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The Most Reverend Archbishop Thomas Kelly
Catholic Chancery
212 East College Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

Dear Most Reverend Archbishop:

Father Dan Clark has made a matchless contribution to Saints Simon and Jude parish. He is without equal as a holy priest who brings the Gospel into daily life. He has brought all of us closer to Jesus Christ. He has been my spiritual director for six months and has helped me immensely, more than anyone ever had helped me. As a result, I am living a much happier and more spiritually aware life. Father Dan is uniquely gifted and is wonderful with children and adults. I believe in him entirely and am certain he is innocent of the charge against him.

The statement made on TV news by the archdiocesan spokesman was dreadful. Not only did he cause Father Dan to appear to be already convicted, which could prejudice any jury in this area, he also made the archdiocese look bad. The statement angered me. I think he should be reprimanded, and he should either make a corrective statement, or some other spokesman should correct his statement. I'm not sure he is capable of doing a good job of correcting it himself.

I know for a fact that Father Dan has been a great inspiration to our parish school students and staff. He has individually counseled a number of children and been of help to them. In no way could he ever harm a child. Anyone can see that. The children all love him dearly. He is the one they choose to go to for help. This charge is outrageous.

I don't know if you know Father Dan personally, but he is truly a great priest. His greatness is revealed in his parish ministry. I hope the day will come when he can return to our parish. If he cannot, a very grave injustice will have been allowed to occur.

In Jesus Christ,

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