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Dear [REDACTED]

Today I received a communication from John McNicholas, the lawyer we have retained to represent our interests in the possible case of [REDACTED] v. Diocese of San Bernardino (The Conventual Franciscans). He has made a demand for coverage to defense and indemnification from Catholic Mutual who carries the liability insurance for the Diocese of San Bernardino. He has thought it sufficient to say that the friars are agents of the Bishop of the Diocese who granted them faculties in his diocese during the time when any alleged criminal activity on the part of Dennis Jost occurred. None of the priests who have served at either of the two parishes has been accused nor alleged to have committed any crime and none has any charges filed against him. As far as I know all of the friars who have been contacted by any officials have cooperated fully. Therefore their exposure to these events is considered secondary and should come under the complete protection of the Diocese.

John, you are requested for the time being not to discuss this matter or Mr. Jost with anyone except the authorities. If there are any inquiries, they should be referred to Mr. [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] at:

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[REDACTED] I apologize for all the unpleasantness this has caused and promise to do all I can to keep it from interfering any more than it has with the life of the Parish and Friary.

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