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2508 E. Pomona Drive
Anaheim, Ca 92806
January 6, 1985

✓ Father Al Ramos
Pastor
St. Anthony Claret Church
1450 E. LaPalma
Anaheim, Ca 92805

Dear Father:

It is with the utmost concern, sorrow, some anger and hopefulness that I write this letter to you and I appreciate the time you will take to read my words.

Whenever a parish receives a new pastor, some changes are expected, and for the most part, even though none of us likes change, we all eventually accept them and fall into a new pattern. However, the many changes occurring in our parish in the past few months seem to have led to nothing but tension, discontent and a mass exodus of parishioners to other parishes. And I am certain no one is more aware of this than you, our pastor.

For what it is worth, and for your consideration, I wish to express my thoughts. I believe that, first of all, we must go back to the basics. Our United States was founded so that everyone would have equal rights in this great land. Not special rights, but equal rights. When our ancestors came to this country to lead a better life, they adapted to the American way of life. No one gave them special privileges. My own grandparents came from Germany - they learned and spoke only English because that was the American way of life. However, in recent years, our government, our schools, our Diocese, and now our parish have seen fit to bestow upon many people emigrating to our country, special privileges. Consequently all of these events have managed to make a good share of us prejudiced in our feelings towards these people. Not the Christian way, but definitely the human way that people react.

When Spanish masses were first installed in our parish, I accidentally went to the Spanish Mass one Sunday. I was appalled at what I saw in God's house. Noise, confusion, children running up and down the aisles, small children eating, drinking and spilling on the newly refinished pews and new carpeting - my thought was - we give them special privileges and this is how they thank us.

I have read and reread your explanation of the Mexican flag in the sanctuary and although you did follow protocol, you insulted the majority of your parishioners by allowing this to happen. Father, you explained in church one Sunday that Our Lady of Guadalupe was the patroness of all the Americas -- she was not the patroness of Mexico only. When our hispanic friends left Mexico, they did so for a better life in the United States. By so doing, they left their country and their flag behind. Whether they are citizens or not, they must now conform to our way of life and live the life of an American. By so doing, they must and should speak the language of the United States - which is English. Our masses are in English be-

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cause our Holy Father decreed this to all Catholics - the Mass is to be in the tongue of the country. Consequently, there is no need to have masses in Spanish, or Vietnamese or bi-lingual masses, or any such thing as that. We do not have Masses in German, nor do we have special celebrations in German, or Italian, or French or whatever. Perhaps if our country is to swing the pendulum and once again give equal rights to everyone, then perhaps we could start here in our own parish. I'm certain it would create more harmony, build a strong parish once again and make your life much easier.

When you announced many of the changes taking place in our parish, one of them was receiving communion coming from the back of the church. You gave your reason that by so doing, it would not pressure those who were not ready for communion to receive simply because the person in front of them was. I feel, and so do many others, that by having to continually turn around to see when it is your turn, this creates more pressure. And while we are on the pressure, I personally feel that during the offertory when everyone must sit, including the priest while the ushers are taking up the collection is one of the greatest pressures I have ever felt. It shows me nothing but the fact that the priest is sitting there watching us and we must give or feel chastised for not doing so.

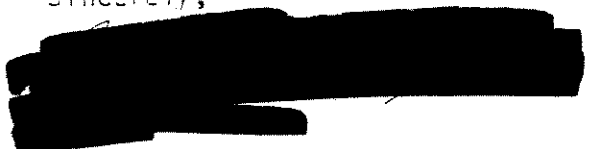
In today's bulletin, you announced that if we wish a statement of our donation to the church for 1984 we must call at the rectory for it. Again, I feel you have your reasons for this, but for the life of me I do not understand why. This would have to be an extreme burden on the office staff and totally unnecessary --- I would appreciate you mailing mine to me.

Sneaking of our donation, ours is very small compared to what a good share of the parishioners give. However, through the years we have contributed to other charitable causes and try to even it out. I know that you will not miss our small donation, but I feel I have to tell you why I have not opened our new box of envelopes. Perhaps if the donations coming into St. Anthony's become less and less you and our Bishop will realize the discontent in the parish. I will not stop giving - what has gone to St. Anthony will now go to the Maryknoll Fathers until such time as I feel it is right and proper to again support my own parish, and my own diocese.

