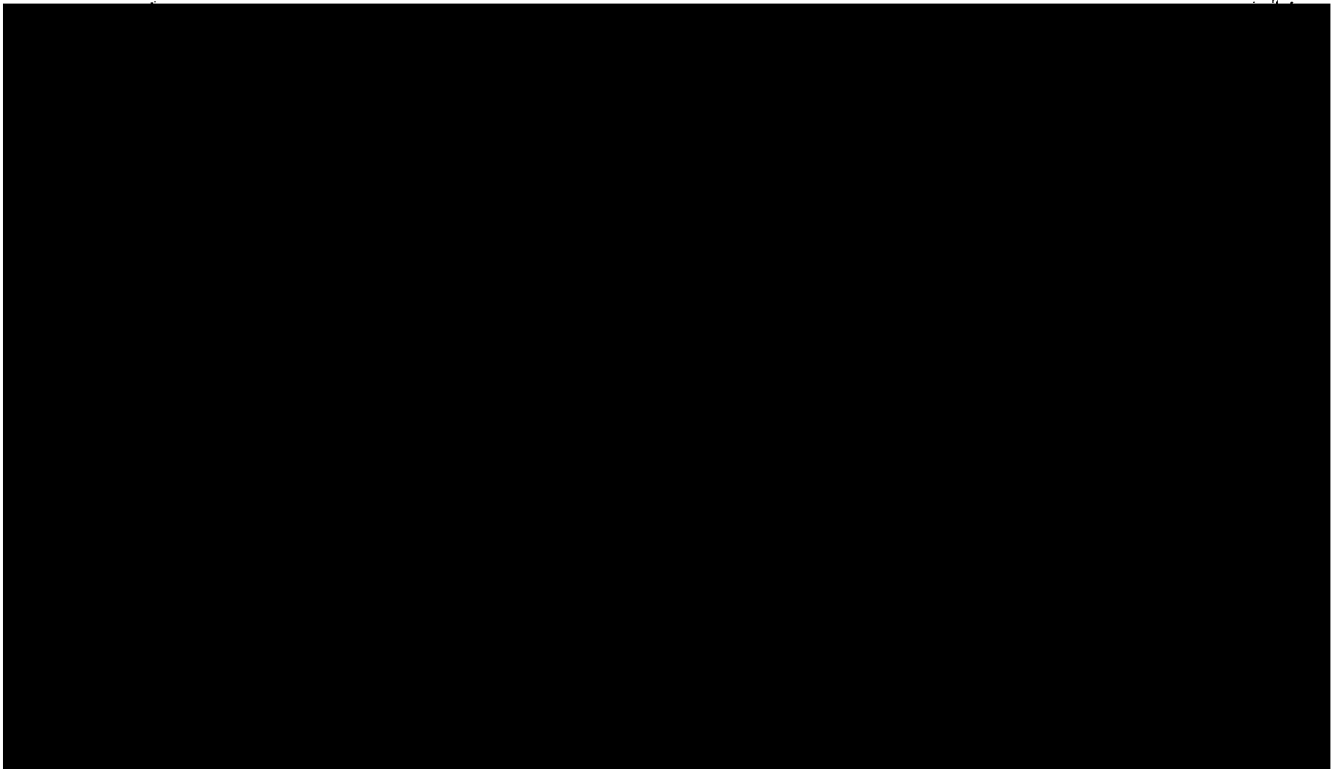
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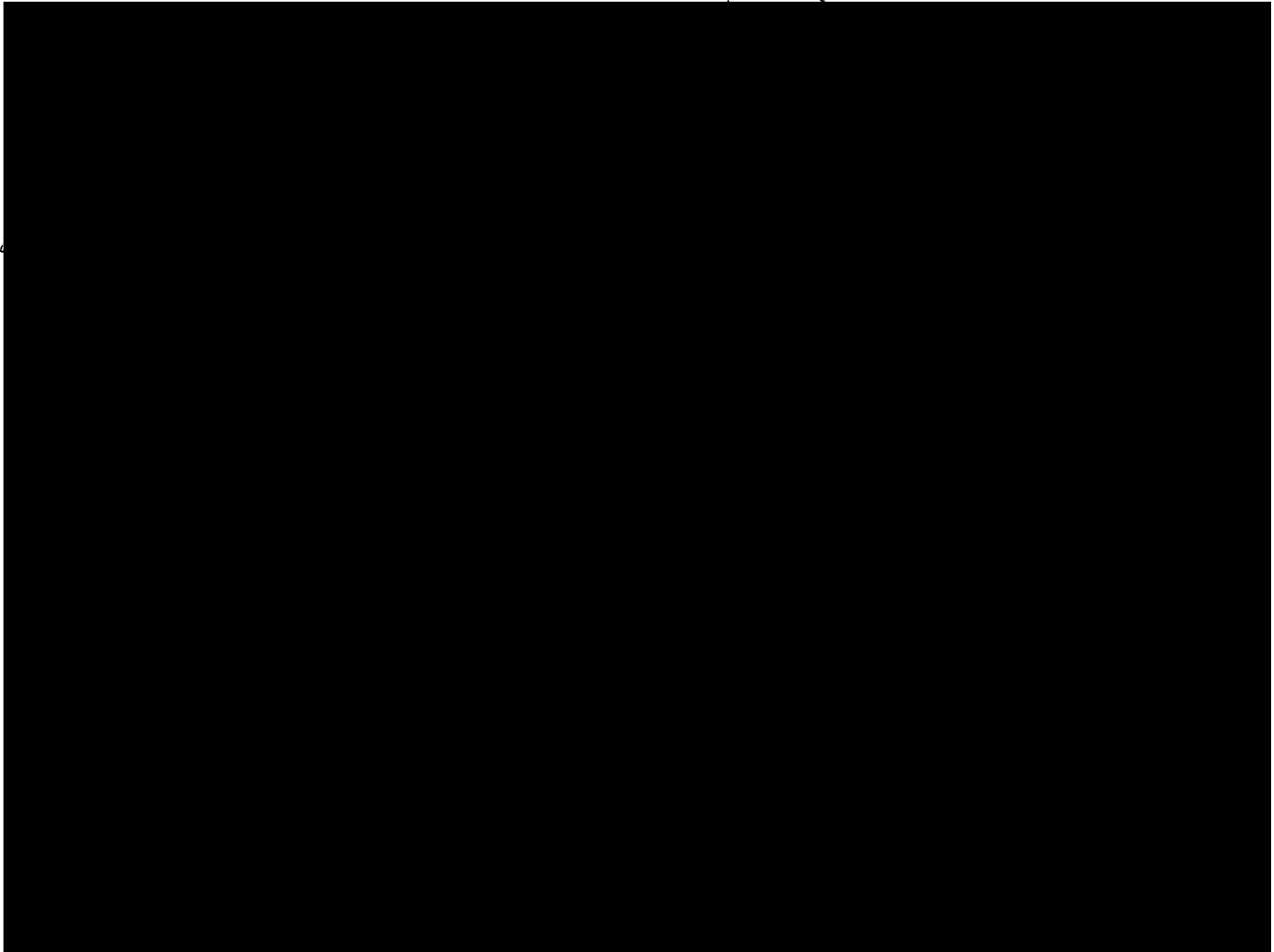
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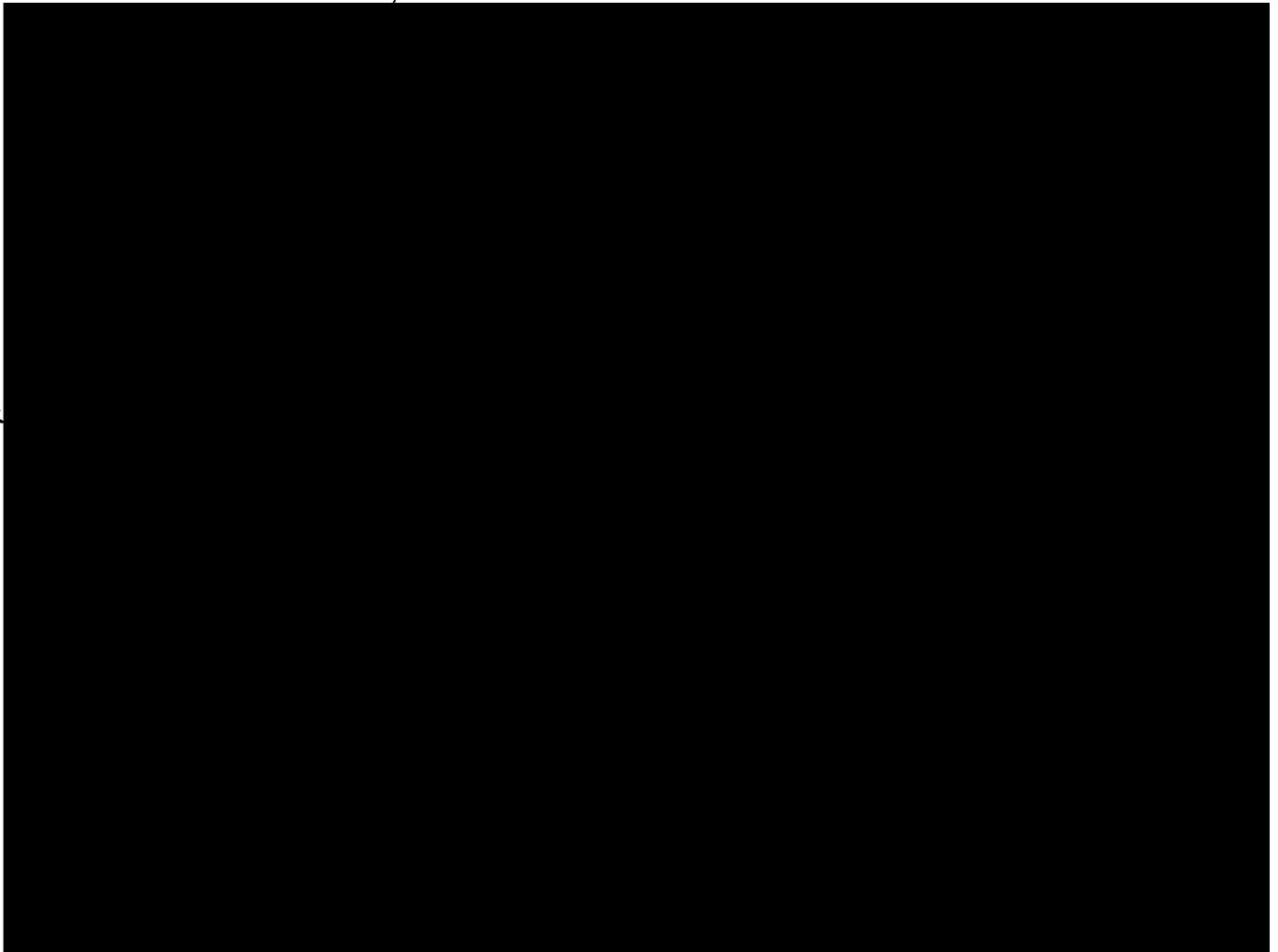
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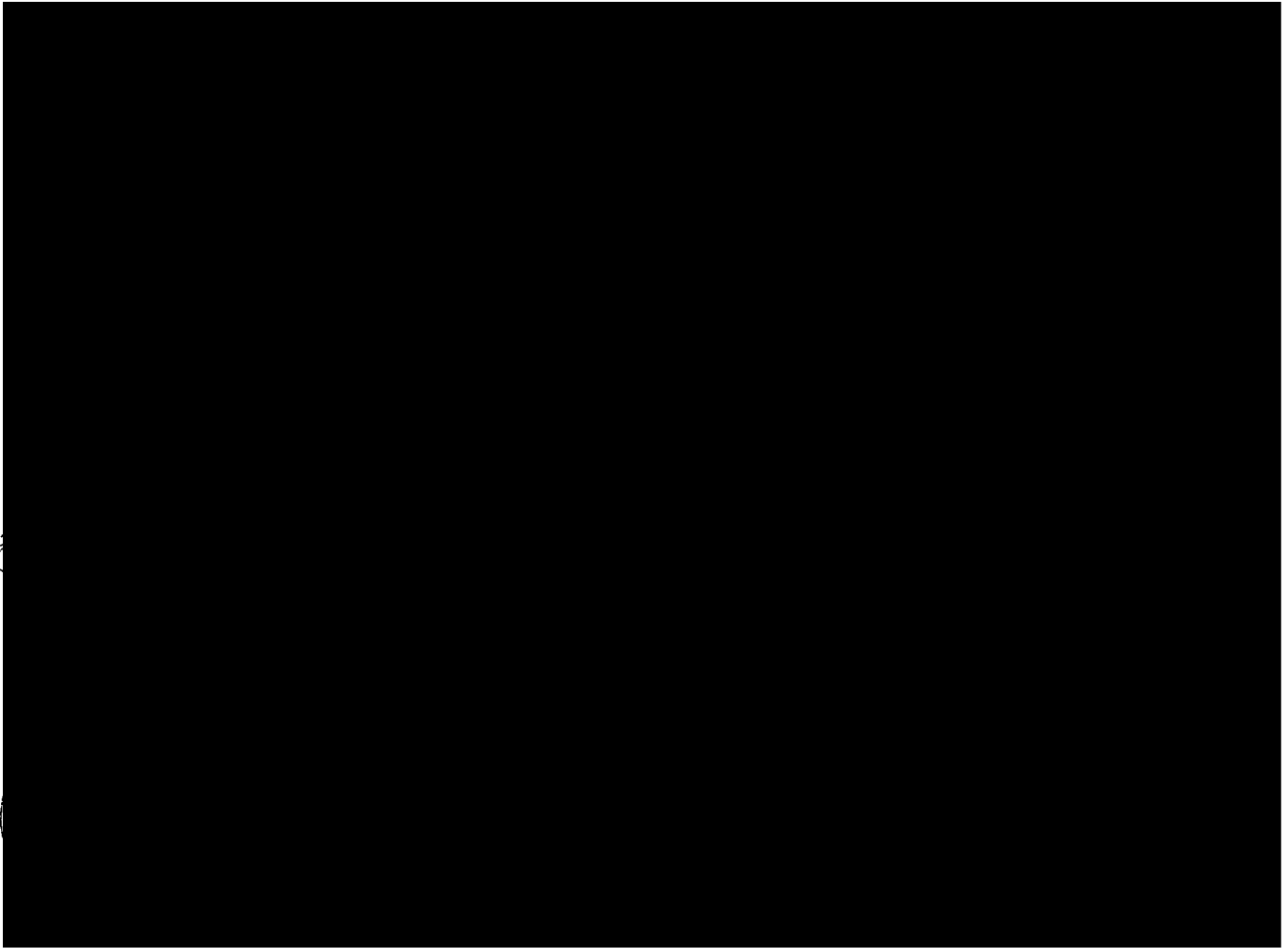
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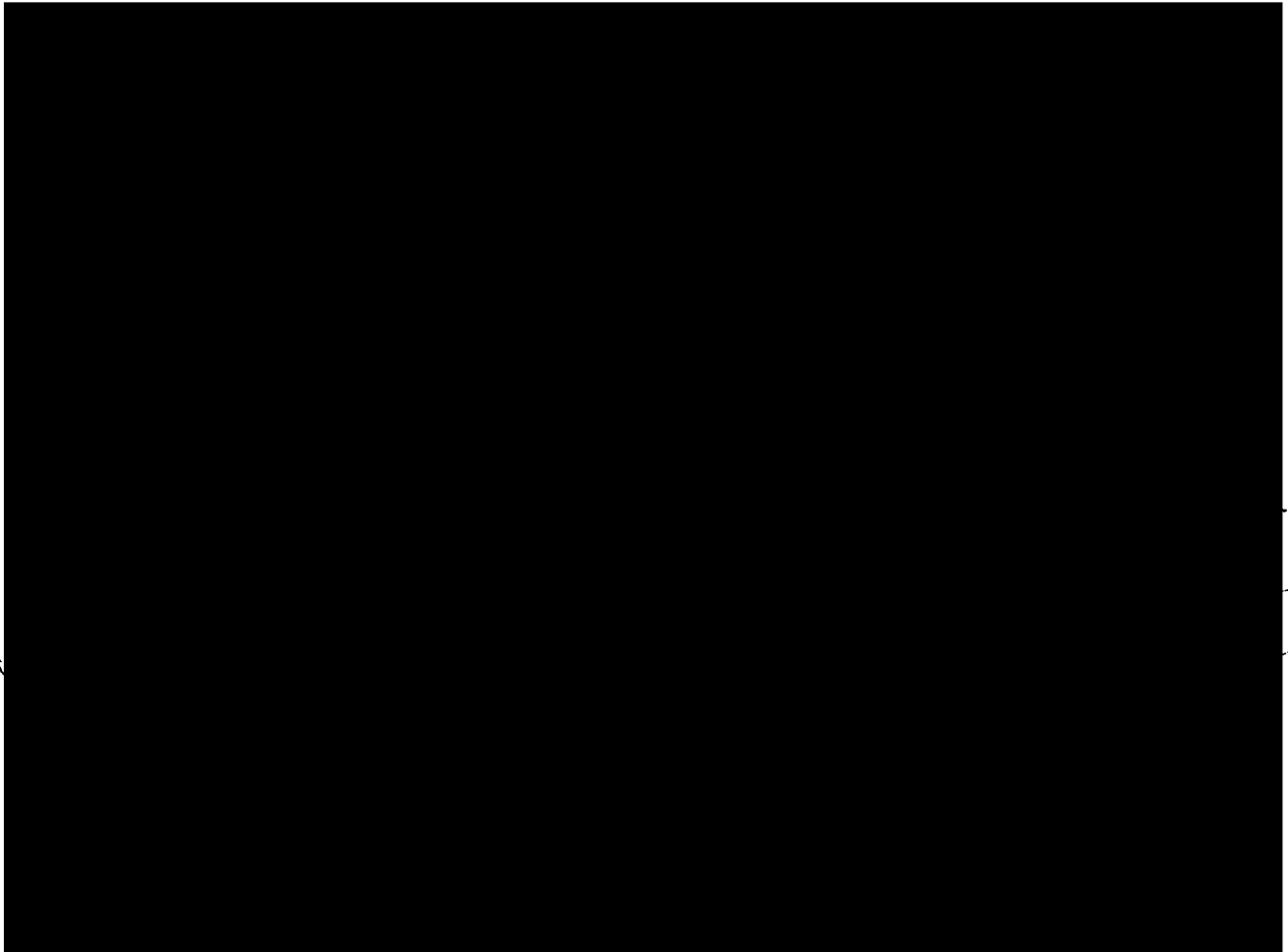
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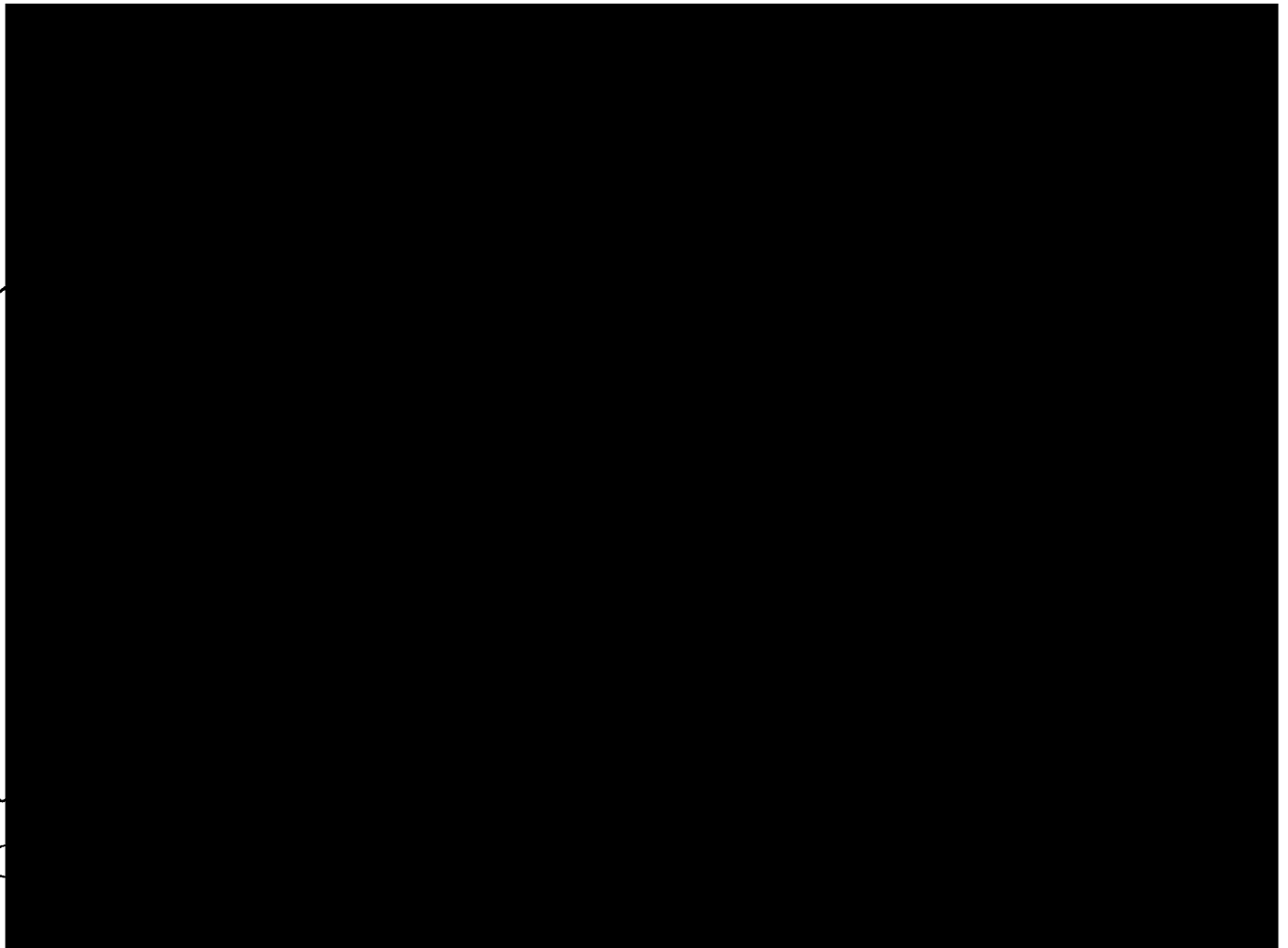
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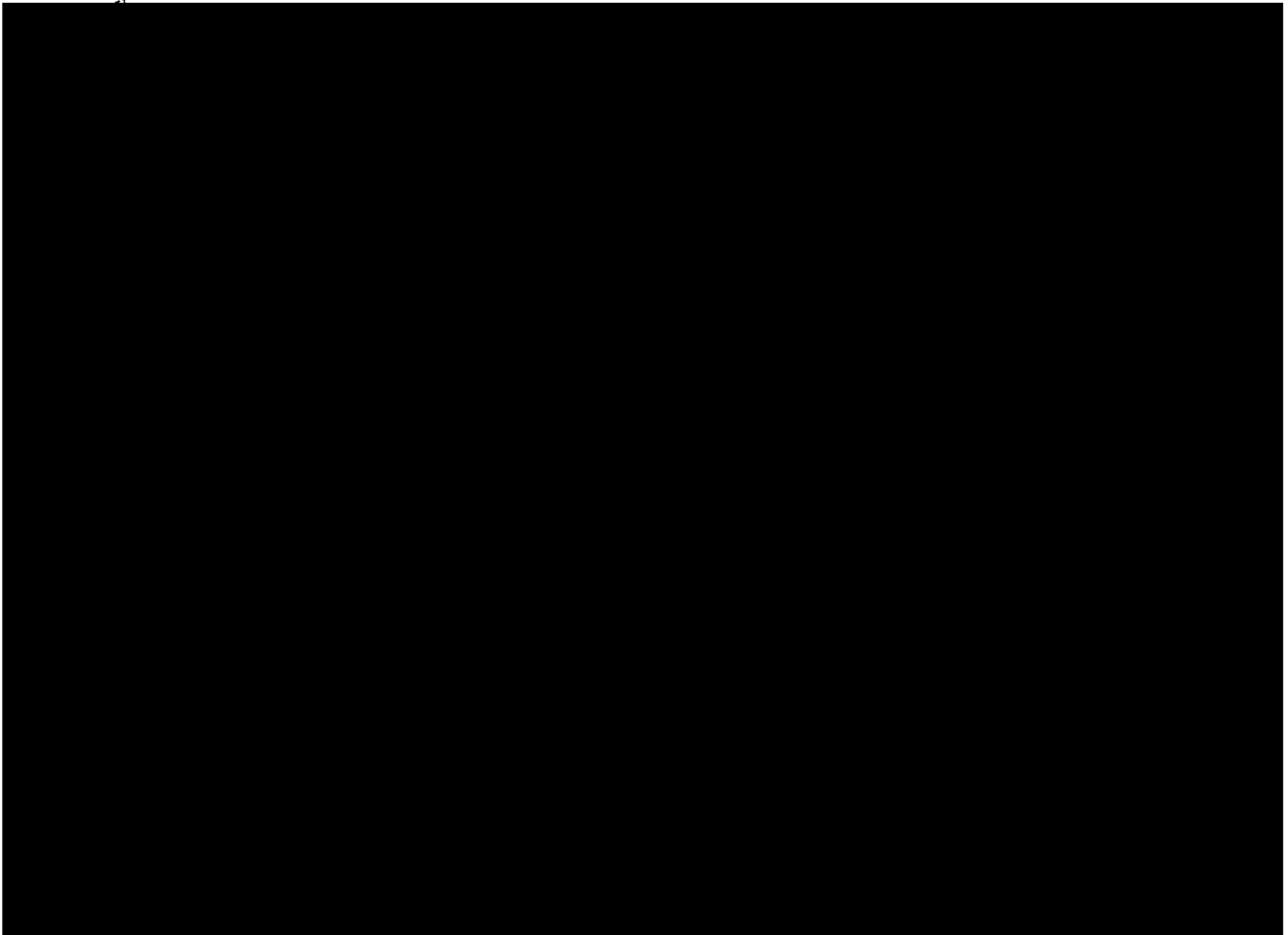
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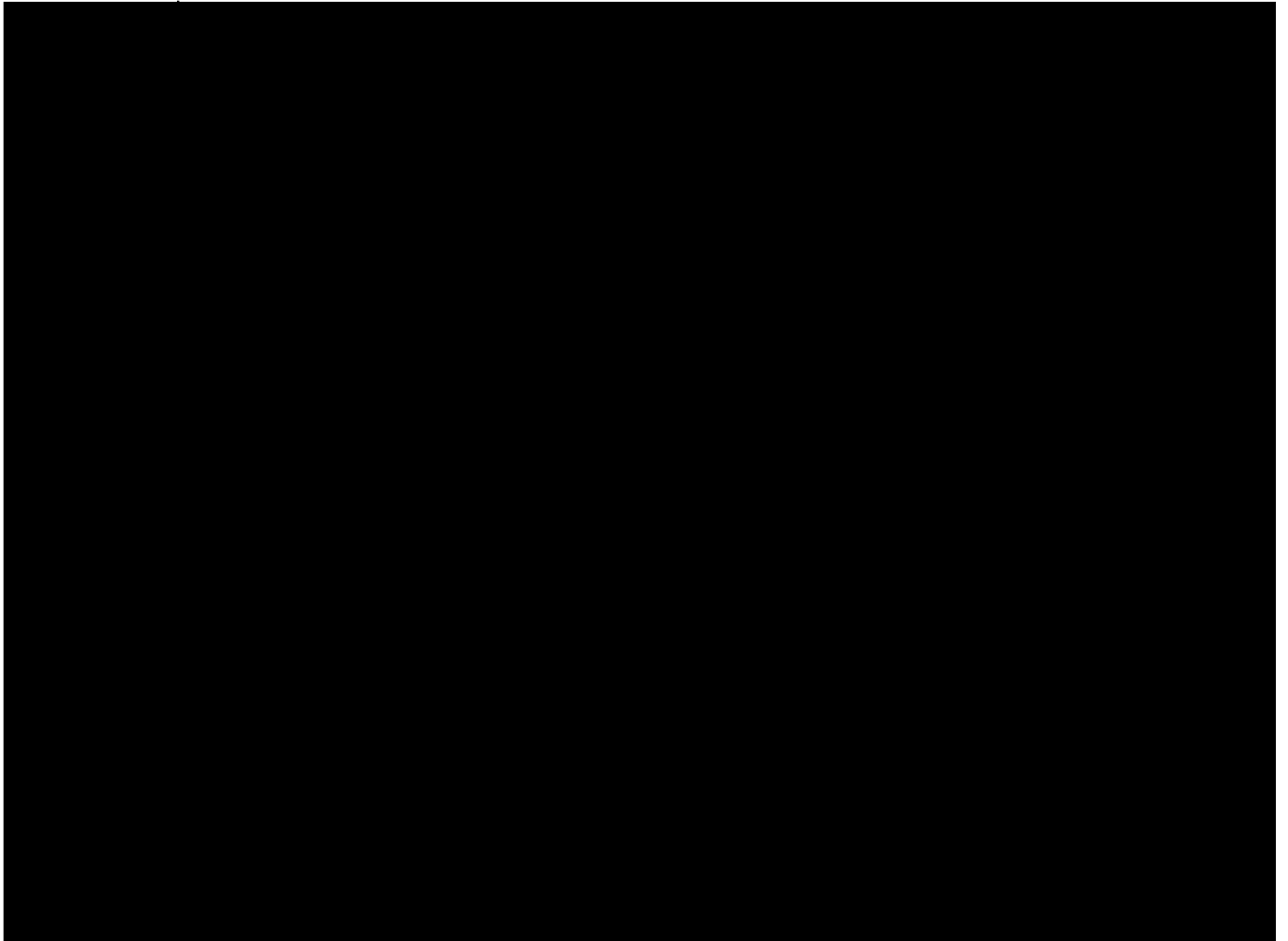
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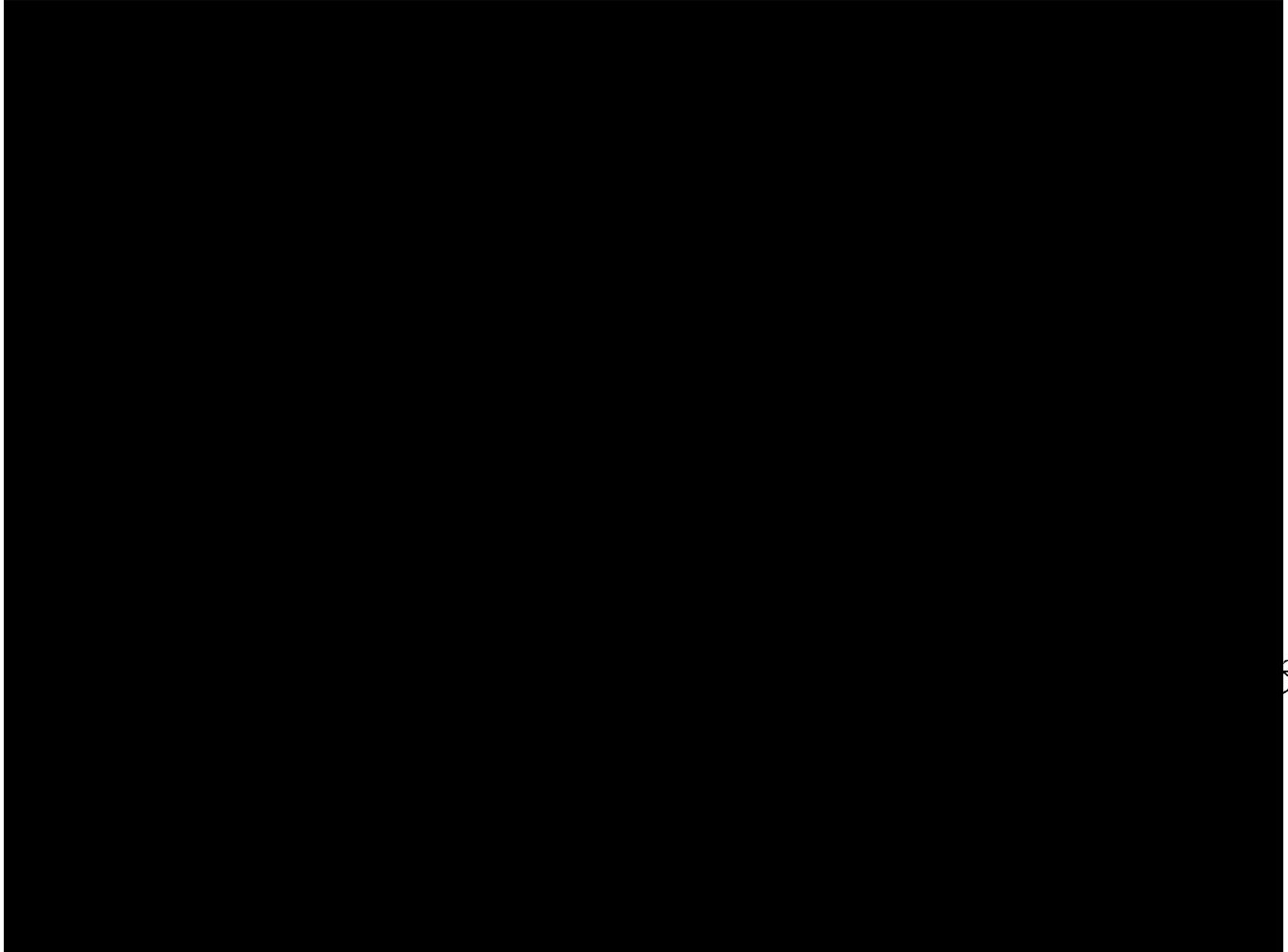
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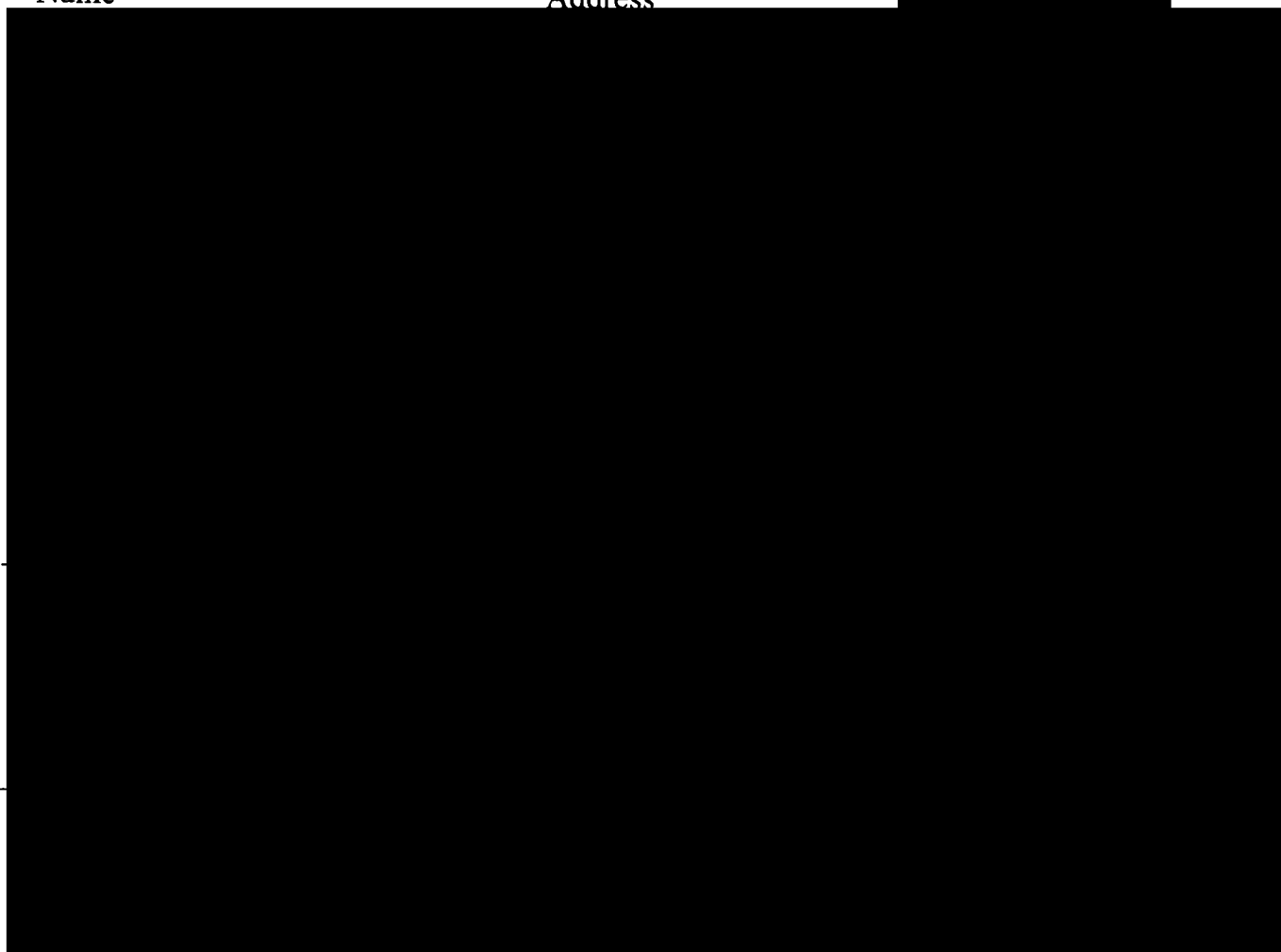
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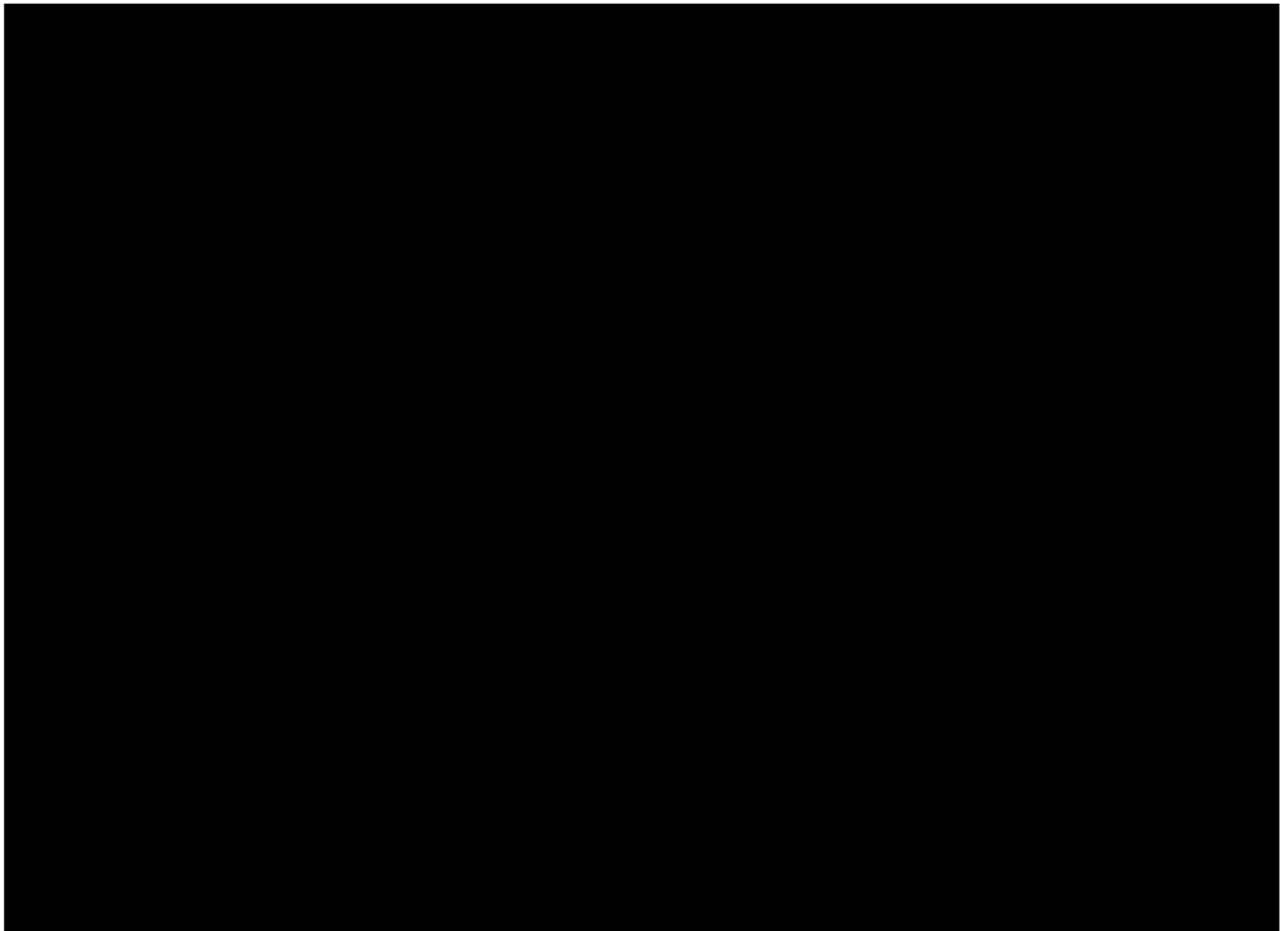
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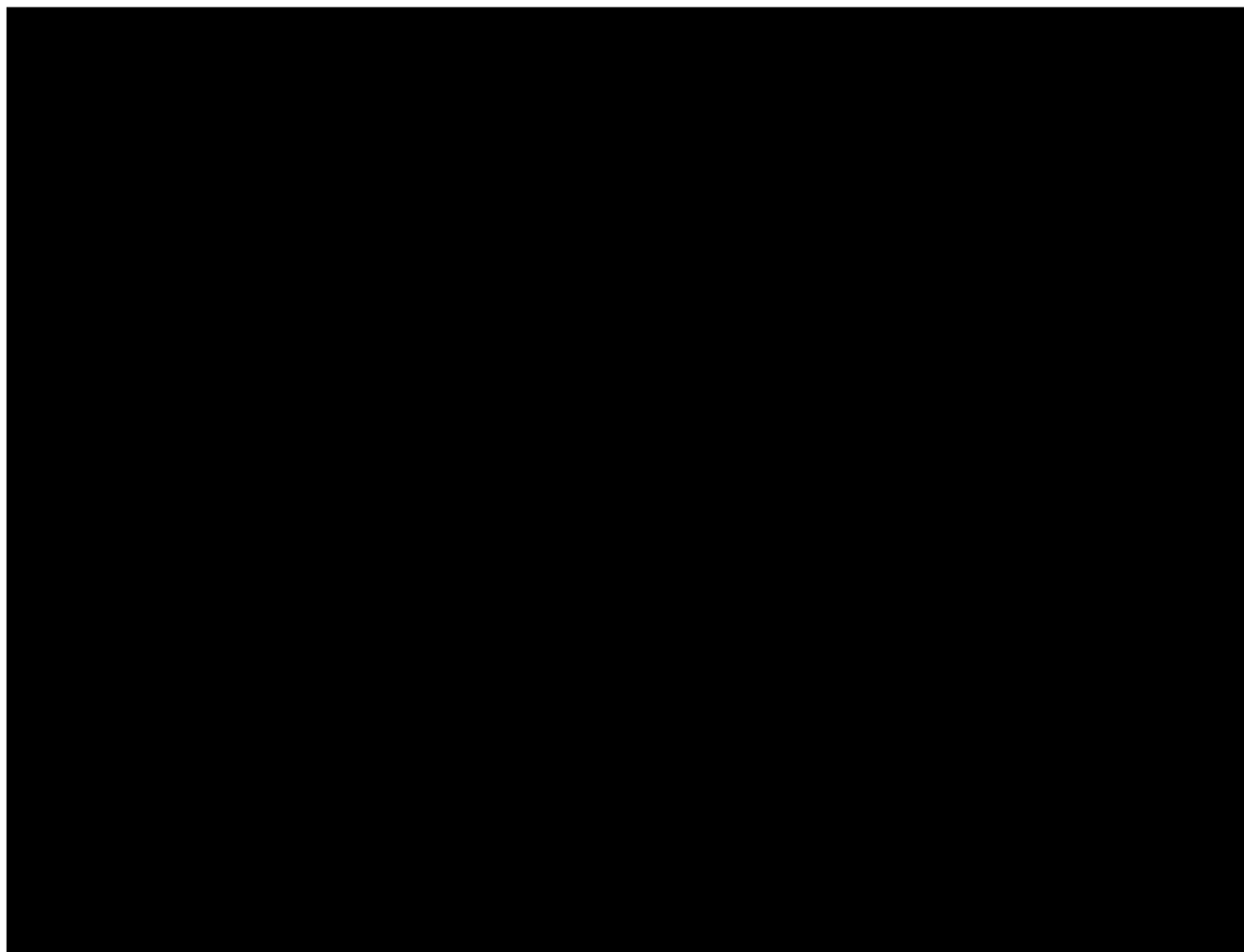
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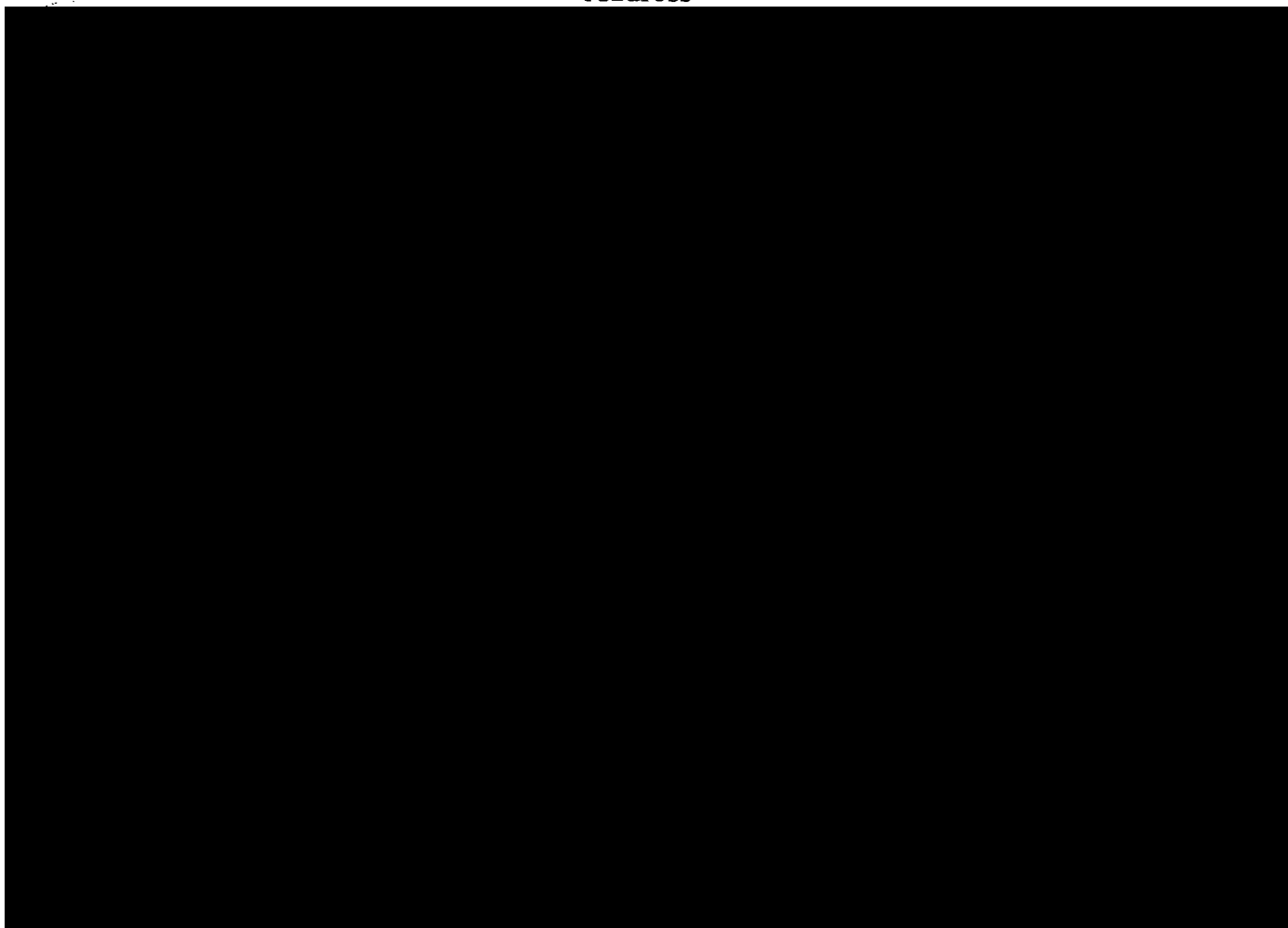
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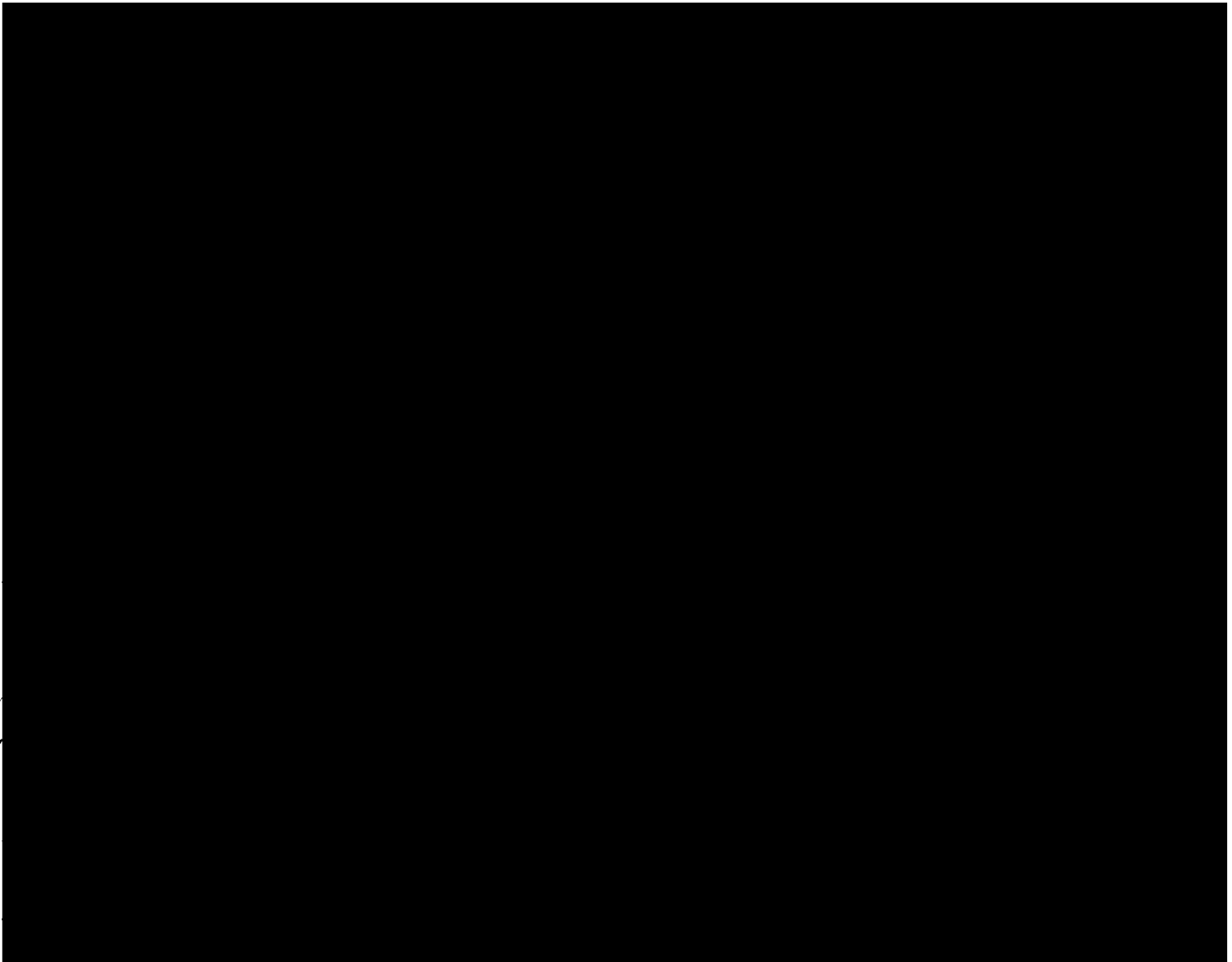
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I am very disheartened to hear of the on going investigation of Fr. Vader. I grew up in Chicago, St. John Fisher Parish and became a very active member of Sacred Heart. If not for Sacred Heart and Fr. Vader I would have left the Church like most people in my age group. I learned alot about faith, loyalty and compassion. Fr. Vader was a great friend of my family and assisted in the funeral of my parents. His presence brought alot of comfort to us. Every visit home I look forward to seeing at Sacred Heart with hopes of visiting Fr. Vader. Sincerely [Redacted Signature]

