

⑨ <sup>Tony</sup> Father Vader (retired)  
[REDACTED]  
Holy Cross 10 years old  
Sister has allegation too  
(W) [REDACTED]  
(H) [REDACTED]

**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**  
**737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900**  
**Chicago, Illinois 60611**  
**(312) 751-5205**

**INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS**  
**For**

**Rev. Anthony Vader**

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of promoting the safety of minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (Director). The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for Rev. Anthony Vader is as follows (Director to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. \_\_\_\_ Therapy \_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of therapist). Attendance to therapy is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
3. \_\_\_\_ Continued regular Spiritual Direction \_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one) as recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of spiritual director). Attendance to Spiritual Direction is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
4. \_\_\_\_ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the on-site supervisor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the on-site supervisor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.
5. \_\_\_\_ Abide by the assignment of residence to 12220 S. Will-Cook Road, Palos Park, IL.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement," and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Attendance at a recommended support group \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel.
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the Director and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with the Director, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, and the VP. The cleric, his on-site supervisor, the Director, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the independent Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VP: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☐ no ☐

(Revised 4/5/07)

## **Father Anthony J. Vader**

Pastor, Holy Name of Mary

Father Vader began his 30 year journey with parishioners of Holy Name of Mary on January 31, 1968.

When he arrived, Holy Name of Mary had a debt of \$250,000. Under his wise leadership, a "Pay off the Parish Debt" drive was initiated. The drive was so successful, that the debt was paid off to the Archdiocese of Chicago. This tremendous effort made Holy Name of Mary Church the first African-American Church in Chicago to pay off its entire parish debt.

As time passed the congregation of Holy Name of Mary grew by leaps and bounds . A large part of the growth was due to the many Catholics that had been following Father Vader since his first assignment at Holy Cross Church. They found in Holy Name of Mary, a place to rest, plant, grow and cultivate their religious roots.

Before long, a larger church was needed. Again Father Vader led a drive to finance a new and larger church. The drive was a success and the plans for the new church began. Holy Name of Mary was the first African American Catholic Church to have an African-American architect and an African-American contractor , all paid for by the African-American parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church.

Some of the best African-American artist were hired to decorate the church. Donated as well as purchased artifacts from Africa and American adorned the church. Father Vader brought back art works from the artist colonies in Kenya and Tanzania for his new Church. Holy Name of Mary is rich in love and pride of the accomplishments of the black man.



The new church was opened for Mass on Christmas, 1997. In the Spring of 1972, Cardinal Cody blessed the new Holy Name of Mary Church.

The Congregation continued growing so that even with the new church, another mass had to be added to the Sunday Schedule to accommodate the growing number of parishioners.

Holy Name of Mary acquired a Mission Church, Sacred Heart Church and gave it as much assistance as possible so that the people on the west and south boundaries of the parish could have their own Church.

The Holy Name of Mary parish school, through the cooperation of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and Father Vader receive the latest innovations in education. Today the school has the highest educational standards of all the schools in the Morgan Park area.

Throughout the years, Father Vader continued his education earning an M. A. in Sociology at the University of Chicago, a Ph. D. in Sociology at Loyola University, Chicago and did Post Doctoral studies at Tangaza University, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

Even with the demanding position of pastor of an ever growing congregation, Father Vader has, over the last 15 years, made time to share his knowledge and his love of knowledge with his many students at Niles College and at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary.

May 9, 1997 marks the day of celebration for Father Vader who, after 45 years of service to God and his many, many parishioners approaches a much deserved retirement.

Father Vader will live within the parish boundaries of Sacred Heart Church, the mission Church of Holy Name of Mary. There he will act as pastor of the mission to continue the Christian goals of worship of the Lord, education of the children and care for the parishioners.

Father Vader, the many persons touched by you at Holy Name of Mary, St. Lawrence and Holy Cross Church thank you and wish you a blessed future.

# Archdiocese of Chicago Priest Vitae Card

**Anthony Joseph Vader** Born: [REDACTED] Ordained: 05/01/1952 Died: 07/15/2011 Ethnicity: Dutch, Irish

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Assignment	Position	Begin Date	End Date
Holy Cross Parish (65th St.)	Assistant Pastor	07/08/1952	06/25/1964
St. Laurence Parish (Dorchester Ave.)	Assistant Pastor	06/25/1964	01/30/1968
Holy Name of Mary Parish (112th St.)	Administrator	01/30/1968	03/13/1970
Holy Name of Mary Parish (112th St.)	Pastor	03/13/1970	01/31/1997
Review Board	Member	06/25/1987	
	Sabbatical	06/15/1990	08/31/1990
	Retired	01/31/1997	
Sacred Heart Mission House (Avers Ave.)	Resident	01/31/1997	
Holy Name of Mary Parish (112th St.)	Pastor Emeritus	01/31/1997	

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**Extraordinary  
Appointments:**

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

11652 CHURCH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

17 April

Your Eminence:

When Ray Goedert told me that I could not wear clerical clothing when at the Opera, Concerts, Art Institute, I am more than willing to comply.

I have been attending the Lyric Operaproductions since they began forty-nine years ago. I have been in the same seat all that time, and Monsignor John Cardiff always attends with me.

I know many of the people in our balcony and they know Monsignor and myself. We have always worn clerical suits. IF I were to suddenly show up in sports clothing, I am sure that people would want to know what happened. They are accustomed to seeing me in clerical clothing. I am sure that they would ask questions of myself or Monsignor.

The same is true of the Friday afternoon concerts (14 of them each season). There may be more scandal if I dressed otherwise.

With regard to the Art Institute, often I am casually clothed since most do not know me nor do I know them.