Father, I am watching parishioners who literally built St. Anthony's with their bare hands leaving this parish and going to others. It is a sad thing to see. I have only been here for 15 years, but during those years I have come to know it as home. Therefore, I will continue to attend Mass and I will most sincerely look forward to corrective changes where we can all live in peace and harmony and once again live together as Americans with equal rights for all.

Thank you for your time, Father, and may God guide you in your pastoral duties.

Sincerely,


cc: Most Reverend William P. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

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Msgr. Driscoll

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January 12, 1985

Reverend Al Ramos
Pastor
St. Anthony Claret Church
1450 E. La Palma Ave
Anaheim, Ca 92806

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Dear Father:

We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore! Sound familiar? You'd better believe it as this is fast becoming the rallying cry of Americans who are increasingly worried, angered and frustrated by situations very similar to that which is now taking place at St. Anthony Claret.

When you arrived in our parish, Father Ramos, we welcomed you with open hearts, even though you were replacing our beloved, Msgr. Nash. You seemed vital, dynamic and well prepared to handle a large parish. You were entrusted with a cohesive and loving parish where people of many ethnic backgrounds lived, worked and prayed together, and have been doing so for almost thirty years. In a few short months you have succeeded in taking that once pleasant parish and turning it into a political arena.

Bear with him, we said, and were silent, when you injected more and more Mexican emphasis into the ceremonies, when the rules at the time of Holy Communion were changed, the sanctuary bells were eliminated etc., but we can no longer be silent since you have insulted and degraded our country's flag.

Can you possibly imagine the shock we felt upon walking into our church to attend Mass and being greeted with the sight of the Mexican flag spread over the wall above the altar with a spotlight illuminating it, while the flag of the United States played second fiddle standing in relative darkness?

Can you possibly imagine the anger which built all during Mass as we were forced to sit and look at that fiasco?

We cannot believe that you intentionally degraded our country's flag. In your love and zeal for our Mexican brethren, you may have lost sight of the fact that this is the United States, not Mexico, and that your actions may be hurting, not helping, those people for whom you have so much compassion. They will never become American citizens if you insist upon emphasizing their Mexican heritage while ignoring that of the land in which they have chosen to live. These people will be at home in neither country. You, in your goodness, will have crippled them forever.

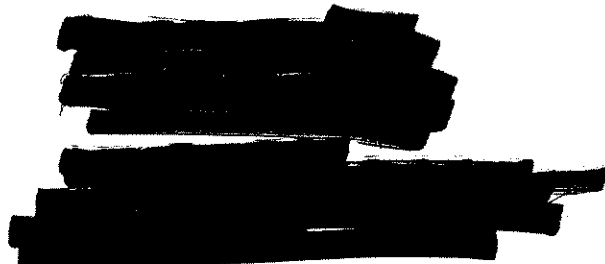
Although St. Anthony Claret has been our parish since its inception and we have always supported it both financially and with

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years of labor, we can no longer, in all good conscience, give support to it, or the Diocese. It is with deep regret that we take this action as St. Anthony Claret's has played a very important role in our lives and those of our six sons. Our financial donations will be sent instead to the Glen Mary Missionaries and the Catholic Relief Society until that day, and may God grant it be soon, in which St. Anthony Claret is once again a church for all nationalities, remembering that we are all Catholics in an English speaking nation.

Thank you for your time and may we meet again some day under more favorable circumstances.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction covers the signature and name of the sender.

cc: Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange
Marywood Center
2811 Villa Real Dr.
Orange, Ca 92667

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St. Anthony Claret Church

1450 EAST LA PALMA AVENUE
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA 92805
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Mrs. G. Driscoll
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August 21, 1985

The Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange
Marywood Center
2811 East Villa Real Drive
Orange, CA 92667

Your Excellency:

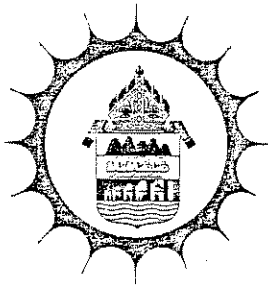
I hereby resign my assignment as Pastor of St. Anthony
Claret Parish in Anaheim effective on Sunday, 1 September,
1985.