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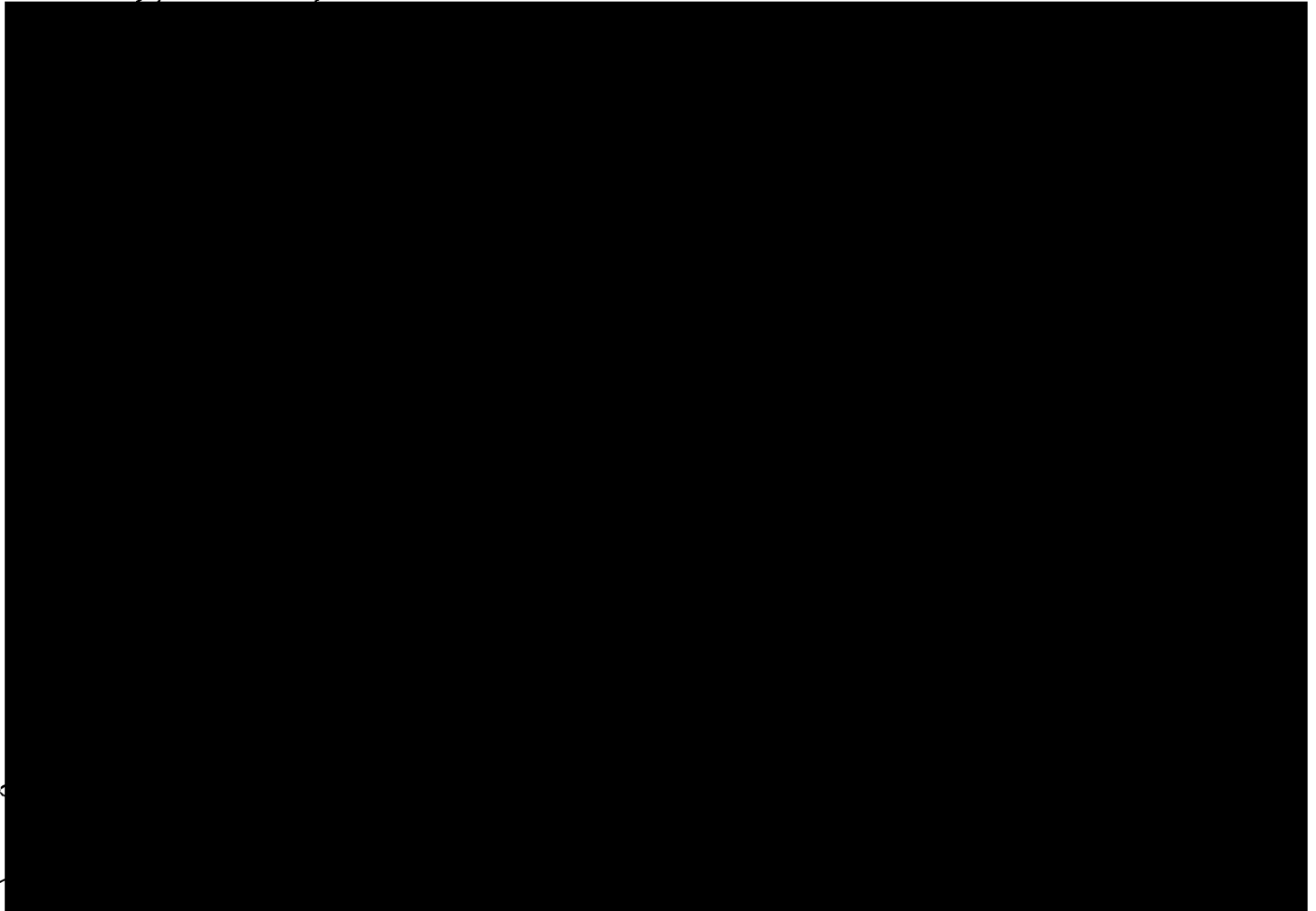
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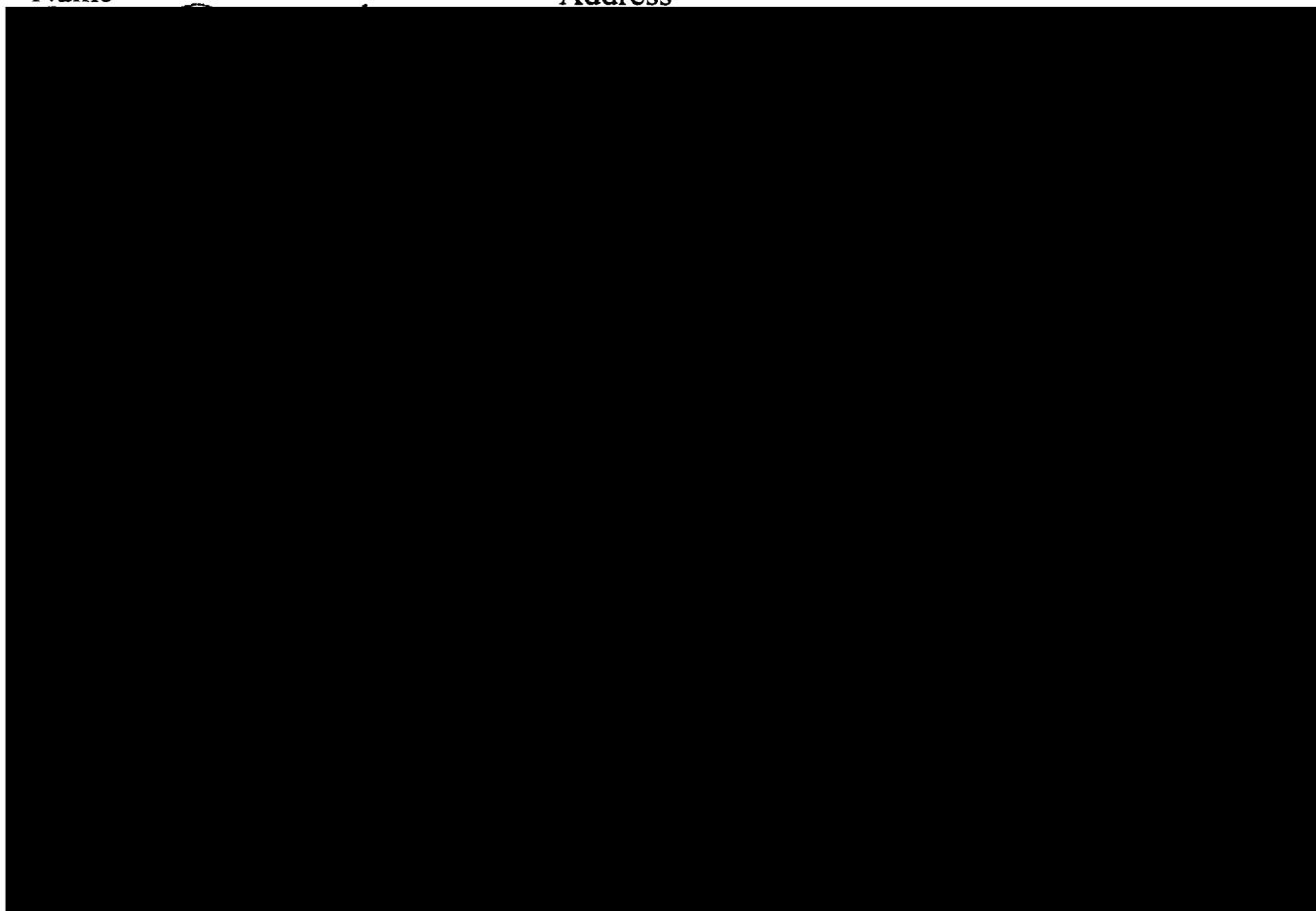
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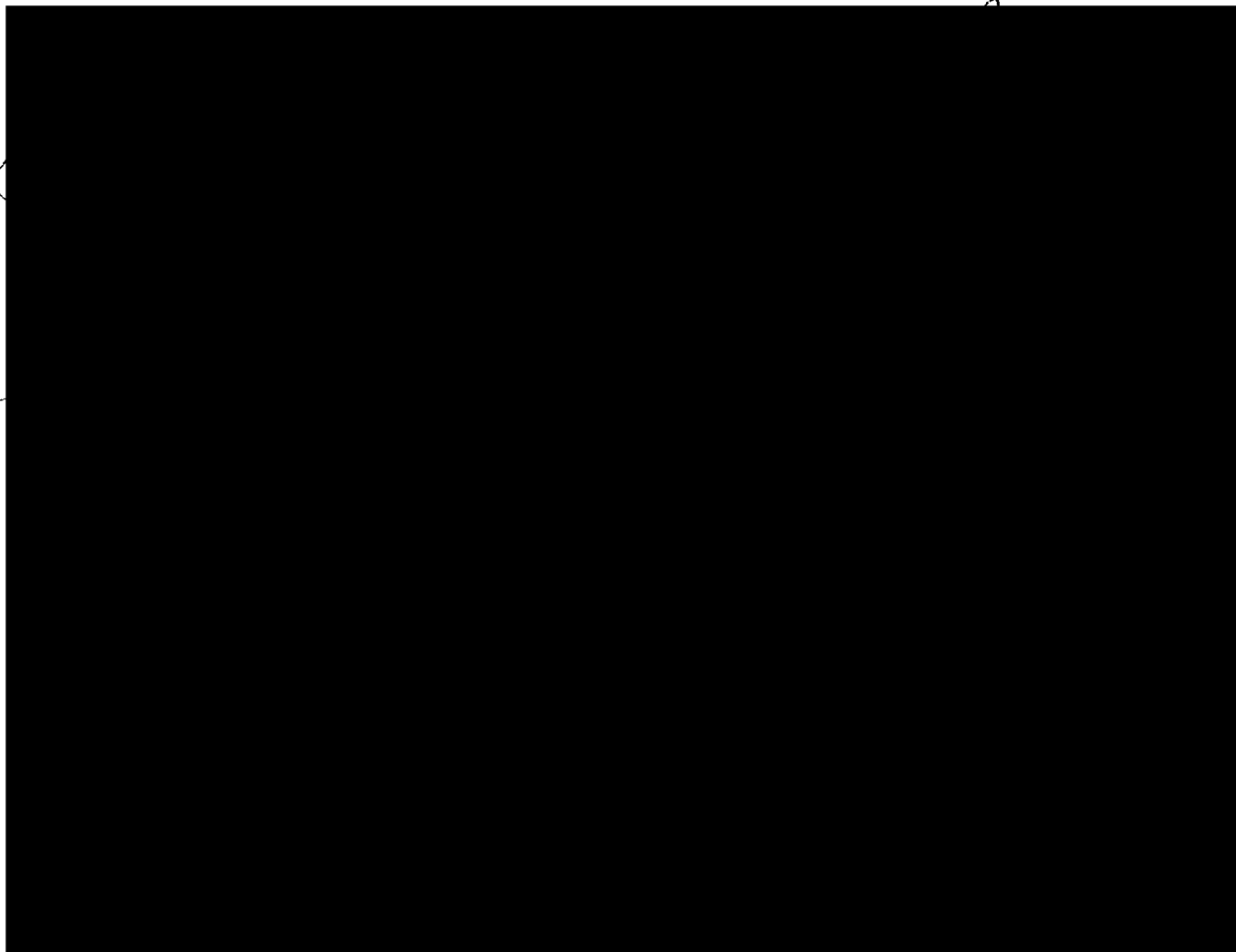
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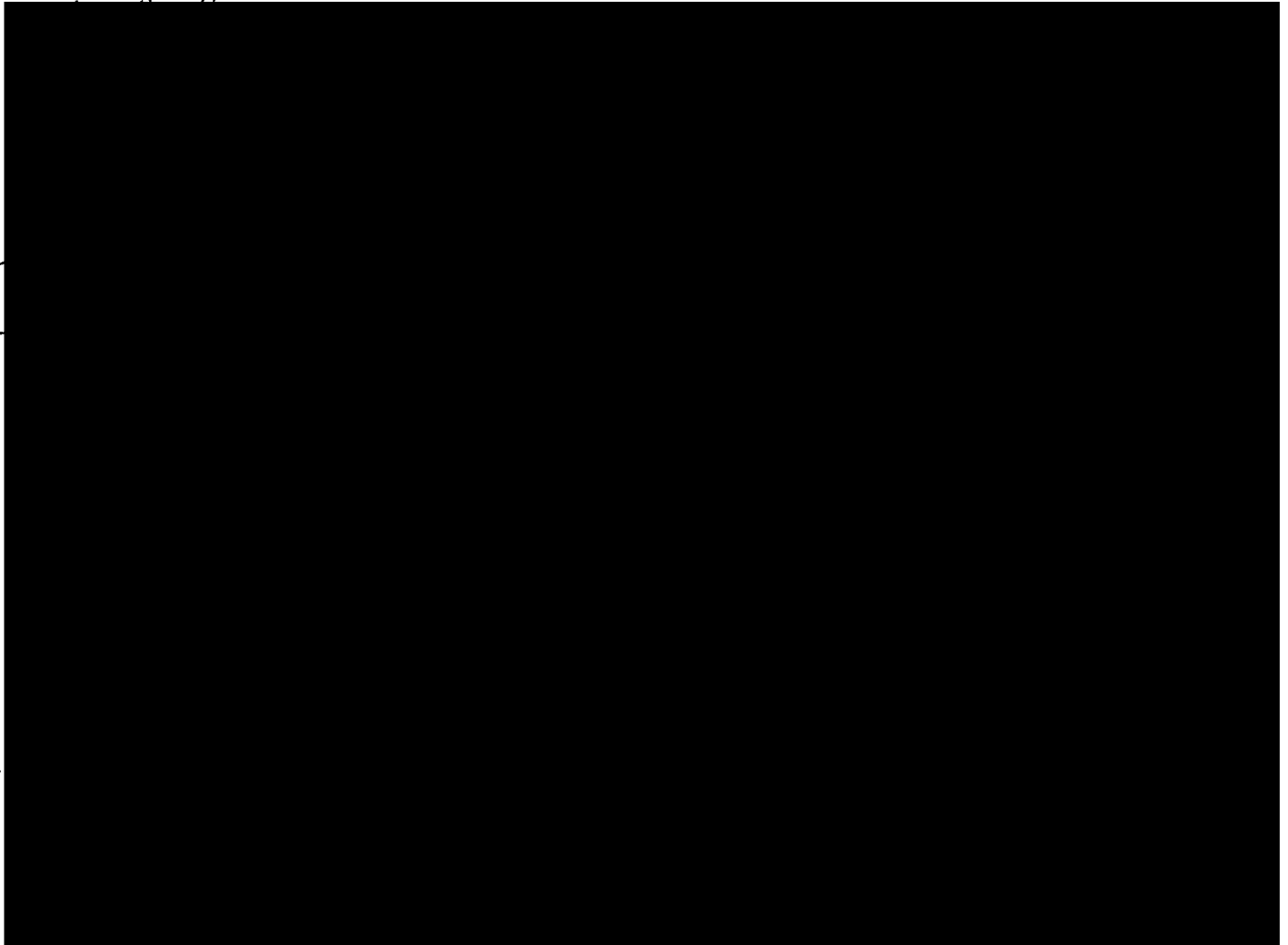
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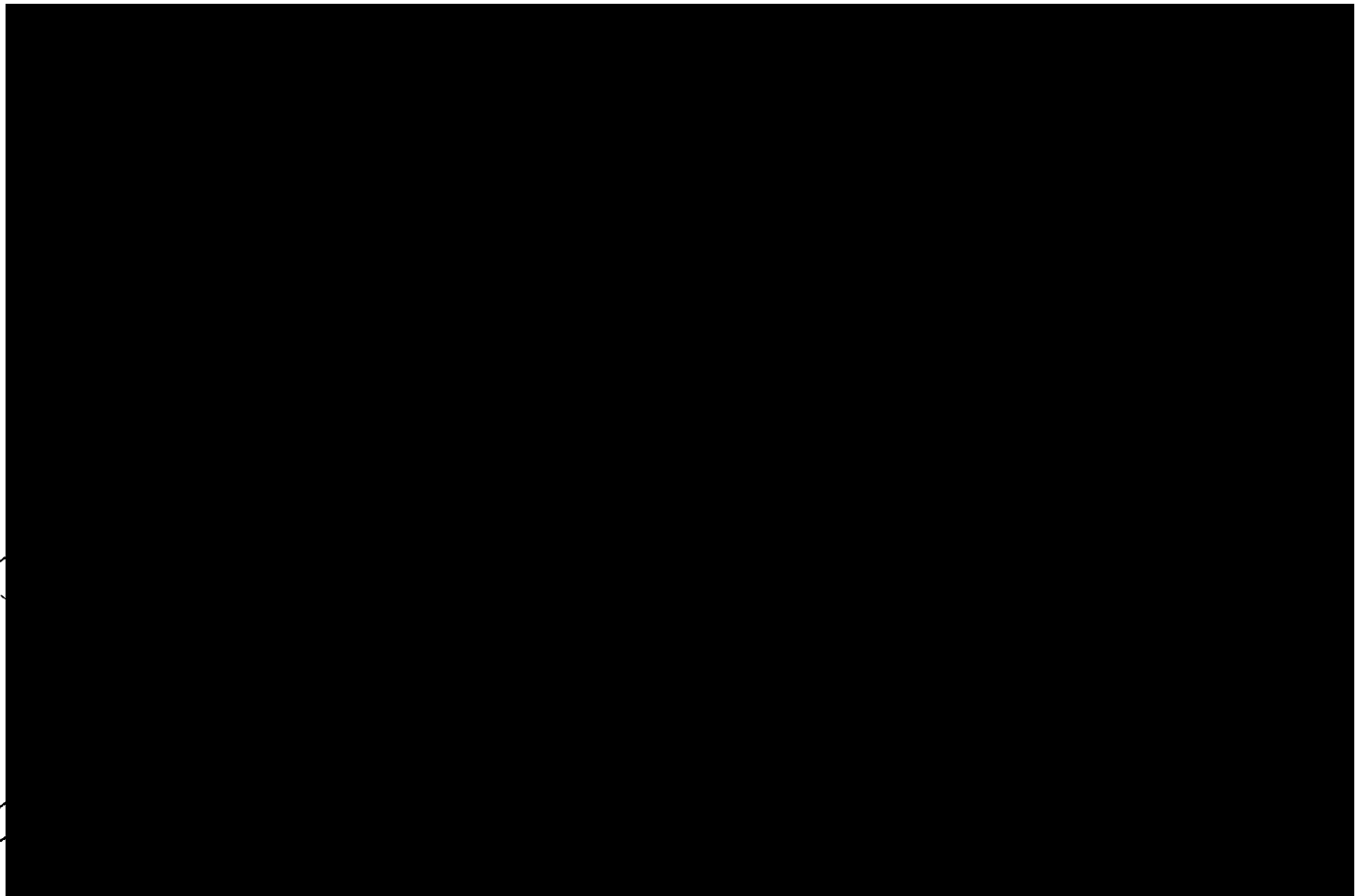
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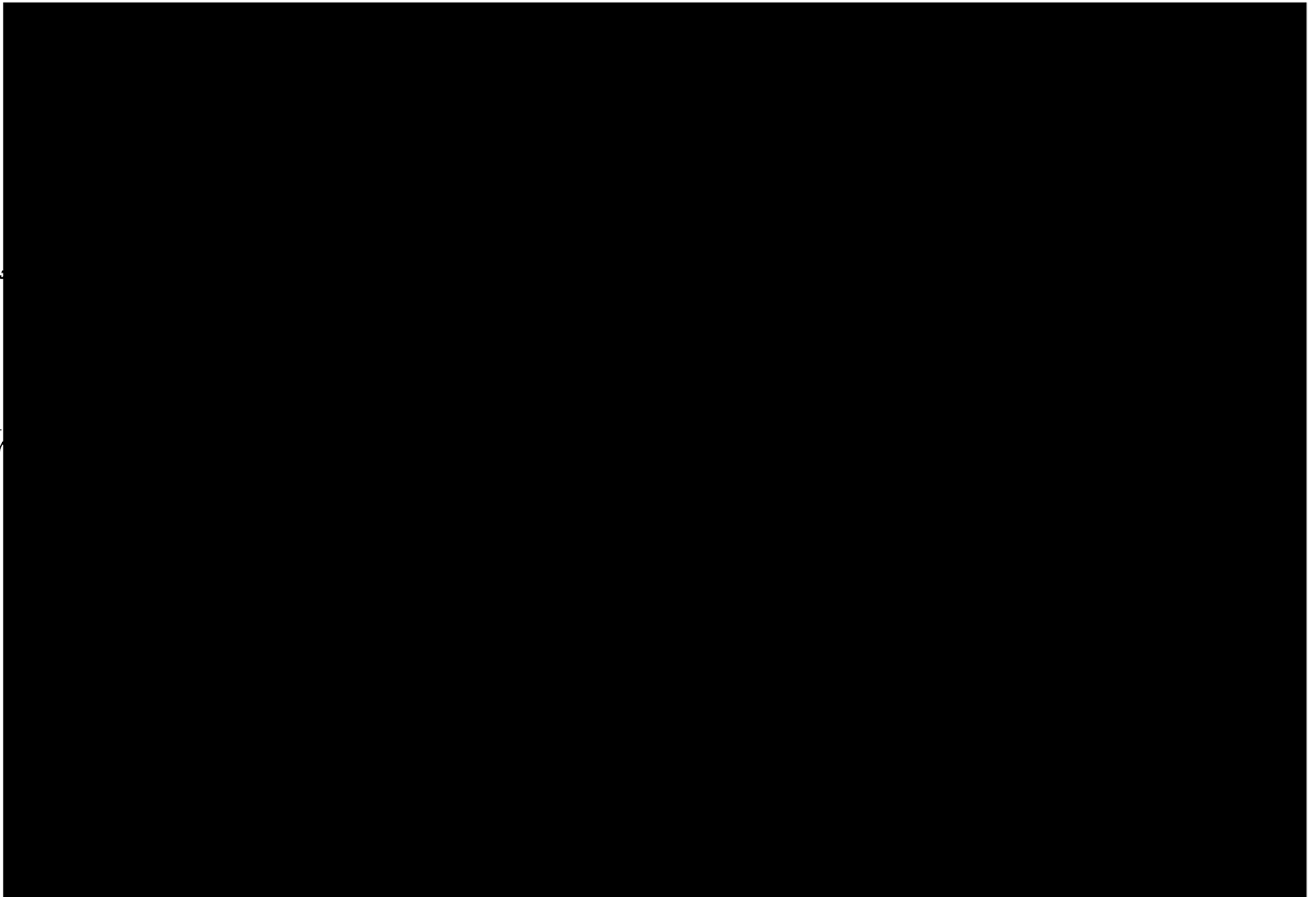
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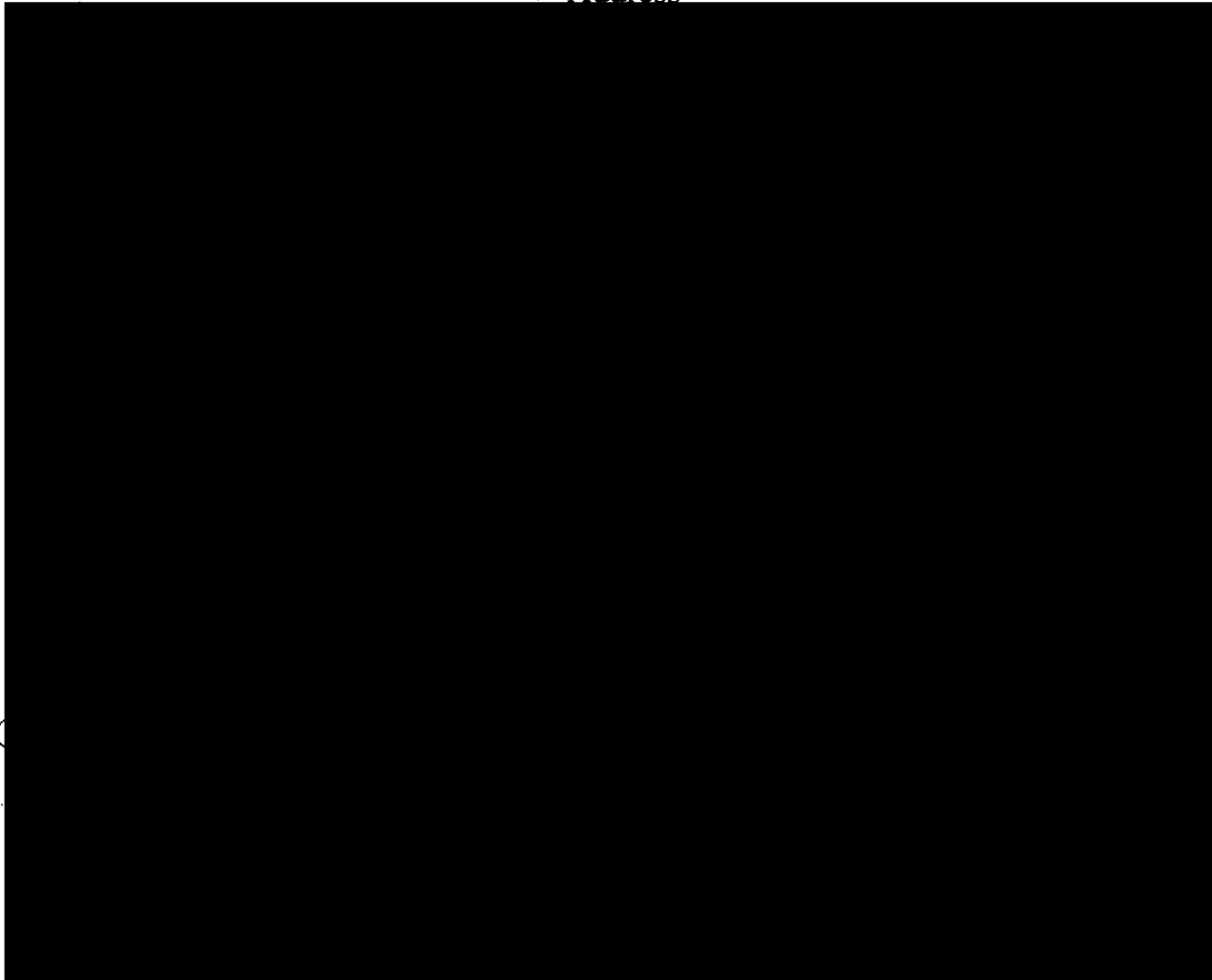
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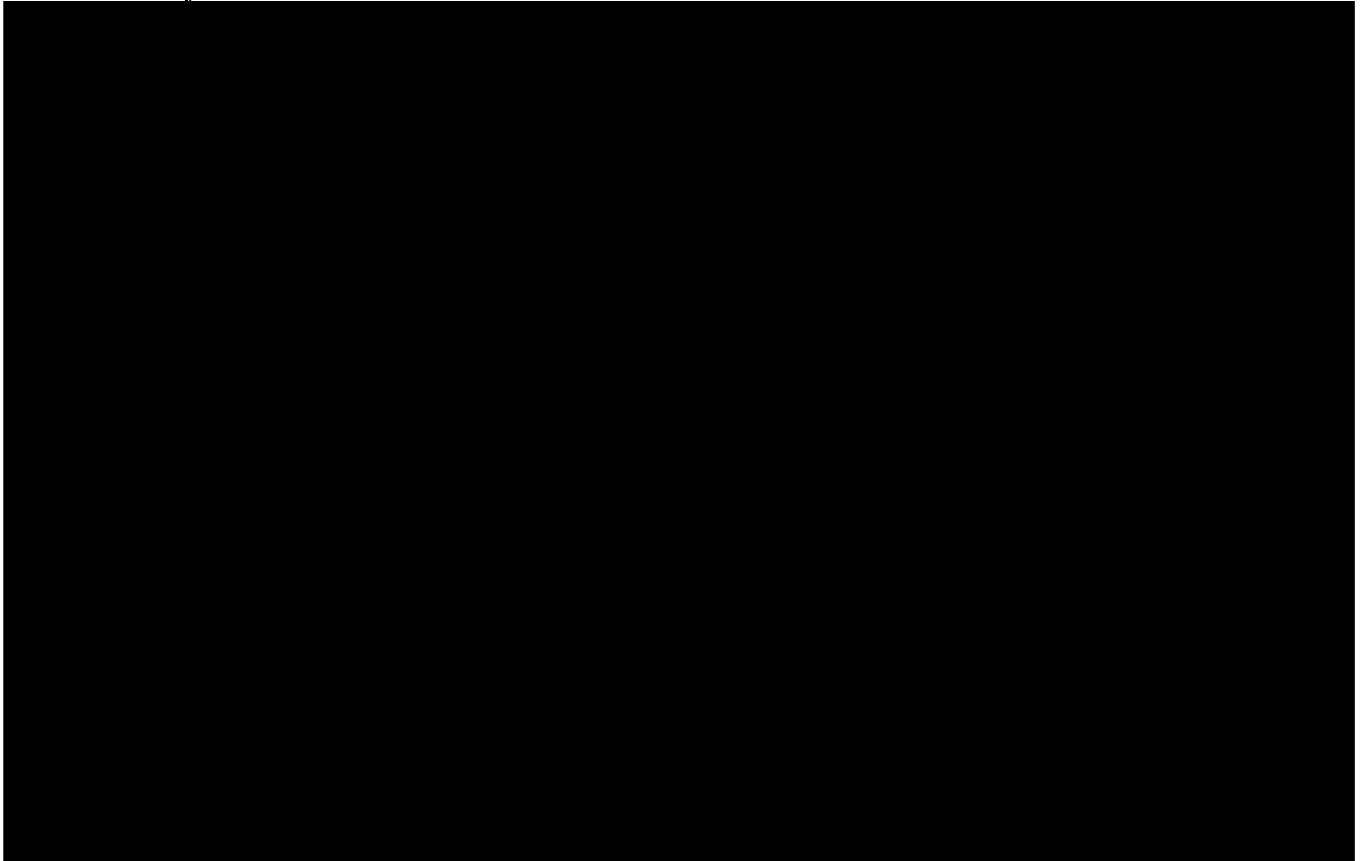
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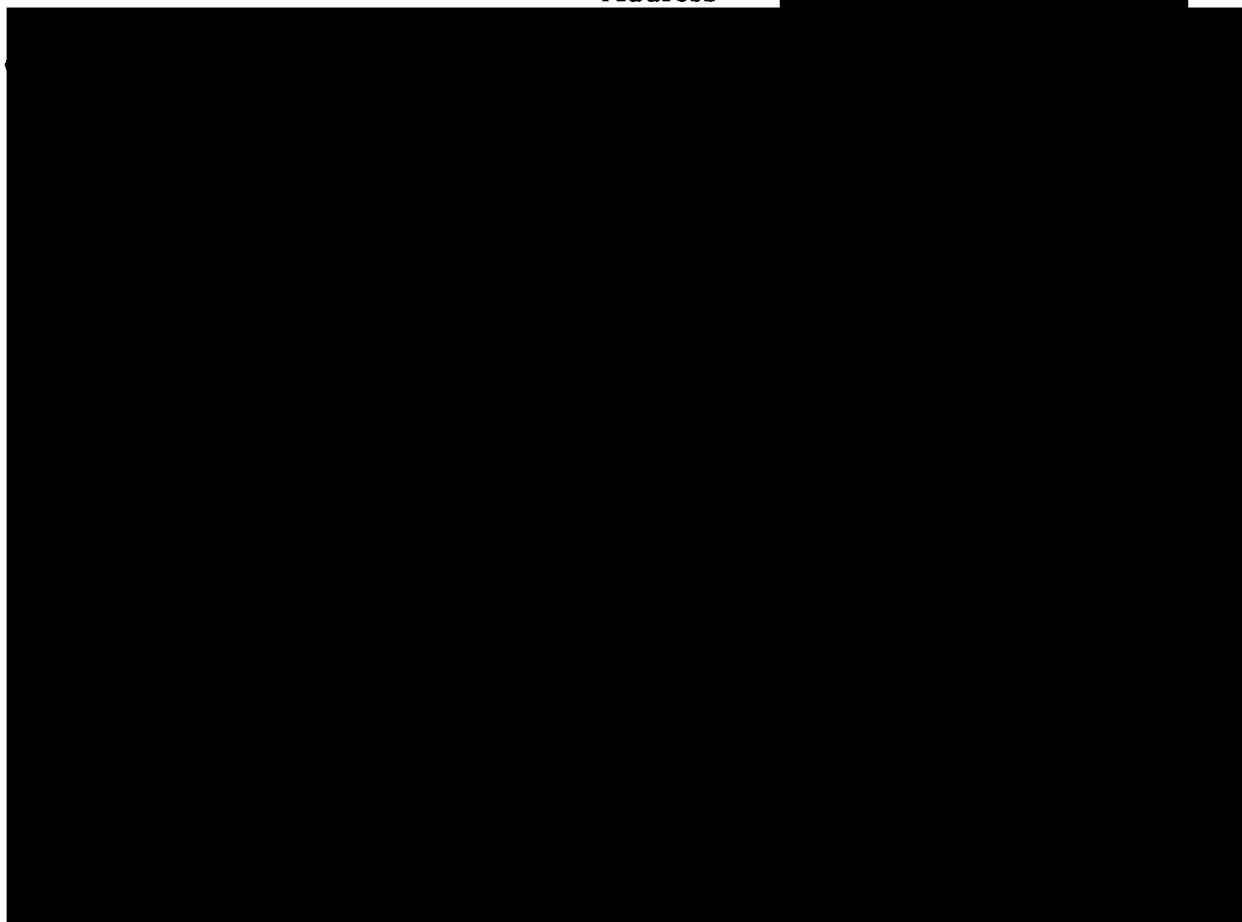
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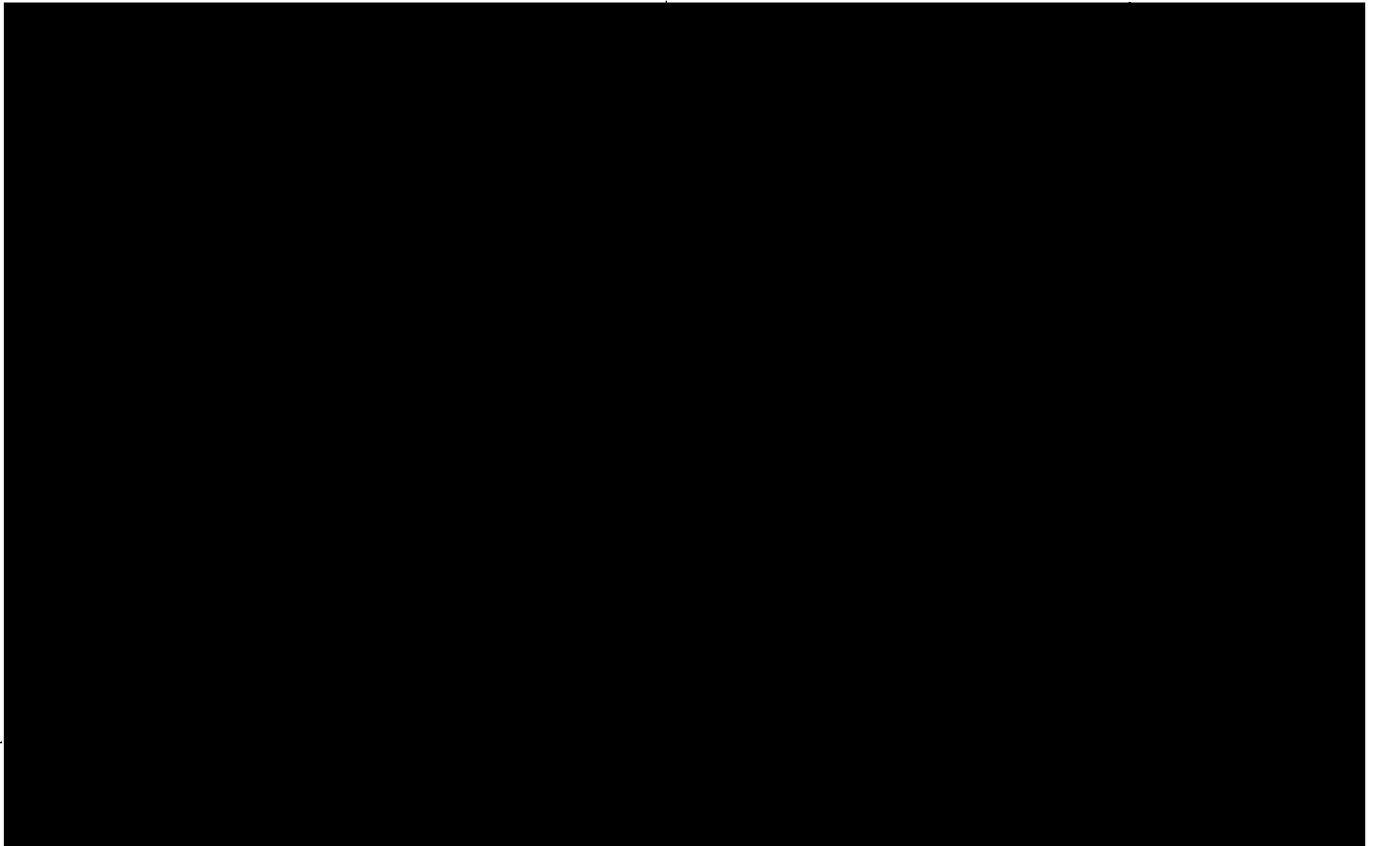
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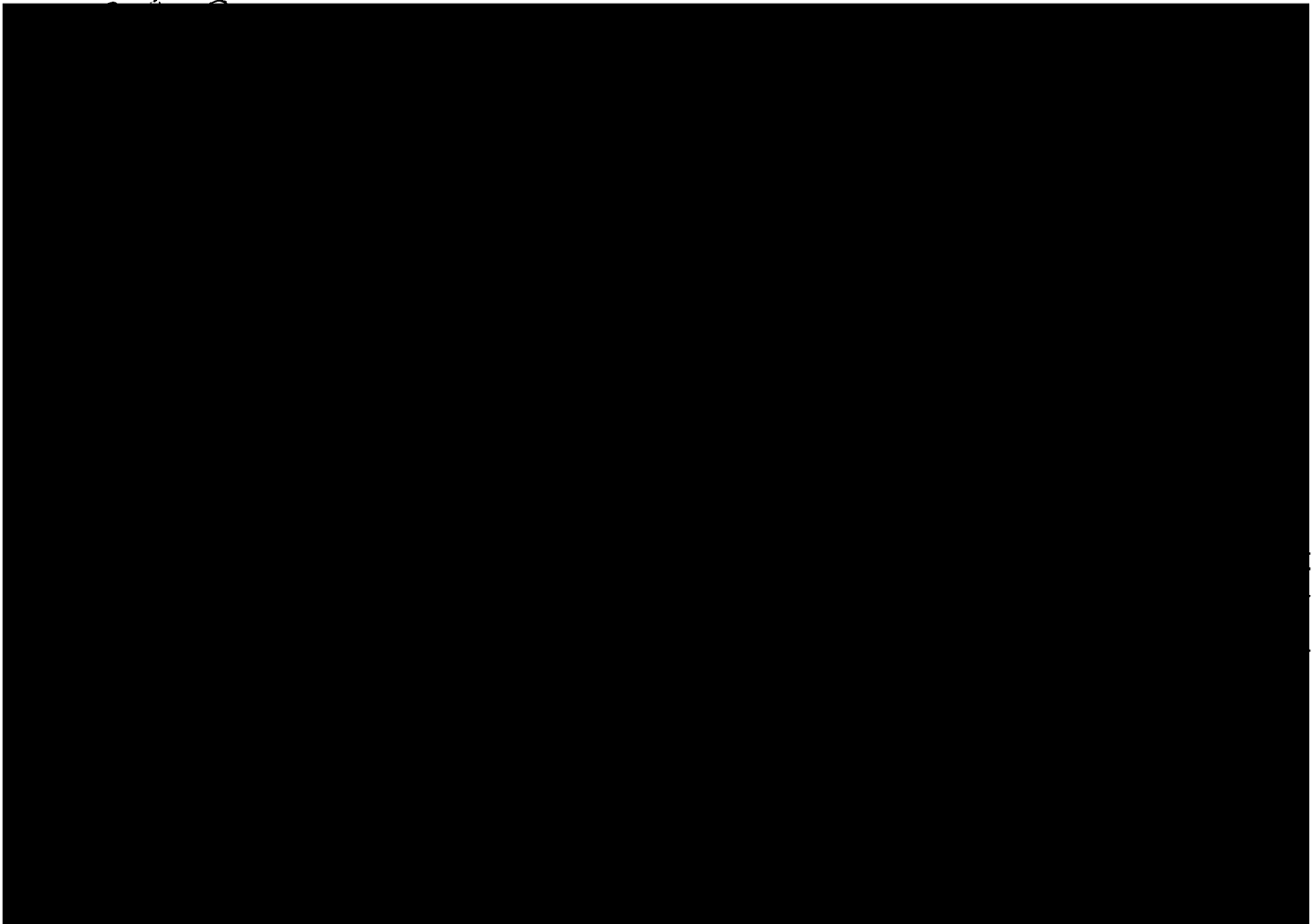
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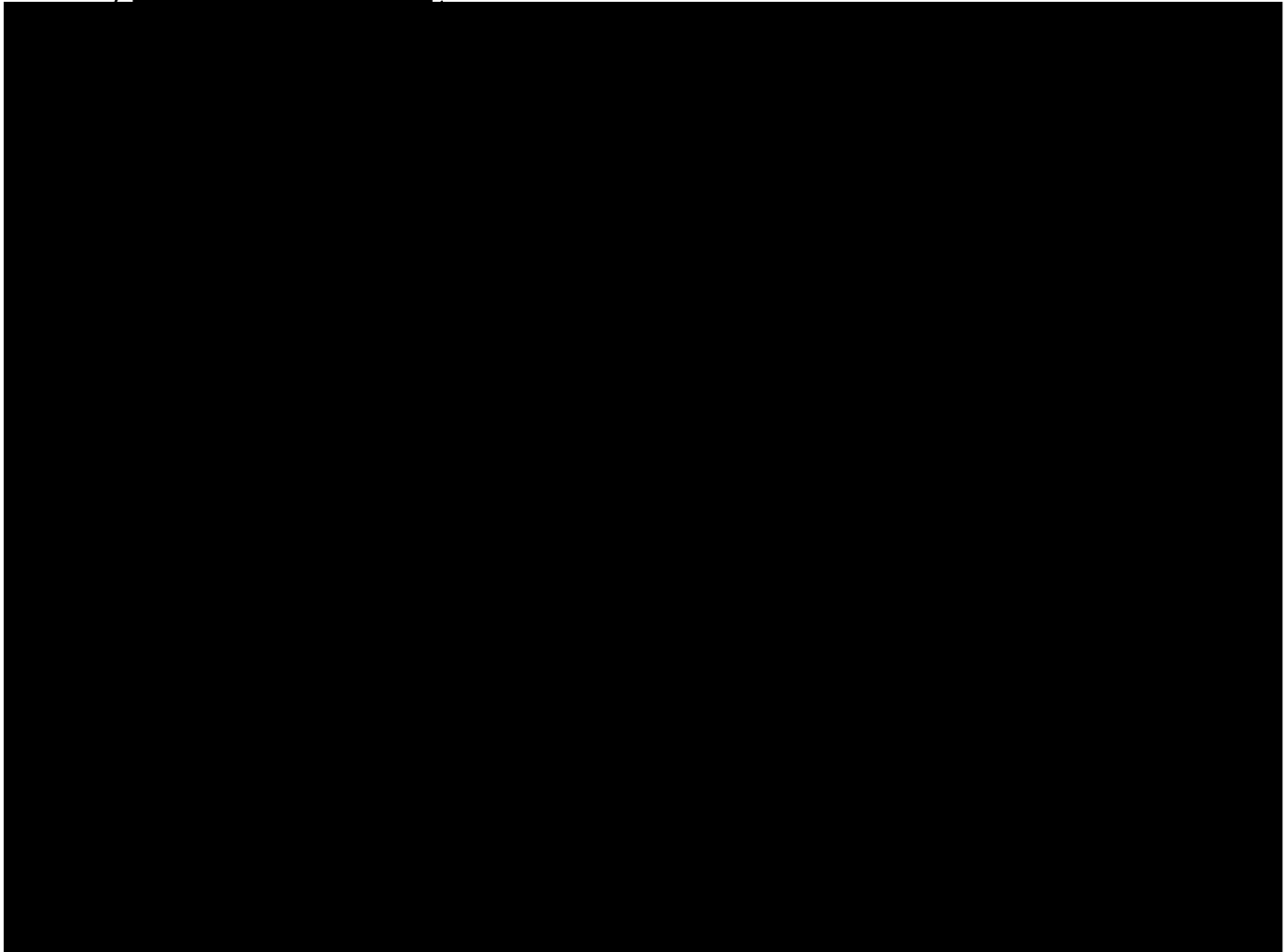
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SACRED HEART CHURCH
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The People of Sacred Heart

c/ Rev James Kaczorowski

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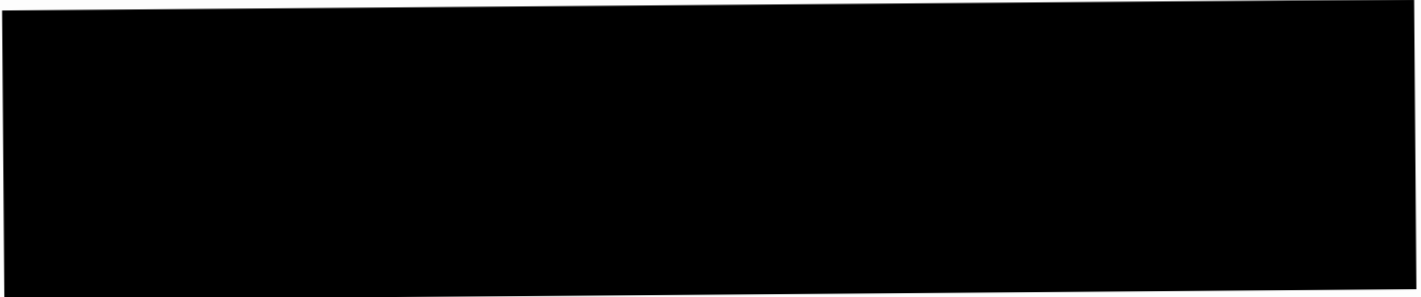
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The allegations and resulting requirement that Father Vadek spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundken, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vadek has been at our church for more than 20 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

Sincerely,



[REDACTED]

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Dear Cardinal Seanez —

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 yr. old allegations against Fr. Vadre are shock & disbelief. Fr. Vadre has been at our Church for about 20 yrs. as administrator and now retired as our Pastor certainly giving his all to our religious needs. Fr. Vadre's families are a credit to him, telling us how to better ourselves with God & others. It's hard for me to think that God would allow anybody that is good, reasonable, kind to have this happen to him.

All I know what to do is to pray that this is all a mistake and that everything will be O.K. & he'll be back as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Dear Rev. James T Kaczorowski!

These forty yrs allegations against Father Vadez

Came beyond disbelief and with great sorrow
I have known Father Vadez to be kind and ready
to hear of our needs and concerns and so much more.

I find that it is my turn to offer respect and
prayer words of comfort, courage and strength and these
allegations found to be untrue

"
With Gods Blessings
"

Dear Cardinal George,

I know your position is a tremendous responsibility, but I believe you certainly are the man for it and we are truly blessed to have you in Chicago!

I hope and pray Father Kader will remain strong through his ordeal and justice will prevail on his side.

The Church will someday emerge healthy and strong after this trial of fire it is now experiencing.

Sincerely,





Father James Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N Michigan Avenue Suite #543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Kaczorowski;

I am writing to you in reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader. It is shocking and unbelievable that a man with such faith, leadership, and compassion would be taken from us. It is my understanding that he must spend 30 days at the Retreat House upon further investigation of this matter. I ask you to please give this matter your personal and utmost attention. Father Vader has been a great source of faith and consolation to my family and myself. He has shown compassion with my family through the death of my mother and my aging father. I have the most respect for him and have never felt in anyway was he a threat to our parishioners. We miss him terribly and although we have a wonderful group of priests willing to step into Father Vader's shoes his will be difficult. It is very hard to fill the most comfortable, well worn, best fit ever. We love him, we miss him and most of all we support him until all allegations are settled.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you:



Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priest
645 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

I was so sad to hear the allegations made against Father Uader. He is what draws people to Sacred Heart Church. I believe he is innocent and want to extend my support. It seems to me that he is one of the holiest priest I've ever met. He has a deep love and respect for God. When he says the mass you can feel it. I pray and hope the truth will come out soon and he will be brought back to us.

Sincerely,



Dear Cardinal George

We have just heard of the allegations made against Father Vades. These reportedly date back forty plus years which is unbelievable to us. It is a sick world we live in. Father Vades is one of the most understanding, kind and helpful man we've ever known and we are not of the Catholic faith.