However, I have always thought that it is good for a priest to be formally clothed at all of these functions. People are happy to see the priest in the Art Institute. Some months ago I went to complete my study of the "Manet and the Sea". The young man who checked my membership said that he had given you your ticket that morning and he was delighted "for he had seen two priests that day". Good public relations for the Church.

(sorry, but the tape broke. Let me continue here.)

Good public relations for the Church. However, I am willing to abide with your decision.

At the Goodman Theatre for which I also have season tickets for the main stage, I never wear clerical clothes since some of the modern plays have some degree of nudity.


## SACRED HEART CHURCH

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

Vis-a-vis the third issue, namely Mass during the Santo Nino devotions. Today I informed the organizers of the devotions that we would no longer have Mass and they agreed. Instead, there will be more prayers and Bible study to fill out the Holy Hour.

I hope this complies with all of your demands. If there are any other, then please let me know. Also please excuse this typing, for this is a new typewriter and I feel the Company should be sued. I know I will never use their products again.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
(Rev.) Anthony J. Vader

cc: file

June 30th, 1952

My dear Father Vader,

I hereby appoint you assistant to the pastor of  
Holy Cross Church, Chicago, Illinois.

You will kindly report for duty to Father Doyle  
on July 8th.

With blessing,

Archbishop of Chicago

Reverend Anthony J. Vader  


November 13, 1967

Reverend Bernard G. Guirach  
St. Laurence Rectory  
1349 East 72nd Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Dear Father Guirach:

With the approval of Monsignor Lahart, Pastor of the Parish in which Jackson Park Hospital is located, I am pleased to appoint you and your Assistant, Reverend Anthony J. Vader, to care for the Catholic patients who will be resident in the Jackson Park Hospital and I grant you both all of the necessary faculties, as follows, to carry out this assignment:

- a. Permission for the administration of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist.
- b. Permission to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in accordance with the Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Sacraments, issued October 2, 1964.

Because of the difficulty of providing another Assistant at Our Lady of Peace Parish, I wish to express my thanks to you and Father Vader for your willingness to take on this added duty. If there should be any difficulties about this assignment, I would be pleased to hear from you so that a solution might be found.

With every sincere personal good wish, I am, dear Father Guirach,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Rev. Anthony J. Vader  
Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Lahart

PC:sm

*Priest file*

January 30, 1968

Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
St. Laurence Rectory  
1349 East 72nd Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60619

Dear Father Vader:

In accordance with Canons 472 and 473, we are pleased to appoint you Administrator pro tem of Holy Name of Mary Church, 11159 South Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois.

As Administrator, or Vicar Econome, you will have all the obligations of the Pastoral Office, particularly that of celebrating the Missa pro populo (Canon 473, 1), just as if you were the pastor of that parish.

This appointment is effective immediately.

Your remuneration will be that set down for the pastor of the parish, all things to the contrary notwithstanding.

We wish to take this occasion to commend you for your zealous priestly labors in the Archdiocese, and we are confident that you will continue to do fine work in the parish to which we are assigning you.

Wishing you every blessing, we remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lesniak, Vicar Delegate  
Rev. Richard P. Burke, Administrator

AOC 020761



REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

March 13, 1970

**Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
Holy Name of Mary Rectory  
11159 South Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643**

**Dear Father Vader:**

**In accordance with Canon 455 of the Code of Canon Law, we are pleased to appoint you herewith as Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish, 11159 South Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois, with full spiritual and temporal administrative powers, and we heartily commend you to the good people there.**

**This appointment will be effective immediately, and we wish you to take canonical possession of this parish as soon as possible.**

**You will assume canonical possession and jurisdiction of the above mentioned parish as soon as the Profession of Faith is taken before the Chancellor, one of the Vice Chancellors, or one of the Assistant Chancellors acting as our delegate according to the provisions of Canon Law.**

**Wishing you every blessing in this pastoral office, we remain**

**Very truly yours in Christ,**

**Archbishop of Chicago**

**Chancellor**

**cc: Rt. Rev. Mgr. Francis A. Brackin, Vicar Delegate**

AOC 020762



PROFESSION OF FAITH

With firm faith, I, REV. ANTHONY J. VADER,  
believe and profess each and all of the articles which are contained in the Creed; that is:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of his kingdom there will be no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets. And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

I also firmly accept and hold in each and every part all that the Church has either defined by way of solemn pronouncement, or asserted and stated by way of its ordinary magisterium, concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, as proposed by the Church: especially the doctrines regarding the mystery of the Church of Christ, the Sacraments, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and the Primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

OATH OF OFFICE

I promise before God that I will faithfully exercise the office of Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish,  
11159 South Loomis St., Chicago, Ill. which has been entrusted to me. So help me God.

*Rev. Anthony J. Vader*

Signed under oath before the undersigned on (month) March (day) 26  
(year) 1970.

*Robert J. Hagarty*  
Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Hagarty  
Co-Chancellor

(SEAL)

(Note: 1. The Profession of Faith is made and the Oath taken before the Ordinary of the place or his Delegate by the following: the Vicar General; the Diocesan Consultors; the Censor of books; Pastors; Confessors and Preachers before they receive the faculty to exercise their functions; Clerics called to Subdiaconate; and Superiors and Professors in the Major Seminary.

2. A priest takes an oath with his right hand on his breast.)



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Vicar General


## ATTESTATION OF ACT OF INSTALLATION IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY, AMEN.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness Pope Paul VI, His Eminence John Cardinal Cody, being Archbishop of Chicago, I do hereby attest that the

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

duly appointed pastor whose letter of appointment bears the date of March 13, 1970, has on this date in accordance with Canon Law (Canon 461) and the statutes of the Archdiocese of Chicago taken canonical possession of the parish of

HOLY NAME OF MARY  
11159 South Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois

  
Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Hagarty  
Co-Chancellor

Dated: March 26, 1970

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

June 29, 1970

Rev. Anthony J. Vader  
Holy Name of Mary Rectory  
11159 S. Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear Father Vader:

In reply to your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish, I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend James J. Connolly as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from July 2, 1970 to August 2, 1970.