I thank you for all your help, understanding, and support
in the past and now.

Sincerely,

Eleuterio V. Ramos
(Rev.) Eleuterio V. Ramos

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: LEE MEYER
FROM: REVEREND MONSIGNOR MICHAEL P. DRISCOLL *Mike*
RE: HONORARIUM FOR REVEREND ELEUTERIO RAMOS
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 1985

Father Al Ramos has resigned the parish of St. Anthony Claret, Anaheim and will be working in Tiajuana, Mexico.

Bishop Johnson has agreed to pay the monthly honorarium for Father Ramos beginning September 1, 1985. Father Ramos was ordained in 1966. His honorarium for 1985 is \$332.00.

Father Ramos will be arranging with Mario Domingo for deposit of his honorarium in a local bank.

cc: Carlos Vasquez
Mario Domingo
Rev. Al Ramos

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: LEE MEYER
MARIO DOMINGO

FROM: REVEREND MONSIGNOR MICHAEL P. DRISCOLL ✓

RE: REVEREND ELEUTERIO RAMOS ✓

DATE: OCTOBER 15, 1985



I have received a letter from Reverend Eleuterio Ramos informing me that he now has a new address on the U.S.A. side of the border. Effective this date, any correspondence for Father Ramos, including his honorarium should be sent to:

Reverend Eleuterio Ramos
4462 Camino De La Plaza #A-47
San Ysidro, California 92073

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REVEREND ELEUTERIO RAMOS ✓
4462 CAMINO DE LA PLAZA #A47
SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA 92073

September 15, 1986

Reverend and dear Father:

It is with great sorrow that I announce the death of my beloved father, Eleuterio B. Ramos, Sr., which occurred on September 13, 1986.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 at 8:00 p.m. There will be a Rosary Service on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles. Both the Mass and Rosary will be held at

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY OF TALPA CHURCH
2914 EAST FOURTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Priests desirous of concelebrating, please bring alb and white stole.

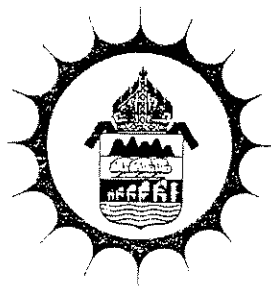
In your charity and kindness, may I ask that you remember him in your Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Eleuterio Ramos

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October 2, 1987

Reverend Eleuterio Ramos
4462 Camino de la Plaza A-47
San Ysidro, California 92073

Dear Al,

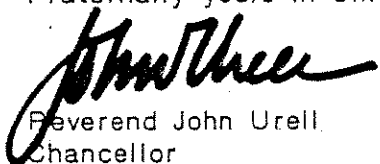
Our business office has asked me to forward your check to you. They also need to have your Social Security number, Al, so please send that to Lee Meyer at the above address as soon as possible.

Do hope all is well with you. We are slowly getting back to normal after the Papal Visit.

We felt an earthquake yesterday, but luckily very little damage was reported in Orange County. Most of the damage was around the Whittier area.

I send you my prayerful good wishes, Al

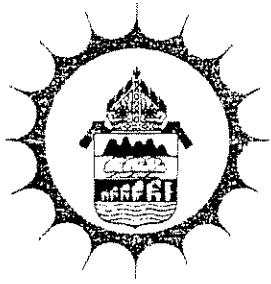
Fraternally yours in Christ,


Reverend John Urell,
Chancellor

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May 25, 1988

Dear Father Ramos,

This short letter is to say "hello" and to also let you know that we received a letter on May 18, 1988, from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He remembers you from St. Thomas Parish in Los Angeles and would like to get in touch with you. We told him we would let you know.

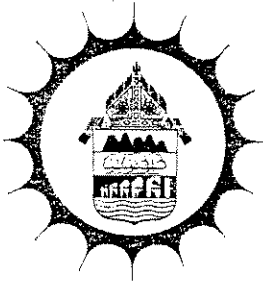
Do hope all is well with you "south of the border".