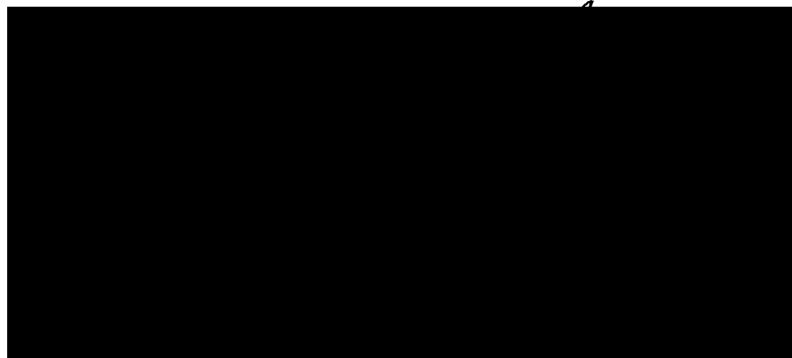
We pray you will find that Father Vades is innocent as we know God already knows -

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Dear Father Kaczarowski

We as a family can't believe the allegations against Father Vader. We know the truth will be out soon and he will be back with us.

We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.



Please use your head,
we all know FX Vader is
not lying — Ladies want the
money that's all — where the
hell they been for 40 years!

Do not punish one
of the greatest priests on
this earth, go after those
② dolls.

Dear Rev. Kaczmarek,

I was totally shocked to hear about the allegations against Fr. Vadev. He is a wonderful priest who radiates goodness, kindness, & holiness. His masses are uplifting and spiritually strengthening, which is very rare these days.

Please get to the bottom of this as quickly as possible, and prove his innocence.

Fr. Vadev's masses are the only ones my sons will attend willingly. We can't afford to lose such a wonderful priest.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal George,

I am a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church. Father Vader has been the Administrator and Pastor for more than 20 years. The allegations made against him are shocking. I know him as a good priest, and an excellent spiritual advisor. He is a great leader of the Catholic Church. These allegations date back 40 years, as a result we lost our Pastor and we are not allowed to visit him. I do believe in innocent to proven guilty. I firmly support Father Vader and I believe in his innocence. I will continue to pray for him and our wonderful Sacred Heart Church.





Francis Cardinal George. O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George;

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. This "news" is a shock, incredible and unbelievable. Father Vader has been at Sacred Heart for more than 20 years as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. During the time that Sacred Heart was closed he was very supportive of our needs and desires.

I have never known Father Vader to be anything but a kind, understanding, and above all a wonderful priest.

I ask that you consider all of this in your consideration of his status and his future.

Unless there are allegations of others, that we are not aware of, I think it unusual that a pedophile act only once, it is my understanding that this disease is an ongoing problem.

Sincerely,




cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

2/04

Dear Cardinal George:

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.



cc: Rev. James J. Kaczorowski

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Dear Cardinal George:

Yesterday, at Mass, the Bishop notified us of the allegations made against Father Voder. As a result of these 40 year old allegations we are told we will be deprived of Father's presence at our Church. We cannot celebrate Mass and must "retire" and remain at Mundelein.

Father has been at our Church for 30 years. He has always been a good, caring, holy priest. I don't understand these allegations against him. He has always been a good priest and has ministered to all our religious needs.

I'd like you to know how I - we feel

about Father Vaker - we owe him much

I would like you to know my feelings
towards Father and to also let you know
I fully support him against these
charges and am praying for his
quick exoneration and return to Sacred Heart
Sincerely

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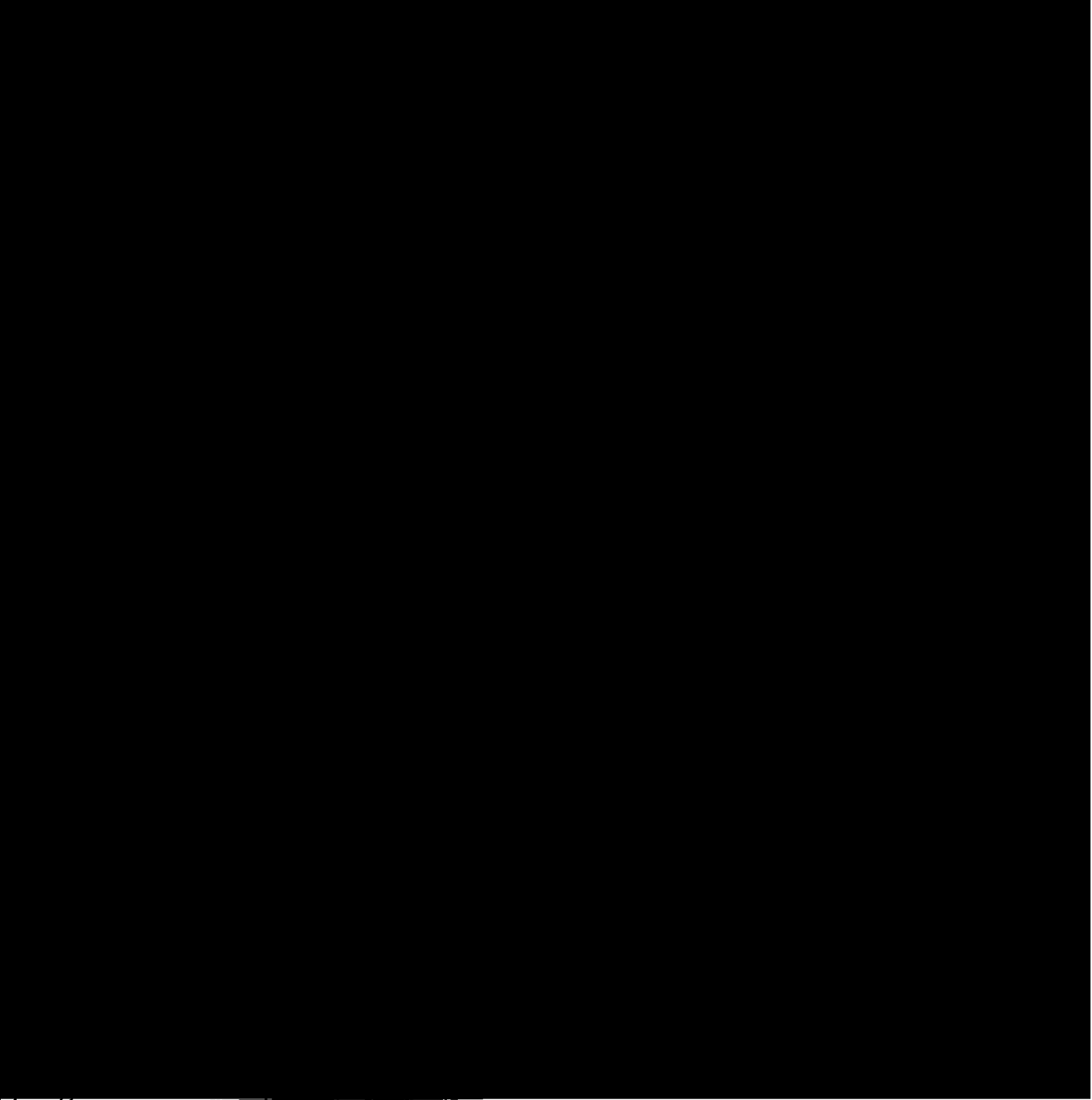
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2/8/03

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I have enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to Cardinal George concerning Father Tony Vader. I think you might find it illuminating.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter.

God bless you now and always, Father.



[REDACTED]

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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Dear Cardinal George,

Why, you might ask, is someone from [REDACTED] from outside the Archdiocese, writing in support of Father Tony Vader? I grew up in St. Walter Parish, on the far southwest side of Chicago, but, since my mother first brought me to midnight Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart before I was old enough to have made my First Communion, I have been going to the Shrine. It is the church of my childhood, and, even though my family and I live in [REDACTED] and are active members of a wonderful parish, [REDACTED] we still get to Sacred Heart about once a month for Mass. My wife, [REDACTED] loves the Shrine. Our kids, even though only one of them is old enough to have made her First Holy Communion, feel the warmth that surrounds the Shrine and which is embodied in Father Vader. In fact, our oldest had her throat blessed for the first time when she was (obviously) in utero at the Shrine. I help out with the readings, and serve as a Eucharistic Minister, at Sacred Heart. The wonderful little Shrine, which filled my childhood with so many wonderful memories, is now making memories for my children.

In the early 1980's, our Shrine was closed down for reasons that were never made entirely clear to us. But the people of our Shrine never took this decree as final. Through endless prayers, some of which took place off a truck parked adjacent to the shuttered Shrine, and petitions, we continued to fight to reopen Sacred Heart. At first, our pleas fell on deaf ears, not in Heaven, but at the Archdiocese. However, when Joseph Bernadin became our Archbishop, he gave our petitions a receptive ear. One of his first acts as Cardinal Archbishop was to reopen the Shrine. Sacred Heart, under the official tutelage of Holy Name of Mary, was reopened in 1983. Father Vader, the pastor of HNM, was put in charge of our church; he became our new pastor.


Father Vader had tough shoes to fill. For over twenty years, our pastor had been Father Ken Borchardt, and a more beloved figure has rarely tread this earth. You see, for many of us, Father Borchardt was Sacred Heart. He was the reason we came here. Bear in mind that Sacred Heart is not a parish, no one lives in its boundaries. No one attends Sacred Heart because he or she *has* to. People come here because they *want* to. It has always been that way. And for many of us back then, Father Borchardt, and his kind, loving approach to life, his Christian faith, and his Catholic calling, was the reason we wanted to come to Sacred Heart. So, when Father Vader became our pastor, we were wary. We were sure no one could fill Father Borchardt's shoes, and, certainly, no one could take his place in our hearts.

We were wrong. Father Vader became, not the new Father Borchardt that we had been hoping for, but a kind, loving, concerned pastor that found his own way into our hearts. On the few occasions that Father Borchardt came back to say Mass for us, he told us how blessed we were, and how happy he was, that Sacred Heart was now under the tutelage of "Father Tony." And he was absolutely right. Despite his being full time pastor at HNM, Father Vader never left us feeling denied or second best. Despite his busy schedule, and all the challenges that come with running a big parish like HNM, he never neglected his little flock at Sacred Heart. He has celebrated with us when times have been good, he has consoled us when times have been rough. He became our pastor, and we love this man. We only wish that he could be with

us during these times, when the determination, and, more importantly, the faith of the Family of Sacred Heart is once again being tested. Meeting the test will be especially difficult without our beloved pastor. But, with your support, and the support of Bishop Perry, we, and our pastor, will find our way through this trial.

We will continue to pray for Father Vader and to support him in any way we can. He is our pastor, our spiritual advisor, our consoler, our counselor, our priest. We want him back, and are sure that God will, in accordance with His will, find a way to send him back to us.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter, your eminence. May God bless you and all the members of the Archdiocese, now and forever.


cc: Father James T. Kaczorowski

February 9, 2003

Francis Cardinal George O.M.I. Archbishop
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Dear Cardinal George,

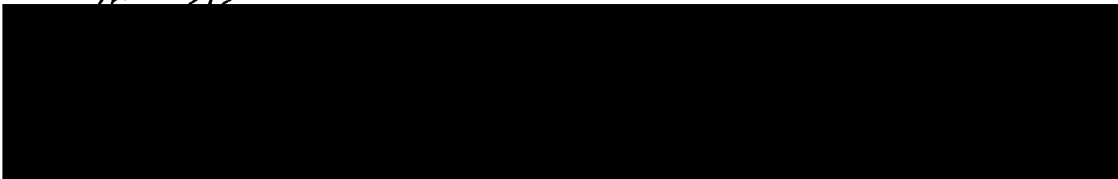
We are very sad to have learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor Father Anthony Vader. These allegations are stemming from actions that supposedly happened over 40 years ago.

We have known Father Vader ever since he came to Sacred Heart Church and have always known him as a kind, wonderful and caring priest. We look forward to attending Mass when Father Vader is celebrating, as his homilies are always most informative and comforting to all. Our family travels over 13 miles one-way to attend services at Sacred Heart each week and we've been doing this for over 15 years. On our way to Mass on Saturday, we would pick up my Mom in Blue Island. At that time she was 90 years old. Fr. Vader always has the most kind and inspiring words for her. Before that we lived in the Beverly neighborhood and attended Sacred Heart Church before and after its closing. We are very happy with each priest that visits our little Shrine. But Fr. Vader certainly has been one of the best.

If these allegations are true, we need to acknowledge there may be circumstances involved that we are not aware, and to follow the teachings of Christ by forgiving. If these allegations are not true or accurate, we need to pray for Father Vader and his accusers, and question their motives. Our Church teaches that we are all sinners and should be striving to make our lives better. Fr. Vader certainly has done this by taking on burdens that he did not have to do in his senior years.

We love him, respect him, and pray this ordeal will be over as soon as possible so that Fr. Vader may return to Sacred Heart Church.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Father Kaczorowski

February 9, 2003

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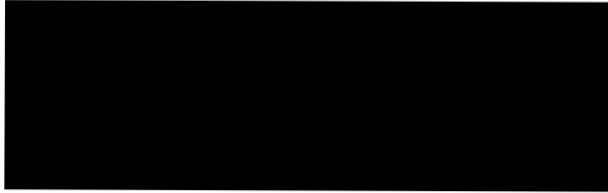
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I pray for you, also, as I'm sure these matters weigh heavy on your heart.

Sincerely,





February 9, 2003

To: Cardinal George

Re: Fr. Vader

The allegations and charges brought against Father Vader were quite shocking; he has been a very good priest, at all times. Father Vader has been servicing our religious needs for many years. We are very thankful for him and believe he has made a positive impact in our lives. We will continue to pray for him. Thank you.

cc: Father Kaczorowski



Sunday, February 9, 2003

RE: Rev. Anthony Vader

Francis Cardinal George
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

FEB 13 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

This is the first time I have written a letter of this type. I recently heard the allegations against our retired Pastor Anthony Vader. Our church community has been told the allegations date back forty years. While I am aware both you and Bishop Gregory have worked very hard on the development of how to treat these allegations I wanted to share with you my personal feelings on Rev. Vader.

I have been a member of the Sacred Heart Community since I was three years old over 45 years. While my brothers and sister live in various Chicago and Indiana communities, three of us still attend mass at Sacred Heart and the reason is the love, compassion and faith which Father Vader communicates to his parish members. When we leave church after the celebration of mass we often discuss Father Vader homily on the way home and review its meaning to us personally as well as to the events of today's world.

Our youngest daughter and her best friend [REDACTED] served mass with Father Vader almost every Sunday for 2 and 1/2 years. And during the holiday season several times a day when extra services were added to assist with the parish needs. We would never allow [REDACTED] to be exposed to Father Vader if we had felt he was a threat to her or other children. Needless to say [REDACTED] was very unsettled by the allegations against Father Vader.

I often thought of Father Vader as a lamb. Very gentle in nature, kind in his actions towards others. Yet strong stalwart in his leadership at keeping our little parish church open and running smoothly.

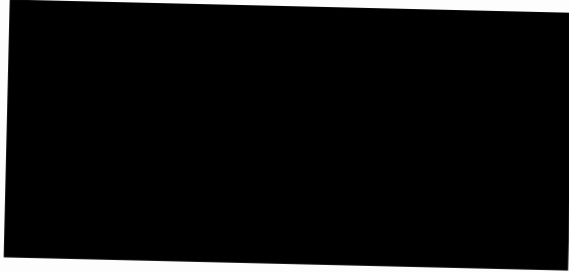
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It is my hope that every consideration be given to address the accusations against Father Vader. And that his name be cleared. My prayers and those of my family are with him.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



CC: Rev. James Kaczorowski

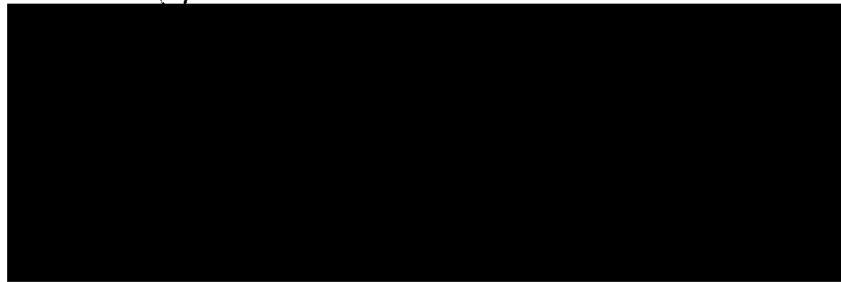
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Dear Cardinal George,

I have just learned of the allegations made against my retired pastor, Father Vader. I have been going to Sacred Heart for 15 years, and I live in Oak Lawn. Father Vader is one of the nicest people I know.

I understand this happened 40 yrs ago, and that Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass. The allegations are incredible & shocking. I know the truth w/come out.

Sincerely,



Feb. 09, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing on behalf of our Pastor and friend,
Fr. Anthony Vader from Sacred Heart Church.

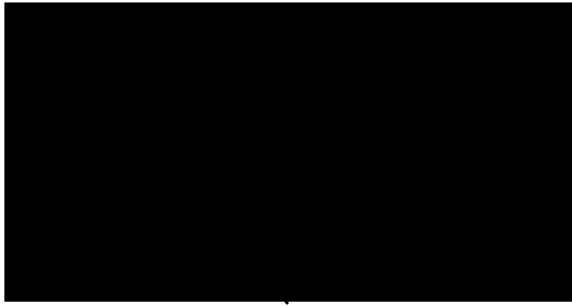
The allegations against him are so shocking
Fr. Vader is the kindest, most caring priest I
have ever known. When my mother was dying, Fr. Vader
came out at 10:00 p.m. on a cold January night to give
her the last rites. Recently my son-in-law's father had
surgery and wasn't expected to live and Fr. Vader made
it to the hospital as soon as he was called.

He has baptized my grandchildren and given 1st Communion
to them also. I've been coming to Sacred Heart for
over 20 years as has my family and extended families.
There has never been a hint of inappropriate behavior
from Fr. Vader and I find the allegations to be
unbelievable!

We, my family, friends and all of the Sacred Heart
community need Fr. Vader back here where he can
continue doing what God has called him to do.

My prayers are with Fr. Vader and everyone
who has to be involved in this horrendous situation.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]



From:

To: Cardinal George

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February 9, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago
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Chicago IL 60690

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
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Dear Cardinal George and Father Kaczorowski:

I just learned of allegations made against Father Vader, dating back over 40 years. I am writing to convey how adamantly the community of Sacred Heart desires the return of Father Vader to where he belongs – as celebrant of Mass on the alter of Sacred Heart.

Father Vader has served Sacred Heart for 20 years. He is a true blessing to those of us who know him and benefit from his service. I value priests as extraordinary people, and Father Vader stands out among those extraordinary people we know as priests. Father Vader is a wonderful, caring, kind and warm minister to our religious needs. His devotion to the Church, his parishioners, and Christianity is without question.

Father Vader carries a message through his homily *every* week that has meaning for me and that I apply in my daily life. Father Vader demonstrates a warmth and connection with his parishioners, much in the likeness of how I believe Jesus conducted his teachings. Father Vader leads by allowing his parishioners to determine the personality and culture of Sacred Heart, not by dictating what that personality and culture should be. Father Vader services us with a smile and a sense of humor that makes Sacred Heart a place you *want* to be, not a place you *have* to be.

I am fortunate to have benefited from the many clergy serving the Archdiocese of Chicago throughout my life. I am grateful for the Catholic education I attained for 16 years of my life. I am blessed to have parents who passed on to me the values and importance of Christianity and the Catholic faith. I attribute my many good fortunes in life to God, the Church and my faith. I believe that God, the Church and my faith carried me through the tougher times in my life and will continue to do so. I attend church regularly and contribute to it financially because of all this.

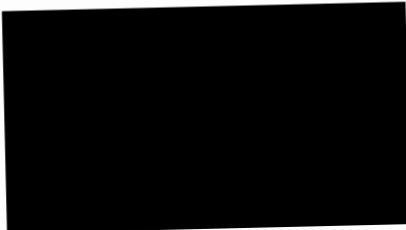
Throughout the crisis in the Catholic Church in the United States over the past year, I remain solid in my convictions – choosing to maintain my active participation in the Church, as well as my level of financial support. As I have done in other challenging times, today I rely on God, the Church and my faith to do what is best. What is best in this case is to return Father Vader to service at Sacred Heart.

The people of Sacred Heart deserve to have our beloved Father Vader back. Father Vader deserves to serve God, the Church and his faith in the way his talents best fit – in active service. The Archdiocese deserves to deploy its clergy where they are most needed – for Father Vader, this is back in active service for the people of Sacred Heart.

I have the utmost regard for the horrible situation the crisis in the past year places on the Archdiocese. I do not envy the position this places on you as our leaders. But I am committed that we together -- Church leaders and Church members -- do the right thing. We cannot allow media hype and misplaced perceptions to force decisions that are a disservice to God, our Church and our faith.

The right thing in this situation is to allow Father Vader to return to the service of those who cherish and value him at Sacred Heart. We understand we have to miss him for 30 days, but we should not have to be without him beyond that. We are the people who best know Father Vader in recent years and today, and we are the people who most need him today and tomorrow. Please heed our voices -- as we are the voices most pertinent to his service today.

Sincerely,

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February 9, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

My family was so sad to learn of the allegations against our pastor, Father Anthony Vader, who has worked so selflessly on behalf of the Church at Sacred Heart parish. We cannot understand how anyone could pick him out as the target for these accusations.

Knowing Father Vader, we know that he has forgiven and is praying for his accuser and because of our faith in his ability to do just that, we know that he will be cleared, beyond the shadow of a doubt, of these charges. Father Vader is the kind of priest that can make a common man a better person in Christ by his ability to help us understand the spirit of a complicated reading and by his constant example of compassion and forgiveness while at the same time projecting an image of strength in conviction that allows us to believe in what we know is right.

He has strengthened my faith in the Church and in God and along with Father Scheid, was responsible for bringing me back to God at a time when the day to day pressures and responsibilities of our mortal world had driven me to such a low level of faith that I no longer cared about going to Mass.

Father Vader teaches us to see the good in people. My grade school aged children look to Father Vader and the CCD program at Sacred Heart for the nuts and bolts of their Roman Catholic faith and I believe they receive the greatest gifts of understanding God through that involvement.

My wife, a non-Catholic, attends mass every Sunday with us and has the utmost respect and admiration for Father Vader as well. We drive fifteen miles each way to join in the spirit of the message that Father Vader brings. It is a very genuine method he employs to impart that message that keeps her and many others who may be turned away by the antiseptic tone of many Catholic masses coming back.

Cardinal George, we know that you will pray for Father Vader, as will all who know and trust him. He is the kind of priest that we need more of. He is a great and humble servant of God and I know that he would pray to have this type of situation brought on himself rather than another innocent priest because that is the type of man he is.

May God have mercy on us all.



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cc: Reverend James T. Kaczorowski

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FEB 9, 2003

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]


February 9, 2003

Reverend Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Il. 60690.

Dear Rev. George,

The allegations and resulting requirement that Father Vader of Sacred Heart Church spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has completed for us a beautifully redecoration of the church's interior ceiling, wall areas, stations, and statues. He has been administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. We certainly would have him stay with us for as long as possible. We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

Yours sincerely,


Parishoner, Sacred Heart Church
Chicago, Illinois

cc: Rev. James T. Roczynowski.
Vicar for Priests.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry D.D.
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February 9, 2002

Dear members of the Holy Name of Mary Parish family,

I regret to inform you that your pastor emeritus, Fr. Anthony Vader, has been withdrawn from all parish ministry following allegations received by officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago this Fall that he engaged in sexual misconduct more than 40 years ago with minors while he served as an assistant pastor at the now closed Holy Cross Parish in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood.

These allegations have been reported to the Cook County States Attorney.

In its first-stage review last month, the independent Fitness Review Board found that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual abuse of minors had occurred. In accord with national and local archdiocesan policies, the Review Board recommended to Cardinal George that, pending further review under the norms of church law, Fr. Vader be temporarily withdrawn from all ministry. Cardinal George accepted that recommendation. Fr. Vader is now residing in a monitored and restricted setting and has been directed not to be alone with minors.

Archdiocesan officials have not received any other allegations of misconduct involving Fr. Vader. However, if any parishioner has additional information or a concern to raise, please contact Fr. James Flynn, myself or the Archdiocesan Fitness Review Administrator directly at 1-800-994-6200. However, you may also report any allegation directly to the Cook County States Attorney's office at 312-603-5440.

I am meeting with your parish leaders to determine how I might be of help to your parish at this difficult time. Representatives of the Archdiocesan Assistance Ministry will meet with your community soon. I have assured Fr. Flynn of my willingness to answer any and all questions you might have about these issues. Please pray for the Lord's healing for all associated with this painful issue.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph N. Perry".

Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry
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With gratitude for your understanding and hope in the Lord for our future, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate VI

February 9, 2003

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
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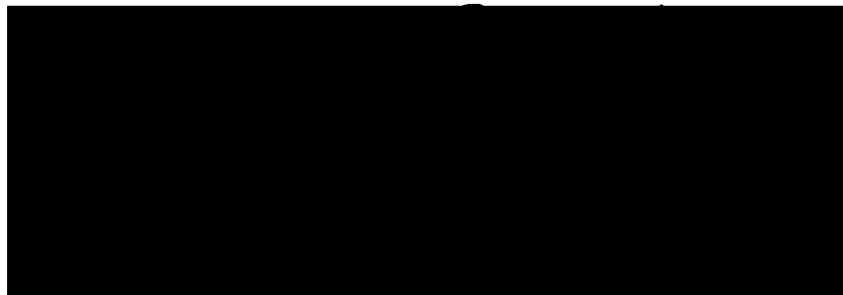
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Yours Truly,



Feb 9, 2003

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Sincerely,



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Dear Cardinal George,

This letter is one of complete support for Fr. Vader! As the parents of [redacted] children, we would trust our souls and their lives to Fr. Vader. We have been trusting our souls, which are much more important to him for years now at Sacred Heart Church. We have appreciated Fr. Vader's holiness and compassion; his warmth, and his dedication! We are praying for a quick ending to his imposed exile to Mundelein. If only there were more priests like Fr. Vader - Courageous in the faith - the pews might be more filled.

Fr. Vader suffers through this, while Fr. Flegel ^(sp?) is free to do as he pleases with and wherever he chooses!!

Praying for Fr. Vader + his family,

[redacted] + family

February 10, 2003

Francis cardinal George, O.M.I.,
Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

I have been a registered parishioner at Sacred Heart Mission Church for almost twenty years. Sunday was a sad day for all of us when Bishop Perry informed us of the allegations made against our beloved pastor, Fr. Tony Vader. Fr. Vader has been an inspiration and he will be sorely missed by all of us.

Under Fr. Vader's example and service, the community of Sacred Heart has grown to be one of the most unique religious families I have ever experienced in my seventy odd years of being a Roman Catholic.

To learn that because of allegations (over forty years old) that Fr. Vader will be unable to celebrate Mass was most disturbing to me. I shall surely pray for him and believe that this crisis is one he will be able to handle due to his faith and disposition.

Please handle this situation with diligence and speed. We miss, and want, our good pastor to return to Sacred Heart as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



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February 10, 2003

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Feb. 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

It is with great sadness that we heard about the allegations against Father Vader. We hope that this situation can be resolved quickly and Father Vader is exonerated.

We are members of St. Barnabas parish, but have attended mass at Sacred Heart on various occasions. We always found Father Vader's homilies very insightful and enjoyable. He is a very dedicated and holy man.

Sincerely,
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February 10, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
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Chicago, IL 60690

February 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

My family and I would like to express our unwavering support for our friend and priest, Father Anthony Vader. We understand that certain individuals have recently made claims against Father Vader that date back 40 years ago. We are saddened and surprised by these claims and find them impossible to believe.

Father Vader has been our priest at Sacred Heart Church for close to 20 years and a close family friend for more than 30 years. He baptized both of our children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who admire and respect him. We consider Father Vader to be an extension of our family, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In fact, Father Vader is a part of every celebration and important occasion in our family. But this is not just a social relationship, as we rely on Father Vader's common sense, worldly perspective and commitment to Jesus Christ to guide us through our daily lives. Further, he has helped us develop an appreciation for our good fortunes and to care deeply about the needs of people in crisis throughout the world.

We look forward to a quick resolution to this issue so that Father Vader can return to his life's work and to the people who love and need him.

Respectfully,

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copies to:
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Rev. Anthony Vader

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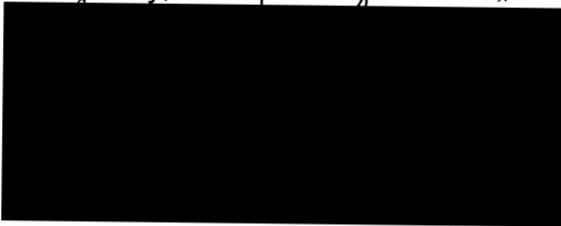
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL. 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against Father Vader dating back 40 years or more. As a result, this wonderful priest cannot celebrate Mass and must remain in Mundelein for at least 30 days. We are devastated as he must be also! These allegations are shocking and unbelievable!

We have known Father for at least 20 years and can't understand or believe any of this. He is a truly religious, kind and honest person. I think he has the same presence as Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, another priest wrongly accused. We are praying that these accusations are recanted soon.

Yours truly,

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Cc: Fr. James T. Kaczorowski

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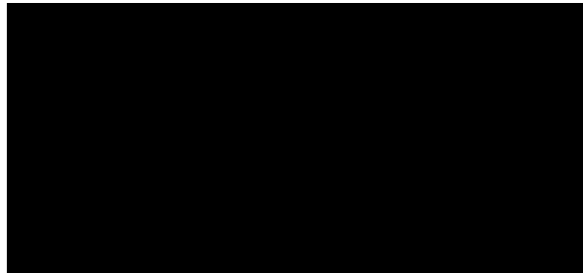
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I know him to be a good and sincere man and Priest.

I cannot understand how anyone could accuse him of something or anything as they have.

We owe him much and he certainly deserves everyone's support.



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Dear Cardinal George,

I was, indeed, saddened to hear of the allegations against Father Vader. My reaction to this news is disbelief.

I know Father Vader as a good priest. At the time of my husband's death, he was very kind, understanding, and helpful to me and the rest of the family as well as to our friends.

I owe him much and he deserves my support.

Sincerely,



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Dear Cardinal George,

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views regarding the situation related to Fr. Anthony Vader of Sacred Heart Church.

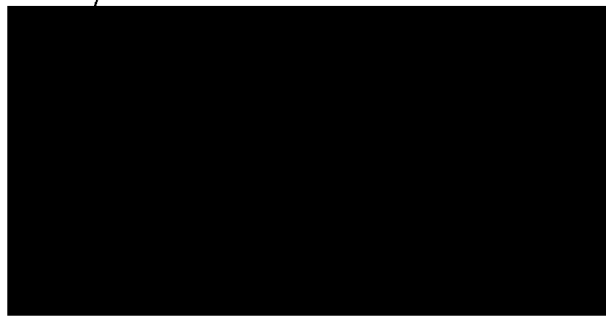
I find it impossible to believe the accusations made against Father. I have known him for many years and he is a kind and wonderful priest.

I hope these allegations against him can be resolved as soon as possible.

Sacred Heart and its parishioners need Father Vader very much for he has become the backbone of our little church.

Thank you and God Bless.

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February 10, 2003


Francis Cardinal George
Archdiocese of Chicago
PO Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

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Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing in regarding the accusations of our pastor and beloved family friend Fr. Anthony Vader. The allegations are simply unbelievable. I have known Fr. Vader all of my 31 years of life and consider him a member of my family. He presided over my marriage, baptized all three of my children, and has counseled me in times of despair. He has joined my family for dinner almost every night of the week for as long as I can remember. My family knows Father Vader perhaps better than any other family does. He is and has always been a person of the utmost professionalism, never faltering from his love of God and his duty to serve Him and pass along His word. Father Vader is a compassionate, intelligent, moral, ethical man who deserves to be treated as such. He is greatly needed by the families of Sacred Heart Church and Holy Name of Mary Church and should not be required to be confined to the Cardinal Stritch retreat house. He is an incredible man and loved and respected by everyone who knows him—regardless of race. For Father Vader of all people to be accused of misconduct is preposterous. We love him and are prepared to stand by him no matter what.

Yours Truly,



Copies to: Rev. James Kaczrowski, Vicar of Priests
Rev. Anthony J. Vader

SAMAHANG SANTO NINO

c/o [REDACTED]

February 10, 2003

February 10, 2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

Greetings. May this letter find you in the best of health and spirit. The purpose of this letter is to offer our support and prayers for our beloved Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader. We learned that Fr. Vader has been accused of improper conduct some 45 years ago. Our group cannot believe that Fr. Vader would be subject to such malicious lies as has been leveled at him. As a matter of fact, we are surprised that the Committee hearing this case even found some merit to move it forward.

Our group, the Samahang Santo Nino, Midwest USA, an organization venerating the Infant Jesus, was formed 23 years ago. The organization has hundreds of member families throughout the Midwest and many other States across the country. Fr. Vader has been our Spiritual Director since the group's formation. He has faithfully served the needs of the group, the community and all its ethnic diversity. Outside of the weekly devotions, he ministered to our needs: baptizing our children, marrying some couples, counseling the troubled, visiting the sick, burying our dead, leading our pilgrimages, helping those discriminated against, helping others find jobs and supporting our religious, cultural celebrations such as the Christmas Simbang Gabi. Our group found that although Fr. Vader was then running a big parish, the Holy Name of Mary, he always found time to respond to our needs. He even found time to be Spiritual Director of several Filipino-American organizations and other ethnic organizations, providing support to a group of people away from their homeland. On his many visits to the Philippines, he has shared his limited financial resources with the seminaries and homes for the abandoned, poor children.

In all these years of association with Fr. Vader, and several of us have known Fr. Vader as far back as the late 1950s and early 1960s, his words and actions have conveyed nothing but the highest ethical and respectful behavior and the most inspiring spiritual integrity. We, therefore, urge the Committee and all decision makers to look closely, listen intently and appreciate the integrity of Fr. Anthony J. Vader, who has served God and man most faithfully for the last fifty years.

We, members of the Samahang Santo Nino, and the rest of the Filipino-American community, here in the United States and the Philippines, pray for Fr. Vader's strength and health and unshakable faith in the Almighty as he suffers this heavy cross. We pray for the Committee and decision makers for their enlightened judgment. Most especially, we pray for the accusers, that God may enlighten them and guide them to tell only the truth and not be motivated and influenced by any material or financial gains from their allegations.

We firmly believe that like his "brother", the late beloved Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Fr. Vader is innocent of these allegations. We only hope and pray that this horrendous burden with its unthinkable suffering does not kill Fr. Vader.

Thank you for listening to us and considering our appeal. Please give back to us and to the community the caring, loving, prayerful and honest Fr. Vader, who had and will always be a part of our families and the source of strength and guidance of our spiritual lives.

If during the investigation and deliberation process, it is possible for Fr. Vader's friends to come and listen or to present statements of support to the Committee, please contact [REDACTED]. Also feel free to call any of us in the attached signature sheets. Thank you.

Sincerely and prayerfully yours,

The members of the Samahang Santo Nino (Please see attached signatures.) [REDACTED]

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

in support of
Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader
February 10, 2003.

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Feb 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I was in church last Sunday and was so surprised to hear that Father Vader was charged with allegations against him. I'm shocked and in disbelief that Father has to stay at a retreat until cleared. This has been a great priest and wonderful person to the parish! I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have. We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

Sincerely,



2-10-03

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Sincerely

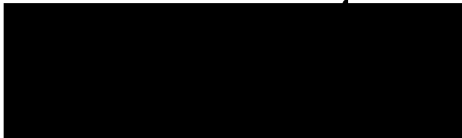


DEAR CARDINAL GEORGE

February 10, 2003

The allegations made against our Pastor Father Vader reportably date back 40 years. If these allegations are true why did they wait so long? Basically they are looking for a fast settlement.

Father Vader is a good priest, I cannot believe he did anything wrong. These women have their eye on money; they would not do this for anyother reason. Don't let them get a way with it.



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c.c. Rev James T. Kaczorowski

2/10/03

Dear Father George -

I was very shocked
to hear the unbelievable
accusations against Father
Vader. He has always
been a good pastor and
done so much for our
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will be absolved and
can find his way back
to our parish - Our
prayer and support are
with him -

Sincerely

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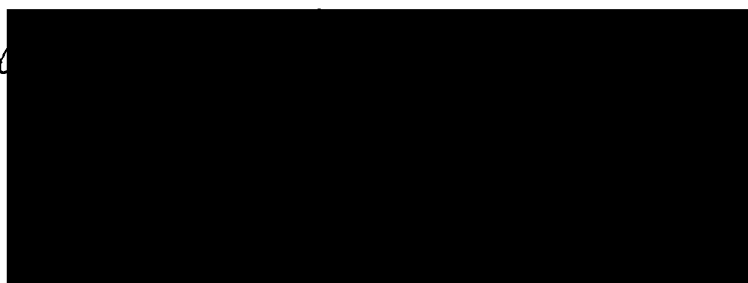
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I have known Father Vade for
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Heart -



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C/o 

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Sincerely and prayerfully yours,

The members of the Samahang Santo Nino
(Please see attached signatures.)

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George -

The reason I chose to attend Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart is solely because of Father Vader. Father is a good, pious, modest Christian man. Living a good Christian life is very important to me. I know many Catholics who I do not feel are good Christians. Father has a special way about welcoming everyone into the congregation. Each Sunday his words inspire me to be a better, kinder and more forgiving person. I find it impossible to believe these allegations which supposedly date back forty years. I am praying for these allegations to be proven to be false and for Father Vader to be returned to all of us here at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. We all need his guidance.

Sincerely,


Copy to Rev. Gas. Kaczorowski ✓

2/10/03

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

We also are writing to you in full support of Fr. Vader. We have written to Cardinal George about this unbelievable

As parents of [REDACTED] children, we Situation! would trust ours and their lives to Fr. Vader. We have been trusting our souls, which are much more important, to him for years at Sacred Heart Church. We have appreciated Fr. Vader's holiness and compassion; his warmth and his dedication. We are praying for a quick ending to his imposed exile to Mundelein. If only we had more priests like Fr. Vader - courageous in the faith - the pews might be more filled.

Fr. Vader suffers through this while Fr. ~~Preger~~^(Sp?) is free to do as he pleases with and wherever he chooses.

Praying for Fr. Vader + his family,
[REDACTED] + family

February 10, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

This is a copy of the letter we sent to Cardinal George.

Sincerely,



February 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We were at our weekly 4:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Church on February 8, 2003 when we were asked to pray for Father Vader. At first, we thought he was ill, but then we were told that Father Vader needed our prayers and support because of 40-year-old allegations. This is incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at Sacred Heart for over 20 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. He is always cheerful and upbeat with an especially caring attitude. He has been an inspiration in our lives with the down-to-earth words he speaks in his homilies.

All four of our children were baptized at Sacred Heart. Our oldest is 31 and youngest, 25. When our son and then our daughter decided to get married, Father Vader graciously helped with their baptismal certificates that needed to be updated in order for them to be married in the Catholic Church.

We are all hoping and praying that Father Vader will be back with us soon. He is a wonderful person and doesn't deserve this, nor do we, the parishioners. He will be sorely missed.

Please, Cardinal George, do all that you can to help get Father Vader back to us!

Sincerely,



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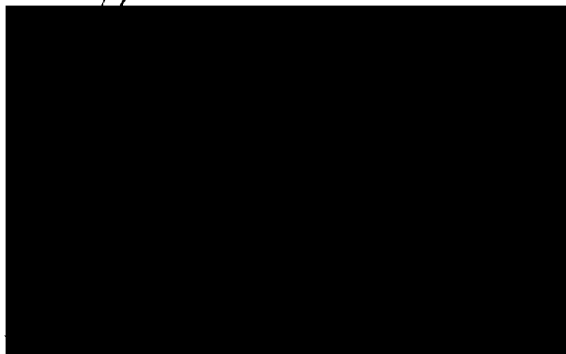
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Thank you and God Bless



2-10-03

Rev J. Kaczorowski

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Valer are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have. We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now - What happened to (Forgiveness)

Sincerely



[REDACTED]

FEB. 10, 2003

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priest
645 N. Michigan Ave. - Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Kaczorowski,

I hope that this letter will reach you in the best of health. I am [REDACTED] an acquaintance of Fr. Vader. I am writing this letter (as opposed to typing it in the computer) to indicate my sincerity.

Rev. Kaczorowski, I am writing this letter to express my personal feelings about Father Vader. Over the weekend during our weekly Santo Niño Prayer service, we were told of some sort of allegations that were made against Fr. Vader.

Naturally we were all shocked because we have known Father for many, many years. (Personally, I met him for the first time sometime in the 1980's while I was a pastoral council member of my parish).

In all those years that we have known him, I, and the Santo Niño prayer group members, see him almost every week in the prayer service in which he attends.

He is a very considerate, kind, and a man of integrity with untarnished reputation. I am not aware, nor have I heard negative things about him. That's why we always pray with him in the Santo Niño.

He has done so many good things not only to his own parish but also particularly to the Filipino community. For example, just a few months ago, the Filipinos in Chicago bestowed on him the "Hall of Famers" award for his exemplary service to the community. A few years back the President of the Philippines awarded him for his love and service to the Filipinos in the Midwest and the Philippines.

Last year the Filipinos honored him in his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. This celebration was attended by hundreds of individuals with whom he has been associated over the years.

He travels to the Philippines to provide much-needed assistance to the impoverished children of Don Bosco, with assistance from his friends and acquaintances here in America.

He also assisted individuals obtain jobs. I heard that he even traveled to Michigan to testify for a Filipina individual who was consequently exonerated by the courts.


These are few of the many stories I heard about him; and accomplishments he has achieved that I am aware of. He is not a very young man anymore. I don't even remember what I had for lunch last week. How in heavens do we remember details of incidents that happened more than 4 decades ago?

We respect him very much. We will pray for him and hope that The Almighty will free him from these allegations. We want him to continue his spiritual and social service to us and to the Lord. We will also pray for His Eminence, you, and the other members of the committee to make the right and fair judgment for him and the other priests.

Your Brother in Christ.



cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago




Feb. 10, 2003

Dear Father Kaszowski,

It is with great sadness that we learned about the allegations against Father Vader. We hope that this situation can be resolved quickly and Father Vader is exonerated.

We are members of St. Barnabas parish, but have attended mass at Sacred Heart on various occasions. We always found Father Vader's homilies very insightful and enjoyable. He is a very dedicated and holy man.

Sincerely,



Note: Father Koczorowski
Please help Father Vador
return to Sacred Heart
quickly.

Thank you

February 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

The allegations against Father Anthony Vador
are incredible and shocking. I have known him for
over 20 years. He has always been my ideal of
a "priestly" priest. He has always acted in a
priestly matter.

He has officiated at the marriage of
my daughter. He has baptized my granddaughter.
He has been there when two of my grandsons
were confirmed.

I have been active in our Church
and have witnessed his kindness and
humility. Please return him to
Sacred Heart.

Respectfully yours,

cc: Father Koczorowski

F. Vade letter February 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George -

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Anthony Vade. I understand that Father Vade cannot celebrate Mass and must remain @ the retreat home for @ least 30 days. I don't understand or believe any of this. Father Vade had been to dinner @ our home on several occasions and it deeply saddens me that he is being accused of something so horrible. I know him as a kind, loving and wonderful man. Our family misses him so much. Please let him come back to us. He has helped me so much through his kind words and generous actions. He has truly helped me find my way back to our Lord. My children as well as myself and my husband love and cherish him so much. Please let him come back to where he

truly belongs. Every Sunday I look forward to his mass so I may go on and pass on his Good word. He makes me believe in God, Jesus Christ and our Holy Spirit. He is a good man and I deeply love him. Our family as well as the Sacred Heart family truly needs him. Please let him come home to us.

Respectfully yours,



+ Family

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February 11, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Il. 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

We are all saddened at the allegations directed at Father Vader. Our family has known Father Vader since he came to Sacred Heart Church.

We have had our grandson baptized by him and our grandson also made his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Sacred Heart under the direction of Sacred Heart Church. We have been practicing Catholics for over seventy (70) years and developed a closeness with Father Vader and Sacred Heart that we never had at any other parish (5 different churches). All of this is attributed to the leadership and communication abilities of Father Vader.

We sincerely hope and pray that this entire "nightmare" for all of us ends soon.

We can never repay him for what he has done for us spiritually, but at least we can give him our sincere support in these sad times.

Sincerely yours,



 and Family.

cc: Father Kaczorowski

Feb. 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Anthony Vader. My husband and I know what a holy and saintly man Father Vader is as the rest of Sacred Heart Parish agrees. You don't see this in very many priests, bishops, etc.

A forty year allegation should be dropped. Why should Father Vader have to put up with this nonsense at this stage of his life.

Father Vader Sincerely,

has 100% of our support.



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February 11, 2003

Dear Fr. Francis Cardinal George:

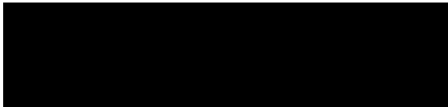
Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vadar has been accused of improper conduct against young girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness, we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vadar over the 10 years that we have known him convince us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest.

We would like to share with you some of our personal experiences with Fr. Vadar.

Pray Fr. Vadar,



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Dear Cardinal George,

I've been a member of Sacred Heart (Chicago) for over 12 yrs. and have known Father Vader to be an ideal priest and one wonderful human being.

These allegations against Father Vader are as shocking as they are unbelievable. I can safely say & speak for every member of Sacred Heart that Father should be back with us soon and I mean in a lot less time than thirty days.

Understanding the people who have gone back forty years to do this makes me wonder IF these charges are true, why all this time? Money, I guess and may the not receive a dime.

Yours in Christ,



2-11-03

[REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal George,

The words shock and disbelief downplay our reaction to the utter lunacy of the allegations brought against Father Vader of a 40-year old nature.

This man has proven to be a true Shepherd of his flock in every sense. His celebration of Mass is very sincere, and it comes across that way even if you came to our church for the first time.

His love for his church and vocation are spoken of frequently in his homilies. He is a stellar figure in the community. Kindness, patience and down-to-earth nature only describe a small part of Father Vader.

Anthony may look in a mirror and reflect back truth and honor. Please restore him to us.

Thank you for reading this. Peace,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Parish of Sacred Heart
Chicago

Feb. 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George

I am just devastated to hear the news of Father Vader. I can't understand that this is true. Such a good and holy man is accused of this.

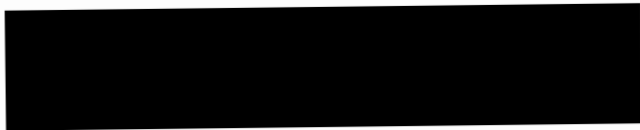
What kept this person forty years to come forward now and ruin this great mans life. He is so kind and thoughtful and thinks only of others, not himself

I look forward to seeing him at Mass on Sunday.

He is a wonderful person and is dearly loved and respected by all. We want him back.

Please help him
Love and Prayers

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February 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

Last Sunday, February 9, 2003, my fellow parishioners and I received the news that our beloved Pastor, Rev. Anthony Vader, is the subject of allegations of near-ancient impropriety. This is totally shocking.

Father Vader has been the heart of Sacred Heart since he accepted the responsibility of overseeing us so we could reopen over 20 years ago. I first came to know him outside of the pulpit when he said my dad's funeral in July of [REDACTED]. Then he performed my wedding ([REDACTED]), and Baptized both of my children ([REDACTED]). He sometimes visits my [REDACTED] grade Catechism class to say hello and offer support.

I've had several opportunities to converse privately with him; it is a very pleasant experience. Father is smart, compassionate, well read, well traveled, and quite funny. During one of my marriage preparation meetings with him (while he was still Pastor at Holy Name of Mary) some neighborhood children rang the doorbell – they were looking for candy. Father sent them on their way empty-handed. He was concerned that not all of them were honest, and cautioned me against being alone with a child not my own. I have heeded his words in my work at my children's school.

Among Father Vader's fans is my [REDACTED] father-in-law. [REDACTED] says that there's something about Fr. Vader that really gets him in the heart. Although he's only been to Sacred Heart five times ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) Father's words and tone have stayed with him. He regularly asks how Father is doing and tells me how much he was affected by his homilies. Now I have to work up the courage to tell him of Father's situation. This is not going to be pleasant.

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Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

cc: Father James T. Kaczorowski

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Feb. 11, 2003

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar For priests
645 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 543
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski,

Our family was greatly devastated upon learning about the recent accusations against Fr. Anthony Vader. We have known Fr. Vader for more than 2 decades now and he has been our Spiritual Director for over 20 years. During our difficult times, he was always there to give us spiritual guidance, moral support and help us gain our power and strength through powerful prayers throughout the years. We know Fr. Vader as a caring, loving, honest, respectful, respectable, very sincere, compassionate, and a very Holy man who can be likened to our Beloved Cardinal Bernardin. Fr. Vader joins us on our weekly rosary and novena prayers to the Infant Jesus and our Lady of Fatima. This proves that Fr. Vader is very spiritually dedicated & committed to his job, to the people and to the community.

These accusations against Fr. Vader and all the other priests are emotionally and psychologically affecting families. Some people appear to undermine and try to damage the Archdiocese. Some of these cases are motivated only by economic & financial interests. So, Father, we ask of you to please do a thorough investigation before arriving at a drastic conclusion to this very sensitive matter. We are hoping that Fr. Vader may continue with his commitment to serve the people in the Midwest, as a leader of worship, builder of the community and his ministry abroad.

We will continue to pray for Fr. Vader, for the Committee, for you and all the priests in the Archdiocese, and all the accusers that may the Lord enlighten their minds and may they realize that what they are doing is not in God's will. More power to you and we will always keep you in our prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



CC: CARDINAL GEORGE
FR. GOEDERT

February 11, 2003

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
P.O. BOX 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against our beloved retired Pastor, Fr. Anthony Vader, are unbelievable, incredible and shocking! Our hearts go out to Father Vader and we want Your Eminence to know that we stand beside Fr. Vader during this time of adversity. We know him to be a good priest, steadfast and true.

Father Vader's absence leaves us with a great void, and a legacy too big to fill. He has taught us well, to be a brother/sister, and a friend ... to place our egos aside, so we may do God's work. He has shown us what God had in mind when he created us, and for that, we are grateful. We are his sheep and he is our shepherd, always instructing us that Jesus loves us, to follow the commandments of God, to persevere, and to carry our crosses. We, the parishioners of Sacred Heart are his precious children. He is the driving force behind everything accomplished at Sacred Heart and we pledge him our fidelity.

We hope that soon Fr. Vader will be restored to his Ministry at Sacred Heart Church. We pray that our Blessed Mother will wrap her protective mantel around him at this difficult time.

Thank you for your intercession and consideration. Please know, Cardinal George, that you have our support and prayers no matter what the outcome of this situation.

Respectfully,

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cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar of Priests

AOC 020982

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

C/o [REDACTED]

February 11, 2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

May God's blessings be with you. We are writing this letter to offer our support and prayers for our beloved Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader. We learned that Fr. Vader has been accused of improper conduct some 45 years ago. Like most other Filipino American groups and those at Fr. Vader's parishes, our group cannot believe that Fr. Vader would be subjected to such malicious and hurtful lies. As a matter of fact, we are surprised that the Committee hearing this case even found some merit to move it forward.