With every sincere good wish, I am, dear Father  
Vader,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

P.S. In order that we will not be delayed in making the financial audit of the parishes, I would request that you arrange to have the Annual Report forms returned before July 15, 1970.

+J.P.C.

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackia, Vicar Delegate  
Rev. James J. Connolly, Vicar Substitute

AOC 020765

REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

*file*

May 14, 1971

Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
Holy Name of Mary Rectory  
11159 South Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear Father Vader:

This will acknowledge your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish. I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend Leo J. Belanger, S.J., as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from May 14, 1971 to June 4, 1971.

With every sincere good wish, I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

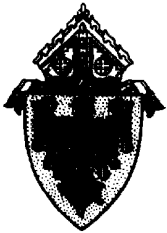
Archbishop of Chicago

Vice Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin, Vicar Delegate  
Rev. Leo J. Belanger, S.J., Vicar Substitute

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*Priest personal f.*



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

August 22, 1972

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O

Reverend Anthony J. Vader, M.A.  
Pastor, Holy Name of Mary Church  
11159 S. Loomis  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

Dear Father Vader,

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I am pleased to appoint you as part-time instructor on the Faculty of Niles College of Loyola University, while retaining your present duties as Pastor of Holy Name of Mary parish, Chicago, Illinois.

This appointment is effective immediately.

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Wishing you every blessing and priestly success in this new assignment, and with kindest personal regards, I am, dear Father Vader,

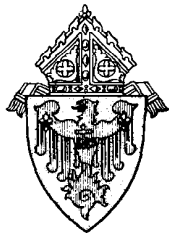
Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

cc: Reverend William O. Goedert, Rector  
Priests' Personnel Board

AOC 020767



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

December 6, 1972

C

Reverend Anthony J. Vader, Pastor  
Holy Name of Mary Rectory  
11159 S. Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

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Dear Father Vader,

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In reply to your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish, I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend Willard J. Meyer as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from December 20, to January 20, 1973.

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With every sincere good wish, I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Co-Chancellor

cc: Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Brackin - Vicar Delegate  
Reverend Willard J. Meyer - Vicar Substitute

*Priest rec'd - file*

*VADER*



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

May 17, 1973

C

Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
Pastor, Holy Name of Mary Church  
11159 S. Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

O

Dear Father Vader,

P

In reply to your request for permission to absent yourself from your parish, I am pleased, in accordance with Canon 465, 4, to appoint the Reverend Willard Meyer as Vicar Substitute and to grant him the necessary faculties to care for the parish during your absence from May 17, to May 25, 1973.

Y

With every sincere good wish, I remain,

Very truly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Co-Chancellor

cc: Vicar Delegate - Region VII - Rev. Msgr. Francis Brackin  
Vicar Substitute - Rev. Willard Meyer

AOC 020769

June 25, 1987

Dear Father Vader:

At the Presbyteral Senate meeting of June 22, 1987, unanimous approval was given to my appointing you and a number of other pastors to form a Pastors Review Board (c. 1742). Consequently, I am hereby appointing you as a member of this board for a period of three years.

If a situation should occur in which there are serious questions about a pastor's leadership, I will choose two or more of the members of the Pastors Review Board to advise me. While it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to call upon your assistance, I am very grateful for your willingness to serve.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

Chancellor

The Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
Holy Name of Mary Parish  
11159 S. Loomis  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

POST OFFICE BOX 1979

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60690

Office of the Archbishop

February 1, 1990

Dear Tony,

In light of the recommendation of the Sabbatical Board, I am pleased to grant your request for a sabbatical beginning June 15, 1990 through August 31, 1990. Please inform Fr. Ken Velo and Fr. Wayne Prist of your address(es) during this time.

The appointment is made with the understanding that you will return to Holy Name of Mary after your sabbatical.

Following Archdiocesan and Sabbatical Board Policy, Holy Name of Mary will pay your salary for the period of the 2½-month sabbatical. The Center for Development in Ministry will pay tuition, room and board expenses.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your fine work at Holy Name of Mary as well as for your thirty-eight years of service to the Archdiocese.

As you look forward to this important transition in your priesthood, please know that you have my support and prayers. Please pray for me as well.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Rev. Anthony Vader  
Holy Name of Mary Church  
11159 S. Loomis Street  
Chicago, IL 60643

cc: ✓ Rev. Kenneth Velo  
Rev. Wayne F. Prist  
Diocesan Priests' Personnel Board  
Rev. Lawrence Duris

AOC 020771

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MISCONDUCT POLICIES

X I acknowledge that I have read and am familiar with the Archdiocesan policies and procedures regarding sexual misconduct with minors, adopted September 21, 1992.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me a copy of these policies and procedures.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*Anthony J. VADER*  
*Anthony J. VADER*  
*1159 S. Locust St*  
*Chicago, IL 60643*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

April 21, 1993

Dear Father Vader:

At the Presbyteral Council meeting of March 9, 1993, unanimous approval was given to my appointing you and a number of other pastors to form a Pastors Review Board (c. 1742). Consequently, I am hereby appointing you as a member of this board for a period of five years.

If a situation should occur in which there are serious questions about a pastor's leadership, I will choose two or more of the members of the Pastors Review Board to advise me. Since there are now thirty-six pastors available to choose from on this panel, and only two are needed in any given situation, it is likely that you will be asked to review very few cases and perhaps even none at all in the next five years.