Sincerely,

Donna

(Mrs.) Donna Strassel
Secretary to the Chancellor

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May 25, 1988

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 18, 1988, in which you request the whereabouts of Fr. Al Ramos. We will write to Fr. Ramos and let him know that you would like to get in touch with him.

Sincerely,

Donna Strassel

(Mrs.) Donna Strassel
Secretary to the Chancellor

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May 18, 1988

Ms. Judy Clarke
Diocese of Orange
Marywood Center
2811 East Villa Real Drive
Orange, CA. 92667-1999

Dear Ms. Clarke:

I am in receipt of your letter in which you inform me that your Catholic Directory will not be available until September. I will look forward to receiving it at that time. I would assume that under the circumstances, the following directory will not come out until 1990.

I am wondering if you could give me information about Father Eleuterio (Al) Ramos, a former priest of your diocese. I remember him at St. Thomas Church in Los Angeles where I was once a parishioner. It was here where Fr. Ramos served his first assignment. He served in a number of parishes in the Los Angeles area and in Orange County. When the Orange Diocese was begun in 1976, Bishop Johnson appointed Fr. Ramos to head the Hispanic Ministry in that Diocese.

I have noted that Fr. Ramos is no longer shown as a priest of the Orange Diocese. At first I had wondered if he had left the priesthood, but I heard from another source that Fr. Ramos in recent years, has been serving in Tijuana B.C., in Mexico.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know the present whereabouts of Fr. Al Ramos, as I remember him very well at St. Thomas.

Very Sincerely Yours,
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*Donna -
Please handle
in our usual way!*

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April 5, 1991

Most Reverend Emilio Carlos Berlie, D.D.
Obispado
Apartado 226
Calle 10 y Av. Ocampo
22000 Tijuana
Baja California

Dear Bishop Berlie:

The enclosed summons and complaint is for your information. To date, the following have received notice of the summons: Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Roman Catholic Bishop of Orange, Bishop McFarland, Reverend Francis Moran.

Bishop McFarland has asked me to inform you that according to the procedures of the Diocese of Orange, when such allegations are made about a priest of this Diocese, that priest is to be informed that his faculties to serve in the Diocese of Orange are suspended until the matter is resolved.

I will continue to keep you updated regarding this matter as further developments occur.

With personal best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael P. Driscoll".

Most Reverend Michael P. Driscoll, D. D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Orange

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April 5, 1991

Reverend Eleuterio Ramos
4492 Camino de la Plaza, #370
San Ysidro, California 92173

Dear Father Ramos:

For your information, I am enclosing the summons and the complaint which to date has been served to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange, Roman Catholic Bishop of Orange, Bishop McFarland, Reverend Francis Moran.

Bishop Norman F. McFarland has asked me to inform you that according to the procedures which exist in the Diocese of Orange, when such allegations are made about a priest in this Diocese, that priest has his faculties to serve in the Diocese of Orange suspended until the matter is resolved. It is, therefore, my duty to inform you that your faculties within the Diocese of Orange are hereby suspended.

As always, I promise you a daily remembrance in my Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael P. Driscoll, D. D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Orange

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C: Bishop Emillo Carlos Berlie

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Eleuterio Ramos

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April 15, 1992

Most Reverend Emilio Carlos Berlie, D.D.
Apartado 226
Calle 10 y Av Ocampo
22000 Tijuana
Baja California
Mexico

Dear Bishop Berlie:

It has just come to my attention that we have continued to send \$500 a month to Father Eleuterio Ramos, even after giving him (and yourself) notice under date of April 5, 1991, that because of the serious allegations against him, his faculties to act as a priest had been suspended. For legal reasons, we do not continue to support a priest in these circumstances.

I would ask that you kindly inform Father Ramos of this fact. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Norman F. McFarland
Bishop of Orange

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From the desk of:

7/15/92

PHILIP J. RIES

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Al Ramos.

To Mauro Domingos -

Please discontinue the
payments to Fr Ramos and
void the check for April
that was prepared (#128490, 4/17/92).

Philip

c: Bishop McFarland
Megs Well

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