Our group, Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade, an organization promoting family and community devotion to our Lady of Fatima, was formed several years ago. We have several member families in the Southwest side of Chicago and suburbs. Fr. Vader has been involved in our activities. He has ministered to our members' needs: baptizing our children, marrying some couples, counseling the troubled, visiting the sick, burying our dead, leading our pilgrimages, helping those discriminated against, helping others find jobs and supporting our religious, cultural celebrations.

In all our years of association with Fr. Vader, and several of us have known Fr. Vader as far back as the late 1950s and early 1960s, his words and actions have conveyed nothing but the highest ethical and respectful behavior and the most inspiring spiritual integrity. We, therefore, urge the Committee and all decision makers to look closely, listen intently and appreciate the integrity of Fr. Anthony J. Vader, who has served God and man most faithfully for the last fifty years.

We, members of Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade, and the rest of the Filipino-American community, here in the United States and the Philippines, pray for Fr. Vader's strength and health and unshakable faith in the Almighty as he suffers this heavy cross. We pray for the Committee and decision makers for their enlightened judgment. Most especially, we pray for the accusers, that God may enlighten them and guide them to tell only the truth and not be motivated and influenced by any material or financial gains from their allegations.

We firmly believe that like the late beloved Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Fr. Vader is innocent of these allegations. We only hope and pray that this horrendous burden with its unthinkable suffering does not kill him.

Thank you for listening to us and considering our appeal. Please give back to us and to the community the caring, loving, prayerful and honest Fr. Vader, who had and will always be a part of our families and the source of strength and guidance of our spiritual lives.

If during the investigation and deliberation process, it is possible for Fr. Vader's friends to come and listen or to present statements of support to the Committee, please contact [REDACTED]. Also, please feel free to call any of us in the attached signature sheets. Thank you.

Sincerely and prayerfully yours,

The members of Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade (Please see attached signatures.)

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. ✓
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

FEB 19 2003

AOC 020983

February 11, 2003


Dear Cardinal George,

I have just learned of the allegations leveled against Fr. Anthony Vader and I am shocked. These allegations date back some 40 years and as a result, he is unable to celebrate mass for at least 30 days.

I have known Fr. Vader for at least 19 years and cannot understand any of this. He has always been kind, caring, and understanding. I have told many of my friends this on several occasions.

My history at Sacred Heart has been long and happy. My father was an usher there when Fr. Borchardt was pastor. My husband and mother are both Eucharistic Ministers. My husband and I were married there and had our son baptized there and he made his First Communion there. All thanks to Fr. Vader. He has kept our church going when some wanted to close it.

He has been a good friend to our family in times of need. 


This is a man who is truly walking in Jesus' footsteps.

I will always support Fr. Vader. I will not believe these allegations. I will continue to pray for him and for the people who have brought these allegations forth.

God bless you and guide you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,



February 11, 2003

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Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski:

Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been accused of improper conduct against young girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness, we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vader over the last 15 years that we have known him convinces us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest. We would like to share with you some of our personal experiences with Fr. Vader.

When we first joined the community of the Sisters, that was the first time we met Fr. Vader; he treated us as if he knew us long. He is very approachable and as time goes by, he helps us by listening to our problems. When my in laws passed away, he was there to listen and give us spiritual comfort. We don't know how we would survive the trials of life if he was not there for us. We hope this lies will pass.

Very Truly yours

and Family

AOC 020985

Feb 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have only been attending the Shrine of Sacred Heart for the past 4 years. We are there because of Father Voder. He is a very sincere priest who's sermons always make us talk about them. We cannot believe anything negative about him. Your character is formed when you are a young adult. It doesn't change much as the years go by. you become more understanding. He was the same sort of priest 40 years ago as he is today. We believe in him and we get so much more out of the mass since we have been attending the Shrine of Sacred Heart.

Sincerely



Dear and the
letter on Fr Voder

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FEB 11 2003

Copy for Rev. James T. Kaczmarek, Vicar of Priests

Feb 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Anthony Vader. My husband and I know what a holy and saintly man Father Vader is as the rest of Sacred Heart Parish agrees. You don't see this in very many priests, bishops, etc.

A forty year allegation should be dropped. Why should Father Vader have to put up with this nonsense at this stage of his life.

Father Vader has 100% of our support.

Sincerely,



2-11-03

[REDACTED]
Dear Reverend Kaczorowski,

The words shock and disbelief down-plays our reaction to the utter lunacy of the allegations brought against Father Vader of a 40 year old nature.

This man has proven to be a true Shepherd of his flock in every sense. His celebration of Mass is very sincere, and comes across that way even if you come to our Church for the first time.

His love for his Church and vocation are spoken about frequently in his homilies. He is a stellar figure in our community. Kindness, patience and down-to-earth nature only describe a small part of Father Vader.

Anthony may look in a mirror and reflect back truth and honor. Please return him to us.

Thank you for reading this.

Peace,

[REDACTED]
Parish of Sacred Heart
Chicago




February 11, 2003

Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been accused of improper conduct against young girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness, we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vader over the 10 years that we have known him convince us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest.

We would like to share with you some of our personal experiences with Fr. Vader.

Pray Fr. Vader,



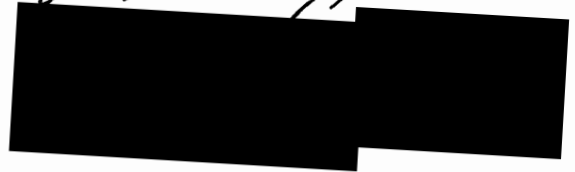
Feb 11, 2003

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He is a very sincere person who's sermons always make us talk about them. We cannot believe anything negative about him. Your character is formed when you are a young adult. It doesn't change much over the years. You may become more understanding. He is the same sort of priest now, as he was 40 years ago. We believe in him and he gives us so much when we attend his mass on Saturday at Sacred Heart.

Sincerely,



Feb. 11, 2003

Dear Father

I am just devastated to hear the news of Father Vader. I can't understand that this is true. Such a good and holy man is accused of this.

What kept this person forty years to come forward now and ruin this great mans life. He is so kind and thoughtful and thinks only of others, not himself.

I look forward to seeing him at Mass on Sunday. He is a wonderful person and is dearly loved and respected by all. We want him back.

Please Help him Father

Love and Prayers



February 11, 2003

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

I have just learned of the allegations leveled against Fr. Anthony Vader and I am shocked. These allegations date back some 40 years and as a result, he is unable to celebrate mass for at least 30 days.

I have known Fr. Vader for at least 19 years and cannot understand any of this. He has always been kind, caring, and understanding. I have told many of my friends this on several occasions.

My history at Sacred Heart has been long and happy. My father was an usher there when Fr. Borchardt was pastor. My husband and mother are both Eucharistic Ministers. My husband and I were married there and had our son baptized there and he made his First Communion there. All thanks to Fr. Vader. He has kept our church going when some wanted to close it.

He has been a good friend to our family in times of need.

This is a man who is truly walking in Jesus' footsteps.

I will always support Fr. Vader. I will not believe these allegations. I will continue to pray for him and for the people who have brought these allegations forth.

God bless you and guide you in the days ahead.

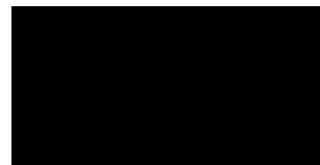
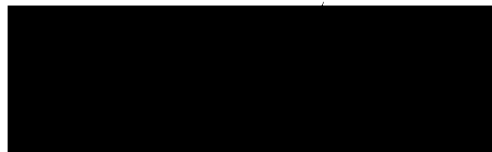
Sincerely,

February 19, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vaden. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vaden cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

We have known Father Vaden and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind and wonderful priest and person.



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

Feb. 12, 2003

FEB 13 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690


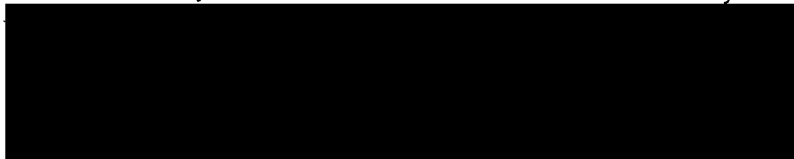
Dear Cardinal George;

We have just learned of the allegations made against our dear Father Vader. These allegations and the requirement that he must remain at Mundelein for at least 30 days are just incredible.

Father Vader has been an inspiration to us as well as a kind person and a wonderful priest. He has been there for our families baptisms, First Communion's and 2 years ago for our renewal of vows for our 50th wedding anniversary. My husband is now in the hospital in critical condition and when we called Father he was there within the hour and he was such a comfort to me and to my entire family.

We, along with everyone else at Sacred Heart owe him so much and will always continue to believe in him and support him.

Respectfully



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

AOC 020994

*Eminence Cardinal George
Chicago, Illinois*

FEB 19 2003

February 12, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Father Kaczorowski

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February 12, 2003

FEB 18 2003

Francis Cardinal George OMI
Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing to express to you my total shock and utter disbelief at the news of certain allegations made against Father Anthony Vader of Sacred Heart Church. Father Vader has been nothing but exemplary in performing his duties as a priest.

He graciously served as pastor of our little church, Sacred Heart of the Chicago South Side. I know no other priest to be as real and down-to-earth as he. I grew up at Sacred Heart and had the pleasure of Father Vader performing my wedding ceremony. He supported my husband and I through the spiritual path that led us down the aisle of Sacred Heart.

In addition, he baptized my niece and has offered his guidance to other members of my family. I pray that Father Vader can soon be allowed to say masses again. I also pray that you too will see that he is a big part of our family and that his reputation not be tarnished.

Respectfully yours,



Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

AOC 020996

sent per letter

Feb. 12, 2002

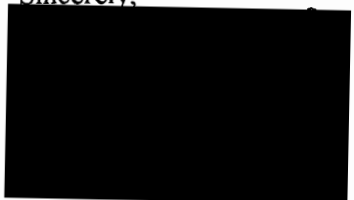
Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40-year-old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. I know him to be an outstanding priest, always. I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

Forty years ago, how much credibility could there be? I do not know Father Vader's accusers or their motives, but I have strong suspicions.

I know you are a fair and good man, **please** judge Father Vader individually and do not lump him in with priests who may have violated their trust.

Sincerely,



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*Eminence Cardinal George
Chicago, Illinois*

February 12, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This 'news' is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

We've known Father for many years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

Sincerely,



c.c. Father Kaczorowski



FEB 14 2003

2/17/03

Dear Cardinal George

My family was at 4:00 Mass
at Sacred Heart when I heard
about Father Jader.

Father married my daughter
& Baptized my grandson & grand daughter
Father has help me through

We love him, we miss him
& we want him back

Please - Please
Thankyou


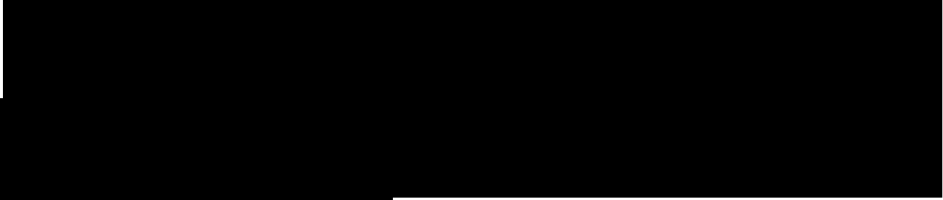
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Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

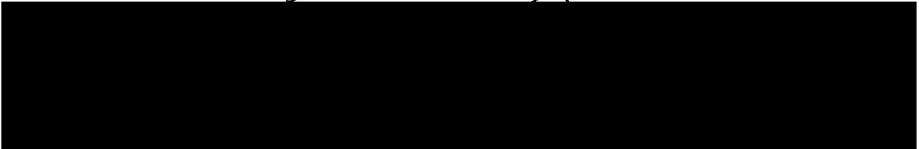
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at Sacred Heart when I heard
about Father Sader.

Father married my daughter
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Father has helped me
through



We love him, we miss him
& we want him back

Please please
Thank you



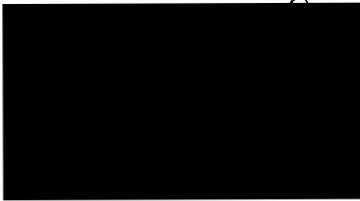
Feb. 12, 2002

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

The allegations and resulting requirement, that Father Vader spend thirty days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our Church for more than twenty years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

I know Father Vader to be an outstanding individual and priest. My fear is that Father Vader might be lumped in with other priests who have violated their trust. I cannot and will not believe that Father Vader violated his trust, at anytime. Please, ensure that Father Vader is judged separately and fairly.

Sincerely,



Date: February 13, 2003

To: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago IL 60690

Cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 543
Chicago IL 60611

From: [REDACTED]

Subject: Deministration of Father Anthony J. Vader

Mid-morning Saturday 2/11/03 I called Father Vader to ask him if he had plans for lunch. My wife and I periodically treat him to a meal out. It was at this time he notified me of the allegations of 40 years ago. I could detect the quivering in his voice as he told me.

We have a unique congregation at Sacred Heart. It is composed mainly of people who, for one reason or another, are dissatisfied with the liturgies of their geographical parishes.

My wife and I started attending Sacred Heart nearly 20 years ago. I cannot remember precisely when I met Father Vader, but I know it has been at least 10 years. Our initial one-on-one with Father Vader was in 1998 when he visited me in the hospital [REDACTED]

Father Vader is among the best homilists I have ever heard. His messages are delivered in a brief style – and are issue and current event relevant. He is able to hold one's attention versus many of today's long winded orators.

Last Spring Father celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination. The congregation expressed our appreciation for his work with a reception. More than 150 people attended, including some of our Archdiocese hierarchy.

It is my opinion that 30 days "house arrest" is uncalled for in this instance, and only adds to the stress of the situation for Father Vader. As a [REDACTED] it is my opinion the matter should not take that long to investigate. A decision should be reached sooner, to enable Father Vader back where he belongs – serving the people of Sacred Heart.

[REDACTED]

February 14, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have known Father Vadeu for 30 years, and cannot believe the allegations made against him. Very sad that Father cannot say Mass and hope he returns soon to our Mission.

He has converted so many and has brought many people back to Church. He is loved by all and always there for us.

Father Vadeu, is kind, loving and very special to all. He is a Real Priest.

Sincerely,

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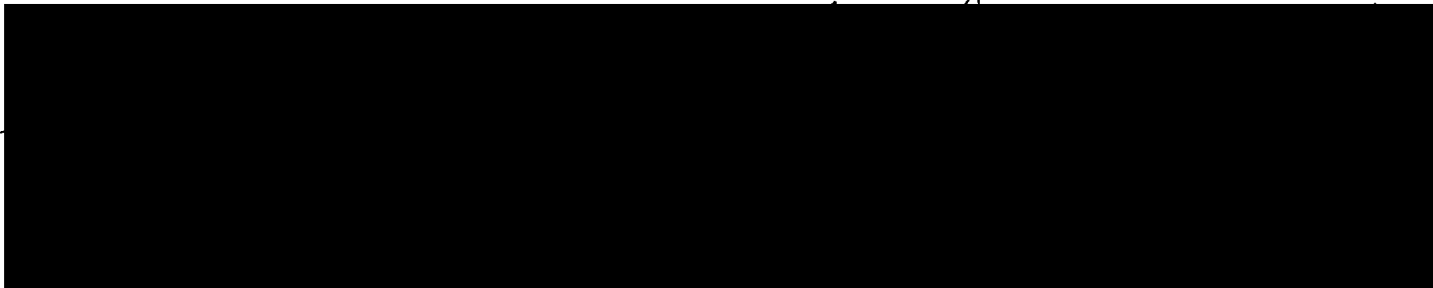
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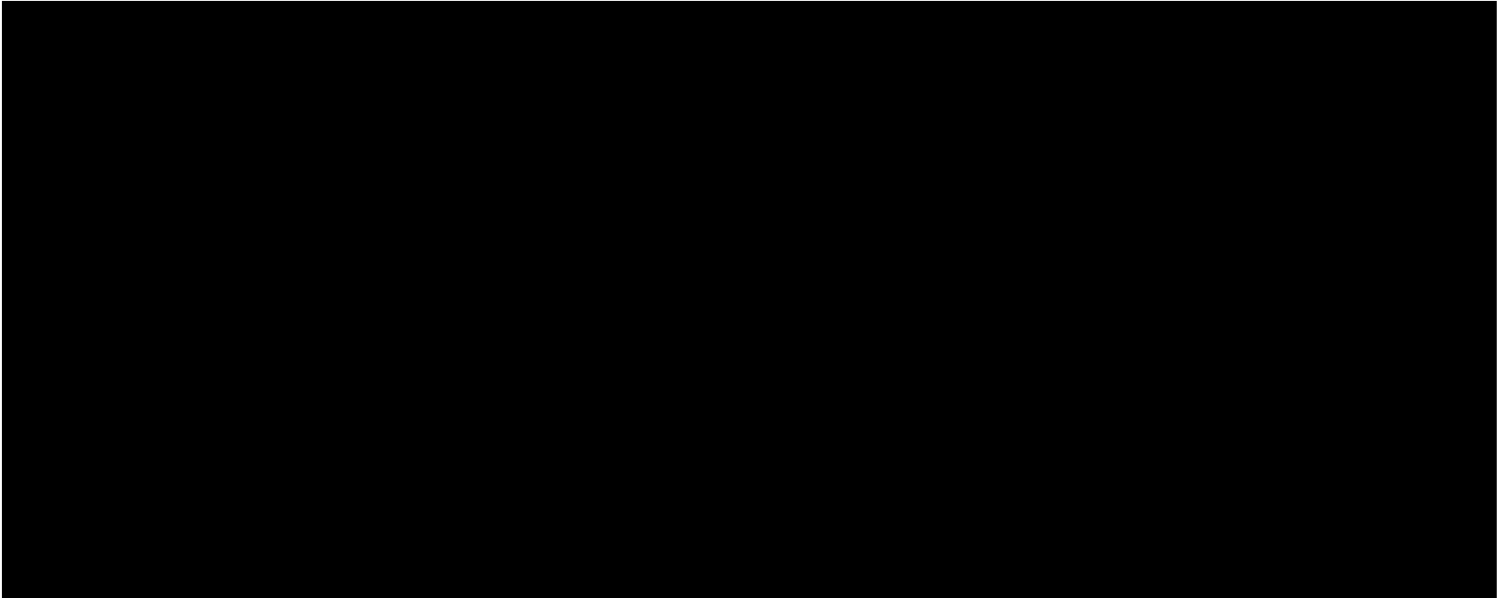
I am writing with deep concern of the allegations made on Father Vade. This was extremely devastating news, so that I could not sleep well this past week.

I know father for many years. He married my sister and baptized my grandchildren.

I am a 59 year old Mother and Grandmother. I would trust Father with anyone of my grandchildren.

I can't understand this sick person who after 40 some years, ~~has~~ ^{has} the nerve to accuse our dear Priest of mis-conduct.





I pray day and night for our Father
he is a wonderful man.

Sincerely



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Chicago, Illinois 60602

13 February 2003

His Eminence
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL. 60690

Your Eminence,

The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and myself are very disturbed to learn that Father Anthony J. Vader is under investigation by the Church.

I speak for my country and countless of my people here and outside the state of Illinois as well as those back home when I say that we have the highest and absolute regard for Fr. Vader.

For being an exemplary pastoral model and for his continued unselfish love and concern for the young, adult, and elder members of the Filipino-American community which began 45 years ago, Fr. Vader was awarded the Philippine Presidential Citation on 23 June 1999.

Please count on the Philippine Consulate General and myself to strongly vouch for the reputable character of Fr. Anthony J. Vader.

Very truly yours in Christ,


EMELINDA LEE-PINEDA
Consul General

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

AOC 021006

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Dear CARDINAL GEORGE,

We are writing to you on behalf of Father Vader, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church. We are deeply disturbed by the allegations that have been brought forth against him. We find it hard to believe that anyone could charge him as they have done. Father Vader has given my family a place to call home. My children attend the religious education program at Sacred Heart and we have been loyal parishioners for many years.

This past summer my brother wanted to have his first child baptized. He had just moved to [REDACTED] and went to his local catholic church. My brother [REDACTED] and had been unable to work. The church REFUSED to baptize his baby unless he provided them with copies of his income tax returns and pledged 10% of his income to the church. These were their requirements to become a parishioner. He could not even keep up with his bills. I approached Father Vader about this situation. And as to be expected with Father Vader, he graciously agreed to perform the ceremony for my family. My brother tried to give him a donation for his kindness but again Father Vader told him to put it in the Sunday collection.

The point that we are trying to get across is that at a time when people are losing faith in the Catholic Church there are priests such as Father Vader who are there to renew that faith and hope. We stand by this man and plead with you to reconsider your actions.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

Copy to Rev. James Kaczorowski

AOC 021007

2-13-03

Dear Rev Kaczorowski


I am writing to you with deep concern of the allegations made toward Father Vader.

This was extremely devastating news... So that I could not sleep well since the terrible news.

I know father for years, He married my sister, baptised my Grandchild, and consoled me when I needed a friend.

I am a 59 year old Mother and Grandmother of 4. I would trust father with anyone of my Grandchildren.

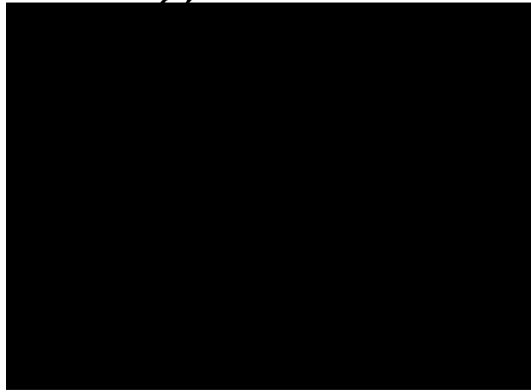
I truly can't understand these sick people who after 40 years have the nerve to accuse our dear Priest of misconduct.





I pray night and day for our dear Father
Vader.

Sincerely



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February 14, 2003

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to support Father Vader, especially with your prayers. This is a tragic situation for all concerned, and it fills everyone with sadness. Thank you for writing and for your life of faith. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021010

February 14, 2003

Dear Cardinal George;

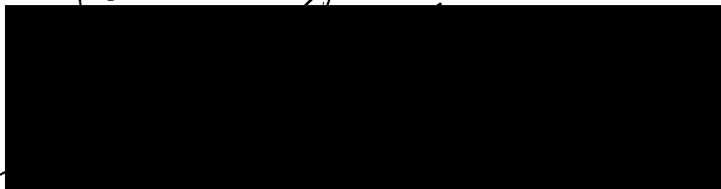
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The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegation against Father Vaden are shock and disbelief.

My brother was involved in putting the roof on Sacred Heart when it was re-opened by Cardinal Bernardin, which is how I heard of the Church. It has been my place of worship since that time.

Father Vaden to me is the image of Christ on earth. He is a truly marvelous Priest, humble, holy and honest. He loves children, stops to bless every child he sees. Please do not let the same thing happen to him that happened to our wonderful Cardinal Bernardin.

Sincerely,



Feb. 14, 2003

His Eminence
Francis Cardinal George O.M.S.
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Ill. 60690

Dear Cardinal George,
My family and I have just learned of the allegations made against Father Anthony Voder, the pastor of our church, The Shrine of the Sacred Heart. We were told that there go back 40 years and, as a result, Father Voder cannot celebrate Mass and must remain in Mundelein for at least a month. Needless to say, this news is not only a shock to me and my family, and unbelievable, but to everyone at the Shrine.

We have known Father Voder for twenty years. In fact, we had not gone to church for years and it was only through hearing about Father Voder and his ministry at the Shrine that we returned. Father Voder has always been a kind, good, and wonderful priest. One feels the Holy Spirit and sanctity when he is there and saying Mass.

My family and I are all better Catholics today because of Father Voder, and we all owe him so much. We cannot understand how anyone can bring such charges. We stand behind Father Voder and hope and pray that he will soon return to our Shrine.

Respectfully,
[Redacted Signature]

cc: Rev. James Koczowski

February 14, 2003

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Dear Cardinal George,

I just learned of the allegations made against my friend, Father Anthony Vader. These reportedly date back forty plus years and as a result, I am told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the retreat house in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news comes as a shock and is unbelievable to all that truly know him.

When I was in my late twenties I had the pleasure to work with Father Vader as a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart in Chicago. As a practicing Catholic all my life and having attended Catholic grade school and high school I have heard many homilies. Father Vader is the only Priest that would explain the Gospel in real-life meaning terms and after he spoke you came away with wanting to be a better person. No one else has ever had that impact on me. Unfortunately, I moved from the area and have struggled very hard to find a Church with Priests that could encourage and speak with such meaning. Father Vader came to our home and blessed our first child and celebrated her baptism. I am in shock over these allegations and find it disheartening that a man who can touch so many and make this world a better place cannot celebrate Mass any longer. I have often traveled a good distance to hear him speak because I know his words would get me through any problems and I would leave feeling much better. I am thirty-two years old and as life gets more difficult we need more leaders like Father Vader to get us through the hard times.

I pray for him and for you so that God will give you the strength to do the right thing. He deserves our support and we will give him back what he's given to us. Please consider that this man is not a threat to society; the crime is that he is not able to celebrate Mass. For that we all suffer.

Sincerely,



Feb. 14, 2003

Hear Cardinal George,
As a member of Holy Name of Mary
Church for over forty years, Father
Vader was our priest. A finer
God fearing Priest you have
yet to find.

We believe in him and
trust him implicitly. We
do not believe that he has
done anything immoral. So
we support ^{him} in his trials
tribulations.

Yours In Christ

FEB 14 2003



February 14, 2003

February 14, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Ave.- Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Father:

This letter comes to you regarding our [REDACTED] Father Anthony Joseph Vader and the accusations brought against him. We, his family in [REDACTED] are both shocked and outraged that anyone would question Father Vader's integrity or accuse him of compromising his priestly vocation. While we understand that the Diocese of Chicago must review and evaluate any accusations brought against one of their own we cannot accept the accusations and find them ludicrous.

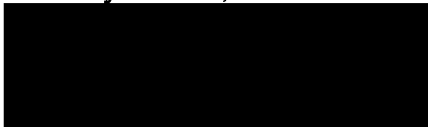
I have known Father Vader since before his Ordination as he came to [REDACTED] each year for vacation. He lived in our home, and became part of our family as he does today during his visits. I have also been on pilgrimages with him. I can state without hesitation that he is foremost a Priest both then and now; a man of dedication to his family and his ministry. I am sure you will agree with me that Father Vader had and continues to have opportunities, while on vacation, to put aside his priestly vows. Never once did we see him or hear him violate those vows.

For 50 some years he has always been there to counsel and console his family. [REDACTED]

Father Vader's life as a priest speaks for itself. He has given, and continues to give, his life for the rights and well being of all his brother and sisters in Christ especially the Black community and Filipino American community. He has always been true to God and His church, true to his vocation, and true to himself.

May God have mercy on the soul of the accused and the accusers. We pray that the truth will triumph.

Sincerely in Christ,



cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 14, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop Archdiocese of Chicago
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

I am write to express my support of Father Anthony Vader after learning of the unbelievable allegations made against him.

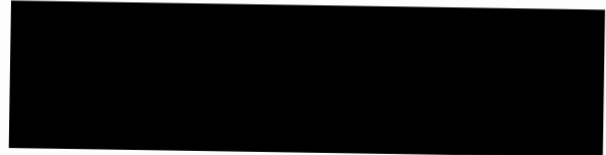
I have been attending Mass at Sacred Heart Church for a number of years. I have always found Father Vader to be wonderful priest. I enjoyed attending a Mass celebrated by Father Vader because he made them more meaningful. His sermons were always inspiring and thought provoking. They were never pompous or pretentious as, unfortunately, some priests' sermons are prone to be.

Naturally, I find the allegations against Father Vader to be shocking. They are difficult for me to understand since the Father Vader I know is a wonderful and kind person as well as being a dedicated priest.

I can only hope that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in making your decision regarding Father Vader so that he may be exonerated.

Thank you for your consideration. I will continue to pray for you and Father Vader.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

4-17-03 10:23:00

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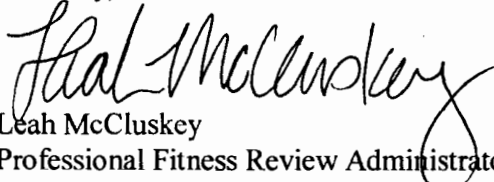
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The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Anthony Vader did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Cardinal has also accepted the Board's recommendation that Anthony Vader [REDACTED].

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach them at 312.751.8267.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
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Rev. Anthony Vader
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
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Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
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J. M. J.

February 14, 2003

Dear Father Kaczarowski,


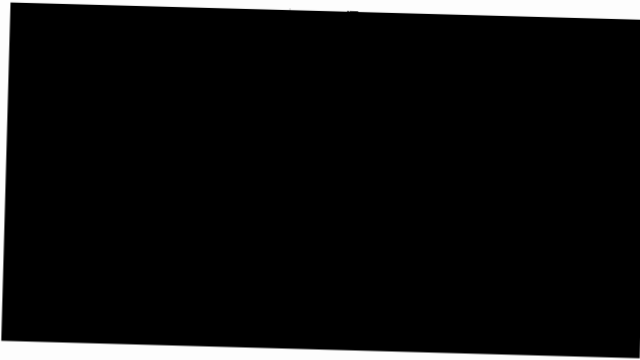
I have known Father Vaden for 30 years, and the allegations made against him are not true. He is the most kind, loving and a wonderful priest. Always there to help everyone. He is a Real Priest.

I hope Father will return soon to say Mass. I don't think he has ever missed a day with daily Mass.

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I pray to the
Sacred Heart every day
for his return.

Sincerely,



February 14, 2003

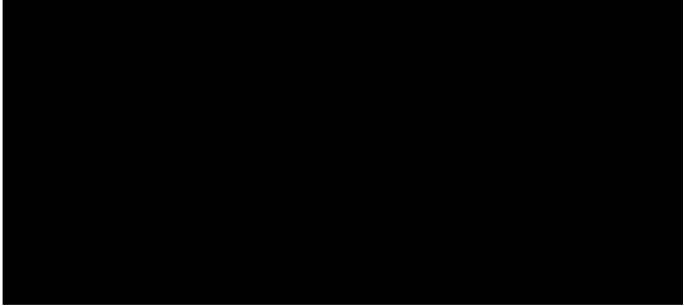
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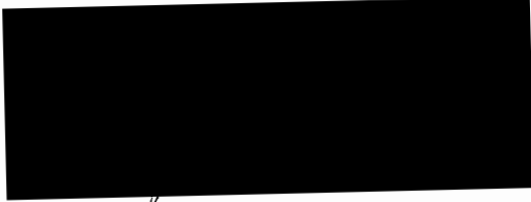
Please have faith in our wonderful Father Vadu.

He is kind, humble, gentle, just a thoughtful, caring priest who would not harm a thing on this earth. He loves children, blessing them every time he sees them.

Please do not let the same thing happen to him that happened to Cardinal Bernardini. The charges against him are not and cannot be true.

Sincerely





Feb. 14, 2003

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,

As a member of Holy Name of Mary Church for over forty years, Father Vader was our priest. A finer God fearing priest you have yet to find.


We believe in him and trust him implicitly. We do not believe that he has done anything immoral. So we support him in his trials and tribulations.

Yours In Christ



B. Bishop Perry Agenda PRAYER 10:15 – 11:30

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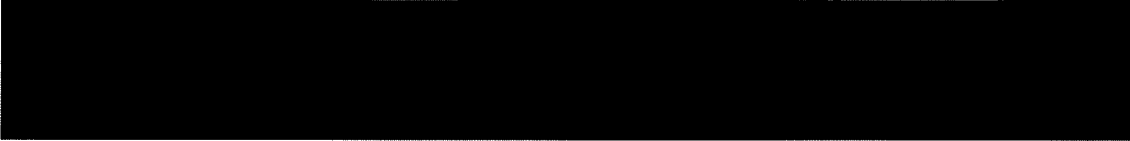
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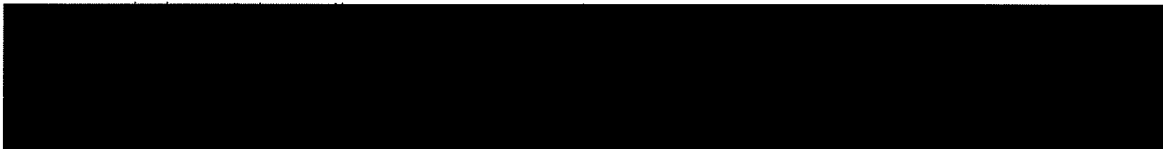
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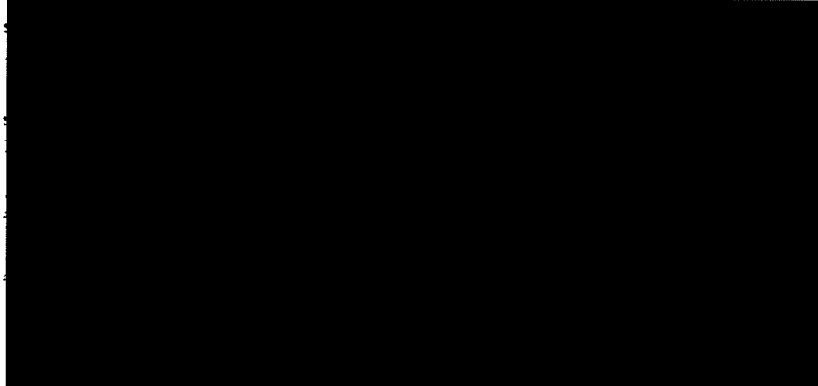
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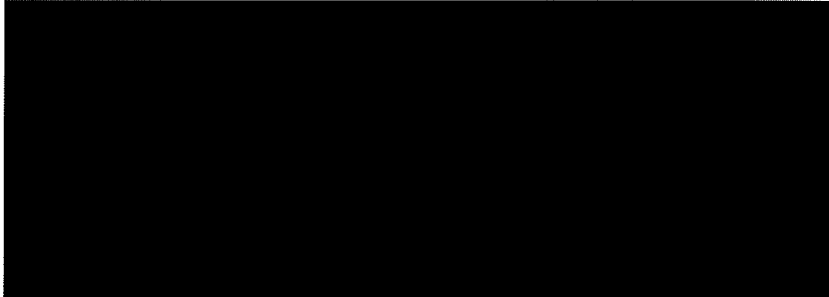


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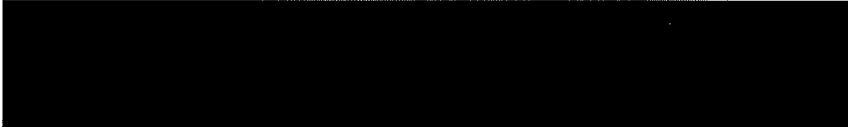
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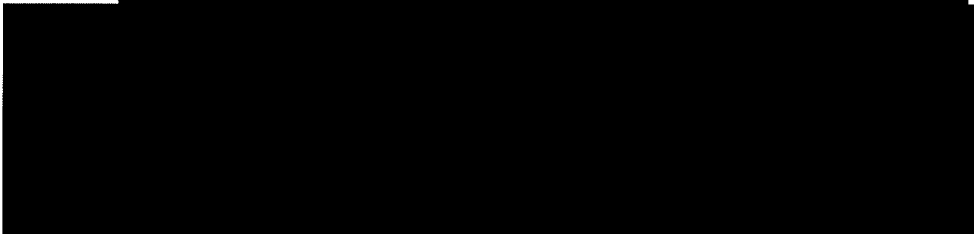


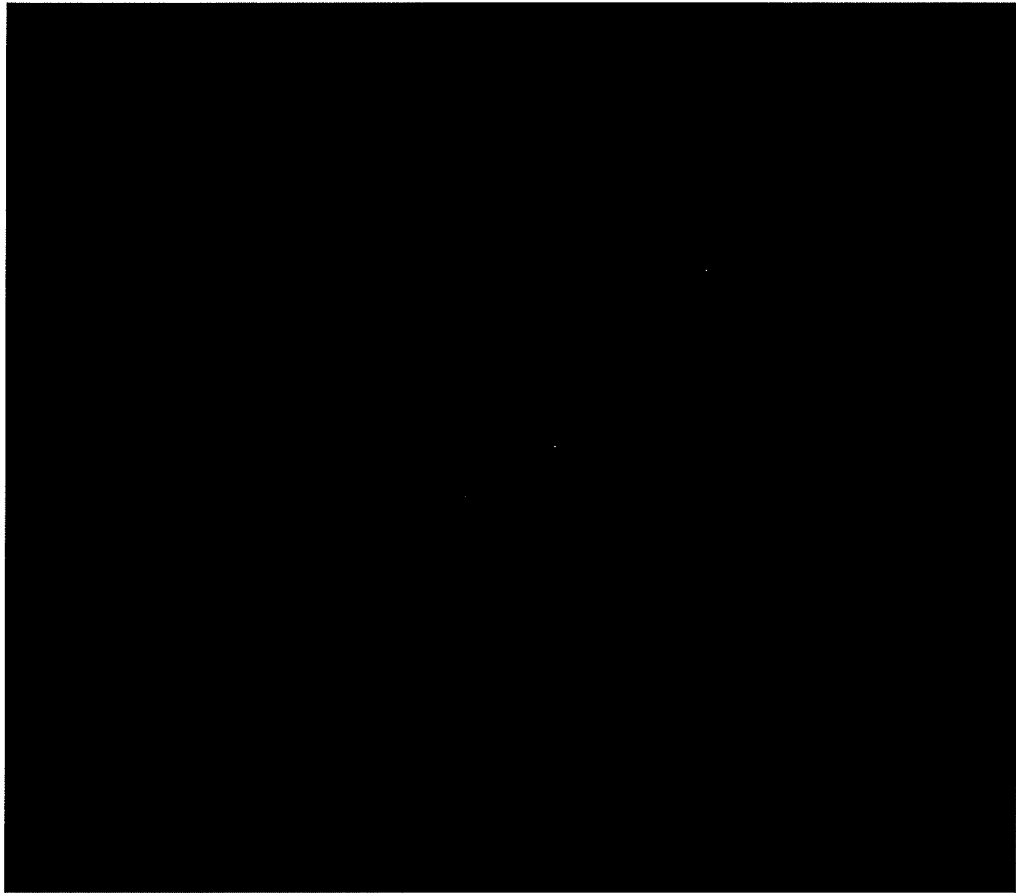
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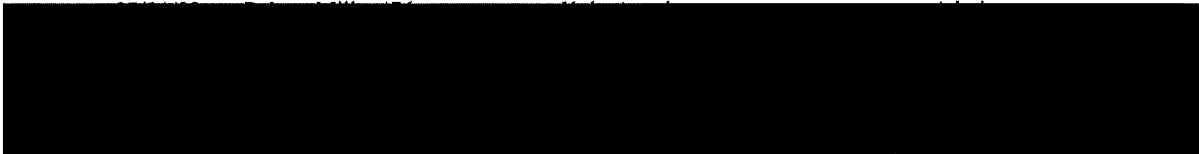
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B Anthony Vader '52 (retired) Sacred Heart Mission Admin





February 15,2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

The purpose of this letter is to offer support for our beloved Rev. Fr. Anthony Vader.

We learned that Father Vader has been accused of improper conduct some forty five years ago. We do not believe that he is capable of such malicious allegations. To us Father Vader is a living Saint. He has been there when we and countless others need him for spiritual guidance and moral support and helped us in our pains and sorrows.

We have known Father Vader since we came to America (me in 1981 and my wife in 1985). But recently we became real good friends with him [redacted] on Sundays for our "Samahang Santo Nino " novena and mass. Sometimes we have experienced traveling for hours to and from different locations and Father Vader has always been an inspiration to us as we discuss life's various problems concerning us and our family. We think of Father Vader as the embodiment of goodness and as a priest we have only the highest regard for his work.

He is innocent from all the charges and we believe it without any reservation. We believe that the charges are false and ridiculous. They should not even be considered or heard.

We beg your good committee to dismiss these allegations and let Father Vader go on with the wonderful work that he is doing. His fifty years of serving God and men has not been without hardships, that his health is failing him and he had some major operations on his hip and leg and these has considerably slowed him down. It has been five years since the last time we saw Father Vader as we now residing in [redacted] but our memory of Father Vader will always be cherished in our hearts. We can only hope that we will see him again very soon, alive and kicking and very much exonerated.

Thank you very much for listening to us and for considering our appeal. Please give back to the community our caring, loving, honest and prayerful Father Vader. He will always be a part of our families and the source of our strength and guidance of our spiritual lives.

Sincerely and prayerfully,



(Please see attached signatures from members of our family)

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 15, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now. He is a kind person and wonderful priest. We've known him for many years.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kacgorowski

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2-15-03

Your Excellency,
Father Anthony Uder
has been known to me for
thirty years - I attended Mass
occasionally at Holy Name
Mary and was present at
his retirement party where

He was extolled by all present.

He had been responsible at Sacred Heart Shrine for leading Catholics home who were lapsed.

Just as with "Our Brother Joseph," tragic mistakes occur. In my opinion, this may also be the case here.
God love you!



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
PO Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

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February 15, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

Last Sunday, I learned of the allegations made against Father Anthony Vader. Father Vader has been at Sacred Heart for over twenty years. I am shocked at this news. I am saddened that Father Vader must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for thirty days.

I attended Sacred Heart with my parents and siblings as a child. After I was married, I brought my husband, and eventually our children, to Sacred Heart Church. Like my mother before me, I am a Catechist in our little mission. I serve Sacred Heart as a Eucharist Minister.

[REDACTED]

Why do we do all of this? One man, Father Anthony Vader, has inspired us.

Father Vader's kindness, guidance and support have kept my family coming back to Sacred Heart Church every week. His gentle manner with everyone is an inspiration, especially to parents in a harried world. His Homilies make the Word of God more meaningful in a society that seems to be more focused on "stuff" than on living the way Jesus taught.

When I see my sons run into church each Sunday, I know it because they feel at home at Sacred Heart, just as I did when I was their age. When I see my sons serve God by offering their time as altar servers, I know it is because of the encouragement they have received from their pastor, Father Vader. There is a sense of community in Sacred Heart Church that is not found in many other parishes. It is a feeling of being welcomed each and every time I walk into the building. It is a sense of renewal after hearing Father Vader guide me through the scriptures and the Holy Mass.

I pray that Father Vader will be allowed to return to Sacred Heart Church very soon. He is a kind pastor and a good man. He will always have the support of my family.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

February 15, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Il. 60690

FEB 15 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing this letter regarding Father Anthony Vader. I have worked closely with Father Vader at Sacred Heart Church. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Throughout all this, Father Vader has been nothing but the kindest gentleman and leader. He is certainly an inspiration and a wonderful role model.

Although there are several Catholic churches in much closer proximity to my home than Sacred Heart, I choose to attend Sacred Heart. At Sacred Heart, one feels very much part of the church community. I feel that this is a direct reflection of Father Vader. Unfortunately so many Catholic churches are very commercialized these days, always with their hand out. At Sacred Heart, there is none of this. There is a real sense of belonging, of making a difference. Father Vader welcomes everyone, regardless of their status in the community. In fact, when my son was born, I was a single parent. At that time, I belonged to Sacred Heart but was not very active in the church and did not know Father Vader well. When I asked Father Vader to baptize my son and told him that I was a single parent (something I'm told would have other Catholic churches "reject" my child and I), Father Vader did not bat an eye and simply smiled and told me that "every baby is God's baby".

I have gotten to see firsthand how the children at CCD and Father Vader interact and it is very refreshing. He listens to the children and showers them constantly with praise. The children light up when he enters the room.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Community, I would again like to profess my admiration of Father Vader, his dedication to the Catholic church and for being such a wonderful role model. If there is anything that I can do either individually or as part of a whole, please do not hesitate to let me know. We are very anxious at Sacred Heart to have Father Vader back where he belongs. While I feel very strongly that it is wrong to seclude him, especially since a man is innocent until proven guilty, I am confident that justice will prevail and action be taken against those guilty. Father Vader is a true priest, one to turn to in times of sorrow or joy. The Catholic church should be grateful to be represented by such a fine man.

Sincerely yours,



Thank you!

cc: Father Kaczorowski

2/15/2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I wanted to write to you to offer my support for Father Anthony Vader (retired). Fr. Vader has been a close friend of our family for many years. He has impacted my life through his many years of spiritual guidance. Since he became a part of the Sacred Heart community as a Pastor, I have become much more committed to my Catholic foundations. Much of this is due to him. I found his words of guidance at mass were delivered in a way that impacted me and challenged me to become more devout. I have. I am distressed by the accusations being made against him. Fr. Vader has been to my house and has presided over the baptism of my daughter and I am shocked that these accusations could be made. There is not a more devout priest in your flock. He never waivers from his strong catholic beliefs and is a strong proponent of this same approach with his parishioners. These accusations simply cannot be true.

I hope you will find it in your heart to take the time to get to know Fr. Vader and investigate his case thoroughly. I am convinced that if you do this he will be back again presiding over mass for his flock, where he should be. He truly is one of the best you have.

Thank you for your time and all that you have done for our religious community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

[REDACTED]

2/15/2003

AOC 021036

Retired priest removed after abuse claims

By CATHLEEN FALSANI
RELIGION REPORTER

ST 2/15

A retired Roman Catholic priest who for 30 years served as pastor of the first Chicago parish founded by and for African-American Catholics has been removed from the ministry amid allegations he engaged in sexual misconduct with minors in the 1960s.

The Rev. Anthony Vader, 76, former pastor of Holy Name of Mary parish at 115th and Loomis, was removed last week as



Rev. Anthony Vader
1960s allegations

chaplain of the Sacred Heart Mission, 11652 S. Church. Archdiocesan officials received allegations last fall that he had abused minors while an associate pastor of Holy Cross parish in the Woodlawn neighborhood more than 40 years ago.

Vader is the 14th priest the Chicago archdiocese has removed in the last year for sexual misconduct with minors.

According to a Feb. 9 letter from Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry to parishioners at Sacred Heart Mission, Vader is now "residing in a monitored and restricted setting and has been directed not to be alone with minors."

Holy Cross parish, now closed, was Vader's first assignment after he was ordained in 1952. He served there until June 1964. He served as an assistant pastor at now-shuttered St. Laurence parish from 1964 to 1968, when he was assigned to Holy Name of Mary, where he would serve as pastor until his retirement in 1998.

One of Vader's associate pastors at Holy Name of Mary, the Rev. John Calicott, successor to the Rev. George Clements as pastor of Holy Angels parish in Chicago, was removed from ministry earlier this year because of allegations of sexual misconduct with two teenage boys in 1976.

The allegations against Vader have been turned over to the Cook County state's attorney, Perry said.

Reverend James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Avenue – Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

February 15, 2003

Dear Reverend Kaczorowski,

I am attaching a copy of a letter I sent to Cardinal George regarding the current situation with Father Anthony Vader.

Father Vader has been a blessing not only to Sacred Heart Church, but also to my family.

Thank you,

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FEB 18 2003

Feb. 16, 2002

Dear Cardinal George;

The news that Rev. Tony Uder is under investigation by the Church for alleged sexual abuse over 40 years ago gives me great pain and distress.

I've known Fr. Uder and benefited from his ministry and teaching for over 30 years and believe him to be an honest, caring and right-acting priest.

Please insure that Fr. Uder's case is given proper care and attention, including due process appropriate to a man of his wisdom, experience, piety and professional-ism.

Sincerely

2-16-03

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vaden are shock and disbelief. I have known him to be a good Priest, always.

If these allegations prove to be true, it is horrible for all involved. If they prove to be false, Father Vaden should be given back those responsibilities he cherishes. May God guide everyone as the truth is being searched for.

Respectfully,



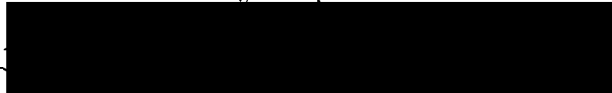
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Sunday Feb 16 - 2003

Dear Cardinal George

The allegations made against Fr. Voder are unbelievable. Having known him for many years we can not praise him enough. Because of him my wife and I were able to return to the Sacraments after thirty years. He was so helpful in getting our annulment. We can't say enough about his kindness and humility.

Sincerely



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Cardinal George:

Wake up and smell the coffee? How can you believe those 2 ladies — purpose — to get money from Archdiocese you know that is true.

Our Family has known Fr Vadei for years and we know in our heart they are lying. They want money and I'm sure the Archdiocese will pay well, that's why people do not give anymore, tired of priest being accused and they are not guilty. Please, Fr Vadei is a wonderful priest, not a lot left like him, he is not

at fault, those ladies waited
all those years, give me a break,
think before you act on
In Vadeu he is a wonderful
person.

People that love
him

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February 16, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I have just learned of the allegations made against Father Vadex of Sacred Heart. It is unbelievable and shocking to think that such a pious man would be accused of such charges. I attend Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart and find Father Vadex as very humble and inspirational.

Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

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February 16, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar For Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski,

We are appalled by the news that our dear friend, Rev. Fr. Anthony Vader, is being accused of inappropriate behavior in an incident 45 years ago. My wife, [REDACTED], and I have known Fr. Vader on a continuing basis for that many years. He officiated in our marriage in [REDACTED] 1958 at the Holy Cross Church. He baptised [REDACTED] our [REDACTED] children and officiated in the marriage of [REDACTED] of them. He also baptised [REDACTED] grandchildren. He comes to visit us at least once a year here in [REDACTED].

I first met Fr. Vader shortly after I first met my wife, [REDACTED] at the University of Chicago Nurse's Residence on 63rd Street in 1957. At that time he was starting to minister to the spiritual needs of the Filipino students in Chicago. [REDACTED] and I were immediately attracted to his sincerity, warmth and helpful attributes. He gave us, as he did to our other Filipino friends, the guidance, which otherwise would have been a vacuum, being new transplants from the Philippines. He filled the void for a spiritual mentor and continued to be one through the years, not only to my wife and I, but also to my children.

We are saddened that at the waning years of his priestly vocation he would be subjected to the humiliations of the accusation. We pray the Almighty and Knowing God give him the strength to see through his trials and ultimately be vindicated. We know Fr. Vader as a friend and as a dedicated priest of outstanding character and morals.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O. M. I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 16, 2003



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Re: Rev. Anthony J. Vader

Your Eminence:

I write this letter to express my support for Father Anthony Vader.

I graduated from Holy Cross Elementary School in [REDACTED]. Father Vader heard my First Confession; he was there for my First Holy Communion as well as for my Confirmation and my Graduation. After leaving Holy Cross, I attended [REDACTED] High School in downtown Chicago, but still often attended Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Church.