While it is hoped that it will be unnecessary to call upon your assistance, I am very grateful for your willingness to serve.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Joseph Card. Bernardin*  
Archbishop of Chicago

Given at the Chancery

*Thomas G. Paprocki*  
Chancellor

Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
Holy Name of Mary Parish  
11159 South Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

AOC 020773

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Diocesan Administrator



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

January 7, 1997

Dear Tony,

It was good to meet with you on Monday, December 30, 1996. As I mentioned at our meeting, I am writing to you as a follow-up to our discussion.

We agreed you would retire on January 31, 1997. As the time draws near, I will be writing a more formal letter to name you Pastor Emeritus.

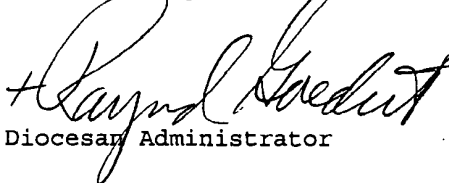
Please speak with Father Charles Kelly of the Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association regarding your pension benefits and other necessary arrangements.


I am sending a copy of this letter to the Priests' Placement Board so that the process to select a successor can begin. You have indicated that you will be living at Sacred Heart Mission. I will have the Board include this in the Parish Profile so that the applicants will be appropriately informed.

Tony, I wish to thank you for all you have done during your 44 years of priesthood and especially for your leadership and service at Holy Name of Mary parish for 29 years. Know of my continued prayers and support, as well as my gratitude.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

  
Diocesan Administrator

  
Ecclesiastical Notary

Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
Holy Name of Mary  
11159 S Loomis Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643

AOC 020774

Reverend Anthony J. Vader  
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cc: Archbishop of Chicago - file  
Reverend R. Peter Bowman, Vicar for Administration  
✓ Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki, Chancellor  
Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, Vicar for Priests  
Most Reverend Timothy J. Lyne, Vicar for Senior Priests  
Most Reverend George V. Murry SJ, Vicar  
Reverend Lawrence M. Duris, Dean  
Diocesan Priests' Placement Board  
Reverend Charles F. Kelly, PRMAA  
Reverend Patrick Pollard, PRMAA

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, Illinois 60611



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

(312) 751-5205  
Fax: (312) 751-5279

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
Rev. James Kaczerowski, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
✓ Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Thomas Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the PFRB  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri Palomino, <sup>NP</sup>Administrative Assistant  
Professional Fitness Review Office

DATE: September 30, 2002

RE: [PFR-137] Vader, Rev. Tony (Retired)/ [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of an allegation received by this office. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Interim Professional Fitness Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Vader, Tony/ [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert

A:/PCAC Notification Memo

AOC 020776

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

I presented a copy of this "Important Notice" and a copy of the Department of Children and Family Services brochure describing the child abuse reporting laws to the person whose printed name and signature appears above, on the date indicated in this document.

10/21/02  
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Leah McCluskey  
(Signature)

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(Print Name)



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This abstract replaces a memorandum to file prepared by Leah McCluskey, Interim Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, dated November 10, 2002, summarizing Victim KG's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KG alleged that she was abused by Fr. Vader in approximately 1955-1956, when Victim KG was approximately 10-11 years old. The abuse occurred multiple times over a period of approximately one year and consisted of Fr. Vader fondling Victim KG's breasts and asking Victim KG to remove her clothing so Fr. Vader could see her breasts and pubic area. Victim KG also alleged that Fr. Vader abused her sister, Victim KF.

# Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file prepared by Leah McCluskey, Interim Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Fitness Review, dated November 11, 2002, summarizing Victim KF's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KF alleged that she was abused by Fr. Vader in approximately 1958-1959, when Victim KF was approximately 12-13 years old. The abuse consisted of one instance of Fr. Vader fondling Victim KF's breasts over the clothes. Victim KF also alleged that Fr. Vader abused her sister, Victim KG and that Victim KF and a friend confronted Fr. Vader about Victim KF's alleged abuse approximately ten years ago.



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### MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Re: Anthony Vader's <sup>RESPONSE TO</sup> Allegation of Sexual Misconduct of [REDACTED]

Date: November 26, 2002

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**Date of Interview:** November 15, 2002

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Present at Interview**

Anthony Vader [AV], accused  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests [VP]

**Face-to-Face Interview**

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PFRA then read the allegations of sexual misconduct made against him by [REDACTED]. In regards to [REDACTED] stating that she [REDACTED] confronted AV approximately 10 years ago, AV stated that he does not recall the meeting. He stated, "No, she [REDACTED] didn't come. I would have remembered someone [coming to see him] with an allegation." AV stated that he was assigned to Holy Name of Mary 10 years ago and again stated, "No, she [REDACTED] never came [with [REDACTED] 10 years ago to confront AV]. It would have been burned into my memory."

AV then stated, "I don't know who [REDACTED] is neither do I know either of the [REDACTED] sisters." As per AV, [REDACTED] name "rings a bell, but that's all."

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[REDACTED]

VP asked AV if he recalled two African American women visiting him [at Holy Name of Mary]. AV replied that “all of my work has been with African Americans, so that [being visited by two African American women] would not be out of the ordinary.” When asked by VP, AV stated, “I deny all allegations of misconduct.”

[REDACTED]

VP informed AV that once PFRA was able to speak with [REDACTED] regarding a meeting 10 years ago with [REDACTED] VP would contact AV. As per AV, he would welcome the phone call.

