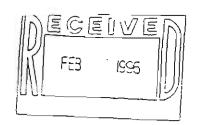


## Congregazione dei Sacri Cuori Casa Genecaligia





Roma, February 7, 1993

Reverend Monsignor Richard A. Loomis Vicar for Clergy Archdiocese of Los Angeles 1531 West Ninth Street Los Angeles, California 90015-1194 U.S.A.

Dear Monsignor Loomis,



As I indicated in my letter of January 26, the Congregation would assume the responsibility of investigating the allegation presented against Fr. Martin O'Loghien, Provincial of our western U.S. Province. I also indicated that we would keep you informed of the steps that we would take.

In respect to that I would like to tell you the following:

In the first place I want to express clearly the high esteem that Fr. Marrin O'Loghien enjoys among all of us. His human and religious qualities are beyond any doubt and because of those he was elected General Councilor for the period 1982-1988 and subsequently Provincial Superior of the province of U.S.A. West. For the same reasons he was named a member of the General Mission Secretariat of our Congregation and that was the reason that he has been in Rome these days where I have had the opportunity to be in conversation with him about the matter which concerns us.

In the course of the conversation, during which I showed him the letter that you had sent me, he admitted the acts attributed to him which took place some thirty years ago. Precisely because of these actions in his past he has undergone psychological therapy and received spiritual help to be able to overcome the causes of this behavior and at the same time to assure himself that it does not influence his ministry at present. The telephone call to Ms. Some weeks ago, was motivated precisely by the desire for reconciliation in the deepest sense of the word and to see if she was in need of some type of help to overcome the effects of these past actions.

Since he has given this explanation, I consider that we should proceed in the following manner:

- that Fr. Martin O'Lognien present the report of the therapist that has treated him and that he receive the opinion of a second expert in order to give us greater assurance. We will send you both reports from here. Given that Fr. Martin is carrying out a service within the Congregation we do not consider it necessary at this point to remove him from that ministry. In any case he is ready to do that if it

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is asked of him. He is also ready to move from the Archdiocese if you consider that necessary.

Should you, or anyone appointed by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, desire to meet with him regarding this matter, he shall be happy to do so.

There is nothing more for now but to assure you that I remain at your disposition.

Sincerely in the Sacred Hearts,

Enrique Losada ss.cc.

General Superior