During my years at Holy Cross, Father Vader was the first cleric who "humanized" the priesthood, demonstrating that priests were more than just the "mysterious men in black" who said Mass and heard confessions. Father Vader showed us that priests could also play basketball with the boys and jump rope with the girls. Father Vader always celebrated with us during the good times just as he was there to offer his support and compassion during our struggles and failures. He was vibrant and funny; caring and compassionate; we all loved him.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago
February 16, 2003
Page 2 of 3

I am a resident of the State of [REDACTED], but have been here in Chicago visiting relatives for the past few months. Each Sunday, I attend Mass at Holy Name of Mary Parish with my family members. Because Father Vader was there, it has been the perfect incentive for me to bypass the many Catholic churches located nearer to where I am staying to drive to Holy Name of Mary. The first time I saw Father Vader after these many years it felt like "coming home." The few Sundays that I have missed Mass, Father Vader has always asked my family where I was. This is but one example of how Father Vader truly cares about you, even noticing when you miss Mass.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that Father Vader will be cleared of these charges.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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**METROPOLITAN
DIGEST**

Retired priest faces sex-abuse allegations

A retired Roman Catholic priest who worked for decades in South Side parishes was removed from ministry last week because of allegations of sexual misconduct against minors in the 1960s.

Rev. Anthony Vader, 76, had been serving as a chaplain at Sacred Heart Mission, 11652 S. Church St., according to the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was removed Feb. 9, Dwyer said.

Vader "is residing in a monitored and restricted setting and has been directed not to be alone with minors," Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry said in a statement.

The archdiocese received allegations last fall that Vader had abused underage girls while he was an associate pastor of the now-closed Holy Cross Catholic Church in the Woodlawn neighborhood more than 40 years ago.

He served there from 1952 to 1964 and then at St. Laurence Parish until 1968.

From 1968 to 1998, Vader was a priest at Holy Name of Mary Church, a historic parish in Morgan Park that was founded to serve African-Americans. The parish is known for adding gospel traditions into the Catholic service.

Vader served at Holy Name of Mary with Rev. John Calicott, who was removed as pastor of Holy Angels Parish last year because of sexual misconduct allegations dating to 1976.

The Cook County state's attorney's office is investigating the allegations against Vader, a church official said.

In the past year, the archdiocese has removed 14 priests from the ministry because of allegations of sexual misconduct.

[REDACTED]

February 16, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

My wife and I have been attending Sacred Heart Church for the past seven years. Father Vader has been our primary celebrant for five of those years. We can't tell you how shocked we were to hear of his removal from the ministry a week ago.

I don't know what prompted these women to accuse Father Vader of wrongdoing but it is hard for us to believe he would do such a thing. I consider myself a pretty good judge of character and if there ever was a priest who could be trusted to tell the truth it is Father Anthony. He says he is innocent and although I know this must be investigated, that is good enough for me.

Please make sure he is given a fair and impartial hearing and don't let politics influence the outcome. Even a priest is innocent until proven guilty.

We will pray for Father Vader (he is a good man and priest), you Cardinal George, and all that are involved in this hearing.

Warm Regards,

COPY - FR JAMES KACZOROWSKI [REDACTED]

Sunday Feb-16-2009

Dear Rev. Kaczorowski.

The allegations made against Fr. Vadu are unbelievable. Having known him for many years we can not praise him enough. Because of him my wife and I were able to return to the Sacraments after 30 years. He was so helpful in getting our annulment, ~~the~~ can't say enough about his kindness and humility.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

February 16, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I have just learned of the allegations made against Father Vadev of Sacred Heart. It is unbelievable and shocking to think that such a fine man would be accused of such charges. I attend Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart and find Father Vadev to be a very humble and inspirational man.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

2-16-03

Dear Reverend Kaczorowski,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Tador are shock and disbelief. I have known him to be a good Priest, always.

If these allegations prove to be true, it is horrible for all involved. If they prove to be false, Father Tador should be given back those responsibilities he cherishes. May God guide everyone as the truth is being searched for.

Respectfully,



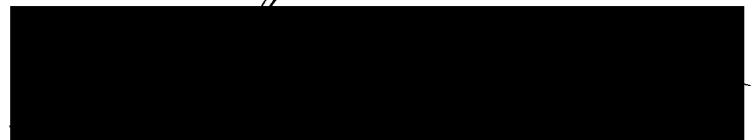

2-17-03

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Dear Cardinal George:

I am writing in support of Rev. Vader who was recently relieved of his duties at Sacred Heart Church due to allegations of misconduct many years ago. Father Vader has been a dedicated and devoted minister of Christ. He has been a true example of Christianity; leading by quiet example. I hope that the charges against Father Vader will be unfounded and that he will be able to resume his ministry. Meanwhile, I shall pray for both you and Father Vader.

Sincerely,



2.19.03

Dear Father,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vaden are shock and disbelief. I know him to be a great priest and the consummate Christian.

I simply can't believe the charges against him.

We love him and he certainly deserves our support!


Sincerely,



Rev. James J. Kaczynowski,

2/17/03

The news of the allegations against Fr. Valer came as a shock to all of us at Sacred Heart. Please make your investigation swift. We miss our priest.



Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces an e-mail chain between Victim KE and various family and friends, dated February 17, 2003, in which a relative of KE circulates a news article regarding Fr. Anthony Vader's removal from ministry due to allegations of minor sexual abuse as an act of support for Victim KE due to Victim KE's previous assertions to friends and family that she was abused by Fr. Vader. Victim KE responds by detailing her abuse by Fr. Vader at Holy Cross parish when Victim KE was approximately 10-11 years old.

February 18, 2003

Feb 18 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a member of Sacred Heart Mission Church located at 11650 S. Church Street in Chicago.

I am writing on behalf of our administrator/pastor, Father Anthony Vader, who is accused by two women of inappropriate physical contact nearly forty years ago. Details of these allegations were given from Bishop Joseph Perry at a mass celebrated at our church on February 9th.

I believe Father Vader is innocent of these charges. Fr. Vader is one of the most genuine and loving priests I have ever known. He is one of the main reasons why over the past 20 years, Sacred Heart Church has grown in membership and attendance. At the regular 10:30am Sunday mass for example, the congregation overflows into the vestibule. The standing room only crowd includes many people who have come back to practice their faith after time away from the church. To lose the man responsible for this kind of leadership is devastating.

Father Vader represents all the church would hope for in her clergy; he is a beautiful man and a wonderful priest.

In closing, I respect the process of which this investigation must take place. I also respect the individuals making the accusations and I pray for them. I trust however, that after so many years the real facts will be made known in this case.

God bless you Cardinal George, now and always.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

[REDACTED]

AOC 021057

sent form letter

February 18, 2003

Re: Fr. Anthony Vader

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priest
645 North Michigan Ave. -Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

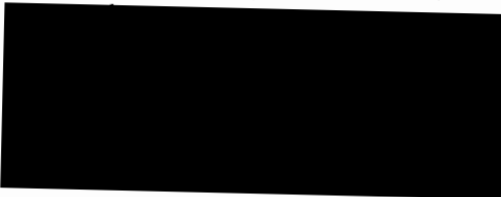
I Have known Fr. Anthony Vader for the past twenty years both as a loving and caring priest as well as a good acquaintance friend.

With all the years that I have known him as a priest never I can believe that he was accused of such things and precisely that incident has happened about 40-45 years ago and how credible those are at that time with ages around 8-9 years old, that I don't know.

For all the years that I have known him Fr. Vader exhibits professionally as a priest and so loving and caring individual. He comes to home if so requested for any special events to take care.

He is a special priest and loving too, I Hope and pray that he will come out clean.

With warm regards and prayer:



Dear Cardinal George:

We have just heard of the allegations made against Father Vades. These reportedly date back forty plus years which is unbelievable to us. It is a sick world we live in. Father Vades is one of the most understanding, kind and helpful men we've ever known and we are not of the Catholic faith.

We pray you will find that Father Vades is innocent as we know God already knows.



FEB 18 2003

2-18-03

Dear Cardinal Gearty,

I'm writing to express my sadness with the removal of Fr Veder from Sacred Heart Church. In the twenty years of attending the church I could never even imagine something like this.

Fr Veder has been an important part of your church. He has always been a kind considerate person. Fr Veder married my husband + me. We have only the

greatest respect for the
man.

He came to the
church's aid when we
needed him. I feel as
though the people need
to come to his aid.

I feel as though a
retired Pastor with all
the background & years
of service that he has put
in - should be given
some extra consideration
& concern for his future
plans.

Please let FR Vander
come back to us

FR Vander

Sincerely,



February 18, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I'm a member of Holy Name of Mary Parish, for many years Father Vodar is our family spiritual advisor and friend. My husband [redacted], now deceased, myself and my children respect Father Vodar very much, nothing can change our respect and friendship for Father Vodar.

Sincerely,
The [redacted] Family

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Feb. 18, 2003

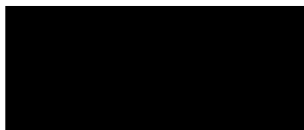
Dear Rev. Fr. J.T. KACZOROWSKI,

I'm greatly saddened upon hearing the recent accusations against Fr. Anthony J. Vader. I've known Fr. Vader for many years - Everything I've known & seen of Fr. Vader all these years fully convince me that these accusations are nothing but lies, designed to destroy a very good, honest and Holy man.

allow me to share with you some of the wonderful spiritual experiences with Fr.

"One is consumed by love
only in the measure
that one surrenders
oneself to love."

St. Thérèse



It was some years ago that my husband and I joined a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Italy and to various cities in Spain. We were very lucky that we had Fr. Vader in our bus. He made it a point that we recite the rosary the minute we situated ourselves in the bus. He is concerned that everybody gets back on time to the bus. We were so lucky to have him in our bus. He gives out meaningful sermons. He was with us for the rest of the tour & really enjoyed his company.



"Do not fear.
The poorer you are, the
more Jesus will love you.
He will go far, very far
in search of you, if at
times you wander a little"

St. Thérèse

We do hope & pray this allegation
 against ^{him} will be dismissed immediately.
 I am certain that they will find
 him innocent & would like to
 add that Fr. Vader is a man
 of irreproachable integrity.

Sincerely yours,

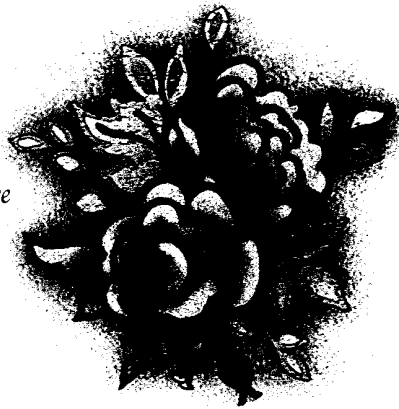
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CC. FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE
 MOST REVEREND RAYMOND GOEPERT

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St. Thérèse



Feb 18 2005

February 18, 2005

Dear Rev. Fr. James J. Kaczorowski,

Our family is greatly saddened about the recent accusations against Father Anthony Vader. I have known Father all my life. He married my husband & I 20 years ago & baptized my son [REDACTED].

He has always been part of our family. The most important event in our family was when my husband, [REDACTED], made the decision to convert to Catholicism from being a protestant. Father was a major influence.

His spiritual presence & direction has strengthened my parents, brothers & sister and my family through good & sad times.

He is an exemplary priest.

Rev. Father, please know that we love & support Father Vader. We hope & pray these accusations will be unfounded.

Sincerely,

February 18, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

February 18, 2003

Re: Pastor Father Vader

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We've known Father for many (20) years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

My personal experiences go back many years, as he was there for me when my father and mother were both dying of cancer. He assisted my family in what we remembered at the time, was the worst experience of our lives.

When he (my father) became so ill, Father Vader was there to attend to our needs, knowing we had never experienced the death of someone so near and dear. The same holds true of my mother a few years later. He would come to the house and distribute Communion to my mother even though she could only swallow a small bit of the Host. He also came and gave the Last Rites to both my father and mother. There were many more things he did for me and my family.

Unfortunately, I experienced the death of my husband. Father Vader consoled my children and myself along with my brothers and sisters and their children. My husband was fifty-two years old at the time of his passing, which left me a fairly young widow. I guess all I'm trying to say is that Father Vader has never been anything but kind and helpful and there for me. I feel the allegations made against him could never be true.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

February 18, 2003

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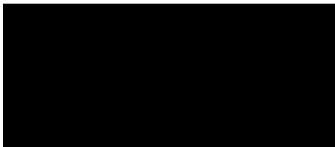
This letter is in support of Father Vader. I have worked with Father Vader for Sacred Heart since 1982.

John Cardinal Cody closed our little Church in January 1979 stating there was no longer was a need for it. The parishioners thought otherwise and rallied to save our Shrine. In 1982 Father Vader met with Cardinal Bernardin and he offered to administrate to Sacred Heart if His Eminence would reopen Sacred Heart. We are grateful to Father Vader for believing in the parishioners. Cardinal Bernardin gave the people the responsibility of finding and scheduling priests to serve, restoration of the Church and maintenance. Father Vader has been a wonderful priest and friend to all who attend Sacred Heart.

Father Vader has led a busy and active life. He taught for years at the seminary. He became involved with the Filipino community as a young priest and has been taking care of their spiritual needs for many years. He was very involved in the civil rights movement and can be seen marching with Dr. King in Selma. As a matter of fact, he once told me that he babysat for Dr. King and Coretta in Montgomery. During his assignment at Holy Name of Mary, through his efforts HNM became one of the most successful Black Catholic Churches in Chicago. His accomplishments are many. He is an avid African art collector. He is an opera buff. He has traveled the world. He is intelligent, has several doctorates and he knows right from wrong. This is not the lifestyle of someone who would hurt children.

I respectfully ask that that this matter be dropped and Father Vader be allowed the dignity and respect he deserves in his last years. He is a good and holy priest.

Respectfully,



February 18, 2003

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February 18, 2003

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
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Chicago, Illinois 60611

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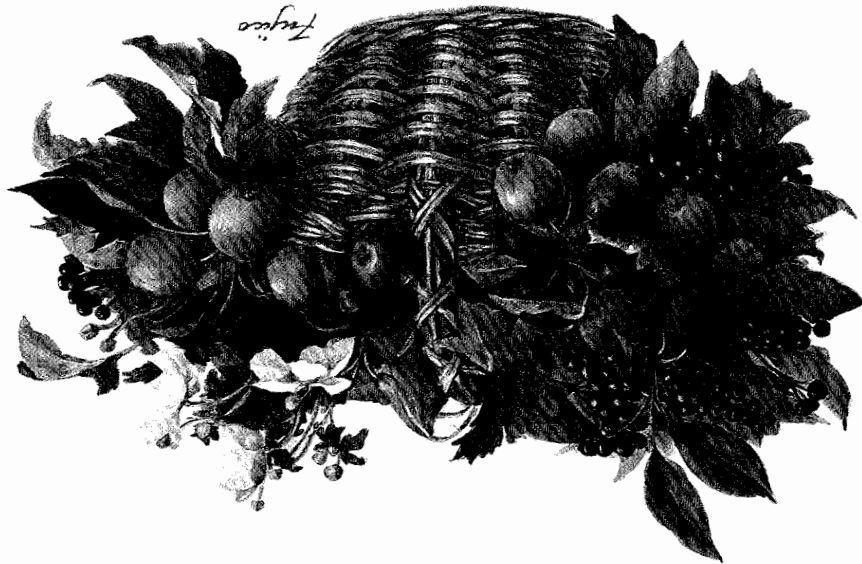
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2-18-03

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Our family has recently learned
that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been
accused of improper conduct against
young girls about 45 years ago. With
sadness we wish to let you know
that we cannot believe these accusa-
tions. Everything that we have known
& seen of Fr. Vader over the last 20
years that we have known him confirm
us that he is a kind, caring & holy
priest. We would like to share w/you
some of our personal experiences w/
Fr. Vader.

Fr. Vader officiated on our
renewal of vows on our 25th
wedding 30th & 35th wedding
anniversaries. He is always
praying with us on our problems
and my husband serves as his
acolyte on his masses whenever
we are with him. We traveled
with him on a pilgrimage &
cruise and he celebrated mass
with us everyday.

So finally we hope that
these accusations for him will be
denied through our prayers. Thank a lot.



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Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

February 19, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to support Father Vader, especially with your prayers. This is a tragic situation for all concerned, and it fills everyone with sadness. Thank you for writing and for your life of faith. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021073

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February 19, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar For Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

When our family heard the news of the accusations of improper conduct by Fr. Anthony J. Vader, we were truly shocked and immediately said there was no way this fine man could be involved. I first met Fr. Vader (I'm now [REDACTED]), when he was first ordained a priest. I was 13 years old then, and attended Holy Cross School from where I graduated. Fr. Vader loves sports and he would regularly take a group of my classmates and I to play football on the Midway in Hyde Park.

He later married my wife and I, and baptized our two children, [REDACTED]. He celebrated the Mass at my mother's funeral in Chicago. Needless to say, we've known Fr. Vader for a very long time and have been very close to him all these years, and always stay in touch. I have always known Fr. Vader as being a kind, giving and generous person who would help anyone in time of need. He is the holiest of priests and would never resort to the horrible accusations being leveled at him by these two sisters. At his age, there is no way that he should have to live out his retirement, suffering such indignity.

It seems like after 45 years, these two sisters are more concerned about financial gain, and think nothing of destroying a man's integrity and a lifetime of good deeds.

Thank you for listening to us. My family and I pray that Fr. Vader will be exonerated of these charges. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the above telephone number.

Respectfully Yours,
[REDACTED]

CC: Francis Cardinal George O.M.I. ✓
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

AOC 021074

Feb. 19, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

My husband and I have known Father Vader from the Sacred Heart Mission Church for about 10 years, and are shocked to hear about the 40 year old allegations against him. We find this news about him very hard to believe. We know Father Vader as a kind person and wonderful priest.

We owe him much and he deserves our support now.

Sincerely,

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February 19, 2003

Dear Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.,

Our family has learned through SUNDAYTIMES, SATURDAY, February 15, 2003 that our beloved, retired Fr. ANTHONY J. VADER has been accused of improper misconduct, 1960's allegations.

With great sadness we wish to let you know that I knew him since 1969. He was our spiritual advisor in our organization, Philippine Nurses Association of CHICAGO (PNAC in short). He has touched so many families not only in Illinois but the whole U.S. and beyond.

I've asked him lots of favors like baptismal of babies and children, weddings, celebration of Christmas "SIMBANG GAIBI" etc. He's kind, holy, caring priest — always ready with helping hand.

We believe in our hearts that he is innocent of recent allegations before the eyes of man and the eyes of GOD.

Thank you for your very kind consideration,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

February 19, 2003

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Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Re: Father Vader

Dear Cardinal George:

The allegations and resulting requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our church for more than 30 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

I am [REDACTED]. I come from a family of [REDACTED].
When we were growing up the Sacred Heart Church was always our parish.

It was Father Vader who spoke to my father about having faith and God and actually got my dad to start attending mass regularly. As for my mother she was always a very religious person. For the last three years when my dad's health was failing and my mom's last five years, Father Vader was always there for them and our family.

When they could no longer attend mass Father Vader came to our home to give communion and to comfort my parents, he always had time for them. We always feel good when Father Vader gives mass for my parents because we know he cared for them.

We know father to be a good priest always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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Thank you for your very kind consideration, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
family

February 20, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I'm a member of Holy Name of Mary Parish. Father Vodor is our family friend, and has been for many years. Through good health, happiness, sickness and death, Father Vodor was with us when needed.

Whatever the accusation, our family know it's a lie. We will always respect Father Vodor. Please respect, and restore all his Priestly duties.

Thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

February 20, 2003

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Dear Cardinal George,

I'm aware of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These date back as far as 40 years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

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Father Vader has been very kind and understanding to me and my family. When I was hospitalized he was kind enough to come and visit & pray with me. My son was a altar boy for 5 years, he baptized 2 of my grandchildren and married one of my daughters. He also celebrated a 50th Anniversary for my sister's brother-in-law.

Father Vader is a lonely man, he loves our little parish, 'The Shrine of the Sacred Heart'. He is always there to help in anyway. He truly is a joy to know and I trust him completely.

We will keep Father in our prayers daily.

Thank You

CC: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

February 26, 2003

Dear Rev. Kozrowski,

I'm a member of Holy Name of Mary Parish. Father Vador is our family friend, and has been for many years. Through good health, happiness, sickness and death Father Vador was with us when needed.

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Thanks



February 20, 2003

Rev.Fr. James T. Kaczorowski:

Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been accused of improper conduct against girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vader over the last 10 years convince us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest.

I would like to share with you some of my personal experience with Fr.Vader. About five years ago when my father was hospitalized [REDACTED], Fr. Vader was there for the family. He prayed and visited my father and talk to my mother and the rest of the family. Eventually, my Dad died and Fr. Vader was there to console us. He officiated in the funeral mass and shared our sorrows as a friend.

Then a year later my Mom got sick. She was in the hospital for four months [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. My family was devastated because its only been a year that we lost our Dad and now our Mom is going to leave us too. Fr. Vader was there for the family and again prayed and presided in my Mom's funeral mass.

Fr. Vader became so close to us [REDACTED] Fr. Vader was there to say mass and just talk to the family and friends. My parents are gone now and Fr. Vader has become my adviser and mentor.

These accusations are untrue to our knowledge. Fr. Vader is a caring Priest who will never ever hurt anybody. He is to me already a saint. He is the champion of our family and the whole Filipino community.

I hope that the process will free Fr. Vader of any wrongdoing let alone clear his name.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

cc: Cardinal Francis George
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert



February 21, 2003

Reverend James T. Koczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Father Koczorowski:

It would be so much easier to speak with you face-to-face about Fr. Anthony Vader. When he didn't write for nearly two months, I started worrying about him.

He and I enrolled together in Quigley Preparatory Seminary in 1940. Our last names fortuitously placed us in the same classroom; we often shared the same bus going into downtown Chicago and back. Although I left the major seminary [REDACTED], we met with other friends before and after Tony's ordination. And we corresponded regularly by letters and e-mails.

When we spent the afternoon together about four years ago, it was obvious to me that Tony had grown into a serious, dedicated priest who still knew how to laugh at himself. Because he is a sociologist and I had taught moral theology in Catholic colleges and in [REDACTED]'s seminary, and consulted with Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P., on medical ethics, most of our conversation that day was about the current and future situation of the church in America. The only disturbing change I noticed was that Tony had gained more weight. He was still the innocent, delightful boy I had come to admire so much, and could count on as a most valued friend.

Isn't there some way that the two sisters who have accused him of sexual misconduct could be induced to take a lie detector test or submit to a psychiatric evaluation? Tony is quite incapable of breaking his vows, and even more incapable of lying to his superiors or his friends.

I trust that you will see to it that Fr. Vader is treated with the respect he deserves.

Sincerely,



cc. Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

FEB 21 2003

02/21/03

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing in reference to the recent allegations against Father Vader. I personally feel they are false. Father Vader, in my opinion, is the last person on the face of the earth that would ever molest a young child. I find it suspect that two sisters would come forward some forty years later and make these allegations. No one else has made any allegations against Father Vader.

In [REDACTED] I divorced and became a single parent of two young girls. My faith was lost in the Catholic Church and I was searching for another religion to worship in. My friend told me to give Sacred Heart a chance and also the Roman Catholic Church another chance. My first Sunday at Sacred Heart will always be remembered. Father Schied, now deceased, stopped his homily and looked out the window. I found this a bit odd, but then he hollered out, "Mary, the tow truck still isn't here". I guess you could say I was hooked on how personal and family like this little Church is. Father Vader has always made Sacred Heart special with his easy to understand homily and way of words like no other priest that I've ever listened to. At the end of mass we have the usual round of applause for a Birthday or a local High School's victory. I can only remember one time being asked for money and because of this I donate about twice what I gave at St. Bernadette in Evergreen Park.

The Church is in an African American section of town that is also a high crime rated neighborhood, but still every Sunday the Church is filled to capacity. In fact there are people out the door and standing on the stairs that lead to the Church.

My younger daughter graduated from Sacred Heart's CCD Program and my nieces are still involved. My daughter said she learned more in one day from Sacred Heart's Program than she did all year at St. Bernadette'.

I'm not sure if this letter will help, but I sure hope you understand how loved Father Vader is. He is a great man!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc Father James Kaczorowski

[REDACTED]

February 21, 2003

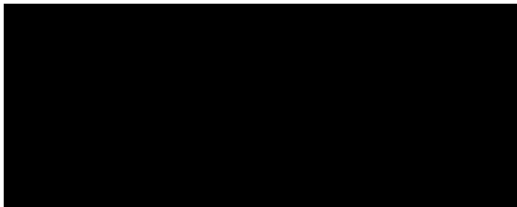
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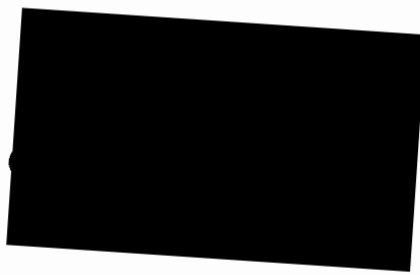
Dear Father Kaczorowski,

We are writing in support of Father Vader. The allegations against him are extremely hard to comprehend, much less believe. We have always known him to be kind and humble priest, always putting others before himself.

Our prayers are with him and all those involved in this investigation. May the truth come to light soon.

Sincerely,




Reverend James Kazanowski
Vicar for Priests
Chicago, IL 60611

February 22, 2003

Dear Father Kazanowski: re: Father Anthony Vades

While I have only known Father Vades for about seven years, I am told that I am a good judge of character.

Obviously, I have no idea of what kind of priest or man Father Vades was 40 years ago, but I do know that the Father Vades of today would not lie... especially about a serious matter.

At Sacred Heart he is not just valued, he is treasured.

Please, please be absolutely certain before you hurt a man that I consider to be a "Man of God". We have far too few of those.

Yours in Christ


Dear Father -

2-22-03

I have been attending Mass at Sacred Heart Church for quite some time, and have found Fr. Vader to be most pleasant, kind, & holy man. In this time when "our church" is under attack - you probably need to hear these words of encouragement about one of your own. We need all the priests we can keep to help celebrate Mass & the other sacraments. He truly is a good & holy man. Do what you can to facilitate this matter so he can return to his duties

Thanks



I GRADUATED IN:

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classmates



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By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA, AP Science Writer

DENVER - Remember that wonderful day when Bugs Bunny hugged you at Disneyland? A new study shows just how easy it can be to induce false memories in the minds of some people.

More than a third of subjects in the study, presented Sunday, recalled that theme-park moment — impossible because Bugs is not a Disney character — after a researcher planted the false memory.

Other research, of people who believed they were abducted by space aliens, shows that even false memories can be as intensely felt as those of real-life victims of war and other violence.

The research demonstrates that police interrogators and people investigating sexual-abuse allegations must be careful not to plant suggestions into their subjects, said University of California-Irvine psychologist Elizabeth Loftus. She presented preliminary results of recent false memory experiments Sunday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (news - web sites).

Loftus said some people may be so suggestible that they could be convinced they were responsible for crimes they didn't commit. In interrogations, "much of what goes on — unwittingly — is contamination," she said.

The news media's power of suggestion also can leave a false impression, Loftus said.

"During the Washington sniper attacks, everyone reported seeing a white van," she said. "Where did it come from? The whole country was seeing white vans."

Loftus is one of the country's most controversial memory researchers. She frequently draws harsh criticism from victims' advocates, attorneys and

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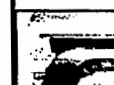
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Over 25 years, she has examined more than 20,000 subjects and written 19 books. She appears frequently in court as an expert witness.

While some recovered memories turn out to be true, Loftus says her experiments repeatedly show that memories are fragile possessions that are easily manipulated. But she does not condemn her subjects for being gullible.

Of adopting false memories, she said: "This behavior is entirely normal."

A key, researchers said, is to add elements of touch, taste, sound and smell to the story.

In the Bugs Bunny study, Loftus talked with subjects about their childhoods and asked not only whether they saw someone dressed up as the character, but also whether they hugged his furry body and stroked his velvety ears. In subsequent interviews, 36 percent of the subjects recalled the cartoon rabbit.

In another study, Loftus suggested frog-kissing incidents that 15 percent of the group later recalled.

"It is sensory details that people use to distinguish their memories," said Loftus. "If you imbue the story with them, you'll disrupt this memory process. It's almost a recipe to get people to remember things that aren't true."

In other research presented Sunday, Harvard University psychologist Richard McNally tested 10 people who said they had been abducted, physically examined and sexually molested by space aliens.

Researchers tape-recorded the subjects talking about their memories. When the recordings were played back later, the purported abductees perspired and their heart rates jumped.

McNally said three of the 10 subjects showed physical reactions "at least as great" as people suffering post traumatic stress disorder from war, crime, rape and other violent incidents.

"This underscores the power of emotional belief," McNally said.

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Febr. 23, 2003

To Reverend Fr. James Kaczorowski;
We were very sorry to hear that our dear Father Vader has been accused of improper conduct. Where were these two women for the past 45 years - suddenly to come out and accuse. In today's society, we have become of too many "I sue' em". Some people will do anything for financial gain.

We have known Fr. Vader for many, many years. These are horrible accusations against a very beloved, kind and hard working Priest. He has devoted all his life, in serving our God - caring and doing for so, so many people. Do not let these malicious lies destroy an honorable, good and decent man.

Also, the Archdiocese should be giving our Priests financial aid to fight off these accusers. After all the years of serving, Fr. Vader and all the Clergy should be entitled to and be represented by highly qualified attorneys. Fr. Vader + many Priests do not have the money for a thoroughly and complete investigation.

May God help Fr. Vader + the decision makers for a quick, exonerated finding in this problem.

c.c. Francis Cardinal George
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

FEBRUARY 23, 2003

FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO

YOUR EMINENCE

THIS IS IN REGARD TO THE REMOVAL OF FATHER VADER
FROM SACRED HEART CHURCH.

MY FIRST RECOLLECTION OF FATHER WAS DURING THE LATE
50'S AND EARLY 60'S WHEN I WAS A FIRE FIGHTER [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. I NEVER GOT TO KNOW HIM THEN,
BUT WAS ALWAYS IMPRESSED BY THE ENERGY HE SHOWED AS HE
WALKED BRISKLY BY THE FIRE HOUSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE
STREET. WE ASSUMED HE WAS IN A HURRY TO GET TO BILLINGS OR
WOODLAWN HOSPITALS, OR TO CATCH A BUS ON 63RD ST, SO ALL WE EVER
GOT IN WAS A "HI FATHER" WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH A FRIENDLY WAVE.

MY NEXT ASSOCIATION 20 TO 30 YEARS LATER WAS A
LOT CLOSER WHEN HE BECAME ADMINISTRATOR OF SACRED HEART
WHERE I HAD BEEN SERVING AS [REDACTED] ON
SUNDAYS. I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH HIM REGULARLY, AND
I'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYONE TO BE CONSISTENTLY FRIENDLY EVERY SUNDAY
MORNING, AND EASIER TO WORK WITH THAN FATHER.

HE IS, AND I'VE TOLD HIM THIS, THE BEST AT EXPLAINING SOME
OF THE READINGS, OR A GOSPEL, AND RELATING THEM TO OUR EVERY DAY LIVES.
ALSO, I ONCE COMMENTED ON NEVER SEEING HIM USE ANY NOTES FOR HIS
HOMILIES, ETC. HE JUST HELD HIS HAND TO HIS HEART AND SAID "IT COMES
FROM HERE".

THE ONLY WORDS TO DESCRIBE MY REACTION TO THE 40 YEAR
OLD ALLEGATIONS, TAKING ME BACK TO MY DAYS ON 63RD STREET, WERE
SHOCK AND DISBELIEF WHICH I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ACCEPT.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

CC: FATHER KACZOROWSKI
VICAR OF PRIESTS
[REDACTED]



February 23, 2003

**Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archdiocese of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690**

Dear Cardinal George,

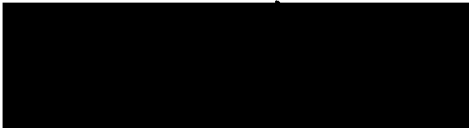
I am writing you regarding the allegations made against my pastor and friend, Rev. Anthony J. Vader. My family is shocked and deeply saddened by these unfounded charges. There is no way that these allegations about Father Vader could be true.

I have known Father Vader for more than twenty years and do not believe for a moment that these forty year old allegations could be true. He is everything the Church could want in a priest- thoughtful, compassionate, caring. Father Vader has married my sister, baptized my nephew, and buried my mother. He has been there for us in happiness and in sorrow. In all the years I have known him, I have never heard him say or do anything that was not in accordance with the Christ's teachings.

I recently read an article about a study showing that the mind can be fooled into believing fiction as fact, especially over time. I would not be surprised if Father Vader's accusers are not only mistaken but are being manipulated to bring scandal and disgrace to the Church and its ministers.

It has been painful to watch Father Vader go through this ordeal, especially today with the death of his beloved sister. I have found comfort in Cardinal Bernadin's words in his book *The Gift of Peace*, "From deep in my soul, however, I heard the Lord's words... "The truth will set you free" (John 8:32). My faith reassured me that the truth was all I had, and all that I really needed." I hope and pray that the truth will be enough for Father Vader to return to ministry without delay.

Sincerely,



cc: Rev. J.T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

Feb, 23, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

This is the second letter I am sending you re Father Anthony Vader, re at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart miss Father Vader so very much, I feel that this false accusation is a scam to obtain money from the Church. It has been done many times before.

As I said before, I have known Father Vader for 20 years, and he has always been a good and exemplary priest. My family and I cannot understand how anyone could charge him. I feel that Satan is working hard to bring down the Church, which will not succeed.

I hope that this matter will soon be proven false, and that Father Vader can return in the near distant future,

Sincerely,

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski ✓


February 23, 03

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,

I have, not ever witness
any disrespect in words or action
from Father Noder.

I have known Father Noder
since 1969. I can say with all
earnest He has been an in-
spiration to me, some one to
talk to and to really find
I was heard with an
open heart

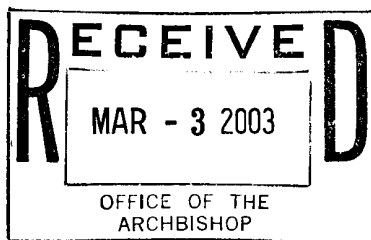
He is greatly missed
I humbly ask you please look
at these matters very very carefully.

yours truly,


Feb. 24, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

This letter is in support of Fr. Anthony, Vader, retired pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. It has been my privilege to know Father Vader for most of my married life (31 years). My husband has known him over 50 years. In all those years, I have known Father Vader to be a man of great Compassion, Keenness, and piety. If one would look for a definition of the word "priest," they would find a picture of Father Vader there. I am most impressed by the way he says Mass. His homilies are always to the point with a simple, good message to take with you. And when he celebrates the Consecration, it's as if he's doing it for the first time, full of reverence. A remarkable priest, a remarkable man.



Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

February 24, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

In faith and in fealty we write to ask for your concern and intercession on behalf of our dear priest, Father Vader. We are despondent over the scurrilous accusations made against this stalwart man of the Church, and saddened that he has been removed from us.

In the second floor of a tiny church called Sacred Heart, Father Vader has served faithfully for two decades as our priest. He is more than our priest. For hundreds of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Father Vader is a bulwark to our faith. When he preaches to us, we get it. When he says hello after Mass, he looks us in the eye. He blesses the children. Rest assured, Cardinal George, that Father Vader has meant the difference for scores of folks between coming to Mass and leaving the Church.

Our daughter, [REDACTED] works part-time in [REDACTED]. When we are lucky enough to have her home, there is no question but that on Sunday mornings, she is with us at Sacred Heart to hear and see her beloved Father Vader. It is not just old folks who love him.

We are dumbfounded that 40-year-old accusations against this good and loyal priest would take this turn. With all the "curve balls" that we as Catholics have had to face in the past few years, Father Vader has been our pillar.

Please return him to us.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

2-24-03

Dear Cardinal George

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. (back 40 years ago)

Our family has belonged to the Sacred Heart Church for over 40 years. [REDACTED]

When Father Vader came to our Church we were very happy. We knew him as a very caring person. We experienced with Father Vader - help, kindness, weddings, baptisms, etc.

Thank you for reading my letter & wish Father Vader the Best of Luck + Prayers. [REDACTED]

Feb. 24, 2003

Dear Cardinal George;

The only words to describe my reaction to the forty year old allegations against Father Vade are shock + disbelief. I have known Father Vade over fifty years and I have great respect for this wonderful servant of God. I do not believe these charges!

Sincerely,



2/24/03

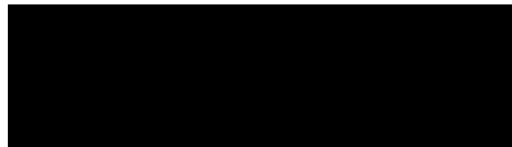
Rev. Kacyorowski,

The allegations made against Father
Vader are unbelievable and shocking.

I consider him a kind and wonderful
priest who has and shows great faith.

My family and I are saddened by the
allegations made against him, forty
years is a long time.

Please return him to us as soon
as possible for I do not believe this
allegation to be true.



Feb 24, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kacsorowski,

I am greatly saddened on hearing about the recent accusations against our dear Fr. Anthony J. Vader. Although I have not seen Fr. Vader for several years, I now live in San Diego, he was a part of several important stages of my life. Fr. Vader baptized me some 26 years ago, and again was present for my First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Chicago, IL. Growing up, I always remember Fr. Vader participating in family events and holidays.

Fr. Vader always had such a loving and caring presence about him, and definitely is an inspiration to us all. This is why I am fully convinced that these accusations against him are false, and are designed to destroy an honest and holy man.

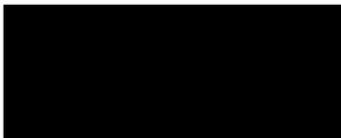
I hope and pray that this letter will help show that Fr. Vader is a good person with a loving heart. I am also writing this letter on behalf of my brother, [REDACTED], who is serving our country in [REDACTED] at this time. He wanted me to extend his sadness on →

this terrible news, and how he can only remember positive qualities of Fr. Vader.

Thank you for listening and considering my appeal. I believe that the truth will be known, and Fr. Vader will be able to continue to serve his community and the Lord the same way he has been doing for several years.

Sincerely,





February 24, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Ave. – Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: Fr. Anthony J. Vader

Dear Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski:

We are deeply saddened by reports that Fr. Anthony J. Vader was accused by two women of sexual misconduct, which allegedly happened over forty years ago. We cannot and do not believe these accusations. We believe Fr. Vader is innocent and pray that he will be exonerated and returned to his ministry, soon!

We have heard of Fr. Vader since we first came to Chicago in 1970. We knew that he worked and served as spiritual director to Filipino doctors, nurses, other professionals and the Filipino community in general. His association with the Filipino community dates as far back as 1957 or earlier.

As you probably know, the Filipino community, then and now, is a very close knit and religiously conservative community. We place priests and other members of the clergy in a very high position of honor and respect. We likewise have very high expectations of them, morally and spiritually. Therefore, any indiscretion, sexual or otherwise, that Fr. Vader may have committed, would have been held against him by the community, privately or publicly. He would never have lasted in the Filipino community's high regard for a year, much less 50 years. Everything that we have heard and seen over the last several years, convince us that Fr. Vader has been a model of priestly devotion and spiritual integrity.

It was not until 1999 that our family became good friends with Fr. Vader. He was the spiritual director of our pilgrimage group to the Holy Land in 1999, then to Fatima and Lourdes in 2000 and to Italy and Medjugorje in 2001. We came to know this wonderful, caring, respected and prayerful man even better when we started participating in the weekly Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) devotions, of which he has been spiritual director since 1980.

In 2002, together with another Filipino couple, we coordinated the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Fr. Vader's priestly ordination. It was during this planning and preparation period that we truly appreciated what Fr. Vader meant to the vast majority of over 100,000 members of the Filipino American community here in Chicago, to those who have moved to other States and to the many people who have since retired in the Philippines as well as to the hundreds of homeless and abandoned young people in the Philippines who live in shelters generously supported by Fr. Vader from his limited financial resources.

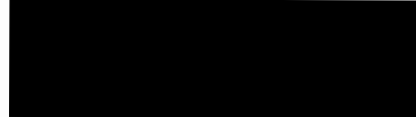
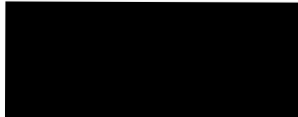
Our celebration committee was very impressed and surprised by the overwhelming response of these long time acquaintances, friends and "families" of Fr. Vader. We received calls, letters and greetings – all grateful for what Fr. Vader has done for them and their families. We heard of how Fr. Vader had married them in the late 1950s and the 1960s, baptized their children, married their children, baptized their grandchildren, buried their dead, consoled and counseled them and many other forms of assistance. We also heard how Fr. Vader arranged to have them supplied with boots and winter coats during their first winters here in Chicago, how Fr. Vader went with them to the immigration office to have their working or student visas extended or revalidated. We also heard how Fr. Vader went with some nurses to State capitols to lobby for equal pay for these hardworking, underpaid nurses. All these testimonials speak of their love and respect for Fr. Vader, love and respect that could only have been earned by someone who had discharged his priestly duties with the utmost spiritual integrity. We are enclosing a copy of the souvenir program that the Filipino American community put together and distributed at the celebration dinner in honor of Fr. Vader on May 4, 2002. A copy of this souvenir program was given to His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George immediately after the celebration.

Incidentally, the parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Parish and the Mission Church of the Sacred Heart, also showed their appreciation for this wonderful pastor with equally touching 50th anniversary celebrations in 2002.

Several friends of Fr. Vader, especially those who knew him over 40 years ago, have expressed interest in appearing before the Board of Review to attest to Fr. Vader's sterling and prayerful character. We believe it is the sacred duty of the Board of Review and of the Archdiocese of Chicago to listen and to consider these testimonials about Fr. Vader's character during the time period of these accusations.

Fr. Vader has as much right as his accusers, before God, before man and before the Board of Review to be treated with respect and to be heard. We can provide you with the names, addresses and phone numbers of these potential character witnesses for Fr. Vader. Thank you for your attention and your consideration to our appeal to return Fr. Vader to his sacred ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Enclosure

Cc: Francis Cardinal George
Bishop Raymond Goedert
Fr. Anthony J. Vader

[REDACTED]

February 24, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar For Priests
645 North Michigan Ave.- Suite 543

Chicago, Il 60611

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I am a practicing physician in the City of Chicago for more than 30 years. I have known Father Anthony Vader ever since I came to this country in 1966. During those years I have found him to be one of the most dedicated priest I have ever known. He is always there when you need him. He has served well in the Filipino-American community. He has sent many Filipinos to study priesthood in the Philippines and financed there schooling thru our little donations and from his own pocket. For him to be accused for something that happened 45 years ago by two women I find it preposterous. I sincerely believe that he is an innocent victim like the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. We need more priest in the Archdiocese of the City of Chicago like Father Anthony Vader. My family and I pray that he will soon be exonerated of the charges against him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

CC: Francis Cardinal George; O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert
Father Anthony Vader

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Rev James T. Kaczorowski 2-24-03
Vicar For Priests

Dear Rev Kaczorowski,

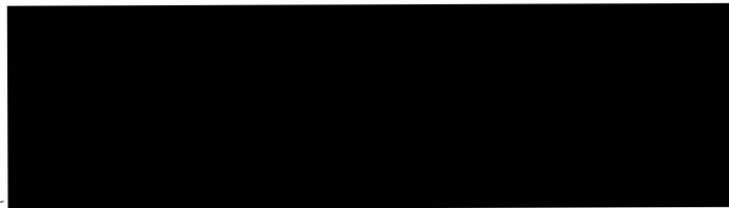
I am sure that this

letter is one of hundreds written about Rev Anthony J. Vader's character as both a person and a priest. I have known Rev Vader about 27 years collectively in groups and person to person and thru out these periodic contacts one would always feel of being in the presence of a special, caring person. In his priestly ministry, I am aware of his many years as being available to the Philippine community both collectively to their group religious activities and to their individual needs. I am also aware of him being a pastor to both CAUCASIAN and African-American congregations thru out his priestly career. Beside always being there to baptize, marry and bury, Father Vader was always there as that special person to help people with both religious and temporal issues in their lives. He is known for his generosity for helping people in the missions and especially in the Philippines. One always knew that any monetary gift given to Father Vader was not going to stop with his needs but mostly was going to be passed on to the mission field.

To Keep writing more would be only to Add what other persons have written About Father Vader thru out their Lives and how he was Always there in time of both spiritual and temporal Needs.

And like our beloved Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, I am sure Father Vader is devastated At these Allegations some 45 years Ago. But like Christ I am sure he is Accepting of this cross Laid upon his shoulder At the end of his priestly career Like Christ Accepted His cross At the end of His priestly career.

This letter is being humbly and prayerfully submitted for your consideration and in your responsibilities relating to this matter now being renewed



CC Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 24, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

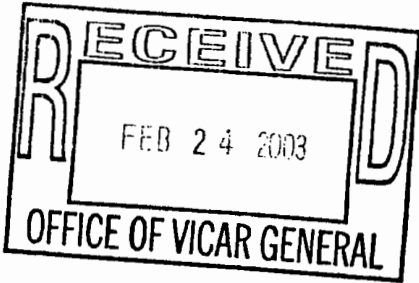
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Although we've only known Father Vader for a few years, he was kind enough to give our son, [REDACTED] a recommendation for entrance to [REDACTED] High School. We have only known him as kind, understanding and extremely helpful.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

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Most Rev. Raymond Goedert
Vicar General
155 E. Superior St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Most Rev. Raymond Goedert:

I am writing this letter to you to inform you of my whole-hearted support of Father Anthony Vader. When I heard of the allegations made against Father Vader, I was dismayed and appalled that such falsity could gain any credence in a civil society. And I am gravely disappointed in a system that would entertain such obviously false allegations.

I speak to you on many levels. First, I speak to you as a life-long Catholic. I have been steadfastly supportive of the Church on many levels. Defending it, during scandals, supporting it, monetarily and with my faith in the Lord. It never has been easy being a Catholic in today's society, but I have felt that my faith has always been strong. It has always been a source of strength when I needed comfort. I am proud of my faith, I am proud of my religion. And my strength, belief and faith were greatly nurtured by Father Anthony Vader. Father Vader has been a pillar of my Catholic upbringing as well as my secular upbringing. Father Vader has said most of the masses that I attended in my young life. He baptized my younger brother as well as all of my cousins and recently he married my older brother. Father Vader has always been there through every heartbreak, every triumph, and every mundane life event that a person can go through. He has always shared, lead and guided my family, my friends and myself throughout our lives.

I have known Father Vader since I was a little girl. I never doubted his spiritual guidance and love for my family and me. Numerous times, throughout my life, I have been alone with Father Vader. And NEVER would Father Vader ever do anything inappropriate, he is always loving and giving and the most pleasant of company, but NEVER inappropriate in any way. And this is one of the reasons why I feel so strongly about the falsity of these allegations. I grew up with Father Vader, along with most of my friends and family, he is and always will be trusted with our lives, and now as we grow older with our children's lives.

Second, I speak to you as a social worker. I have spent most of my post college career, in social services. I spent two years after college working at a group home for abused and neglected children. I went on to get my social work degree at [REDACTED]. I spent most of my time in [REDACTED], specializing in sexual abuse and sexual offenders at [REDACTED]. I did intense clinical intake, assessment, and therapy with sexual abuse victims, non-offending parents and sexual offenders. I know every single, in and out of sexual offense and the cycle of a sexual offender. I have done intense group therapy sessions with sexual offenders and understand comprehensively, the characteristics of a sexual

offender. This is how I know, without reservation, that the allegations against Father Vader are absolutely and completely false. He holds none of the characteristics exhibited by sexual offenders. He does not have anything close to the repeated cycle of an untreated sexual offender. On the contrary, Father Vader has always upheld the values, principles and ideals of the Catholic Church. He has been completely ethical and moral in every possible way.

Third, I speak to you as an attorney. I have spent much of my law school career, being a champion for sexual abuse victims. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Prosecuting life-long sexual offenders was second nature to me in the two years that I worked at [REDACTED]. Knowing a case, the intricate, lengthy details of a sexual offenders life became a part of my everyday working life. It is what I know, it is what I breathe, and it is what I understand. As a result, I look at cases, bad side always in the forefront, never giving the benefit of the doubt to them and they are lifelong offenders with many victims in their wake.

And as a result, with my prosecution background I can tell you with absolute certainty that Father Vader is so far from those people. He is quite the opposite in fact and in life. Father Vader cares and loves deeply-- it is his greatest quality. He has upheld the ideals and the morals of the Catholic Church for as long as I have known him. He has done this better than any other person in the priesthood that I have ever met.

I hope this letter reflects my deepest sorrow that these false allegations have been initiated against Father Vader. I am deeply concerned and hope my words are taken genuinely and seriously. I believe the greatest sadness in this situation is that Father Vader has been taken out of the active ministry. It is a great loss to the Catholic Church and the countless parishioners and other Catholics that he has guided through hard and trying times that our world is now facing. It is my greatest hope that this loss is not permanent and I urge you to do whatever is possible to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I say this because I know with my deepest convictions, both personally and professionally that these allegations are baseless, untrue and complete fiction.

Please contact me for any further questions or information or if there is anything I can do further to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I will continue to pray for Father Vader as I hope you will too.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

CC: Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I
Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski

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MEMORANDUM

To: File –PFR-137

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant ^{LNP}

Re: **Anthony Vader (Retired)**

Date: February 24, 2003

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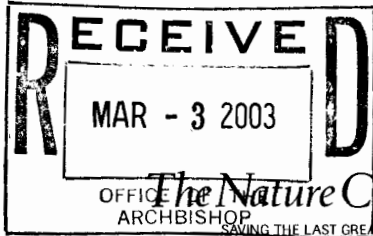


Feb 25, 2003

Dear Archbishop,

Enclosed please find
a copy of the letter re
note to Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski
regarding an ^{ing} dear friend
Fr. Anthony Voder.

We are praying for his
service



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February 25, 2003

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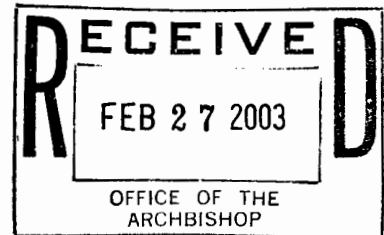
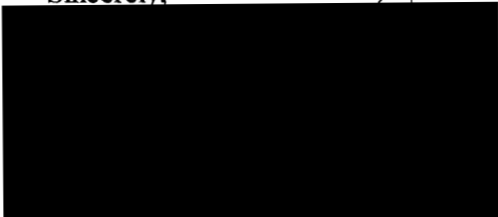
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Feb. 25, 2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James T. Kalgorowski,

We have just heard that Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader is now been accused of "improper conduct" toward a couple of girls (now women!) party just years ago. This would be about the year I went to Chicago and met Fr. Vader.

Since I met Fr. Vader he has always been a proper priest and person... warm, & sincerely concerned about spiritual, mental, physical and social well being of the people around him.

It is impossible and completely out of the question that I can imagine him acting improper toward anybody, especially "kids". If someone is accusing him of improper conduct must have interpreted his concern and warmth... well

[REDACTED]

That is their problem.

Did they come out with this because of
what has been happening to other priests?
Unbelievable - - - - -!!!

I would personally come to court and stand
beside dear Fr. Vader to show my faith
and belief in his innocence & integrity
as a man of God & a person.

He has gone to the Philippines several times and
has stayed with my parents in our home
in [REDACTED] (when they were still alive). He
was always treated like a son by my
parents. He officiated at my daughter's wedding,
and my mother funeral here in [REDACTED]

This letter is to confirm our love and
support for our dear Fr. Anthony Vader.