Upon the end of the interview, VM discussed with AV the process of PFRA presenting the allegations and responses to the Review Board. PFRA then asked AV if he had any additional questions. AV asked if [REDACTED] and her sister were “African American girls.” PFRA stated that [REDACTED] and her sister are both African American. AV was cooperative throughout the interview.

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[REDACTED] When asked by PFRA and VP, AV stated, "I certainly do not remember the young lady [REDACTED]." However, AV stated that the name of [REDACTED] sister [REDACTED] "rings a bell." AV again stated that he "does not recall anything about [REDACTED] [at Holy Cross]." He also stated that he does not recall visiting [REDACTED] home.

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AV stated that he was assigned to Holy Cross from 1952-1964 and that Fr. Bob Doyle was the pastor until 1958. Upon the departure of Fr. Doyle, Fr. Martin "Doc" Farrell was the pastor at

Holy Cross. At the time that AV was assigned to Holy Cross the following priests were associates: John Cardiff [currently assigned to St. Linus], Leo Mann [currently assigned to St. Mary of the Woods], Jim Kenny [deceased], and George Kane [alive, unsure of current assignment].

When asked by PFRA and VP if he recalls visiting homes when assigned to Holy Cross, AV stated that he did "visit all homes...[but I] wouldn't go into the home if the parents were not home." When asked by VP, AV stated that he has never participated in misconduct "with anyone."

AV stated that Fr. Mann, Fr. Kane, and himself would meet every evening in the pastor's room and that they "all knew what the others [priests] were doing." AV stated that he and the other priests would also meet two nights per week for instruction classes.



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Date

Name  
Address  
City

Dear,

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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SUBJECT FILES  
FR. TONY VADER

AOC 020786



~~From~~ letter to be sent to those writing about Fr. Vader

*there is always the possibility —*

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July 28/03 & August 4, 25, 2003		
September 25, 29, 2003 & October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2003		
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Winter of 2003

Dearest Victor Laczynski:

Shakespeare said it best -

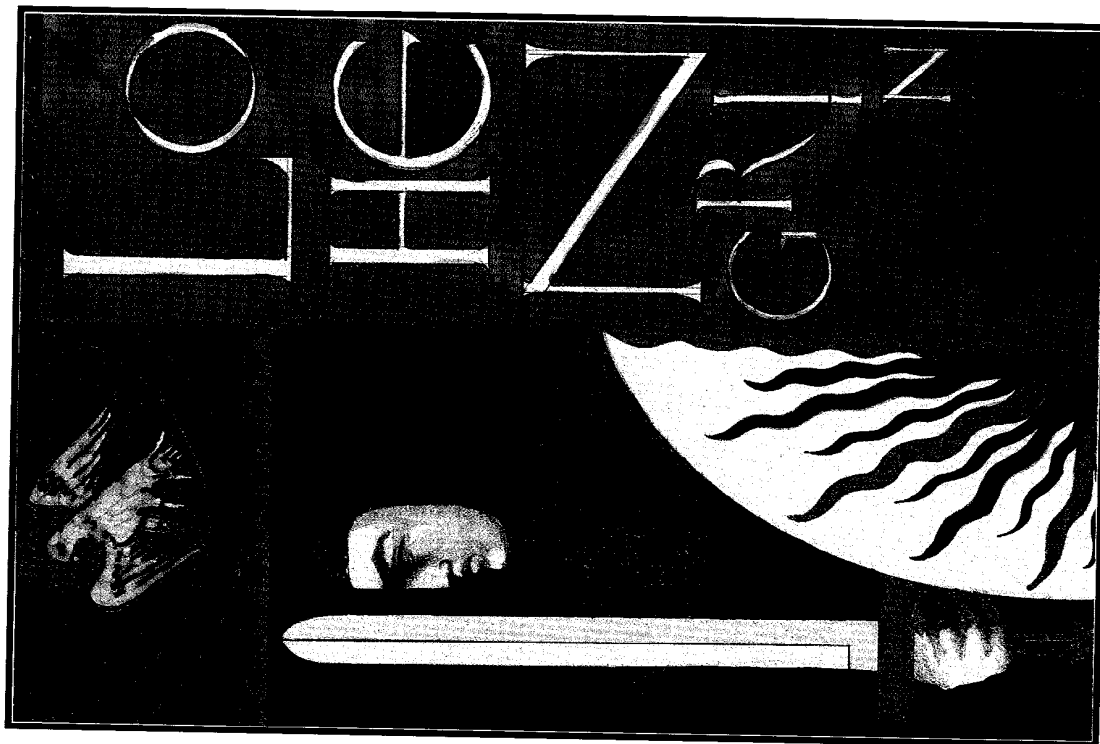
"He who steals my purse steals  
trash - but he who takes me of my  
good name" ~~etc~~ \_\_\_\_\_

We were indeed sadden by  
the alleged charges recently made  
regarding Father Anthony & Vader!  
We have been our pastor & stead-  
fast friend for 30 yrs.

In times of joy (marriages - christenings  
in times of sorrow (death & etc), we could  
always count on his compassion  
& wise counsel.

We continue our loyalty, trust  
& unwavering support & love & prayers  
as he enters this dark "valley of tears".

Yours in  
Christian faith



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **ADDENDUM TO RESPONSE OF ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MADE BY [REDACTED] IN AN ACCOUNT BY [REDACTED]**

Date: January 3, 2003

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**Date of Interview:** December 16, 2002

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

### **Present at Interview**

Fr. Anthony Vader [AV], accused  
Mr. Patrick Reardon [PR], AV's attorney  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests [VP]

### **Face-to-Face Interview**

Fr. Anthony Vader [AV] and his attorney Patrick Reardon [PR] were on time for the 3:00pm scheduled meeting at the Vicar for Priests Office. After introductions were made, PFRA described the responsibilities of the Office of Professional Fitness Review as well as those of PFRA. PFRA also explained the Review Board process to AV and PR. At PR's request, PFRA also explained the basics of both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] allegations of sexual misconduct against AV.

