

EXHIBIT

W28

8/12/09 EV

May 13, 1991

Br. Ricardo Palacio, S.S.C.  
Christian Brothers Retreat House  
2233 Sulphur Springs Avenue  
St. Helena, California 94514

Dear Br. Ricardo,

In response to your telephone call to us, Sunday, February 17, 1991, suggesting that certain improprieties occurred during a retreat conducted by Fr. Donald McGuire, we thought it prudent to clarify the events concerning Father and our son,

\_\_\_\_\_ was given the opportunity to travel and be schooled by Fr. McGuire. \_\_\_\_\_ supports Father in his retreats and aids him in his medical needs, as he is among other things diabetic and suffering from a protruding disc.

We placed the care of our son, physically, spiritually, and academically, in the hands of Fr. McGuire. \_\_\_\_\_ has been traveling and assisting Fr. since October, 1990. He has returned home twice since October and we have been in phone contact with him regularly. His itinerary as well as phone contacts and addresses are known to us at all times.

Upon arrival at the Christian Brother's Retreat House, \_\_\_\_\_ phoned home to report that his luggage had been lost by America West. Being well aware of the schedule and what a retreat given by Fr. McGuire involves, we naturally assumed that \_\_\_\_\_ would receive any additional assistance he required from the Brothers. We were very disappointed to learn that not only did no one offer to assist him in locating his bag but no offer was made of toiletries, etc.

During our telephone conversation, Br. Ricardo, you were requested to keep what was discussed confidential until our son returned home. You were assured that we would discuss your concerns with \_\_\_\_\_ by telephone in the interim. Shortly afterwards we were extremely upset to learn that not only had you spoken to at least two other priests and a religious, but that you were not honest when conveying how you acquired our telephone number. Nor were you honest regarding the number of personal conversations you stated took place between \_\_\_\_\_ and yourself. None of which, according to \_\_\_\_\_ ever occurred. On the contrary, \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he was disturbed because two Brothers at the Retreat House were obviously pursuing him to spend time with them. Fr. McGuire intervened only when the Brothers persisted.

We were also extremely upset to learn that less than a week after your telephone call to us, Fr. McGuire was called home by his Provincial because of your unsubstantiated accusations. Not only was this a large financial burden and inconvenience to Father but was cause for us to question your judgement concerning the situation.

In our opinion, your approach to this situation was grossly imprudent. It would have been much wiser for all concerned if Fr. McGuire would have been confronted directly by you. As a result of your actions the implication of scandal exists.

28  
EXHIBIT 21

01086

Br. Ricardo Palacia, S.S.C.  
May 13, 1991  
Page 2

We have been assured by our son, that no improprieties occurred and that Fr. McGuire was at all times perfectly polite to the retreatants as well as the staff at the Retreat House. Fr. McGuire's reputation is one of integrity and holiness. Had you inquired with those organizing the retreat, they would have gladly given you a very large and impressive list of references, beginning with Mother Teresa.

We trust that this is a closed issue and that no other repercussions will follow. We shall keep you and your staff in our prayers.

God bless you.

cc: Br. Mark Murphy, F.S.C., Provincial  
Rev. Donald J. McGuire, S.J.  
Rev. Robert Wild, S.J., Provincial, Chicago Province

01087