With hope that the Lord will be with him
at this stressful time.

Most sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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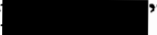


To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **Vader, Anthony (Retired)**/ 

Date: February 25, 2003

PFRA received a phone message on February 24, 2003 from . She stated that she was pleased with the letter that she received regarding the Review Board's First Stage Review recommendation and the Cardinal's decision on her allegation of misconduct against Anthony Vader [AV].

 also wanted to ensure that PFRA noted the correct spelling of her last name. In documentation to this point, 's last name has been spelled "".  stated that the correct spelling is "". Please note the change in your files.

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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February 26, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Loving God, Father of mercies and compassion, comfort and strengthen Fr. Anthony J. Vader from the ordeals he now faces. In your mercy Lord, protect Fr. Vader from the injustice of the unfortunate, "one strike and you are out", USCCB Norms. Grant wisdom and compassion to our bishops to revisit the norms and policies against sexual misconduct with minors by clerics.

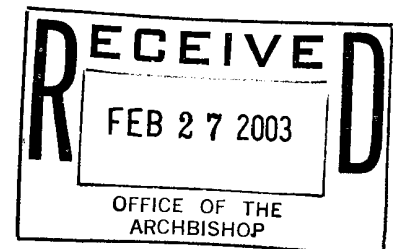
I have known Fr. Vader for the last 25 years. I found him to be an "Alter Christus", as he does his ministry towards the Filipino Community. No other priest, American or Asians have done what this pious priest had done for us Filipinos. Fr. Vader gave meaning to our Faith, Culture and Tradition. He made it easy for us to integrate easily to an "American Church" and at the same time helped us preserved our own traditions. Fr. Vader's commitment and faithful service to us Filipinos enriches our lives with God's love. Fr. Vader reflects the love of the Good Shepherd.

Whether the allegation toward Fr. Vader is true or not, is irrelevant to me. My love, respect and thankfulness to God for giving Fr. Vader to us will not change. My heart goes to the accusers, but we have known a different man of God. Children of God will sin and will continue to sin, Christ paid in full for our sins, indiscretions and bad judgements. St. Peter denied Jesus 3 times, but there was no "one strike and you are out" for St. Peter. Whatever happened to the "cast the first stone"? Did the US bishops cast the first stone when they agreed to the norms? Whatever happened to the church business of forgiveness and compassion? Jesus and his first disciples are probably glad they were born and ministered in Asia and not in United States, compassion and understanding is sorely lacking in this country!

Sincerely in Christ,

[REDACTED]

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert
Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader



AOC 021118

Feb. 26, 2003

Dear Cardinal George, [REDACTED]

I have recently learned of the allegations made against Father Vader which date back forty years. Needless to say I was shocked and astonished.

I have known Father Vader for about fifteen years. He has been administrator of Sacred Heart Church for years and more recently our Rector. Pastor celebrating Mass and administering the Sacraments for our congregation.

Ten years ago he married my son and daughter-in-law and a year ago he baptized my niece's adopted little boy. A year ago we helped him celebrate the Fiftieth anniversary of his Ordination at the Oaklawn Hotel. One hundred of people were in attendance if not more. Now I understand he can't say Mass. How sad! We never met a more devote or caring priest.

There are trying times for the Church and certainly for the Priesthood. I pray for guidance for you in these matters and vindication for Father Vader.

Sincerely
[REDACTED]



affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan Chicago and of the U.S.A.

11024 S. BELL AVENUE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643 (773) 445-9443

February 26, 2003

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Reverend James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests

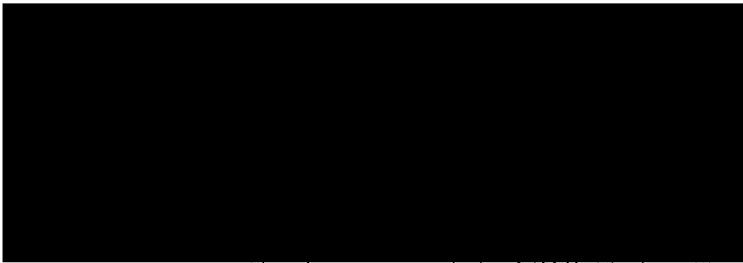
Sacred Heart Church
Members of the Congregation

Dear Sirs and Members of Sacred Heart Church:

I am writing on behalf of my good friend, Father Anthony Vader. I have known Tony for six years. We are brothers in community with The Maple Park and Morgan Park Ministerial Alliance on the Southside of Chicago.

Rev. Vader is a kind and generous man who exhibits real Christian love, concern and care for others. I find him to be serious minded with a deep conviction regarding church ideas and issues. I am impressed that he is a godly man whose life examples our Lord Jesus Christ himself.

I have never known Tony to be self-centered, proud or arrogant, but a humble pastor who is friendly and most caring for the folks in his parish. I support him in prayer and I hope that all charges against him will be dismissed. I believe he is a man of his word and the Word.



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February 28, 2003

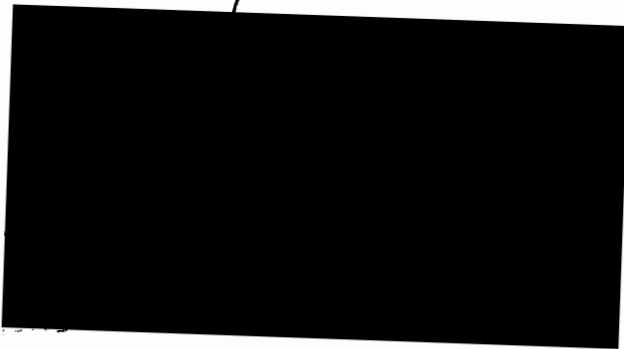
Dear Cardinal George,

Two parishes have played important roles in the lives of my family, St. Genevieve and Sacred Heart.

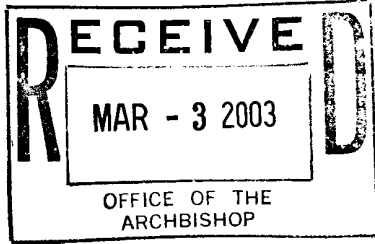
It was very distressing to learn of the charges against Father Anthony Vadev. We highly respect this wonderful and dedicated Priest, and pray he is found innocent. A favorable conclusion to what we considered false allegations would be an answer to our prayers.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely



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Feb. 28 2003

Cardinal George:
Please give Fr. Vadez
consideration for all the
good things he has done
for the Church and also
for all the lives he has
touched during his many
years. He has also been
a mentor for so many young
and old, like myself.
He has always been there
when called upon.

I can't believe these
accusations are true, I have
known Fr. Vadez for many years,
Please do your best for him
Thank you



Holy Name of Mary - Cruz,

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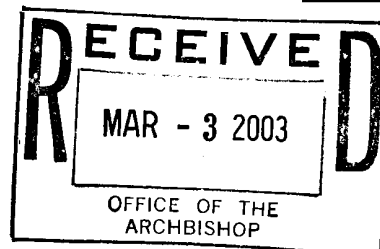
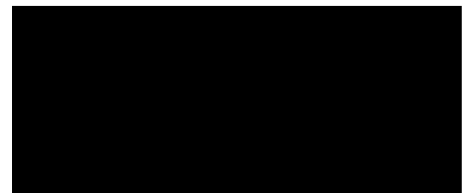
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We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vade. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

We've known Father for (20) years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest. He was there for us thru our parents illness and never left our side upon their deaths. Our parents were prisoners for over 50 years at Sacred Heart and ~~the~~ truly admired Father Vade. Please reconsider this dismissal.

Sincerely,




AOC 021123

Feb 28 2003

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Please give Fr. Vader consideration
for all the good things he has
done for the church and all
the people he has helped
over the years,
He has also been a mentor
to a lot of persons.
Fr. Vader has been a great
source of strength to me
during my time of need.

Thank you!


Holy Name of Mary, Chgo.

Father Kaczowski

I am shocked to hear about the 40 year old allegations against Father Vaden. I've always known the man to be a good priest. I simply cannot understand how could charge him as they have.

I most likely would not be a Church going Christian if not for the love and goodness of Father Vaden.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

SACRED HEART CHURCH
11862 CHURCH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

My Dear Filipino American Family,

I'm very, very impressed, grateful and appreciative of all your support. You have no idea how comforting this has been to me. Please keep me in your prayers.

I want you to know that I am innocent, that I have never in my lifetime touched these two sisters who have brought the accusations which supposedly occurred while I was at Holy Cross Church.

I have had one hearing, but the important hearings are still to come. When they will be, I don't know. I have two attorneys for the civil action and will have a canon lawyer.

Please pray for me and I'll pray for you.

Rev. Anthony J. Daders

Dear Father Kazanowski,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief.

We are very sad that Father Vader cannot celebrate mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein. We know him as a kind and wonderful priest. We greatly miss him at Sacred Heart Church.

Sincerely



March 2003

Dear Reverend Kaczorowski -

Please allow father Anthony Voder to return to our parish as Pastor. We are extremely sad and disappointed @ the charges brought against Father Voder. We know and love him very much. He has been an inspiration to our family and has brought us so much closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Please hurry your investigation. We know you will find him innocent of these charges and allow him to return to our family. Please call us for further information and support. We miss him and love him so very much. Thank you. Sincerely, The [REDACTED] Family.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
11652 CHURCH STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

March 2003

Francis Cardinal George CMJ
Chicago, IL

Dear Cardinal George,

We are enclosing additional
Petitions, supporting Father Vadez,
collected in the last couple of
weeks.

The People of Sacred Heart

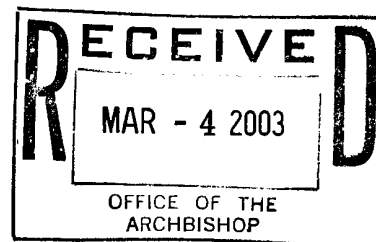
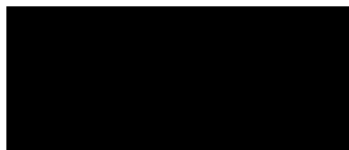
cc/Rev. James Kuzynowski

1 MARCH 2003

DEAR CARDINAL GEORGE;

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SINCERELY,



March 12 2003



Bishop Francis Cardinal George
 On arriving to Church
 on Sun. morning and
 bearing of Father's father
 accusation. I am writing
 of the past 33 years
 he has been a great
 help to my and the
 Church family.

Why did it take 4 yrs.
 for this to ^{be} known?
 God is the Judge
 of everyone. We pray
 that the truth will
 come soon

Sincerely,



Sat. March 1, 2003

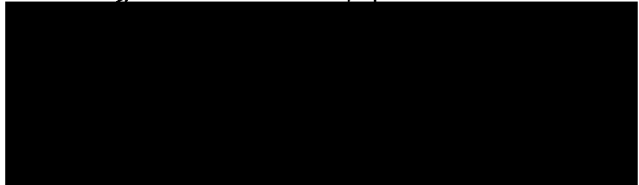
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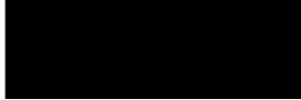
My mother and I wish to express our firm support, respect, and affection for our pastor Fr. Vader. He has been an important part in our lives while serving as pastor of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart on Chicago's southside. He has always demonstrated faithful service to the Church and the People of God.

We are deeply grieved about recent events that have caused Fr. Vader's absence from our Mission Church. We believe in him and will always be grateful to him for his good example and loving service at Sacred Heart.

Please send him back to us if at all possible. We need him and we love him as our pastor, spiritual leader, and friend.

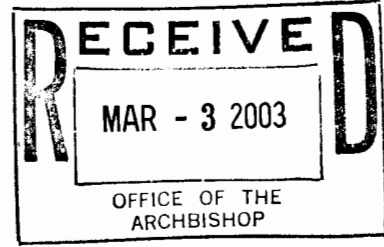
Respectfully yours,





March 1st, 2003

Francis Cardinal George O.M.T.
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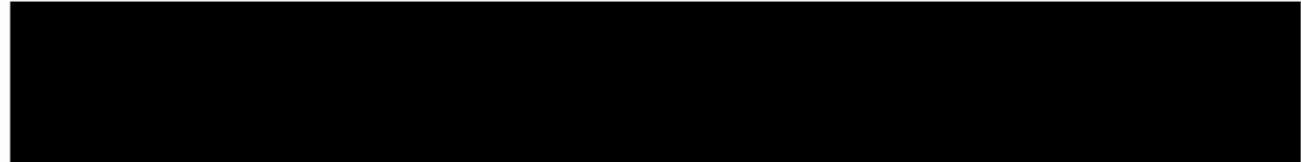
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My husband and myself have known father for 3 years, and we cannot understand any of this. We have known him as a kind and compassionate priest. When we married, my husband and I bought a house in the suburbs. We had previously grown up in the city and we were accustomed to the traditional family atmosphere of the parishes found in the urban setting. When we went to several different masses at local parishes in our new neighborhood, they lacked the warm and heartfelt parish family that we were used to. In our local churches, we felt that the clergy was extremely patronizing to the parishioners. This attitude was so severe that we would leave church feeling bitter. At times, we would question whether to continue practicing the Catholic faith.

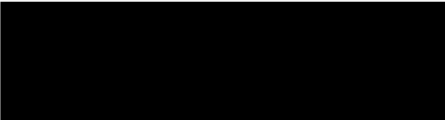
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In addition to us having a positive experience at Sacred Heart, my parents have also felt Father Vader's compassion.



Please reconsider Father Vader's placement during the investigation process. This man has dedicated his life to helping other people. His parish is his family. To keep them away from him hurts Father Vader, as well as, the parishioners of Sacred Heart.

Sincerely,



Sat. March 1, 2003

Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,
my mother and I write this letter
in support of our dear friend and pastor
Fr. Anthony Vader.

Fr. Vader and been a great influence
on our small southside faith community
of Sacred Heart Shrine and Mission.

We will never forget his priestly
zeal and service for our entire community.

We believe in Fr. Vader. We support
him in this time of crisis because we know
that he is a dedicated, holy, truthful and
faithful Catholic Priest and Pastor.

Please return Fr. Vader to Sacred
Heart at the earliest opportunity and know
that we are in the best of spiritual hands
with Fr. Anthony Vader as our Pastor.

Respectfully Yours,


1 MARCH 2003

DEAR REV. JAMES KACZOCOWSKI;

I HAVE JUST RECENTLY HEARD OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FATHER VADER THAT ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE SOME FORTY YEARS AGO. I AM SHOCKED & IN TOTAL DISBELIEF OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS & SUSPECT OF THE TIMING INVOLVED. FATHER VADER IS A VERY KIND & WONDERFUL MAN, BUT MORE SO, AN OUTSTANDING PRIEST. I HOPE YOU & THE ARCHDIOCESE SUPPORTS HIM IN HIS TIME OF NEED AS MUCH AS I DO, & PRAY FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

SINCERELY,

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March 1st, 2003

Father James Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue Suite #543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

We have recently learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told that Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and is unbelievable to us.

My husband and myself have known father for 3 years, and we cannot understand any of this. We have known him as a kind and compassionate priest. When we married, my husband and I bought a house in the suburbs. We had previously grown up in the city and we were accustomed to the traditional family atmosphere of the parishes found in the urban setting. When we went to several different masses at local parishes in our new neighborhood, they lacked the warm and heartfelt parish family that we were used to. In our local churches, we felt that the clergy was extremely patronizing to the parishioners. This attitude was so severe that we would leave church feeling bitter. At times, we would question whether to continue practicing the Catholic faith.

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1 March 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kasowski

We are saddened to hear that Father Vadco has been accused of improper conduct.

Our family married into Holy Name of May 1965. Since 1968 to my knowing Fr. Vadco has been a great help to me and my children and family.

Sincerely

PRIEST PERSONNEL FILE ACCESS REQUEST RECORD

Archdiocese of Chicago

This form documents an individual priest's request for access to his records. It must be filled out completely and signed by all appropriate parties.

TO BE FILLED IN BY AGENCY HOLDING RECORDS

Name of Priest File: <i>VADER, ANTHONY</i>	
Record of Agency/Office: <i>VICAR FOR PRIESTS</i>	
Address: <i>P.O. Box 455</i>	
City/State: <i>MUNDELEIN, IL</i>	Zip: <i>60060-1174</i>
Phone: <i>847-566-6085</i>	

Person Requesting File: <i>Anthony Vader per MaryAnn Trust</i>	Date of Request: <i>3/2/03</i>
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Person Authorizing Access: <i>SR. MARY ANN TRUST</i>	Date Records Accessed: <i>3/2/03</i>
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March 13, 2013

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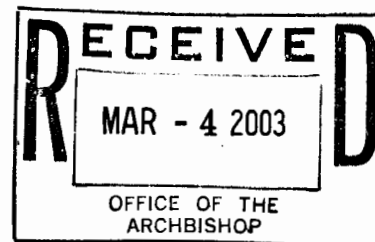
The allegations recently made against Father Vadeu have been most disturbing. I have only met Father and do not know him personally but have heard what a good man he is from many friends. Could our beloved Church be going to the extreme again? Why does the pendulum always have to go from one drastic point to the other? A man can spend many, many years in the service of God and the people and subsequently have an allegation by two sisters & ruin his valued reputation. We are not talking about multiple charges, just siblings who will certainly bear witness for each other. Isn't it at all possible that financial reimbursement might be the motive?

Please reconsider Father Vadeu's case. He should be with his people saying Mass and ministering to their spiritual needs.

Sincerely,

cc Father Kaczorowski

March 3, 2003

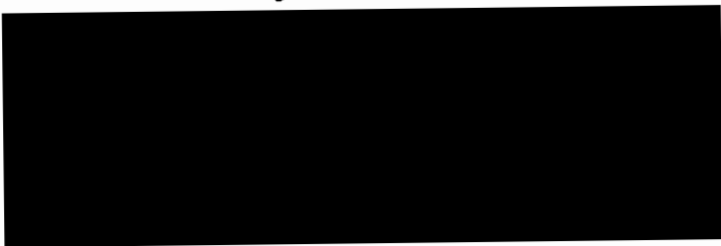


Reverend James T. Kaczorowski
 Vicar for Priests
 645 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 543
 Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,
 Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been accused of improper conduct against young girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness, we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vader over the last 10 years that we have known him convince us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest. I am a eucharistic minister and a minister of care in our parish, but during the Santo Niño novena every week-end, I assist Fr. Vader giving communion. With my experience and working with him I believe and trusted him. He is there for us especially when my husband was sick. I can't believe that after 45 years that those girls

complaining now, all they want is money. A thorough investigation should be made on the family background of those 2 girls who is accusing Fr. Vader, how is there life as a teenager and also how bad is their financial need right now. This is a torture to Fr. Vader especially at that age. Just to let you know whatever the decision or the result of these accusation, my respect to Fr. Vader is is right. I'll pray that God will help Fr. Vader, the decision makers and even his accusers.

Thank you,



March 3, 2003

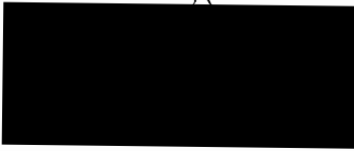
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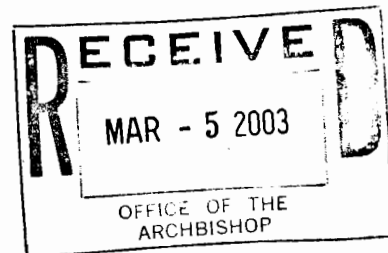
First of all, I would like to thank you for responding to the many letters received from the people of Sacred Heart. This accusation against Fr. Vader has touched all of us very deeply and we are very upset and angry about it. One thing that really is difficult to understand, is how can a man be removed from his ministry when he hasn't even been given the chance to appear before the Review Board and answer their questions directly. Father Vader's removal was based on the interpretation of what he said at a meeting between the Vicar and Leah McClusky. This seems totally unfair to me. Why can't Fr., himself, appear before this board and be questioned directly? Have his accusers appeared before this board? It is my understanding that he hasn't been able to face his accusers, either. Bishop Perry stood on our altar and told the congregation that Father was innocent until proven guilty. It certainly seems that in the eyes of the church, he is guilty until proven innocent. I understand that with all the abuse that has gone on for years and that has now been published in the press, that the church must do all that is possible to see that this does not happen again. The pendulum has swung so far back the other way. Doesn't it seem feasible that if there was only one accusation that allegedly happened 45 years ago, it should be treated differently than cases where there are multiple accusations against priests? I truly feel in my heart that these women are just out for a quick buck and are using Fr. Vader to try and get it. In the mean time, he is banished to the Retreat House and the church hopes that all will forget about it and that it will go away.

Now we wait for the canonical trial process to be put into place and who knows how long that will take. How can he defend these alleged allegations from so long ago? These two women have each other to corroborate any story that they like. He has no one!! There, again, it is totally unfair. We, who have known Fr. for so many years, find this whole situation totally unbelievable and pray that after 30 days you will return him to us and to the community that he has so willingly served for over 50 years.

Sincerely,



Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski



March 4, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am a devout Catholic who respects the laws of the Church and understands the need for procedure. I do not envy the position you hold because some of the laws and procedures are not popular by your flock. But at the same time your flock and your staff (other priest and nuns) look to you for guidance.

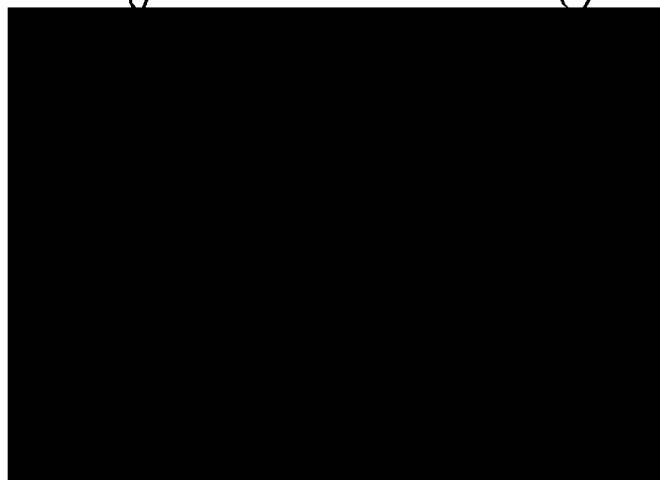
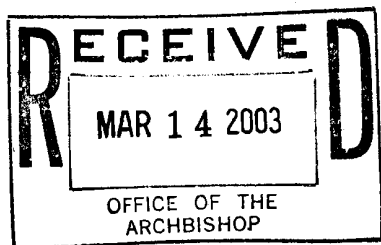
That being said I write to you regarding Father Anthony Vader. We are members of St. Barnabas Parish but attend mass at Sacred Heart Church. The reason is Father Vader. My wife and I receive some much from his masses. He gives us such a warm feeling being with him at mass. I really feel we get the same feeling as early Christians must of had by being in the presence of Jesus.

The only people who know the truth about Fr. Vacker's allegations are the 2 women and Fr. Vacker. What I do know is the truth will prevail. I feel very strongly he did not commit these alleged acts.

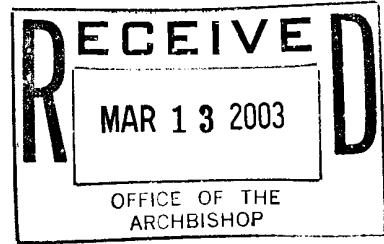
My wife and I miss him tremendously. We will pray for you + Fr. Vacker and the 2 women.

I believe all things happen for a reason and believe good will come of this and he will be back with us soon.

Thank you for listening



March 9, 2003



Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vaden are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

The allegations and resulting requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vaden has been at our Church for more than 20 years as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support and prayers now.

Sincerely,



sent form letter

March 4, 2003

Francis Cardinal George
O.M.I. Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

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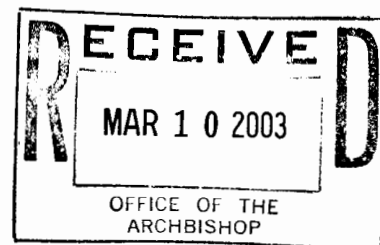
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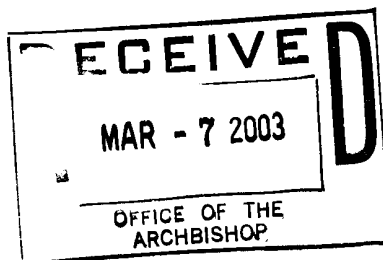
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March 4, 2003

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Your eminence,

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 Kaczmarek and am personally
 asking for your help and prayers
 for Fr. Anthony J. Vadev
 I do not know if its appropriate
 to furnish you with a copy of
 Fr. Vadev's letter to us but I am
 giving you a copy anyway for
 your perusal. Thank you.
 Sincerely yours in Christ.

March 4, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for priests
645 North Michigan Ave. - Suite 513
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James,

It has been two weeks now when I had been informed of the bad and sad news concerning our dear Fr. Anthony J. Vader. Some allegations of wrongdoing had been lodged against an honest, trustworthy, caring, loving, kind and holy man I cannot believe, for the life of me, this is happening.

I have known Fr. Vader for years. He went with us to our pilgrimages to the Holy Land, Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima, as our spiritual director. He celebrated masses and novenas for our Filipino group a lot of times. In fact, we celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest last May 2002. He never took advantage of any of us or for that matter, of anybody as far as I know. Because of his impeccable character, I'm fully convinced that these allegations leveled to him are nothing but lies and his accuses

only want materialistic monetary reward from him. These two sisters did not even have the conscience that they are destroying the life of an apostle of Christ. Despite of what they did I am praying to our Lord that some where, sometime they will see the light and will tell the truth and nothing but the truth to absolve our beloved Fr. Vader. The late Cardinal Bernardin suffered under a similar circumstance and the court dropped the case against him.

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and it is fitting, in my mind, that Fr. Vader seems as the sacrificial lamb being crucified like our Lord Jesus Christ because of alleged sins committed against two sisters many years ago.

Hopefully this simple letter of mine might help Fr. Vader's case and I promise you that I will continue to pray for him, for the two sisters, and for you, Rev. Fr. James and Cardinal George and Rev. Fr. Goedert.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

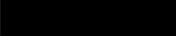
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Sincerely,


Vader letter

March 5, 2013

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When we first arrived from the Philippines way back in 1978, the first religious American priest introduced to us was Father Anthony Vader. He was very kind and friendly.

We sense that he was very close and friendly to Filipinos. His closeness is due to the fact, that he had helped a lot of Filipino nurses especially in their flight of discrimination in their work as nurses with working visas. We learned that because of their working visas they were, were not treated very well in their work area, like working so many hours in different shifts. We also learned that their wages were not compensated with their qualifications as nurses, since they were treated as aides, so Father Vader helped them in their flight of discrimination by going to the proper government authorities. He fought for their rights. He was like Reverend Jesse Jackson of the Filipino nurses. The Filipino community in Illinois especially the nurses and their families thank him for the splendid and magnificent job in protecting their rights. A very protective and kind in nature, a quality that outshines

him is extended to all people that he had always dealt with. We honestly think that his kindness and fatherly protection to this young 2 girls ages 9 and 10, 45 years ago was his fatherly gesture as their parish priest.

We have known Father Vader for 33 years. He was our spiritual director in our "Filipino Spiritual and Cultural Association in America" (FISCA). It was in our religious gathering that we consider him a priest with dedication, love, compassion and understanding of his flock. We really admire him for his holiness and fully respected him as our spiritual director and a true friend. We are also a member of a devotional group "The Samaritan Saints of the Midwest". This is a weekly devotion which started in the year of 1980. Again with Father Vader as our spiritual director, he attends with us every week. When he is in session he gets his prayer in the devotion will continue. With his spiritual direction I was able to propagate the devotion with my husband and children to 33 states in U.S.A., 6 Cities in Canada, 2 Cities in England, and 1 in Israel. All these places are still doing the devotion of the Infant Jesus and Blessed Mother.

The most cherished and treasured gesture Father Vader had done to our family was sponsoring my husband [redacted]

[redacted] my husband is still with love and devotion

As Father Vader had shared & taught to him. Father Vader's devotion and love for our Lord and Blessed Mother is traced back as he served his parishes. It's just his love and holiness that he had guided, protected, and served his faith community.

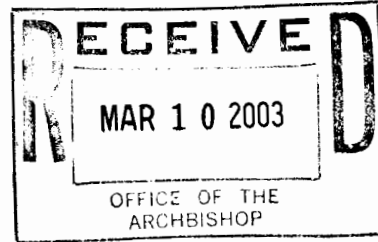
our brother and sister in Christ.

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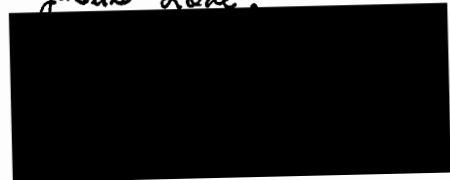
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We have known Fr. Anthony Vader since we came to the States in 1974. At that time he was already very much involved in helping and counselling Filipino nurses and their families. He had renewed our 35th wedding vows in 1984 and con-celebrated and gave the homily on our 50th wedding anniversary ^{mass} in 1999.

We had always ^{known} him to be a loving, kind and pious priest. He came to our prayer meetings & celebration of important events in our lives. We even had several opportunities of having him as our Spiritual Director on our pilgrimages. Although he was close to us like he was a member of our family he always acted like a true representative of Jesus. He gave us good advice and hugs us whenever he sees us - this made us feel we are God's children.

We are therefore deeply saddened and disturbed that such accusations were hurled against our beloved priest. We fully believe he is innocent and we pray that he be cleared soon so he could return to his ministry of loving and serving.

In Jesus Love,



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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Rev. Raymond Goedert

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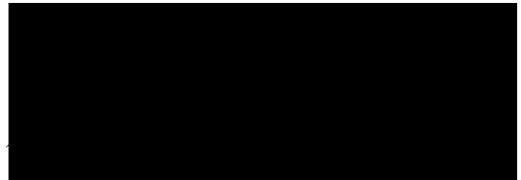
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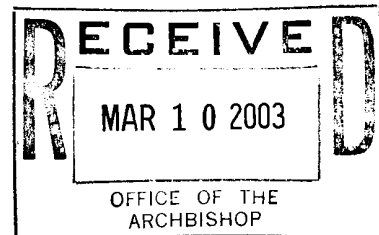
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Sincerely, with love and prayers,



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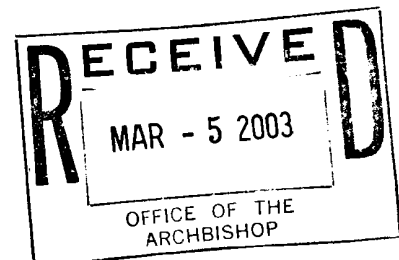
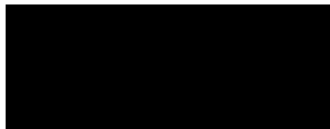


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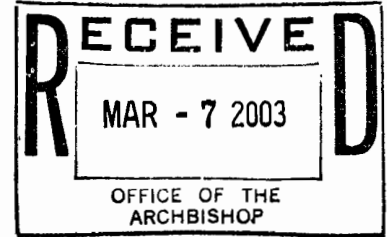
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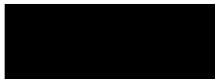
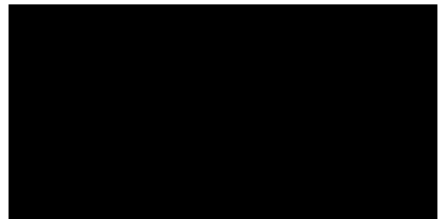
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We believe in his innocence and are troubled by the fact he has been removed from his parish. He is Sacred Heart Parish. We cannot imagine the toll this has taken on Fr. Vade both mentally and physically. We pray for him everyday.

We understand the church is obligated to follow rules and regulations when faced with situations such as this. We are asking you to please resolve Fr. Vade's situation as quickly as possible so he may return to Sacred Heart and continue his wonderful work.

We will continue to pray

for Sr. Vader, that God give him the strength to weather this storm.

We pray for the accusers, that God give them the strength to recant their false statements.

And we pray for those who make decisions in situations such as these, that God may give them strength to make the right decision quickly, and return Sr. Vader home to Sacred Heart Parish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

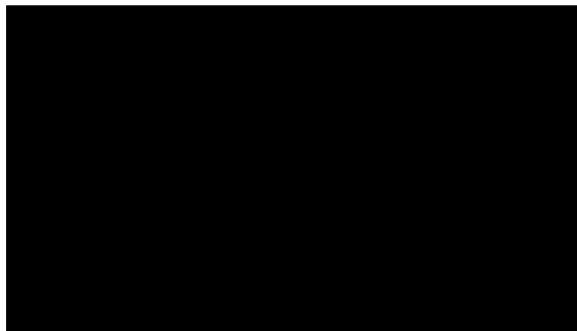
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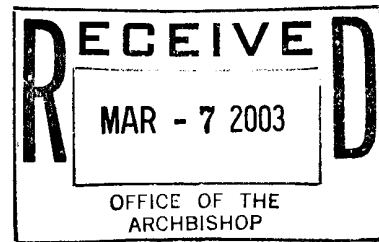
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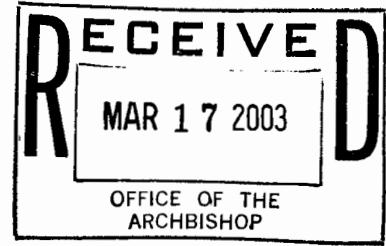
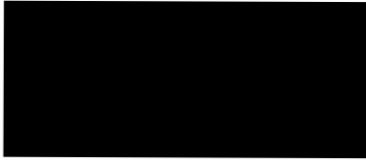
Francis Cardinal George
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Dear Cardinal George;

On his behalf, I would like to support
 Father Vader. What brought me to Sacred Heart
 Church was a friend who told me how wonderful
 the church and Father Vader are. What kept me
 coming back was Father Vader. His love for God
 is so sincere, respectful, and holy. I put my
 children in CCD there this year and my daughter
 is making her Holy Communion this year. I have
 prayed where to be led for her to make her Communion
 so it would be very special. I thought how perfect
 that we were led to Father Vader. I pray for his fast
 return and that he may give my daughter her First Holy
 Communion.

Sincerely &
 Respectfully,
 [REDACTED]



March 8, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60609

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40-year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good priest and we cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have. He is a kind and caring man who has most certainly been wrongly accused. Father Vader has always been there for us and we now owe him our support.

Our parish is made up of families from different locations on Chicago's Southside and surrounding suburbs, which makes it very unique. We happen to be drawn to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart as a family and Father Vader is our leader. Father Vader is a very meek man and has always been there for his parish family.

We have shared religious and social events with Father Vader and cherish the times we have spent with him. He married my daughter, baptized her children, and officiated over funerals of our family members. [REDACTED] and I are very active in the church, [REDACTED]. We know Father Vader very well and are very hurt by the allegations. We feel that he would serve the Catholic Church best if he were able to return home to his family at Sacred Heart.

We continue to pray for him and the other priests that have been wrongly accused.

Most sincerely,



March 8th 2003

Rev James Kaczorowski
645 North Michigan Avenue Suite #543
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Jim,

Thank you for all you've done.

I have found out that I can get a copy of the proceedings of all the hearings against me which took place in your office. I would also like to have a copy of the hearings/meetings with my accusers and in addition, any meetings/hearings with the Review Board.

My attorneys and I want to get ready for the second hearing which you mentioned to me when I was in your office in February.

If you do not have this information, would you please let me know who I can contact to have this sent to me.

I need to know the following information -

The names of my accusers
When they went to school at Holy Cross (years)
Where they lived in the parish and who were
their siblings

I appreciate hearing from you as quickly as possible.

Regards

Tommy
Rev Anthony Vader

cc: Francis Cardinal George OMI
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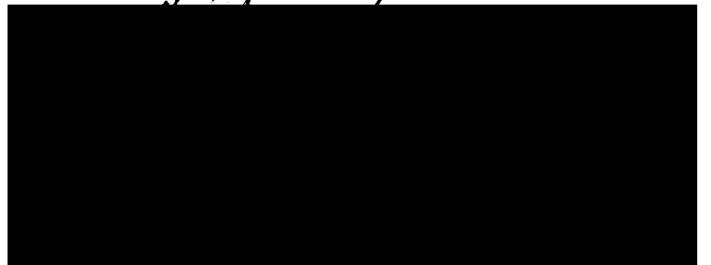
March 9, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vaden are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge them as they have.

The allegations and resulting requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein are incredible, unbelievable, and shocking. Father Vaden has been at our Church for more than 20 years as Administrator and more recently as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support and prayers now.

Sincerely,



Vader letter

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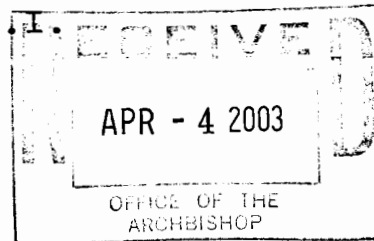
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Our family is greatly saddened on hearing about the accusations against Fr. Anthony Vader. We have known Fr. Vader for over 15 years now.

Everything we have known and seen Fr. Vader all these years fully convince us that these accusations are nothing but lies, designed to destroy a good, honest and holy man.

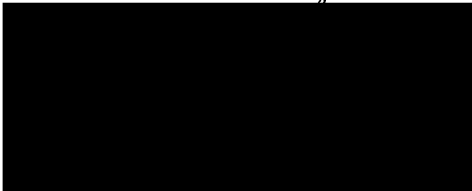
We would like to share with you one of our personal experiences with Fr. Vader.

[REDACTED] the Quezon Association of the Midwest (QAM). One of the organizations activities is the Mayflower Celebration. I was looking for a church where we can have the celebration of the mass and the mayflower offering. With just one phone call with Fr. Vader, he agreed to be "host church" for our celebration.

With our prayers for Fr. Vader to have his name cleared so that he can return to his ministry soon.

Sincerely,

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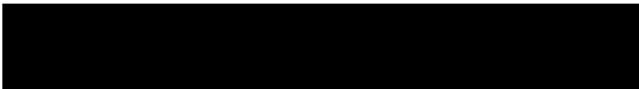


3-10-03

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. This 'news' is a shock and unbelievable to everyone. We know him to be a good, kind and sincere priest, always.

Sincerely,



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Father's letter
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Eminence Cardinal George
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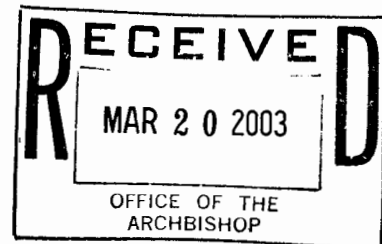
March 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This 'news' is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

We've known Father for many years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

Sincerely,



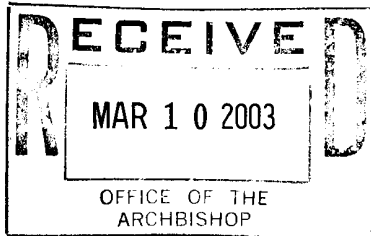
Dear Cardinal George,

We are writing to you on behalf of our pastor, Father Vades of Sacred Heart Church. We are shocked and greatly saddened by the allegations that have been brought against Father Vades. As parishioners, we have found Father Vades as a warm, compassionate, and guiding individual.

In light of all the recent allegations about priests, please keep in mind not all of them are true.

We are praying to God to give you the strength to make a fair decision and return Father Vades to us at Sacred Heart Church.

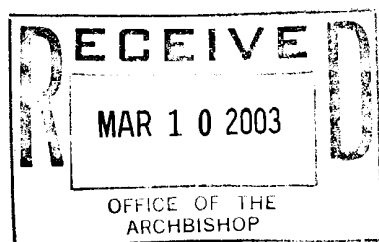
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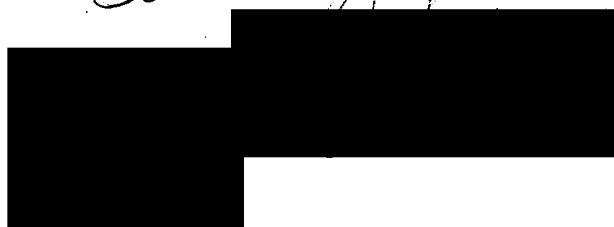
Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief.

We are very sad that Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein. We know him as a kind and wonderful priest. We miss him at Sacred Heart Church.



Sincerely,



March 10, 03

Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski,

Our family heard about this heart
breaking news about the accusations on
Fr. Tadek. These are all fake accusations
and we all firmly believe in his
innocence. He is a very loving, caring
honest + holy priest. He has been a
great support and strength to my family
for many years. Fr. Tadek is clean &
to tarnish his name and reputation is
a sin.

We ask for your support to relieve
him of this burden. We believe that he
is a victim of lies. Despite all these
we pray for the "women" who make
false accusations on Fr. Tadek to come forward
and drop the charges. May the Holy Spirit
clear their minds of this sinful accusation.
In God we trust,

March 10, 03

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski,

In behalf of the Samahan sa Bayan, a Filipino American socio-civic organization with almost 200 family members I would like your support to believe Fr. Vader of this terrible burden. He is a very courageous, supportive and virtuous holy priest. This horrible accusation has truly saddened all of us. He has been a great source of inspiration and strength to all of us as our spiritual adviser. He has been there for all of us and it is unbelievable that after 45 years all these lies came about. He is a very honest man and we have no reason to believe any of these false accusations.

Respectfully in Christ,
[Redacted]
President of Samahan sa Bayan 200.

From: John Treanor
To: Kaczorowski, James; Leonatti, Janet; McCluskey, Leah
Date: 3/10/03 10:36AM
Subject: files in the Archives

Greetings all,

██████████ files are still her. He is scheduled again tomorrow afternoon. I doubt he will be done though. The legal team for Fr. Vader will also be in again on Tuesday afternoon. I will return the records of ██████████ to Legal Office later today.

Peace

Jac

John J. Treanor
Vice Chancellor
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RE: A. Vader
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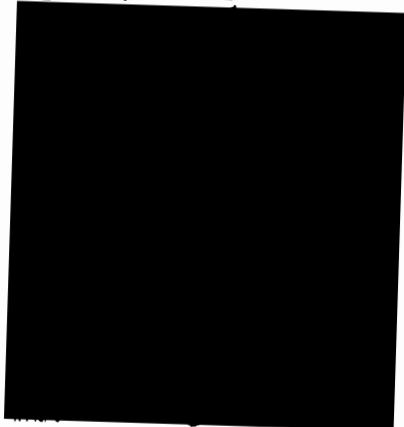
Morgan Park Baptist Church

knew A. Vader at Holy Cross since age 8 as new priest.

Phillipine Consul General
Vouches for character of A. Vader
known A. Vader for over 50 years

12 petitions with 12 signatures each from Sacred Heart Church
Program Book For A. Vader's 50th Anniversary
The members of Samahong Santo Nino
c/o [redacted] have known A. Vader since late 1950's and early 1960's - "highest
ethical and respectful behavior and most inspiring spiritual
integrity."

Signed by 24 people



Additional Petitions 76 signatures - includes [redacted]
[redacted] St. Bernard Hospital
Graduated Holy Cross 1963

Knew him all through Grammar School (very positive)

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Knew him since I was a little girl.
Very strong letter - Social Worker & Prosecutor of sexual offenders.
A. Vader married them in 1958 at Holy Cross. Met A. Vader in 1957

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Was abused by a 24 year old married man - herself.
Very strong in favor of A. Vader.

[Redacted]

Knew A. Vader from Holy Cross since age 13 (now 64) strong

[Redacted]

Anon

former seminary classmate

[Redacted]

"He was spiritual advisor to Philippine Nurses Association of Chicago (PNAC). I knew since 1969.

[Redacted]

[REDACTED]

Family of A. Vader -

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade
c/o [REDACTED]

Several of us have known A. Vader as far back as the late 50's and early 60's. His words and actions have conveyed nothing but the highest ethical and respectful behavior and the most inspiring spiritual integrity.

34 Signatures on letter.

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2d letter from Samahang Santo Nino- c/o [REDACTED]
69 Signatures

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(good as to effects on others of these false accusations)

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3-11-03

Dear Cardinal George,

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. This news is hard to believe for everyone. I know Father to be a devoted and caring priest. I pray Father Vader will overcome these allegations and return to Sacred Heart Church. I also pray that the accusers find the peace of mind they seek.

Yours Truly

[Redacted signature]

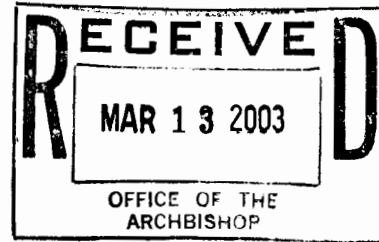
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March 11, 2003



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
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Dear Cardinal George,

Thank you for responding to our letter of February 11, 2003, concerning the allegations made against our Pastor, Fr. Anthony Vader.

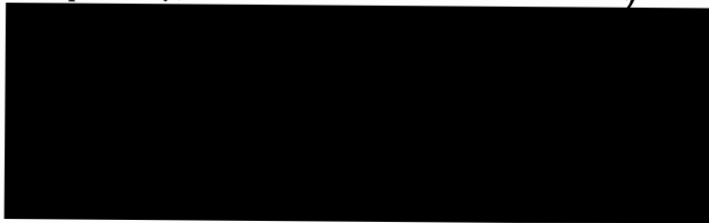
We are deeply disturbed, Your Eminence, regarding the second paragraph of your letter stating that "The Reviewing Board deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story."

It is incredible that the Reviewing Board could come to this conclusion! Based on the inconsistencies in the facts, we feel strongly that Fr. Vader is falsely accused. We hope soon that Fr. Vader will be restored to his Ministry at Sacred Heart Church.

Enclosed for your perusal is a copy of a news item from the Internet on a study made of **False Memories Easily Implanted**. Hopefully, the Reviewing Board has access to the same information.

Our prayers are with you, and our Church at this difficult time.

Respectfully,



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar of Priests

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Please read the letter for Father Vader
[Signature]

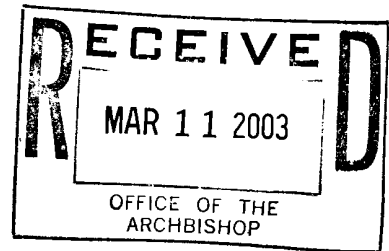
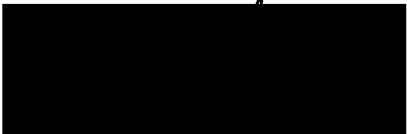


Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
Archdiocese of Chicago
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Dear Cardinal George;

I am writing to you in reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader. It is shocking and unbelievable that a man with such faith, leadership, and compassion would be taken from us. It is my understanding that he must spend 30 days at the Retreat House upon further investigation of this matter. I ask you to please give this matter your personal and utmost attention. Father Vader has been a great source of faith and consolation to my family and myself. He has shown compassion with my family through the death of my mother and my aging father. I have the most respect for him and have never felt in anyway was he a threat to our parishioners. We miss him terribly and although we have a wonderful group of priests willing to step into Father Vader's shoes his will be difficult. It is very hard to fill the most comfortable, well worn, best fit ever. We love him, we miss him and most of all we support him until all allegations are settled.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you:



March 11, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,


I am a devout Catholic who respects the laws of the Church and understands the need for procedure. I do not envy the position you hold because some of the laws and procedures are not popular by your flock. But at the same time your flock and your staff look to you for guidance.

That being said I write to you regarding Fr. Anthony Vacher. We are members of St. Barbaras Parish but attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The reason is Father Vacher. My wife and I receive so much from the kind and gentle person. He gives us such a warm feeling being with him at mass. So much so I feel what it was like for the early Christians being with Jesus.

The only people who know the truth about Fr. Vacker's allegations are the 2 women and Fr. Vacker. What I do know is the truth will prevail.

My wife and I miss him tremendously. We will pray for the 2 women, Fr. Vacker and yourself. I believe all things happen for a reason and believe good will come out of all this. I hope Fr. Vacker will be back with us soon.

Thank you for listening,
C



March 11, 2003

Dear Father Kazorowski,

When is Father Vader going to return to Sacred Heart? He always inspires us to do good, and always there to help all in need. We miss him, and the people are all down.

It is now over 30 days and no word from the Cardinal.

I would appreciate some good news soon.



March 12, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Dear Cardinal George:

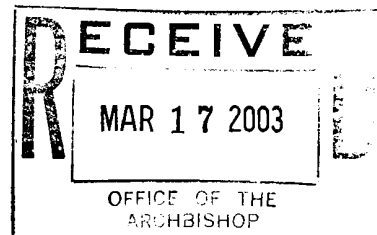
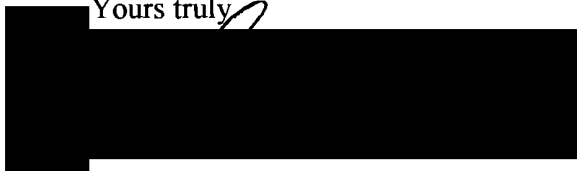
It has taken me some time to fully arrive at my focus in this letter to you. I will avoid any feelings of anger or comments stemming from misunderstanding. I will only express my love for Father Vader and ask only for you to help in the proper treatment of a fine man and a holy priest. Father Vader's close friendship has been a blessing to me for nearly forty years and my wife and we feel that we know and love him as a beloved member of our family.

Father Vader has been a living symbol of all the good the Roman Catholic Church can bring to the world and specifically to those multitudes in his personal care which is rooted in his faith and his God.

It is not possible to imagine any evil in this man who has shared so much hope and has been a constant inspiration to four generations of my family. He has buried, married, baptized all of us. He has taught us respect and deep love of God and as well as love for each other. Have an unfailing love for Father Vader and a trust in his goodness that will never be changed. It has been proven by his life.

With respect for your integrity and compassion in helping Father Vader, I am,

Yours truly,



March 12, 2003



Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski,

Our family is greatly saddened by the accusations placed upon Fr. Anthony J. Vader and his removal from the ministry due to allegations of sexual misconduct with minors.

In the forty (40) years our family has known Fr. Vader, we have not had one incident of misconduct and/or misrepresentation of his position as a priest to our family, friends, and the communities he has served.

Father Anthony J. Vader, Spiritual Advisor to Philippine Nurses Association of Chicago assisted in the change of immigration ruling for foreign educated nurses. He participated in the defeat of the resolution against foreign educated nurses which would have inhibited these nurses to come to the United States. He fought in the Legislative Halls of Springfield to change the requirements for licensure of foreign educated nurses.

Through all these years he had made himself available for counseling families and members of PNA of Illinois.

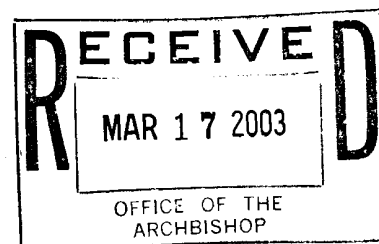
We firmly believe that Fr. Vader is innocent of these allegations and hope that the investigation will clear his name.

We pray for an early exoneration of Fr. Vader, and that he will be able to minister to the parishioners of the Sacred Heart Mission.