PFRA then read the account by [REDACTED], a friend of alleged victim [REDACTED]. PFRA had contacted [REDACTED] at the request of [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED]'s knowledge of [REDACTED] initially confronting AV 10 years ago with her allegations of sexual misconduct. PR then asked for PFRA and VP to leave the room [for approximately 10 minutes] so that PR and AV could speak.

Once PFRA and VP rejoined AV and PR, AV stated, "I categorically deny the [REDACTED] incident...I never touched [REDACTED] breasts over her clothes." In regards to acknowledging [REDACTED] and her family, AV stated that he did recall that the family [REDACTED]. AV

added that he “ [REDACTED] was never in their home.” AV then stated that he did not know where [REDACTED] and her family lived at the time.

AV then informed PFRA and VP that he does recall “about 12 years ago two middle aged [African American] women came to see me [at Holy Name of Mary], but they left in a huff.” When asked by PFRA, AV stated that he does recall that these two women came to him and “an allegation of fondling was made.” When asked for clarification of what took place “about 12 years ago” by PFRA, AV stated that he does recall an individual calling him and “setting up an appointment” to meet with him, but does not remember the name of the person who called him. AV stated that the individual scheduling the appointment stated, “We’d like to come to see you,” to which AV responded, “Sure.” AV stated that this meeting took place at Holy Name of Mary, where he has been assigned for 35 years. He stated that “a seminarian” answered the door when the two women arrived for the appointment. AV informed PFRA and VP that the seminarian has since left the seminary. AV agreed that the meeting described by both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] took place, however AV stated that he “denied the allegation 12 years ago.” He also does recall asking the woman who alleged the misconduct, “Do you need help?”

AV shared his feelings with PFRA and VP that he was not “in need of a lawyer last time [when allegations by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were initially read to him]” and that he still “feels the same way.” PR then stated that AV “completely denies” the allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. PR also made the point that the statute of limitations [both civil and criminal] ran out in “1963 or so” regarding the mentioned allegations of misconduct against AV. PFRA and VP then provided PR with specifics on the allegations made against AV by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as requested by PR.

PFRA and VP then informed AV and PR that the allegations and responses would be brought before the Review Board in January of 2003. VP stated that he would inform AV and PR of the specific date of when this matter will be brought before the Board.

Cc: Review Board Members  
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## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO:	FROM:
Patrick Reardon	Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Admn. Asst.
Attorney	DATE:
	1/8/03
FAX NUMBER:	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:
[REDACTED]	9
PHONE NUMBER:	PHONE NUMBER:
	312-751-5205

RE:  
Response Reports

☒ URGENT    ☐ FOR REVIEW    ☐ PLEASE COMMENT    ☐ PLEASE REPLY    ☐ PLEASE RECYCLE

Mr. Reardon,

I am sending you copies of the Response Reports from your clients, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Fr. Anthony Vader.

I thought you should have them since the allegations against them will be presented at the  
Board Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2003.

Laura

Confidential

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TRANSMISSION-REPORT

TIME : JAN 08 '03 15:25  
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NAME : PROF. FITNESS REVIEW

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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, January 11, 2003

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Interim, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]

A handwritten signature in ink, appearing to be "Leah", enclosed in a circle.

#### Non-members absent:

Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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### I. Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2002

### II. Case Reviews

#### First Stage Review:

A.

[REDACTED]

B.



C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader [AV] [Retired] – PFR-137

- A. The Review Board conducted a First Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: AV fondled [REDACTED]'s breasts under her clothing and AV directed [REDACTED] to expose her breasts and vaginal area to him.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the Board recommends that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Anthony Vader engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Board recommends that AV [REDACTED]. The Board also recommends that AV be moved to a monitored setting, such as residing at Mundelein.

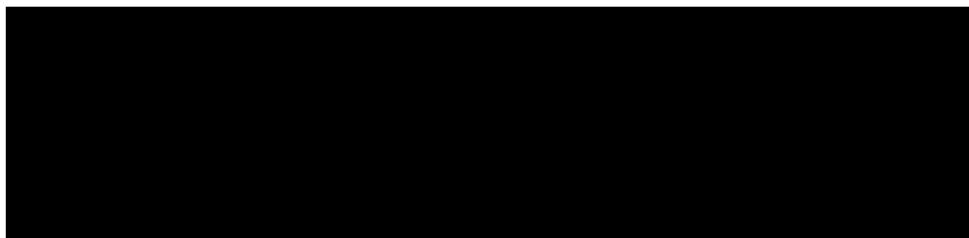
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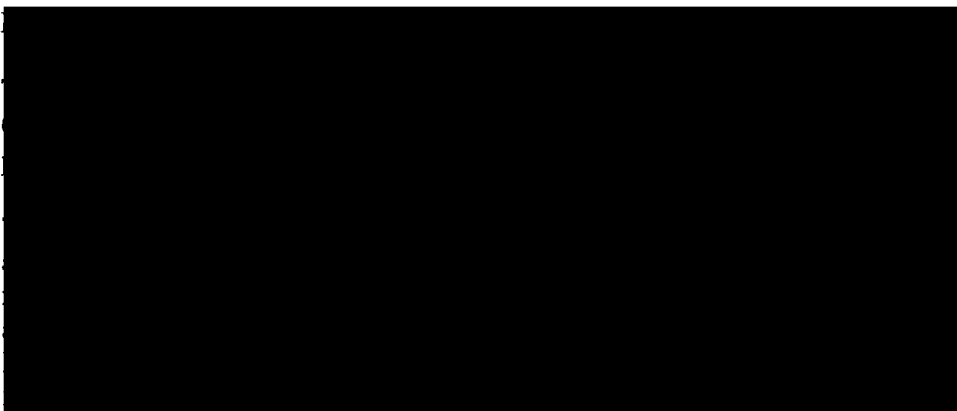
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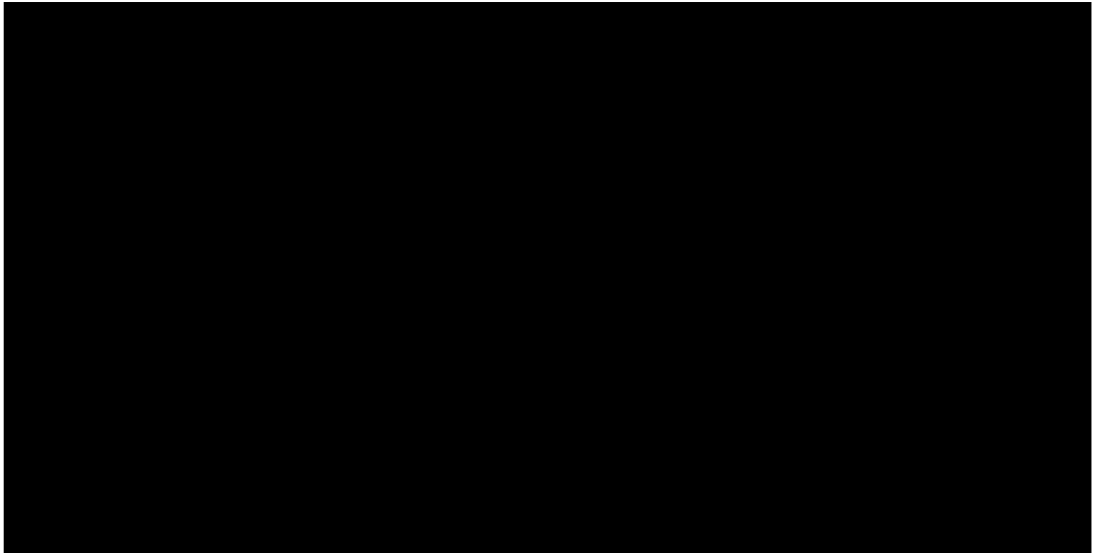




**Second Stage Reviews:**

- A. 

**III. Other**

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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, January 11, 2003 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

**I. Approval of Minutes – December 21, 2002**

**II. Case Reviews**

**First Stage Reviews:**

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired) – PFR-137

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

**Second Stage Review:**

A. [REDACTED]

**III. Other**

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2003**

**The two meetings scheduled in February are February 1st and February 15th, 2003.**

Redacted  
Vader

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on 11/11/03 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)  
(check one:) ☒ First Stage Review ☐ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report  
regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
(enter name of alleged victim)  
against Anthony Vader  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
☐ a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)  
☐ a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)  
☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: fondled breasts under clothing; AV  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)  
directed minor to expose her breasts and vaginal  
area

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☒ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from  
ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with  
Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except  
to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: in a unanimous 6-0 vote that  
Fr. Vader be immediately withdrawn [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The board also recommends  
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(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: AN fondled breasts over clothing  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☒ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: in a unanimous 6-0 vote that  
Fr. Vader \_\_\_\_\_  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-137

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant

Re: **Anthony Vader (Retired)**

Date: January 13, 2003

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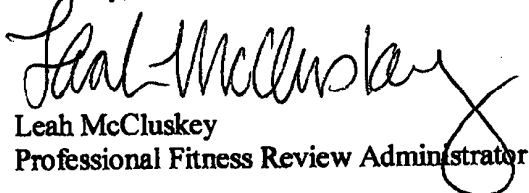
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If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

  
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F. Seng*

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F. George  
Jan 17, 2003

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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*your eminence - a lifetime of trials & sacrifice is nothing when  
the reward is God's eternal embrace*

**FAITH**  
is not  
believing that  
God can.  
It is knowing  
that He will.





DEAR CARDINAL GEORGE -

I'VE JUST LEARNED OF THE ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST FATHER VADER AND AM OBVIOUSLY SHOCKED. NOT ONLY SHOCKED - BUT APPALLED. APPALLED THAT SOMEONE COULD CONSIDER TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SUCH A KIND MAN. OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH ALL THE ALLEGATIONS ON CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND THE BAD REPUTATION THEY HAVE RECEIVED, I HAVE HONESTLY SAT IN CHURCH WITH FATHER VADER PRESIDING AND WONDERED TO MYSELF, "I WISH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE JOKES ABOUT CATHOLIC PRIESTS ... AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE FORMED AN OPINION ON CATHOLIC PRIESTS BASED ON SINGLE CASES, OR EVEN JUST ALLEGATIONS - COULD BE IN THIS CHURCH RIGHT NOW & SEE THIS WONDERFUL MAN THAT THEY ARE INCLUDING IN THIS CLASSIFICATION." HE IS THE EPITOME OF A KIND MAN - SOMEONE YOU COULD EASILY SEE AS A GRANDFATHER FIGURE JUST AS MUCH AS A PRIEST.