Sincerely,



cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert



March 12, 2003

Francis Cardinal George
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

This letter is concerning the terrible accusations made against Father Anthony Vader. I have had terrible tragedies in my life and I don't know how I would have managed without Father Vader.

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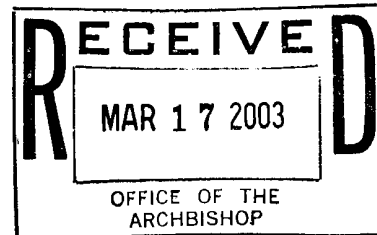
You can see why we love him so very much. All during this time, this gracious, kind and generous man was in our lives, he brought nothing but joy and compassion. This loving priest deserves only our love and trust. God knows this and I know he will guide you in any decisions made about him.

Respectfully,

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Respectfully,

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Dear [REDACTED]:

I deeply appreciated your recent letter concerning Father Vader. Your background as parishioner, social worker and attorney makes your defense of Father Vader all the more impressive. As a classmate and friend of his, I am most grateful for the support and affirmation you and so many others have given him.

As you know, Father Vader's case is in the hands of the Professional Fitness Review Board. Presuming your permission I am going to send a copy of your letter to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Review Board's administrator. I hope it will be of help to the Board in evaluating the allegations against Father Vader.

With prayers and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

+ 
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert
Vicar General

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.
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March 14, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Tony:

I realize you must have many questions about what is happening with regard to your situation. I have appreciated your patience and understanding, and I thank you again for agreeing not to exercise ministry while your case is pending. As you know, the Dallas Charter and Norms created a canonical difficulty. They required bishops to act immediately, but Church law prohibited us from taking any action under the Norms until they received the approval of the Holy See. I am very grateful to each of you for cooperating in the implementation of the Charter and Norms, even though that cooperation has taken a toll on you. I am writing the same letter to each of you so that you are clear as to what will be happening next.

The Holy See approved the revised Norms on December 8, 2002, and Bishop Gregory indicated they would go into effect March 1, 2003. I want you to be aware of the implications of this, so that at least you will understand how we will be proceeding in the Archdiocese of Chicago. There are still some aspects of the process that the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs is working on, so some part of the process are less clear than others.

In the near future, I will be submitting each of your cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as required by the Norms that Congregation issued in 2001. At that time, I will ask the Congregation for a dispensation from the statute of limitations so that we are free to conduct a trial according to the Code of Canon Law.

The reason for my request will be that the seriousness and the nature of the matter demand it. The sexual misconduct of clergy has caused great harm to the Church in the United States. Unless the Church appears to be taking these allegations seriously, we will lose the confidence of our faithful people and the Church in the United States will no longer have a credible voice.

Moreover, the nature of sexual abuse is such that those who are abused often repress the memory of these actions for many years. It has taken great courage on the part of many of them to come forward with these accusations. I can assure you that they did not make their decisions easily. Whether these actions took place, who was involved, and other such matters are things that are to be dealt with in a canonical trial. But I do not doubt for a moment the sincerity of those who have claimed to be victimized.

At the same time I submit the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will make formal what up to now has been simply an agreement between you and me. The Essential Norms for the United States require that at this time I issue a decree, in virtue of canon 1722, prohibiting you from exercising sacred ministry and directing where you are to reside.

If the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dispenses from the statute of limitations and directs me to conduct a trial here in Chicago, I will then submit all the material from your case to Father Bill Woestman, the Promoter of Justice, who will then present a petition to the Metropolitan Tribunal. The petition will ask the Tribunal to decide two issues: Did you commit an act of sexual misconduct, as described in canon 1395? If the answer to that is affirmative, shall the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state be applied to you?

At this point, if you have not already engaged the services of a canonical advocate, you will be required to do so. Your advocate's job is to ensure the protection of your rights and to raise any issues with regard to the above questions.

According to the wishes of the USCCB, the judges for the trial will be chosen from a pool of judges who will be trained in Washington during the last two weeks of February. This will ensure that no Archdiocesan priest will be deciding your case.

The judges will use the information that has been gathered by the Fitness Review Board Administrator, the Vicar for Priests, the Victim Assistance Minister, and your own personnel file. They may also ask for additional information in the case, as they see fit. You or your advocate can also propose other questions to the judges that would assist them in their investigation.

After the judges have collected all the information in the case, you and your advocate will be allowed access to all of the information that the judges will be using in making their decision. You will also be allowed to comment on the information you review, and your advocate will be given an opportunity to present arguments in the case.

At the conclusion of the process, both the Promoter of Justice and you can appeal the decision of the Tribunal. The appeal can be based upon the procedures that were followed during the course of the trial or upon the merits of the decision that was handed down. According to the 2001 Norms of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, these appeals are to be directed to the Supreme Apostolic Tribunal of that Congregation.

I believe that this is the most effective way to ensure that justice is served in the Church. By using our legal system, the rights of all parties are guaranteed and decisions are made on the basis of correct jurisprudence. Regardless of the outcome, the decisions will not only *be* just, but they will also *appear* just in the eyes of our people. This will demonstrate that decisions are not made in an arbitrary manner in the Church, but are made in an orderly and well-reasoned manner.

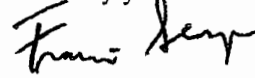
It is for this reason that I will not make any administrative decisions about the disposition of your case. I believe the judicial process will allow you and your advocate to present arguments concerning the substance of the case and the procedures that have been followed. The

judges will then be able to render a decision on this matter which is consistent with our jurisprudence and canonical practice.

I am very much aware of the pain that you have gone through during these months. While this has been personally painful for you, I believe this time has also given our people an opportunity to look at this issue more thoroughly and realize its complexity. Some of the stridency has lessened, and people seem to be reassured that the cases will be handled in a just and equitable manner.

You have been in my prayers each day, and I ask that you continue to keep me in yours

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

*The letter suggests all you have done are
as a reasonable testimony.*

Dear Cardinal George,

We have known Father Anthony Vader for a good many years. Father Vader has always been a kind and gentle man, and a wise and holy priest. When he gives his homily it is from the heart, w/o notes, and always on target. We attend masses that he officiates whenever possible for this very reason.

We do not know if you personally know Father Vader. If you do you are aware of his manner and of the holiness which surrounds him. If the eyes are the window to the soul then by looking into Father Vader's eyes you can tell that there is no duplicity there, only love and sweetness.

Father Vader has a great deal to do with the reasons we cling to the Church and obey her teachings. He makes us want to do good and to share our faith by our actions.

Needless to say in our job related duties we vitally interacted with all aspects of society from the infant only hours old, to the children who were victims or offenders and

sometimes both; as well as teenagers and adults right up to the geriatric set. We cared for, interviewed, assisted, and sometimes prosecuted these very people. In our personal experiences we learned that people do not always tell the truth, sometimes on purpose, and sometimes on accident.

We know from our experiences in the areas of Child Abuse investigations and sexual abuse investigations that memories are delicate and sometimes faulty, and sometimes accusations are made for personal gain or out of vengeance. Please bear this in mind. We know Father Vader and we observe him weekly - at church and socially. We also know and observe "perps." Our observations and knowledge tell us Father Vader isn't one of them - he is not a "perp".

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment and strength and to St. Michael the Archangel, Defender in battle for surely the devil Satan himself is afoot here.

In closing I would like to say that Father Vader guided us spiritually and soundly, marrying us and ministering to us. Being a part

of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, known for its very spiritualness and many healings, I would like to add this testimony:

When Father Vader learned of my illness he came to the hospital and prayed with

Needless to say I am here to write this testimony. It is my belief that the Sacred Heart of Jesus, using Father Vader as his

instrument, performed another healing.

We saw the debacle and heard the recasting of the allegations against Joseph Cardinal Bernardini, another holy soul. Please, Eminence error on the side of caution. Remember Satan and his duplicity. We are praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be with you. We love Father Vader, believing him to be a holy man, innocent of any sinful allegations made against him.

Yours in Jesus' Sacred Heart,

C.C. Rev. James T. Kuegorowski

March 15, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing this letter in response to the recent allegations against Father Vader. I have been a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church since my family moved to [REDACTED] back in 1976. The only reason I have stayed with the Catholic Church is because of Father Vader, he is a kind and compassionate man and the false allegations against are cruel and unjust.

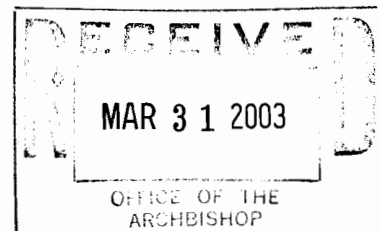
It is ironic how all of a sudden this supposed incident has come to light and I know that God is testing my faith and that of my family to be good Catholics and to forgive these women of their cruel intent.

I hope you find out what many of us already know and that is that Father Vader is innocent of these allegations and is an asset to the community and people that he serves.

Sincerely,

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3-17-2003

Dear Cardinal George,

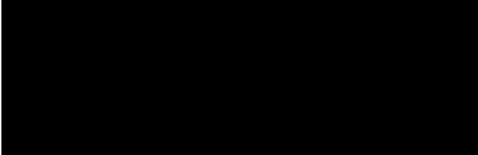

When I read about the allegations against Father Vader, I found it unbelievable!

I think when a person waits 40 years, it is only a way to improve their finances. I see no reason that their name is never published.

Father Vader is a gentle man who has only good things at Sacred Heart to his credit.

His sermons are inspiring & I truly enjoy going to his masses. I hope this matter is resolved soon & in his favor.

Sincerely



from letter sent

[REDACTED]
March 17. 2003

REV. FR. JAMES T. KACZOROWSKI
VICAR FOR PRIESTS
645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE- SUITE 543
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 50511

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

Our family has been deeply saddened upon receiving the unbelievable sad news regarding the accusations made against Fr. Anthony J. Vader.

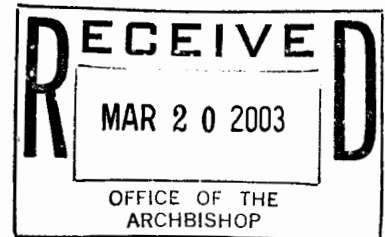
To my recollection from several years past, Fr. Vader has been a very sincere, honest man and very holy indeed, if I may say so. We have had opportunities to meet and discuss with him in our religious and social meetings several aspects of human problems to which he had been deeply sympathetic. I venture to speak in behalf of my fellow country men (Filipinos) and for all people who know him personally that we all have the deepest respect for his sincerity and devotion to duties.

I am very confident that in the very near future and with God's help and his friends this holy person will soon find peace of mind and will soon be indeed exonerated. Most specially, he can count on our most fervent prayers for the speedy resolution of this delicate problem. We also pray for his continued good health and strength to weather all these shameful accusations.

We are also troubled by the Archdiocese's decision in not providing any legal support to accused priests. This attitude most probably stems to previous situations. There has to be a shining exception to every situation and I am very certain this is one of them.

Father Vader is innocent. May God bless him forever.

With my sincere best wishes and prayers,
[REDACTED]



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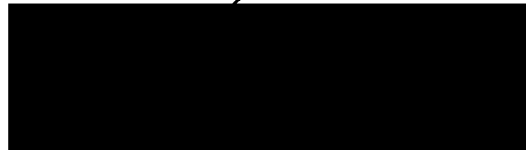
Dear Father,

I was very disturbed about the allegations against Father Voder. When a person waits 40 years, I must suspect their intentions. "It is an easy way to add to a bank account."

Father Voder must be very hurt - a gentle man, even a bit shy. He blesses each child coming out of Mass and I find this whole mess incredible. I hope it is resolved soon.

We miss him & need him back with us where he belongs

Sincerely



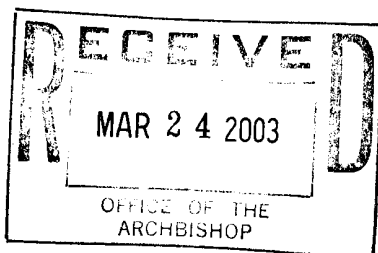
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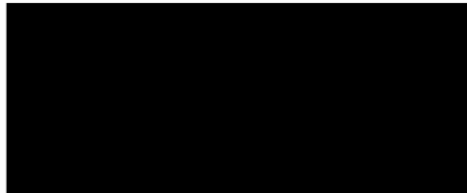
I don't know how to describe my reaction to the 40-yr. old allegation against Fr. Anthony Vadev, I guess its heartbreak. Two women looking for an opportunity to collect unearned money from our Church, destroying a wonderful priest, a man we all admire, & respect.

We owe Fr. Vadev, we pray & support him now, he deserves it.

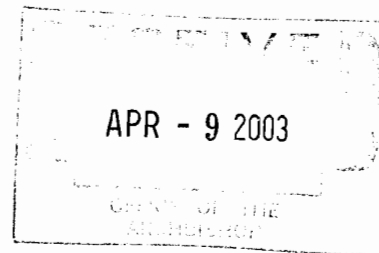
Respectfully yours



Vorder letter



March 19, 2003



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

I know Father Anthony Vader through our association as members of the Maple Park/Morgan Park Ministerial Alliance. I have been a member of this organization for over a decade. I have listened to the words of wisdom, comfort and exhortation from Father Vader in our meetings and in sermons given by him in our Alliance worship services.

When I lived in Morgan Park, I would often see Father Vader as he jogged around Ada Park in his red jogging clothes, waving at people in the neighborhood.

I am saddened that accusations have been made concerning Father Vader's conduct from years past. I do not believe that the person I know and have known would be guilty of any conduct that would bring shame to the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today's climate makes it seem plausible that members of the clergy *might* have done things in the past that were hidden, and that some even now might be engaged in conduct offensive to God. Yet, the only persons who know the truth of the situations are those who might have done whatever was done, and those who were the targets of the deeds. Beyond that, there is a more faithful witness, and it is God. (Prov 15:3 KJV) "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

I am praying that the Lord will vindicate Father Vader, just as Cardinal Bernadine was.

Sincerely,



cc: Rev. J. T. Kaczorowski
Sacred Heart Church :

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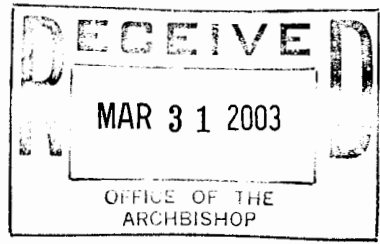
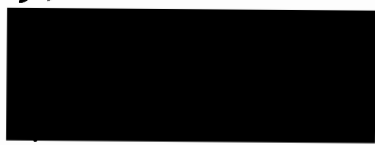
Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing this letter as a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church. I am 14 years of age and have been attending mass at Sacred Heart for as far back as I can remember. My mother has explained to me the recent allegations against Father Vader and I feel he has been unjustly accused. With recent incidents of priest in the catholic church, I feel that these persons have decided to ruin an innocent man's life for their own personal gain.

I will stand behind Father Vader and I will not believe nor listen to these persons who are in it for the money.

I hope you find out what many already know and that is that Father Vader is innocent of these allegations and is an asset to the community and people that he serves.

Sincerely,



March 30, 2003
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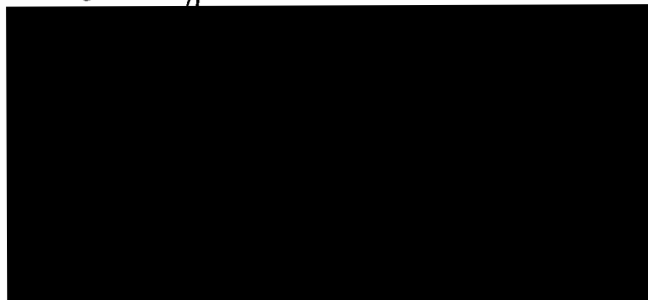
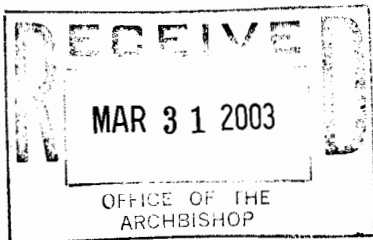
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We at Sacred Heart owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

Thank you.

Regards



March 23, 2003



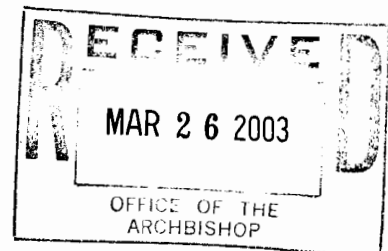
Vader 

Dear Cardinal George,

It has come to our attention that certain allegations have been made against Father Vader of the Sacred Heart Church. We find this to be shocking and unbelievable in view of the fact that we have known Father Vader for many years. We have found him to be a kind and gentle man.

We feel he needs our support at this time and we hope that the church investigates these allegations, so that Father Vader's good name will be cleared and untarnished.

Sincerely,



March 24, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I would like to know when Father Vadee is going to return to Sacred Heart? It has been taking so long?

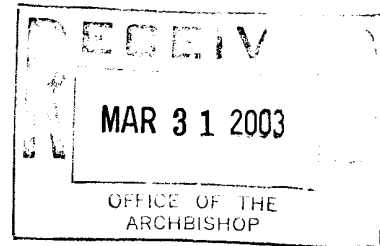
The nice Father and all the people are getting so depressed. He is such a good and Holy Priest. A Real Priest

Sincerely,



March 27, 2003

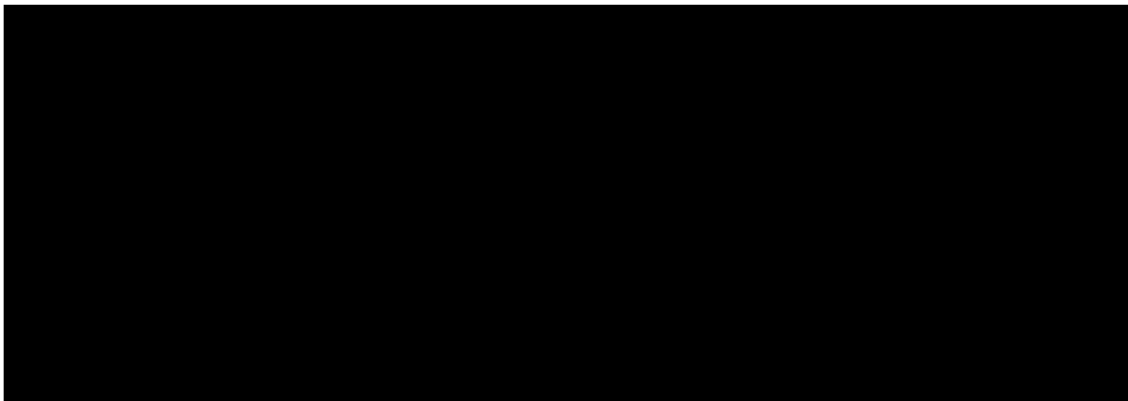
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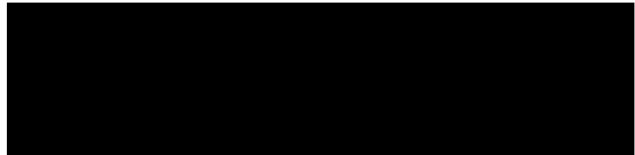
Dear Cardinal George:

You have heard from most of my family regarding Father Anthony Vader. It is now my time to speak. I am saddened and angry with the Catholic Church for the treatment of this holy man. .

Father Vader has done nothing that can be proven. Our ancestors came to this country to flee religious persecution. The treatment he is receiving is just that. People are innocent until proven guilty. He has had no trial, only accusations from many years ago. In our country even the worst men accused of crimes are out on bail. Father Vader is isolated and kept from his friends and flock. Nothing has been proven. If he is found "not guilty," how will you restore his good name and the days you have disgraced him? So many priests in the Catholic Church have been found guilty. Does that mean Father Vader is one of them by association?



If Father Vader is guilty then he should be punished. As of today, no stain on his name has been proven. I am justly angry and my eyes are ablaze with frustration and fear. Just as Jesus was angry at the "Cleansing of the Temple" in el Greco" masterpiece, I am angry at the church for the unjust treatment of an innocent priest. His is not in the best of health, old, with only one good eye. He has given his life to the Catholic Church and his punishment is isolation. Don't you fear, as Cardinal Brendan was falsely accused, that some woman might decide there is money to be made. . .and accuse you? How would the church handle Cardinal George in the same situation? What would you do then? You would remember, for the rest of your life, as I have done, remembering [redacted].



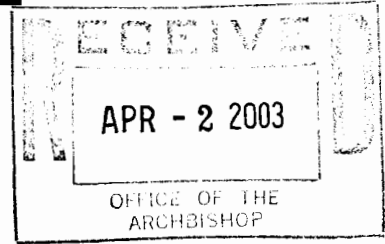
Yours respectfully,



*Vader letter
sent form letter*



Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue – Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611



Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski,

It is with deep concern and disbelief to learn about the accusation of an alleged misconduct of Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader some 45 years ago. My family and I had close association with Fr. Vader since we came to the United States in 1973 when my late husband, [REDACTED] was assigned [REDACTED] at the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago. Because of this close association we had this rare opportunity to know him well and this experience was pleasant, gratifying and spiritually healthy.

Through all these years that we have known Fr. Vader, there has been no occasion at all that we knew of any wrong doing much less any immoral conduct that he has committed. On the contrary, he has always been very congenial, helpful and goes out of his way to be of assistance to those who sought his guidance which he did according to the morals of Catholic teaching. My late husband, [REDACTED] had been very much aware of this because of his close contact with the Filipino community during his term of office from 1973 up until 1982 when he retired. Even after his retirement we have known about the same support Fr. Vader has continuously given to the Filipino nationals in the way that he maintained his dignity and integrity as a minister of the church. It is very unlikely that he would have had done wrong knowing the consistency of the manner by which he conducts himself in his ministry.

It is unfortunate that the good deeds and honorable intentions of Fr. Vader in extending assistance have been regarded with great malice thus tarnishing the reputation of a man of unequalled integrity as a true representative of the church, a man who finds no obstacle along his way just to be of assistance, a man who sees in all human beings the image of God in them, regardless of creed or color of skin.

As a physician, I am aware that Fr. Vader always responds immediately to the spiritual needs of patients which enhances the healing process. In cases where it is God's Will that the patient returns to the Bosom of the Father, Fr. Vader gives spiritual solace and comfort to the grieving family. I have personally experienced this when my husband had [REDACTED] in 1978 and after that successful operation, Fr. Vader officiated a thanksgiving mass on our behalf. Again when my husband passed away in [REDACTED], Fr. Vader was instrumental in easing up the pain of our loss not only by his consoling expression of sympathy and prayers but by con-celebrating during the funeral

mass. We are truly grateful to Fr. Vader not only for his spiritual guidance to my family but also to the Filipino community in Chicago and his personal mission in the Philippines.

It is a shame that at this period of Fr. Vader's life when he is supposed to reap the fruit of his honorable deeds which he faithfully gave it all for 50 years of service to his ministry and now peacefully reflect in continued prayer and more service through his remaining years, he is subjected to stress, embarrassment and shame because of such petty and unfounded allegations which is presumably motivated by material gains, the statute of limitations for criminal charges having lapsed.

This letter expresses our support of Fr. Vader and our sincere plea for an enlightened guidance in the judgment process of this unfounded case. It is our prayer that this information be given due consideration and hopefully, may be of some help in clearing the name and reputation of Fr. Vader who truly deserves this fair judgment.

Thank you for your very kind attention to this letter and we pray for peace in our hearts.

Very truly yours,

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March 28, 2003

*cc. His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert*

March 30, 2003

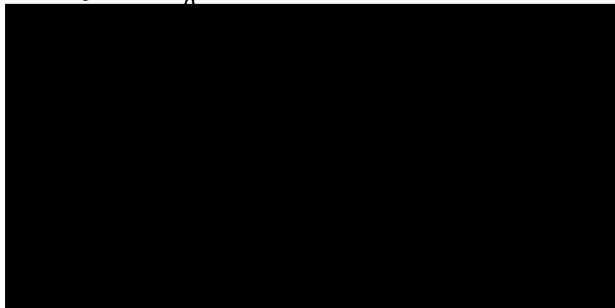
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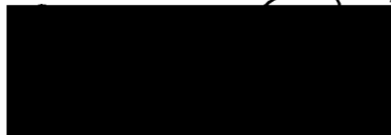


Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,

Rev. Vador is not only my pastor but someone whom I trust completely. The allegations are incredible and totally unbelievable.

I cannot understand why anyone would believe this accusation that date back more than 40 years. The sound character and the wonderful, caring work that he has given to his various parishes and community throughout the years alone should vindicate him. We need our pastor back with us.


Sincerely,



Dear Father,

Father Vaden is a wonderful priest and has been very helpful to our family over the years.

Any help from you would definitely be appreciated



Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

Our beloved pastor, Rev. Anthony Vader, has always and will continue in our hearts, to be the trusted spiritual leader of our parish and family. There has never been a single moment that our faith and belief in him has wavered.

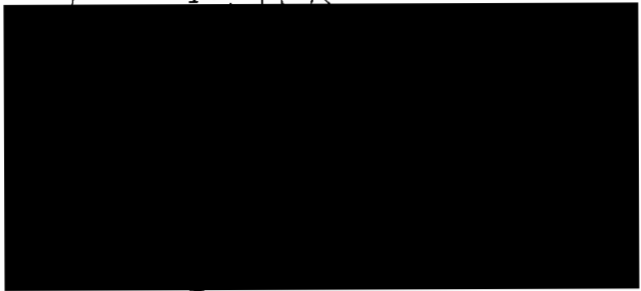
He is a worthy and outstanding priest, not only for our parish but for the community as well.

Our family has never wavered in our love and trust in him.

Please return our pastor, back to his parishioners.

He is always in our prayers and thoughts.

Thank you.

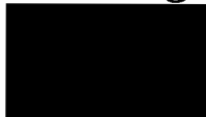


Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski

Please return to my family and our parish, our kind, loving and caring pastor, Rev. A. Vader.

We all miss him terribly. We know that this forced separation from his flock has made it difficult for him also.

Without reservation our family and his parishoners support him. We have never wavered in our belief in him and that he will be cleared of all charges.

yours Truly,
The  Family



Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

I am writing again to plead for the return of our pastor, Rev. Anthony Vader.

Although we have had caring priests, during these difficult months, no one but our parish priest know us quite so well. Whenever we have needed him, he has been there for our family. He has presided over our family's baptisms, First Communions, weddings and funerals.

Father Vader has always lent his spiritual advice not only for our family but for any parishoner who needed hin.

Please send our spiritual leader back to his parishoners. We need him!

Sincerely yours,



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I, the undersigned,

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Reverend Anthony Vader

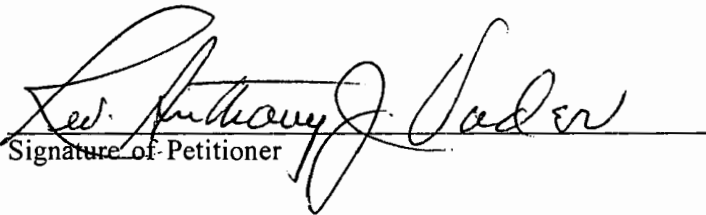
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

do name and establish

Francine Quillin PBVM, JCL

as my Procurator-Advocate for the purpose of my recourse against any administrative or hierarchical processes and/or decrees initiated against me within the Archdiocese of Chicago, and before any Tribunal which may be assigned to hear my cause.

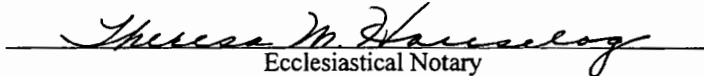
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Signature of Petitioner

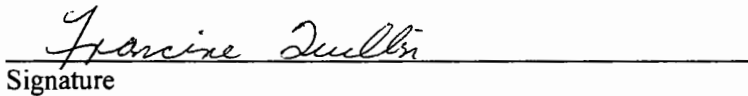
Date 4-4-03

This mandate was signed in my presence on

Date 4 April '03 at metropolitan Tribunal, Archdiocese of Dubuque


Ecclesiastical Notary

I hereby accept appointment as the Procurator-Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader.


Signature

4 April 03
Date

April 7, 2003

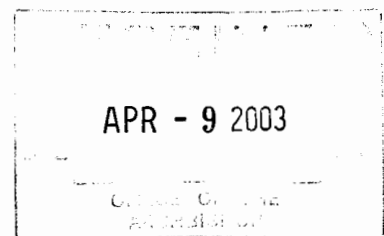
Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
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Dear Cardinal George:

Its been over two months since Fr. Vader was removed from Sacred Heart and sent into exile in Mundelein. In your response to my first letter, you mentioned a "canonical trial process". What, pray tell, is holding up the process? The faith community of Sacred Heart Mission deserves an answer to this question.

Also, I understand that Fr. Vader has requested permission to reside at Holy Name of Mary until whatever process exists to exonerate him is completed. I truly hope that you will agree to this request in light of his age and physical condition.

Sincerely,



April 7, 2003

Fr. James R. Kacsorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Ave. – Ste. 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kacsorowski:

I wanted to send you this letter to voice my concerns about the false charges being leveled against Fr. Anthony Vader.

As a student, altar boy, and choir member of Holy Cross Parish, graduating in [REDACTED], I have nothing but fond memories of Fr. Vader. It is impossible to believe he would harm anyone, especially a child. I know him to be a kind, loving, and caring person.

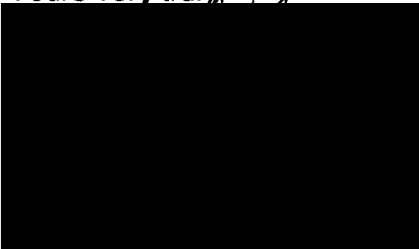
Talking to other members of my family who also attended Holy Cross, they agree with me as to Fr. Vader's character. Fr. Vader was not only a priest in our parish but also a close family friend, staying in touch with members of our family through the years, performing marriages and baptizing some of our children.

My concern is how anyone can falsely make a claim about something that supposedly happened 45 years ago (in a girl scout troop that as far as I can find out never existed) and people will give their charges any credence at all!

Obviously I am a supporter of Fr. Vader. I would be willing to do what I can to help his defense. I am offering myself, if needed, as a character witness to attest to the kind of person Fr. Vader is.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Yours very truly, / s/

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cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

AOC 021220

4-8-'03

Dear Cardinal George,

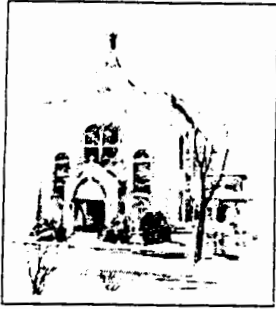
Father Vader was removed from his ministry two months ago and while I don't know much about the procedures in cases like Fr. Vader's, it seems to be alot longer than most of us at Sacred Heart would like.

One meeting with Fr. Kaczorowski?
When will the second meeting take place?
How soon will the Ecclesiastical Court be ready. ~~Can~~ there be an appeal to Rome?

In consideration of his age and some health problems could he be transferred farther south where his doctors are located? Driving from Mundelein and back must be taxing on Fr. Vader given his health.

Please consider this your Eminence and I remain yours in Christ.

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SACRED HEART CHURCH

11652 South Church Street
Chicago, Illinois 60643-4838
773-233-3955

April 2003

APR - 9 2003

The Lord works in mysterious ways - and so does the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It's been two months since Father Vader was removed from his ministry and moved to the Retreat House at Mundelein. At that time we thought there was an actual process that would take place, resulting in Father Vader being cleared and returning to Sacred Heart.

Father Vader had one meeting with the Vicar, Father Kaczarowski. As far as a second meeting??? There is no information available about this.

Also mentioned is an Ecclesiastical Court - required in each Archdiocese. There is no court in Chicago; it is in the process of being set up. But, the procedure or process to appear before this Court??? We don't know.

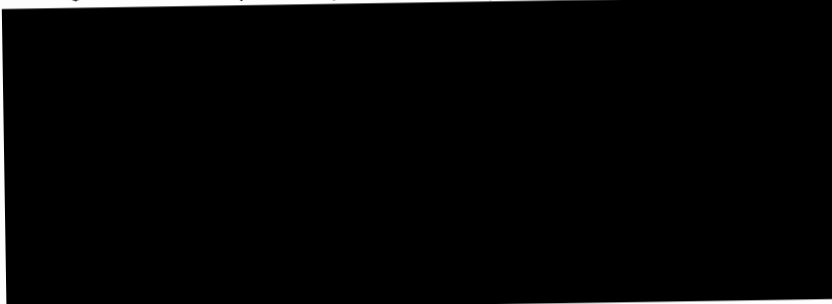
Also available is an appeal to Rome. Again we have no information concerning this.

Father Vader does have a Canon lawyer as well as three other attorneys.

Unfortunately for Sacred Heart, 'waiting in the wings' for some answers is not what we do best, and even more unfortunately, there seems to be no answers. Despite this Sacred Heart will continue the search for information to give you.

This whole thing is incredibly strange. Father Vader is 76 years old, has some health problems and conditions. He is certainly no threat or danger to anyone, nor has he ever been. Because his current residency at Mundelein is inconvenient to say the least, Father Vader's personal physician has written the Cardinal, requesting that he be allowed to live at Holy Name of Mary/Sacred Heart because all of his doctors, as well as other personal matters, are located on the south side and south suburban area and driving back and forth to Mundelein is difficult for him, and not in his best interest healthwise. Hopefully the Cardinal will agree.

Please remember Father Vader in your prayers. Please also write another letter to Cardinal George concerning Father Vader and this 'case.' There are self addressed, stamped envelopes available at the rear of Church.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

April 9, 2003

██████████
The Quezon Association of the Midwest
4875 N. Ashland
Chicago, IL 60640

Dear ██████████

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021223

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979
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April 11, 2003



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Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021224

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Archbishop of Chicago

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021226

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April 14, 2003

Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.
Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal;

I just wanted to take a moment and speak on behalf of Father Anthony Vader. I've known Father my entire life. I was raised as a member of Holy Name of Mary parish, and as you know, Father was the pastor. I attended the school during the years of [REDACTED] Father was somewhat of a mentor to me, as well as a good family friend. In all of that time I've never known him to do anything improper. He never treated me with anything but respect, and I never heard of him mistreating any classmate in the seven years that I spent at the school all those years ago.

I was extremely disheartened to learn of his present misfortune. I will never believe that Father Vader is capable of doing what he is accused of. He is a good man who has dedicated his life to God, and I truly do not believe that he deserves to spend his retirement years with this sort of stigma on his record.

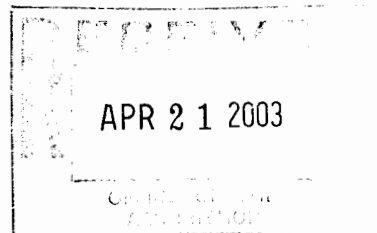
I am not sure if there is anything that you can do, but I thought that I would try just in case. I truly care about Father, and it hurts me to see him treated in this fashion.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Fa P. J. Kyp -
JR, RZ

April 16, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

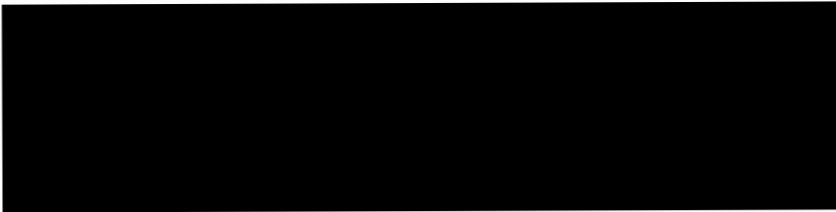
Dear Cardinal George:

It's been over two months since Father Vader was removed from Sacred Heart Church and we have hoped and prayed for some concrete news about his being cleared of the unbelievable charges and allowed to return to us by now.

We all would certainly appreciate hearing what exactly has transpired with his case since he was removed. How is it proceeding or is it? When will he have his day in court? This month or next month? We pray that it will be soon as the stress he is under certainly cannot be good for this good, kind man.

We would hope that you would take into account Father Vader's age and health problems and allow him to return to us here at Sacred Heart. We do not believe that he is, or ever was, a threat to anyone. Considering his over 50 years of loving service to Our Lord, we pray that you will have some consideration for this fine person and priest and allow him to return to both Holy Name of Mary and Sacred Heart.

Wishing you a Holy Easter, we remain, respectfully yours,



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

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PATRICK G. REARDON
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
SUITE 1938
221 NORTH LASALLE STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW**AREA CODE 312
372-5716

April 18, 2003

Leah McCluskey
Office of Professional Fitness Review
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

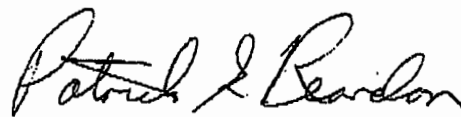
It has come to my attention that the accusations against Father Anthony Vader may be the subject of a Second Stage Review by the Professional Fitness Review Board during the meeting scheduled for April 26, 2003. I am formally requesting on behalf of Father Vader that the time for this review be extended.

I and others have spent many hours reviewing and investigating the accusations and will soon be in a position to provide a written response on behalf of Father Vader. Preparation of this response has been slowed by the fact that Father Vader is now at Mundelein making communication slow. Also the relevant personnel files are extensive. (As you know, any notes taken of these files must be handwritten, a tedious process.)

I do not make this request for the purpose of delay, but rather in the interest of providing the Board with the most complete information upon which to base a decision. There would seem to be no harm caused or risk to anyone, since Father Vader is not engaging in ministry at this time.

If any further information is needed, please contact me at any time. I will be out of my office until Friday, April 25, 2003. I will be able to return messages by telephone. I will attempt to call you during the week regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Reardon

file

April 21, 2003

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Rev. Fr. James I. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

I was in shock and devastated when I heard of women accusing Fr. Vader for molesting them 45 yrs. ago. I've known Fr. Vader since 1959 when I came to this country as an Exchange Visitor Student. He was active with the Filipinos, The Filipino Student Catholic Action Team and now Filipino Community Action. He is very kind and helpful to the spiritual needs and immigration problems. He is a very spiritual and high moral person. That the accusations are unthinkable. My two daughters, 1st a 36 yrs. old doctor & the second 34 with Masters in Theology believe that Fr. Vader is innocent. My daughters know Fr. Vader when they were growing up getting together every week-end with the Fr. Mike and other family and relatives' activities.

We are praying that these are going to be over as his health is being affected too. We love Fr. Vader so much like our own members of our family.
God bless,

cc: Cardinal George
Bishop Jordan

[Redacted signature area]

Rev Father James T. Kaczorowski,
Nicar for Priests,
645 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 543
Chicago, Illinois 60611

(file)

April 21, 2003

APR 23 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I want to tell you I have known Father Vader since the late sixties and all this time, I have the greatest respect, and admiration, for him. It is too MUCH for me to believe in the accusation. Sure the Holy Oil on his head and palms was hardly dry when this allegation occurred. Father Vader baptized our grandchildren and spiritually nourished our family through the years. That he has celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood sets him apart as one who was a Priest for the long haul. Perhaps the story of Susanna, in the ch-13 of Daniel, has something to say here.


Yours Truly

Copies to:

Francis Cardinal George, ^{oms}
Archbishop of Chicago

Many Seat of Wisdom Parish

Most Reverend Raymond Sedent
Vicar General



April 21, 2003

To: **Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski**
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue- Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

Dear Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski,

Father Vader was there to concelebrate my 25th Wedding anniversary at the Holy Name Cathedral.

He was there to commiserate with me during the death of my parents and parents in law.

He was there to celebrate mass in our two children's graduation party.

He was there to bless my children's cars before they drove on their own for the first time.


Father Vader was always there for me and for my family.

What can I do to repay him? I hope this feeble letter will convince you that Father Vader has nothing but regard for other people's happiness and well being.

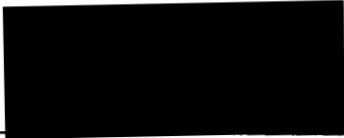
Sincerely yours in Christ,



APR 23 2003



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April 21, 2003

To: **Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski**
Vicar for Priests
645 North Michigan Avenue- Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

Dear Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski,

Father Vader is a close personal and family friend for more than 25 years.

As a physician, I can commiserate with Father Vader. I, too, am consistently subjected to nuisance suits, without any absolute merit.

What gives people the right to malign and destroy other peoples' lives and reputation?

I read Father Vader's letter addressed to "My dear Filipino American Family:" where he wrote:

"...I want you to know that I am innocent, that I have never in my lifetime touched these two sisters who brought these accusations..."

If I did not know Father Vader personally, I would have exclaimed "Oh, God! Another priest in a scandal."


But since I do know the man, my heart is filled with rancor for his accusers and pity for the accused. I remember Joseph Cardinal Bernadin, dying with pancreatic cancer, when he was falsely accused.

I am confident that the accusations against Father Vader are false and driven simply by monetary greed.


I would like to know the background of the accusers and compare it with the exemplary, unselfish life that Father Vader has spent serving his parishioners and his Church.

I beg you to provide Father Vader the peace and comfort that he deserves in his retirement years.

Sincerely with you in Christ,



APR 23 2003



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April 21st 2003

Rev James T Kaczorowski
645 N Michigan Avenue
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

My greatest concern for Father Vader is his health - psysical and mental. He does have some health problems which I understand require that he see his physicians from time to time and since they are all located in the south suburbs, he must drive all the way from Mundelein and back.

He is retired as a pastor of Holy Name of Mary and should be able to live his retirement years without having the stress these accusations must have caused. We know that he is not, and never has been, a threat to anyone. These last 2½ months have been a time of disbelief, sometime anger, and completely senseless to the people of Sacred Heart.

Please help however you are able to see that Father is found free of any accusation and allowed to return to his ministry.

Thank you





April 21, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski:

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

Father Vader is a wonderful priest and has been a friend to my family.

How much longer must he wait to be exonerated from these terrible and untrue allegations?

As you are aware he is not a young man and not a threat to anyone and he never has. It is unjust that he can no longer serve his community.

I ask that you give some consideration to him and allow him to return to the ministry.

Sincerely,



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April 21st, 2003

Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

Shortly after Rev. Vader became our pastor, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Rev. Vader not only came to the hospital numerous times but he came to our house. He wanted us to know that he would be available, whenever we needed him. He stressed that we should not hesitate to call him, day or night.

He carefully explained what the church teachings were in regard to extraordinary medical procedures. His explanation and compassion made the decision that had to be made, easier if not without pain.

This is just one example of his commitment to his parishoners. He can always be depended upon being there when we need spiritual guidance and comfort.

Please help bring back out beloved pastor.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
I know to my concern,

21 Apr 03

This letter is support of Father Anthony Vadev of Sacred Heart Church. I was shocked and dismayed to have - first of all - learned of the horrendous charges against him, and second of all - to learn that they are still pending against him - unresolved & unfounded as of this date!

Cannot the accusers be evaluated by a psychiatrist and perhaps given sodium pentothal or some like drug which will allow them & their memories to be examined more thoroughly? I wouldn't trust a lie detector test as I feel that perhaps they have convinced themselves that their perceptions are true.

I have known Father Vadev for many years. I am convinced that he is wholly innocent and that lies against him are without merit and made because of "false memory syndrome" or for personal gain!

Please resolve this matter as

soon as possible. We want our
priest back!!!

Sincerely,



LAW OFFICE OF
PATRICK G. REARDON

221 N. La Salle Street, Suite 1938

Chicago, IL 60601

Office: [REDACTED]

Telefax: [REDACTED]

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APR 21 2003

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

FAX - TRANSMISSION

DATE: 4-21-03

FROM: Patrick G. Reardon

SENDING OPERATOR: Aris

TO: Sean McCluskey (312) 751-5279-jax

COMPANY: Office of Professional Fitness Review

CLIENT NO.: _____ CLIENT NAME: Fr. Anthony Jader

SUBJECT: See the following letter

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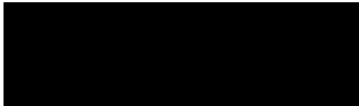
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THANK YOU.



April 22, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Avenue – Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Subject: Fr. Anthony J. Vader

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

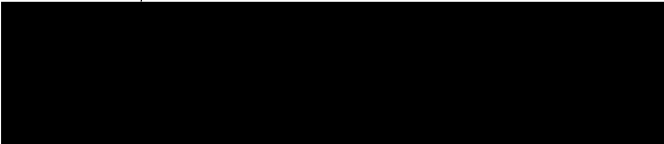
We are very pleased to learn that Fr. Anthony J. Vader will have his hearing on April 26, 2003 before the Board of Fitness Review concerning the alleged sexual misconduct filed against him early this year.

As we wrote you earlier, we are convinced that Fr. Vader is innocent and we are confident that the Board's findings will bear out our belief. We continue to pray for Fr. Vader, for the Board and for the accusers. We likewise pray for Cardinal George and whole Church in these times of trial.

We are looking forward to a quick resolution of this case and hope to see Fr. Vader back in his wonderful ministry, especially to our Filipino community. As you know, Fr. Vader has been ministering to our community, here in the U.S. and in the Philippines, for the last 45 years and we want that to continue for a long, long time, God willing.

We wish to thank the members of Board of Fitness Review for scheduling Fr. Vader's hearing as early as possible. May God bless us all. If you have any questions please call us at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Cc: Fr. Vader


April 22, 2003

Rev. James Kaczorowski,

I have been informed that once again you are going to take the case against Father Anthony Vader to "the Committee" . My question is why? Why continue with this charade? Is this an exercise that makes Barbara Blaine happy? Is that why we are scheduling another "Committee" hearing? Is Father Vader going to be allowed to defend himself, or is your attorney going to defend him.

Father Anthony Vader is an innocent man, who is only guilty of doing the job God called him to do – minister to the people.

Send him back to what God choose him to do – he is an innocent man.


Parishioner of Sacred Heart

April 22, 2003

Fr. James Kaczorowski
645 N. Michigan Ave
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

I've known Father Vadel for more than 20 years,
since he first came to Sacred Heart. He is a
good priest & a good person. I don't believe he
is guilty of the allegations.

There is no reason on earth he should be compelled
to live at Mundelein and be deprived of his
life-long work — being a priest, currently to
the people of Sacred Heart. He is not and never
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Father Vadel back to Sacred Heart.

Sincerely



April 22nd 2003

Rev James Kaczorowski
645 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago IL 60611

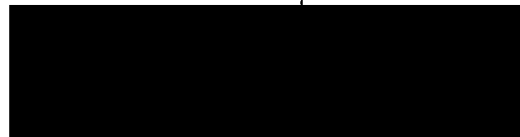
Dear Father Kaczorowski,

It is difficult and impossible to hear of accusations against Father Vader. He is not guilty of anything and being sent away from his Church, Sacred Heart, to live at Mundelein makes no sense.

Father Vader is 76 years old. He has celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest and should be able to live his remaining years with people who know and care about him. His health is not the best and the commute to and from Mundelein must be stressful.

Please do whatever you can to see to it that these allegations are dismissed, and Father Vader is allowed to return to his life as a priest, at Sacred Heart -and soon, please.

Sincerely,



April 22, 2003

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar of Priests
645 N. Michigan Avenue – Suite 543
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Reverend Kaczorowski,

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This is a travesty and an injustice to a wonderful loyal priest who has dedicated his entire life to God. Father is falsely accused and innocent of all charges made against him!

We place our faith and our trust in God to see that Father Vader is released of this heavy burden and vindicated of these false accusations. We also pray, Father Kaczorowski, that you will do everything possible to return our Pastor to the people who love and care for him at Sacred Heart Church! He is the driving force behind everything accomplished at Sacred Heart and we pledge him our fidelity.

Respectfully,



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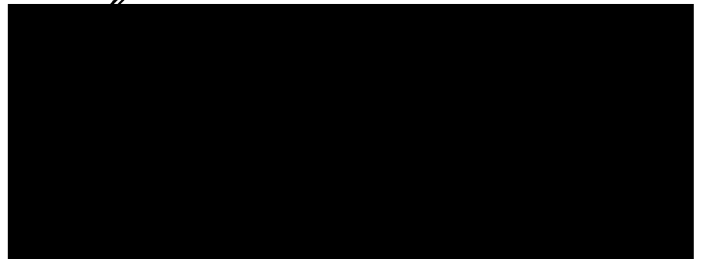
Dear Father

When is Father Vader going
to return to Sacred Heart?
Bishop Perry, promised us we
would know in 30 day.

Father, does not deserve the
allegations made against him.
(Not True)

I have known Father for
40 years, and was always
there for our family. I
cannot understand how anyone
could charge him as they had.

Sincerely,



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Respectfully,



April 22, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I have been a member of Sacred Heart Shrine all my life I am now [redacted] years old. I have known many Priests in my life time, Father Vaders, is one of the best. I can't understand this whole affair, all I want is to have Father Vaders back saying the Holy Mass.

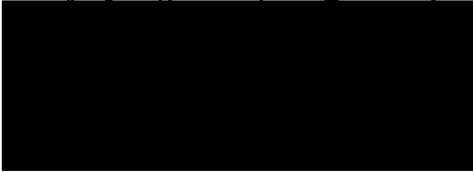
Sincerely yours
[redacted]

April 22, 2003

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

The purpose of my letter is to thank you for your response to my earlier letter of support for Fr. Anthony Vader and to follow-up with additional words of support for him. It has been many weeks since the allegations were made against Fr. Vader and I'm concerned for his health and well being during the emotional period of uncertainty that he is experiencing. As stated in my earlier letter I have known Fr. Vader for many years and he has been an integral piece to my "faith" life and I hope that as you analyze his situation you will become able to know him and the many lives he has touched. He is truly a special priest. I hope that you will review his situation soon. Because I know that then he will be able to return to what he is truly best at, actively serving his faith community.

Thanks for your time and consideration.



April 22, 2003

Dear Rev. Kaczorowski:

I am writing you again to show support for FATHER VADER.

It is my sincere hope that everything possible is being done to prove his innocence in regard to the 45 year old allegations.

I know Father Vader to be a good and holy priest. I ask that you help in anyway that you can.

Very truly yours,

A large black rectangular redaction box covers the signature area. A small, faint circular mark is visible at the top right corner of the redacted area.

Very truly yours,
[Redacted]

April 22, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski:

Thank you for answering my questions about Father Vader's hearing.

I just want to reiterate that he is a Good and Holy Man and I pray that he will once again be able to join the world again. He is not doing well at Mundelein.

Hundreds and hundreds of people surely would appreciate anything you can do to help.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely



April 22, 2003

Rev. Kaczmarek

I was told today there is a
2nd hearing by some anonymous
committee to determine the future
of a dedicated parish priest -

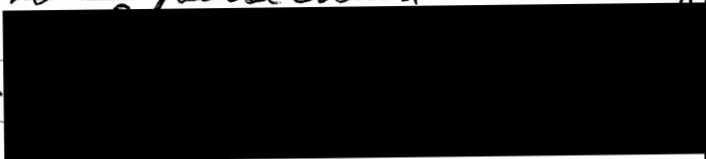
He is an innocent man why must
you & your committee fracture him?
I pray for your soul & that God will
forgive you for what you are doing to His Church.

Please tell your committee Fr. Vadeu
is innocent & send him back to his
ministry where he belongs.

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Please resolve the matter of Father Vader versus his enemies as soon as possible. He is dearly loved, absolutely believed, and sorely missed at our Church.

Father Vader is the reason I am a Catholic / practicing my faith religiously. He is very help & thus, very tested and persecuted.



[REDACTED]
4/22/03

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Av.
Suite 543
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,
I have been a regular parishioner
of Sacred Heart Church for many,
many, many years and I miss
Father Vadel very much. So does
my entire family. I understand
Father Vadel has a court date on
4/26/03. Couldn't Father Vadel be
allowed to spend their punishment
in his Rectory ?? After all he is
already retired. Please Father -
We need him - Thank you,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]


4/23/03

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

Just a quick note on Father
Vader's behalf. I am in my
forties - many of my generation,
are lost in their faith. I have
to tell you that if it wasn't
for Father Vader, I probably
would have forgotten my
faith. When I see or think
of him, I try and remember

his quiet intellectualism and
humility and his unquestioning
spirituality. I wish I could
be more like him. He is so much
an emulation of Jesus. I
have already lost Father Bruchardt
who passed away and I weep
not to lose Father Vader too.
Both have been responsible
for saving a generation of
young people now in their
forties.

Sincerely,



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RE:
Fr. Anthony Vader

URGENT FOR REVIEW PLEASE COMMENT PLEASE REPLY PLEASE RECYCLE

Sr. Francine,
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Here ~~is the~~ reports ~~you~~ requested.

Leah

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PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

25 April, 2003

Ms. Leah McCloskey
Archdiocese of Chicago
Fitness Review Board
Chicago IL

Dear Ms. McCloskey:

I am the mandated Procurator-Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader, whose cause is scheduled to be considered at your Second Stage Review on Saturday, 26 April 2003.

On his behalf, I am writing to request a postponement of the Second Stage Review for Father Vader until your next scheduled hearing. He and I request this for the reason that I have just received the allegations made against him, and I have not had time to formulate a response to them, nor, in fact, to meet with Father Vader. We have talked several times on the phone, but I need, naturally, to have a more formal discussion with him about these matters.

Both Father Vader and I will be most grateful for your consideration of this request, Ms. McCloskey. I would also appreciate it if, when the date for the next Review is set, you or your secretary could so inform me.

Thank you for your service and for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL
Procurator-Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader

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Professional Fitness Review Board
Saturday, April 26, 2003

MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:



Members absent:



Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA] 
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

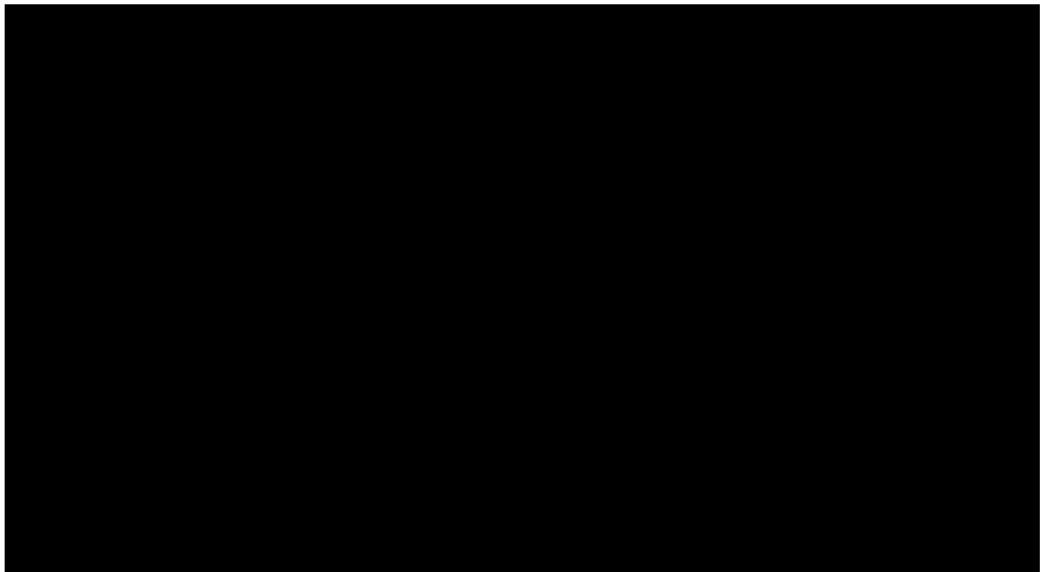
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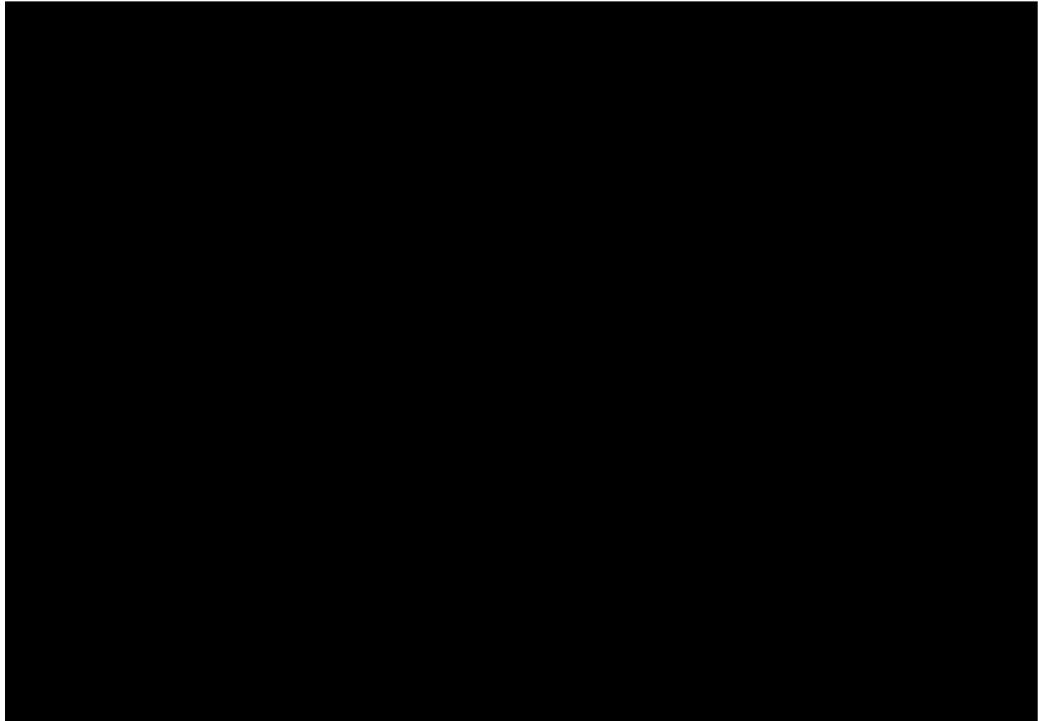
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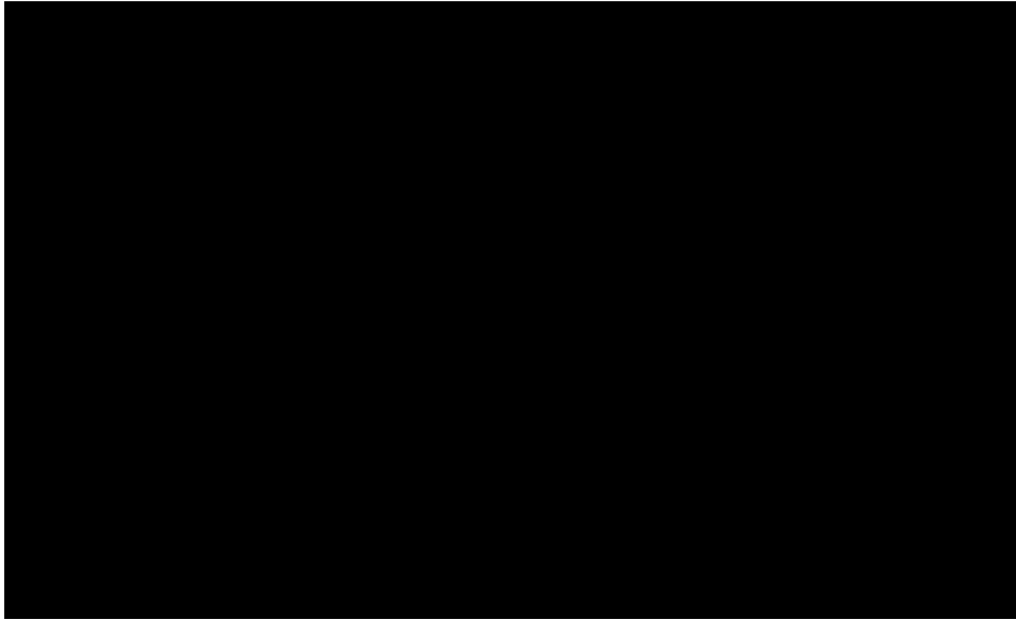
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III. Other Matters

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Cc: Review Board Members
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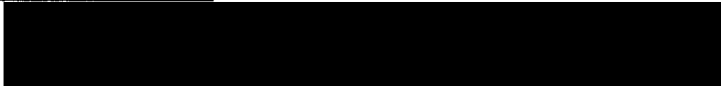
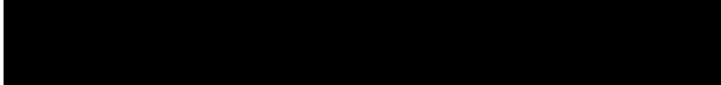

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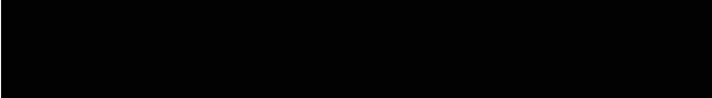
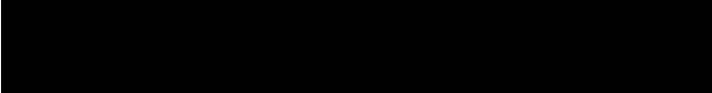
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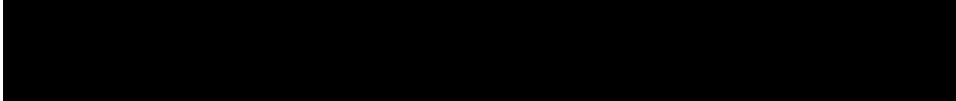
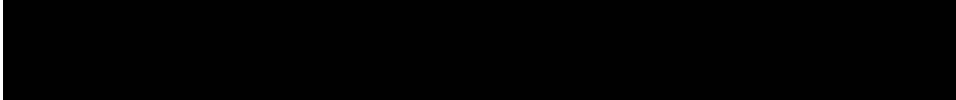
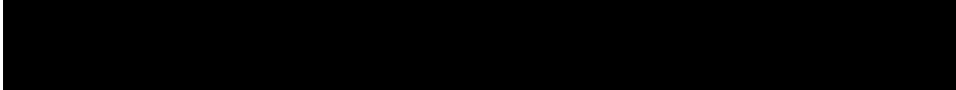
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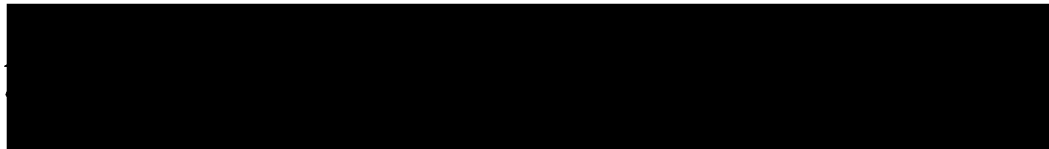
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MEMORANDUM

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To: File -PFR-137

From: Professional Fitness Review Board Minutes

Re: **Vader, Anthony (Retired/Withdrawn)/** [REDACTED]

Date: April 26, 2003

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

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(check one:) First Stage Review Second Stage Review Supplementary Review Status Report

regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of alleged victim)
against Anthony Vader (Active/Retired)
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago
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(enter name of [Arch]diocese)
 a religious priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of religious community)
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 a deceased priest or deacon of _____
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: fondling under the clothes;
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)
instructed minor to expose herself to him

Preliminary Review: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that
(check one:) the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.
 the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.
 the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

Review for Cause: In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that
(check one:) there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.
 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that
(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
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April 28, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
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Dear Cardinal George,


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If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Review Board Administrator

*I sent the procedure -
F. George
May 5, 2003*

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Metropolitan Tribunal
Archdiocese of Dubuque
1229 Mt. Loretta
P.O. Box 479
Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0479

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From: Leah McCluskey
To: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Date: 4/28/03 4:33PM
Subject: Laura,

Laura,

Could you please format this letter? Also, could you please fax to Pat Reardon's office the following information?

1. [REDACTED] s allegation against Fr. Vader
2. [REDACTED]
3. Vader's responses [REDACTED]
4. Memo re: phone call with [REDACTED]

Reardon's fax # is [REDACTED]

Thank you!

Leah

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Vader [redacted]

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Attorney and Counselor at Law
Suite 1938
221 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601

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The Review Board did accept your request to have the matter involving [REDACTED] allegation against Fr. Vader postponed. The Second Stage Review of the aforementioned matter will be presented before the Board on Saturday, May 17, 2003. If you and/or Fr. Vader wish to address the Board with any additional information regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation against him, please make that request through me. The opportunity to address the Board regarding this matter would also take place on May 17, 2003.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 312.751.5205.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
John O'Malley, Legal Services

*Please see letter to Father -
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May, 2003

Reverend James T. Kaczarowski
Vicar for Priests
645 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 543
Chicago, IL. 60611

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Re: Father Anthony Vader

Dear Father,

This letter is probably different from the others you have received on behalf of Father Vader. It is about a party celebrating Father Vader's Jubilee.

You would not believe the group that filled the Main Room of the Martinique Restaurant (all three levels). At least four languages were spoken by those assembled - clerics everywhere. All of the main religions were represented, and many of the not so main. Not sure which ethnic group or race was in the majority but I think African American might have been first and Hispanic second, Caucasians came in third and fourth was a combination of peoples from Lord knows where speaking God knows what language but the point is we were all there together celebrating the life and times of a man we all have come to know and love and depend on over the last 20, 30 40 or 50 years depending on when we met this exrodinary man of God. Father Vader has done more for the many people of color and ethnic diversity in the Chicago area than any other Priest I have ever known. Father Vader being accused of doing something wrong and against any of his people is very much in doubt. No one could fool the Hundreds of people who attended this party out of love and thankfulness for this beloved priest.

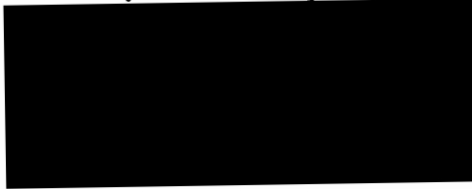
Please send our Priest back to all of us.

My non-Catholic Father who loved me and educated me in the best Catholic schools in the Archdiocese was buried by Father Vader, my Irish Catholic Mother:, who Father Vader came to her deathbed to give her the last rites was 30 miles from Church. (We belong to [REDACTED] but Sacred Heart is our home). I was married there and my son's were baptized there. And my grandmother attended Sacred Heart as a young woman as did my Mom. Father Vader came to the people of Sacred Heart when no one else wanted us. He has kept our Parish Community alive.

Keeping Father Vader from his people and his duties is a terrible disservice to this Priest who has dedicated his life to the many peoples of Chicago.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



CC:Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop
Archdiocese of Chicago
PO Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690

From: Leah McCluskey
To: Neri-Palomino, Laura
Date: 5/2/03 9:29AM
Subject: Laura,

Laura,

Could you please fax the following to Sr. Francine Quillin, canonical advocate for Fr. Vader:

1. Allegation by [REDACTED]
2. Vader's response to [REDACTED]

Her fax # is [REDACTED]

Thanks!

Leah

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RE: Anthony Vader

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Sr. Francine,

Here are the reports for Vader/[REDACTED]. Sorry for the delay.


Leah

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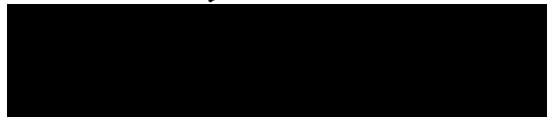
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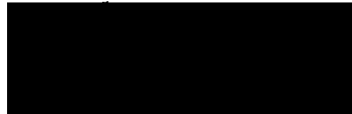
Dear Father Kaczkowski,

Enclosed you will
find a picture of Father
Vadev, with the
 family.

When will Father
return to Sacred Heart?

Sincerely,





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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Rev. Richard Sauder

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Francis Cardinal George in cursive.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Ecclesiastical Notary

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4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

8. I have no memory of a [REDACTED] connected with the parish during the years above.

9. [REDACTED]

10.

[REDACTED]

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12. In all the time I have known Father Vader, at Holy Cross and since, I have known him to be of the highest integrity.

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14. I am certain that all who know him well will have a similar opinion.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

[REDACTED]

Rev. [REDACTED], Affiant

5-12-03
Date

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to before me on ____ day of _____, 2003

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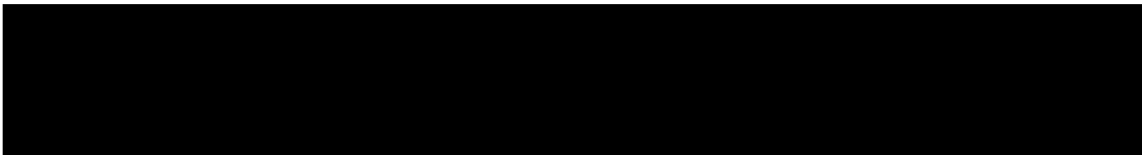
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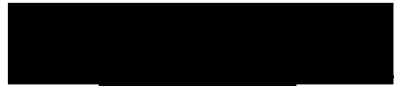
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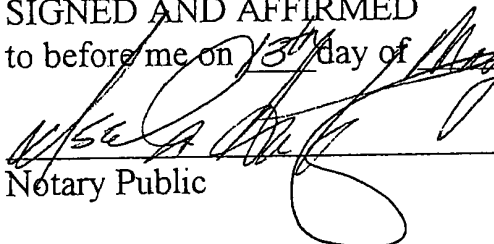
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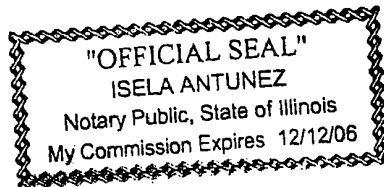
Rev. _____ Affiant

May 13, 2003 AD
Date

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**RESPONSE OF REVEREND ANTHONY VADER
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On November 15, 2002, Father Anthony Vader met with Professional Fitness Review Administrator, Leah McCluskey, at the office of the Vicar for Priests. Also present for the meeting was Vicar for Priests, Father James Kaczorowski. Ms. McCluskey read notes of allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Father denies the allegations. He further affirms that he has never engaged in sexual misconduct with any minor at any time. Father Vader will make separate specific responses to each accusation. The following will specifically address the allegation made by [REDACTED]

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

On October 21, 2002, [REDACTED] spoke with Professional Fitness Review Administrator Leah McClusky and Victim Assistance Minister Ralph Bonacorsi. She stated that on several occasions Father Vader [REDACTED] asked her to partially disrobe, exhibiting her breasts or vagina.

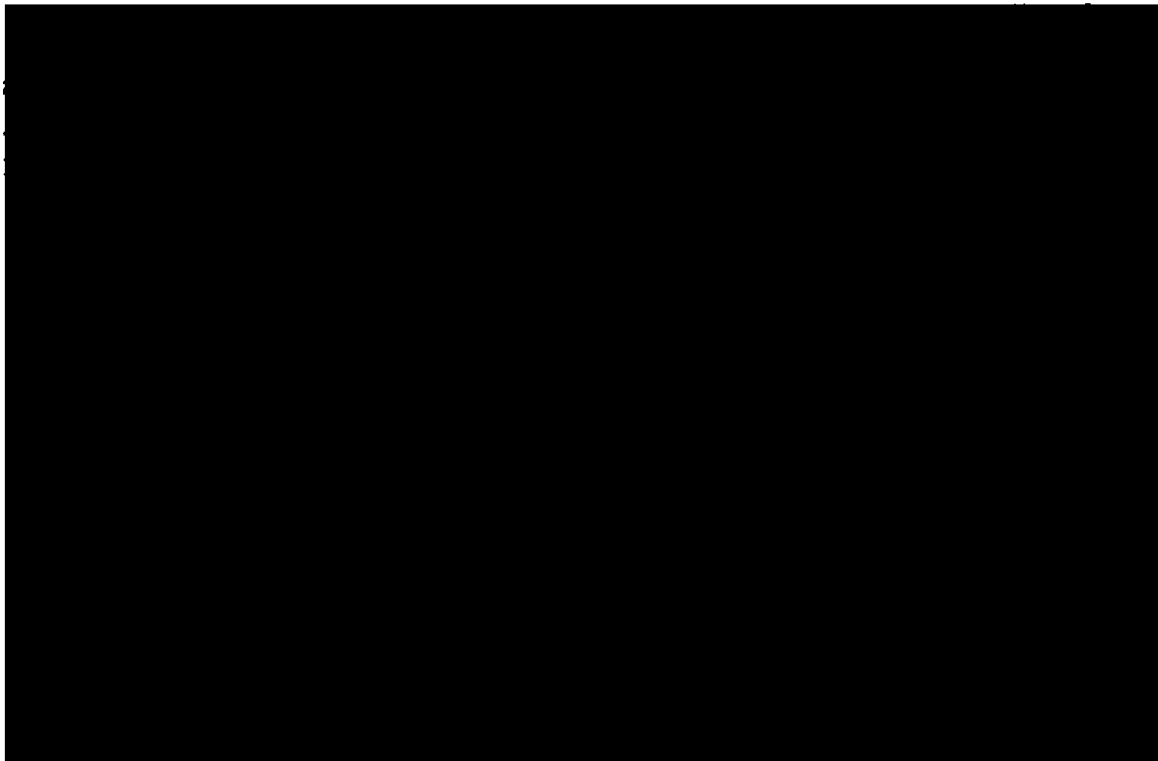
[REDACTED] On a little less than ten occasions he came and felt her breasts under her clothing, then left. [REDACTED] stated that this conduct began in "either 1955 or 1956 and lasted for approximately one year.

[REDACTED]

ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE

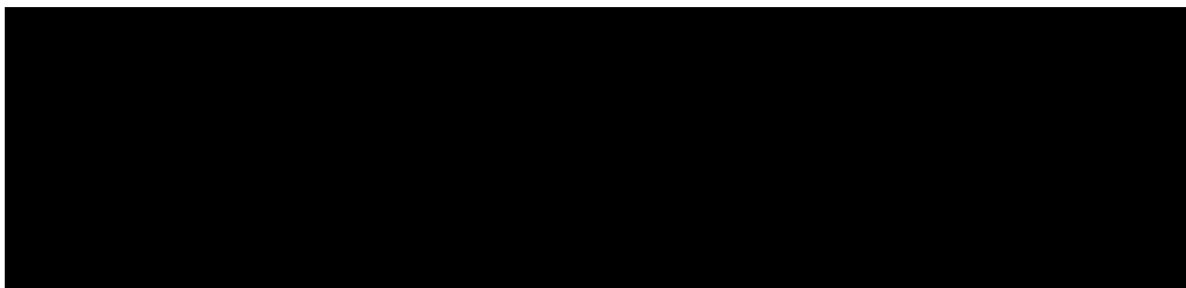
Father deplores the fact that he is accused of something so long in the past that it is impossible to marshal witnesses and proof to assist his defense and provide corroboration for his truthful response. Indeed, Holy Cross Parish has been closed for many years. Further he submits that the accusation is vague and suffers from

internal inconsistency. Father means no personal attack upon the accuser. However he must forcefully assert that the accusation is false and will discuss the inconsistencies here.



One could respond to such an analysis by saying that since these things happened so long ago, one should not be held to be accurate. But such a cavalier disregard of accuracy would deprive an accused the right to any cogent response, especially where the accusation is uncorroborated, internally inconsistent and reported to have occurred approximately 47 years ago. While the accuser is now 57 years old, the alleged observations would have originally been made by a 10 year old.

FACTUAL ERRORS



[REDACTED]

Father Vader states that he has no memory of a [REDACTED] in Holy Cross Parish during the years 1955 or 1956. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This information is corroborated by two other priests who served at Holy Cross Parish at the time, Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This information is also corroborated by Father [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED]. (See affidavits of Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. [REDACTED])

Father Vader has previously stated that he is unaware of visiting the [REDACTED] home at any time. During his time at Holy Cross he made a practice of visiting all homes in the parish. So it is quite likely that he visited the [REDACTED] home if they were parishioners. His purpose in visiting was to maintain pastoral contact with members of the parish. He would not and did not visit or enter a home in the absence of an adult. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He never had any improper contact with [REDACTED] or any other person.

EVIDENCE OF CHARACTER

Father Vader has attempted to examine each of the accusations of [REDACTED] and respond in humility and honesty. He realizes that he is being asked to "prove a negative." He is aware that, along with the limited corroboration available after so many years, his word must be his defense. Father humbly submits that he has demonstrated his credibility during 51 years of his priesthood. He calls to the attention of the Review Board the fact that over five hundred persons to date have written letters attesting to his integrity and credibility. (A partial list of authors of these letters is attached to this response.) Father submits that any evaluation of his

credibility by the Professional Fitness Review Board can only be made after reading the written testimony of these character witnesses in the letters which are contained in his personnel file.

Father Vader submits that he has spent his priesthood in the service of others. He has served God's people in many parishes. He has been a faithful chaplain and companion to the many Chicagoans from the Philippines. He has preached and worked for the human and civil rights of African Americans during his entire priesthood. He does not claim perfection; he does state unequivocally that he has never engaged in any act of sexual misconduct or impropriety with a minor. He is saddened that after over fifty years of faithful service he is now falsely accused of such misconduct. He prays for his accuser. He requests that the Professional Fitness Review Board find that he is fit to continue his priestly work to the end of his earthly life, as he promised on the day of his ordination over 50 years ago.



Patrick G. Reardon, Attorney
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Chicago, Illinois 60601
[REDACTED]

Rev. Anthony Vader

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May 14, 2003

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
Archdiocese of Chicago
P. O. Box 1979
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Re. Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I send with this fax a signed copy of the previously faxed affidavit of Rev. [REDACTED]. Father Vader was unable to find a way to get here from the Mundelein Retreat House to sign the copies of his submissions before Saturday. As I said earlier, he has completely reviewed and approved them. I trust that the Board will consider them as if he had been able to place his signature on them.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Re. Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

Enclosed are responses of Rev. Anthony Vader to accusations by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. You will note that these copies are not yet signed by Father Vader. He is living at the Mundelein Retreat House and has been unable to make the trip to Chicago to sign the documents. He has read and approved their submission.

You will note that the affidavit of Father [REDACTED] is not yet signed. Father [REDACTED] has read and approved the affidavit. He has been out of town and unable to give me a signed copy.

I am sending these documents now to allow time to review them before Saturday. I will deliver signed originals by Friday.

Father Vader's submissions make reference to the evidence of his veracity and character contained in over 500 letters. I believe these letters are contained in his personnel file, which is available to the Professional Fitness Review Board. If not, I will furnish copies to all Review Board members upon request.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Reardon

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FROM: PATRICK G. REARDON

TO: LEAH McCLUSKEY

COMPANY: PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW ADMIN.

SUBJECT: ANTHONY VADER

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REVIEW OF PAST STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has made one statement with representatives of the Chicago Archdiocese on November 4, 2002. Present at that statement were Ms. McCluskey and victim assistance minister, Ralph Bonaccorsi.

SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 4, 2002, STATEMENT

[REDACTED] claim of sexual misconduct against Father Vader is an account of an alleged isolated incident as a 12-year old [REDACTED] in 1959 [REDACTED] " [REDACTED] alleges no prior or subsequent sexual misconduct by Father Vader. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED], she told her friend, [REDACTED], about the alleged incident. [REDACTED] located and arranged for a meeting with Father Vader. [REDACTED]

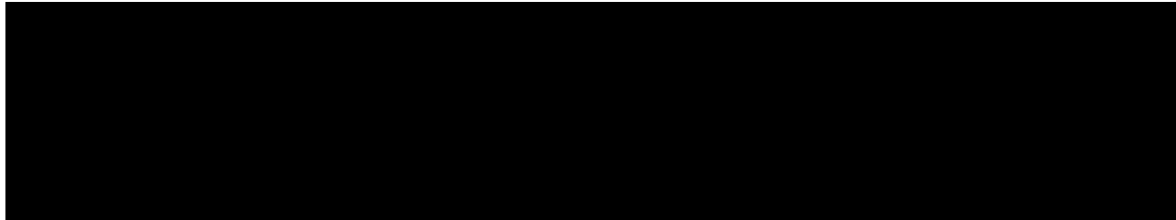
[REDACTED] Father Vader denies making the statement and denies any inappropriate misconduct.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] perceptions of what happened [REDACTED] are uncertain without the indicia of credibility, and even if delivered with tears and sincerity, do not amount to a level of evidence sufficient to find Father Vader unfit for ministry.

Significantly, [REDACTED]'s telephone statement undermines [REDACTED] allegations. While it is apparent the two of them discussed [REDACTED] statement before [REDACTED] was available to give Ms. McCluskey her account ensuring some level of consistency (e.g., [REDACTED]), other exonerating evidence is readily apparent.



[REDACTED]'s recollection of and her experience with Father Vader from Holy Cross was entirely different from [REDACTED]. She stated that Father Vader was a "well-liked and favored priest" at Holy Cross.

[REDACTED] did not disclose the confrontational purpose of the visit when she called Father Vader ten years ago. Yet, she described Father Vader as calm throughout the visit, offering counseling to [REDACTED] even though she was "explosive."

Moreover, and significantly, she states that [REDACTED] accused Father Vader of fondling her after [REDACTED]



The inconsistency calls into question whether this 44-year old event even occurred.

In 1992 or 1993, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and went to great lengths to locate, contact and set up a meeting between [REDACTED] and Father Vader. Oddly, she did nothing else after the meeting. She admitted to Ms. McCluskey that she would "do anything for [REDACTED]," yet she was silent for ten years. Perhaps [REDACTED] had her doubts about the veracity of the allegations when she observed the explosive demeanor of [REDACTED] and Father Vader's concerned response.

HISTORY

Father Vader was an Assistant Pastor at Holy Cross Church from 1952 through 1964 and at St. Lawrence Church from 1964 through 1968; Administrator at Holy Name of Mary from May 1968 through 1970, and Pastor at Holy Name of Mary from May of 1970 to his retirement in 1997. He was the chaplain for the Filipino Student Catholic Action from 1959 through 1965, and ministered to the Filipino community after the Richard Speck murders of Filipino nurses. He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Father Vader remembers some of his routine at Holy Cross, instructional classes on Saturday mornings, visiting the sick and parishioners on Saturday afternoons. He recalls [REDACTED] meeting ten years ago. He understandably does not recall [REDACTED]. He has visited hundreds of men, women and children who have been sick. He denies any sexual misconduct of minors at any time.

After 50 years of ministry, there has not been one hint of improper conduct by Father Vader, as he faithfully served the Chicago Archdiocese on the south side of Chicago. That reputation of integrity, humility, and love is demonstrated by the hundreds of people who have written on Father Vader's behalf, including former parishioners from Holy Cross. The only allegations now are from two sisters within the same house, each of which recall abuse [REDACTED]. Undoubtedly, those who suffer sexual abuse experience deep pain in their lives, which can cause them to strike out against other innocent people. Those who are falsely accused experience overwhelming pain as well. A retired pastor without substantial resources is forced to prove his innocence against mere allegations which are given unreasonable weight just by virtue of their utterance. One recalls the vigorous scrutiny that was necessarily given to what ultimately proved to be a false accusation against Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. The apostle, Paul, was fully aware of the potential damage a pastor could suffer from false, unverified allegations. Thus, he instructed Timothy that on each specific charge, "do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses." Timothy 5.19 (NIV). What of this charge by [REDACTED]?


An exacting analysis discloses that [REDACTED] has made a completely unverifiable isolated allegation where she "thinks" she was abused by a priest 44 years ago. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Father Vader is saddened that [REDACTED] has suffered abuse in her life. He bears no ill will against [REDACTED]. He can only respond that her characterization of his conduct is false and very disappointing to him.

Father Vader humbly submits that he has been and continues to be fit to practice the ministry and serve the Lord Jesus to whom he has devoted his life.

Reverend Anthony Vader


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TO: LEAH MCCLUSKEY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 15, 2003
TO: FILE
FROM: BISHOP RAYMOND GOEDERT 
RE: [REDACTED]

I wish to memorialize events of the last two days. Yesterday afternoon, as I was driving Father Tony Vader back to the retreat house, he was discussing his case and the allegations against him. He was still insistent that he never did any of the things about which he was accused. I asked him various questions, including who else was stationed at Holy Cross during that period. I wondered if there could be a question of mistaken identity.

Tony said that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both there as well as [REDACTED], ordained in 1950, who has since died. [REDACTED] left the active ministry in 1975. Tony mentioned that one of the parishioners told him that she had been abused by [REDACTED]. Tony thought she was a minor at the time. Tony had no proof of anything and never raised this issue at all even in connection with his own case. I told him that I thought that he should let his attorney, Pat Reardon, know about this, as it could very well be that the two women who are making the allegations may have been in error as to the priest involved. Tony promised to mention this to Pat the next day.

Pat Reardon called me this afternoon, Thursday, May 15. Tony had told him about [REDACTED]. Pat said that what is curious about all of this is that another one of the cases he is handling, that of John Hefferan, ordained in 1956, a similar charge was made about Father [REDACTED]. Pat said that John told him that it was known around the parish that [REDACTED] was a little loose with women. Since [REDACTED] is deceased, there is no way we can prove any of this. However, Pat wondered whether or not [REDACTED] was actually at Infant of Prague Parish while John Hefferan was there. There were two [REDACTED]s ordained for the Archdiocese. I checked the file of [REDACTED], class of 1950 and his file does state that he was at Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor from June 5, 1970 to June 7, 1974. This file also states that he was at Holy Cross Parish from July 1, 1959 to July 7, 1962. That is where the allegations against Father Vader were made.

I gave this information to Pat. He said that he would prepare something for the review board, since Tony's second stage review is suppose to take place this coming Saturday, May 17.

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Memo to File

May 15, 2003

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There was another envelope, similarly marked, personal and confidential to be opened only by Archbishop or Vicar General. I opened that and it has nothing to do with either of these cases, in fact, I doubt if it has anything to do with [REDACTED]. It seems as though it might belong in Father [REDACTED], class of 1944 file. I will check it out and put it where it belongs.

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Leah McCluskey
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

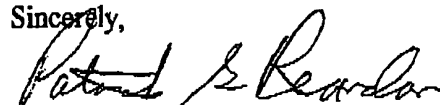
Additional information has come to my attention today in investigating two of the matters on the agenda of the Professional Fitness Review Board for Saturday, May 17, 2003.

In the course of independently investigating matters relating to accusations against Father Anthony Vader and Father John Hefferan, I have discovered that, along with the issues raised in the written submissions, there is a very real possibility of misidentification. Suspicion has arisen today about the behavior of a priest, who was assigned to both parishes, Holy Cross and Infant Jesus of Prague, at the times relevant to the allegations against each of the above priests. I will attempt to investigate this issue as quickly and fully as possible, as it affects the fact finding process as to each of the above priests.

It is my belief that the current submissions show sufficient problems with the accusations to require finding in favor of the fitness of each of the two priests. If there continues to be a question, I hope that I will be given an opportunity to submit any additional information as to this new potential issue.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely,


Patrick G. Reardon

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MINUTES

Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

Members absent:

[REDACTED]

Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2003

II.

[REDACTED]

III. Case Reviews

Preliminary Review

A.

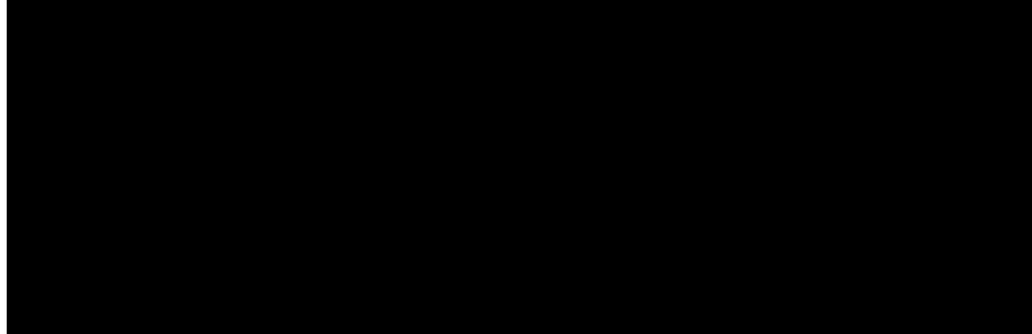


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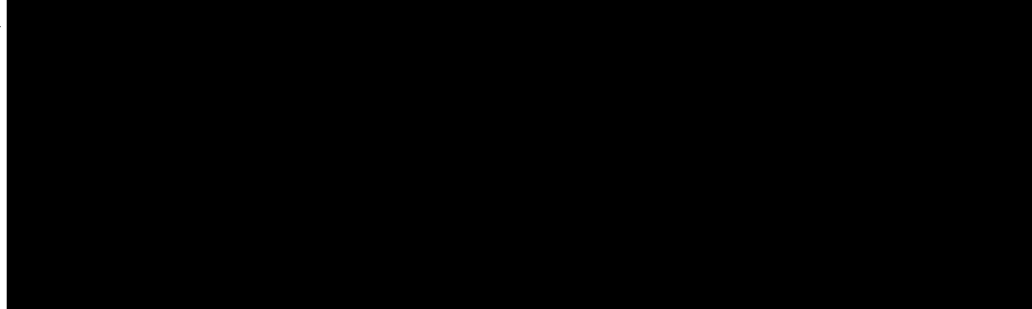


Second Stage Review

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D.



E. In the Matter of Anthony Vader [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR-137

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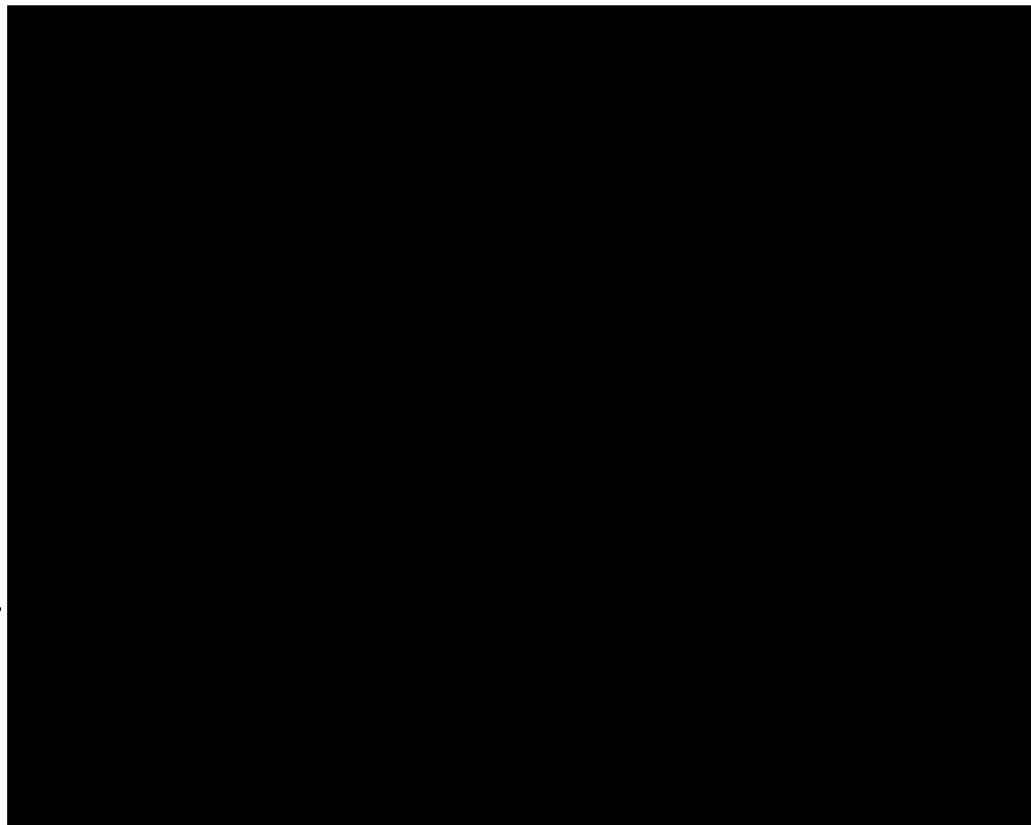
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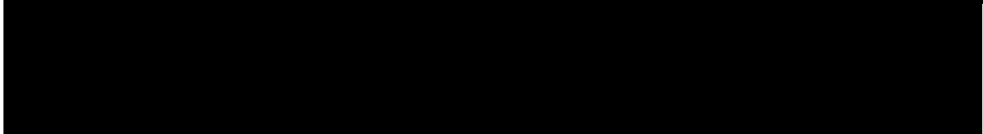
Review for Cause

F.



G.

IV. Other Matters

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Next scheduled meeting is June 21, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

Cc: Review Board Members
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2003

II. Case Reviews

Preliminary Review:

- A. [Redacted]
- B. [Redacted]

Second Stage Reviews:

- C. [Redacted]
- D. [Redacted]
- E. In the Matter of Anthony Vader (Retired) - PFR-137
 - Allegations made by [Redacted] and [Redacted]

Review for Cause:

- F. [Redacted]
- G. [Redacted]

III. Other Matters

[Redacted]

NOTE: Time of this Meeting has changed from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, June 21, 2003

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MEMORANDUM

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To: File –PFR-137
From: Review Board Meeting
Re: Anthony Vader (Retired/Withdrawn)
Date: May 17, 2003

A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on May 17, 2003:

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RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

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(enter date (month/day/year))
(check one:) First Stage Review Second Stage Review Supplementary Review Status Report
regarding the allegation of _____
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Anthony Vader
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

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(enter name of [Arch]diocese)
 a religious priest or deacon of _____
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In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

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 there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.
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The Board further recommends: 5-0 to delay 2nd Stage
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to PReardon's (attny. for AV) fax dated 5/16/03
re: possibility of misidentification of accused

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Dear Cardinal George,

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If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
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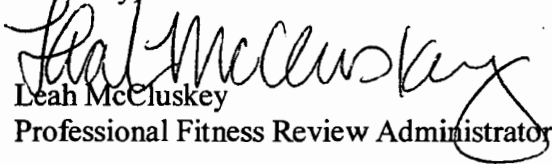
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*I await the judgment.
Fr. Jerry
May 23, 2003*

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D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **Reverend Anthony Vader** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Vader**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm **Father Vader's** name or to violate his right to protect his privacy. Nor may he be asked to do anything which violates his conscience or is morally unacceptable according to the Church's moral teachings.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written report to me, no later than thirty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on 23 May, 2003 at Chicago, Illinois.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago



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P R E C E P T

Bishops “have been designated by the Holy Spirit to take the place of the apostles as pastors of souls and, together with the Supreme Pontiff and subject to his authority, they are commissioned to perpetuate the work of Christ, the eternal Pastor.” (*Christus dominus*, n.2b) However, since the pastors of the Church can never be expected to carry the burden of pastoral ministry alone (*Lumen gentium*, n. 30), they have been given the order of priests to cooperate in shepherding and guiding God’s people. Indeed, bishops, “because of the gift of the Holy Spirit that has been given to priests at their ordination, will regard them as indispensable helpers and advisers in the ministry and in the task of teaching, sanctifying and shepherding the People of God.” (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7)

Because of this common task, “bishops are to regard their priests as brothers and friends, and are to take the greatest interest they are capable of in their welfare, both temporal and spiritual. For on their shoulders particularly falls the burden of sanctifying their priests.” (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7b)

Moreover, the *Directory on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* states, “In the same way as Jesus showed his love for his disciples....so also a bishop....can hardly fail to realize that he should show his greatest love and chief concern for priests....Led by a sense of duty and sincere and invincible charity he gives willing assistance in every way to help priests to esteem the loftiness of their priestly vocation, to live serenely, to spread joy to those about them and to fulfill their duties faithfully.” (n. 107a)

This same document urges bishops to do “everything possible to prevent the troubles his priests could have....To keep them safe from trouble he takes prompt and prudent measures.” (n. 112)

The Code of Canon Law has described precepts as a means by which ecclesiastical authority “directly and legitimately enjoins a specific person or persons to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law” (c. 49).

Therefore, I issue this precept, in accordance with c. 49, to urge **Reverend Anthony Vader** to fulfill the obligations which were placed upon him at the time of his ordination. Because some suspicion has arisen about his fidelity to the sacred promises he made at his ordination, I urge him in particular to lead a life which is in keeping with the holiness of his vocation. Although he is not presently exercising public ministry in the Church, he ought to pursue holiness of life in the way that he lives. He is also still bound to the obligation to pray the liturgy of the hours daily, to set aside time for spiritual retreats, to engage in mental prayer, to approach the sacrament of penance frequently, to honor the Virgin Mother of God with particular veneration as Queen of Priests, and to use any other means of sanctification which he finds helpful (c. 276).

Because of the obligation to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, **Father Vader** is to act with due prudence toward persons who could endanger the obligation to observe continence (c. 277§1), and to observe the particulars of the attached Individual Specific Protocol (c. 277§3) which I have established in consultation with him.

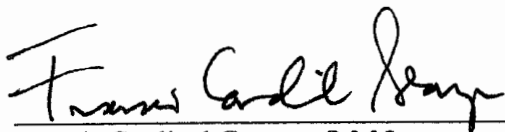
He is to avoid all those things which are unbecoming the clerical state, or those things which are foreign to the clerical state (c. 285), especially those things which are set forth in the attached Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

Father Vader is hereby dispensed from his obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and is strongly urged not to do so until such time as the case against him can be resolved and more permanent determinations can be made. Although not removed from office, he is nonetheless urged not to exercise the rights of any ecclesiastical office, in accordance with the Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

In order to ensure that these obligations are met, I have delegated **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to receive information regarding **Father Vader's** fulfillment of this precept and his Individual Specific Protocol. She is to submit a report to me no less than quarterly regarding this matter, and may report to the Professional Fitness Review Board more frequently as needed or requested.

I am establishing this precept in a spirit of fraternal charity, mindful of my responsibility to encourage my priests to remain faithful to the obligations of the clerical state. Because the attached Individual Specific Protocol has been established in dialog between **Father Vader** and the Vicar for Priests, I accept the provisions of this document, and urge **Father Vader** to fulfil them in accordance with the obedience he is to show to me as his ordinary (c. 273), and which he promised at his ordination.

Given in Chicago, Illinois on the 23rd day of May, 2003.



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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Ms. Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review Administrator
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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Accompanying this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Rev. Anthony Vader**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

At the same time, I am designating you as the person who is to supervise the "monitoring protocol" which has been established for Father Vader. I ask that you report to me on a regular basis, but no less than quarterly, on Father Vader's compliance with this protocol. You may also wish to report more frequently to the Professional Fitness Review Board so that they can make further recommendations to me on this matter.

In order to ensure confidentiality in this matter, I ask that you perform this task personally and not designate anyone else for this purpose. Should there be periods of time when you will not be able to perform this task personally, please refer the matter to the Vicar for Priests.

Thank you for agreeing to take on these additional tasks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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May 27, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House
P.O. Box 455
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Tony:

I am again writing to you to give you an update as to what is happening concerning the allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor which have been made against you. I am extremely grateful to you for your patience in this matter. As you know, the Dallas Charter required me to act quickly in cases involving allegations of clerical sexual misconduct with a minor to ensure that no priest with a credible accusation was engaged in public ministry. However, because the accompanying Norms had not been approved by the Holy See, I have not been able to act as quickly as I would have liked in getting your case resolved.

With the Norms having gone into effect on March 1, 2003, along with further instructions which came from the Holy See in February, we are now in a position to begin referring our cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Before I make such a referral, I will gather any additional information that seems necessary and review the matter once again. I will then send your advocate a copy of the letter I will be sending to the Holy See, and allow him or her the opportunity to offer an opinion as well. I anticipate this being done by the middle of July.

To that end, I have delegated Ms. Leah McCluskey to review each of the cases to see if more information needs to be gathered. I have asked her to report back to me within one month so that I can make a determination about referring the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. According to the recommendation of the Canonical Affairs Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, if the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith directs me to begin a penal trial, the judges to be used will not be priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will be chosen from a list of priests who have been trained to hear cases of clerical sexual misconduct.

In referring your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will also consult with the Promoter of Justice and issue a decree which formalizes those things which I asked you to do for the good of the Church and under your promise of obedience to me. The imposition of this decree is required by Norm 6 of the Essential Norms established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

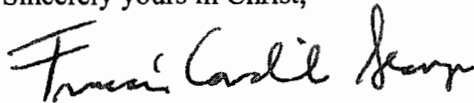
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I have also designated Ms. McCluskey as the person to ensure that the "monitoring protocol" which you signed is being followed. She will report to me and to the Professional Fitness Review Board concerning your compliance with this protocol. I have asked that she perform this function personally, with the Vicar for Priests doing so in her absence. This will ensure the confidentiality and professionalism of this monitoring.

The protocols which you sign from time to time are not to be considered as penalties imposed on you. Instead, they are ways in which I exercise my responsibility to ensure that you fulfill the obligations which you received when you were ordained. I am establishing these protocols as individual precepts, which canon 49 describes as "a decree which directly and legitimately enjoins [you] to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law." You will receive a copy of my precept at the same time you receive a copy of your protocol.

I hope this clarifies the process somewhat for you. I am grateful that we can finally begin a process for the resolution of your case. I know this has been a very difficult period of time for you in your priesthood. You have always been in my prayers during this time. I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
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May 29, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon
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Dear Fr. Vader,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on April 26, 2003 and was scheduled to conduct a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation to postpone the Second Stage Review of this matter at the request of your civil attorney and canonical advocate. The Board is scheduled to review this matter on Saturday, May 17, 2003.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmclluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that your Vicar Fr. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey
Professional Fitness Review AdministratorCc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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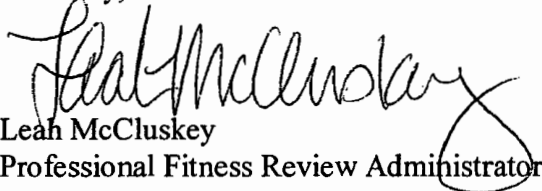
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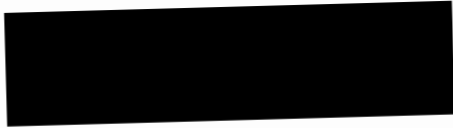
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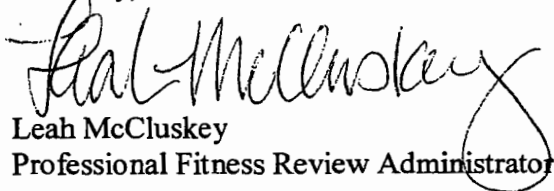
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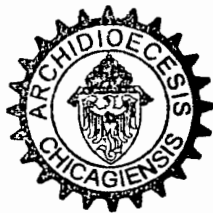
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