I'VE ALWAYS SHAKEN MY HEAD IN DISGUST WHEN I SEE THESE STORIES ON THE NEWS (NOT THAT SOME OF THEM AREN'T UNDOUBTEDLY TRUE). BUT WHEN I HEARD OF THIS NEWS, I WAS NOTHING BUT ENRAGED. I AM ENRAGED & CONFUSED THAT SOMEONE CAN DO THIS TO SUCH A KIND, INNOCENT 70 YEAR OLD MAN. THAT HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO SERVING OTHERS. I REALIZE THAT THE CHURCH DID WHAT IT

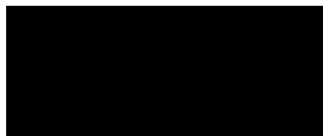
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RETREAT HOUSE, BUT IN THE SAME RESPECT,  
I CAN'T FIND A WAY TO SEE HOW THESE  
ALLEGATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY  
IN 50 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD, ONE INSTANCE (2 SISTERS)  
OF SUCH BEHAVIOR (NOT BROUGHT TO THE TABLE UNTIL 40  
YEARS LATER?!) JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.  
ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE TIME HE HAS SPENT WITH  
THE FILIPINOS - THEY LOVE HIM TO DEATH!!

BUT THIS LETTER IS NOT MEANT TO BRO-MOUTH  
OR POINT THE FINGER AT ANYONE; IT IS TO SHOW  
SUPPORT FOR FATHER VADER.

I AM 22 YEARS OLD AND AM CURRENTLY  
IN COLLEGE. AS A YOUNG ADULT, I'VE FOUND IT  
HARD NOT TO QUESTION MY FAITH & EVEN  
DOUBT IT AT TIMES. I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT  
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MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IN MY KEEPING OF FAITH.

IT IS BECAUSE OF THREE PEOPLE THAT I COULD  
NEVER TURN MY BACK ON MY RELIGION -  
MY MOTHER, FATHER BILL BURKE, AND FATHER  
ANTHONY VADER. AND THAT SAYS A LOT TO  
ME ABOUT THIS MAN. THANK YOU FOR READING.

SINCERELY,



Dear Cardinal George

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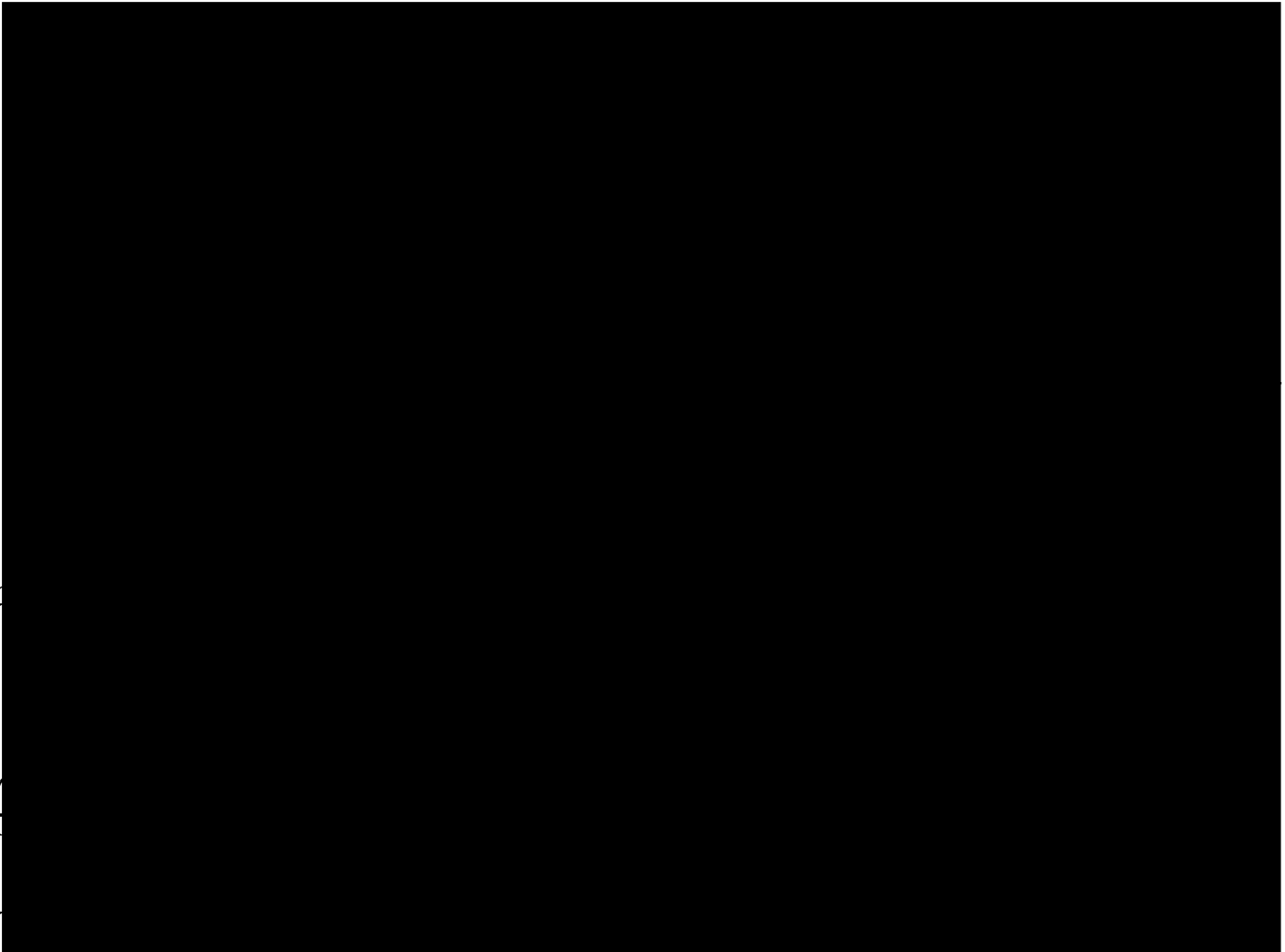
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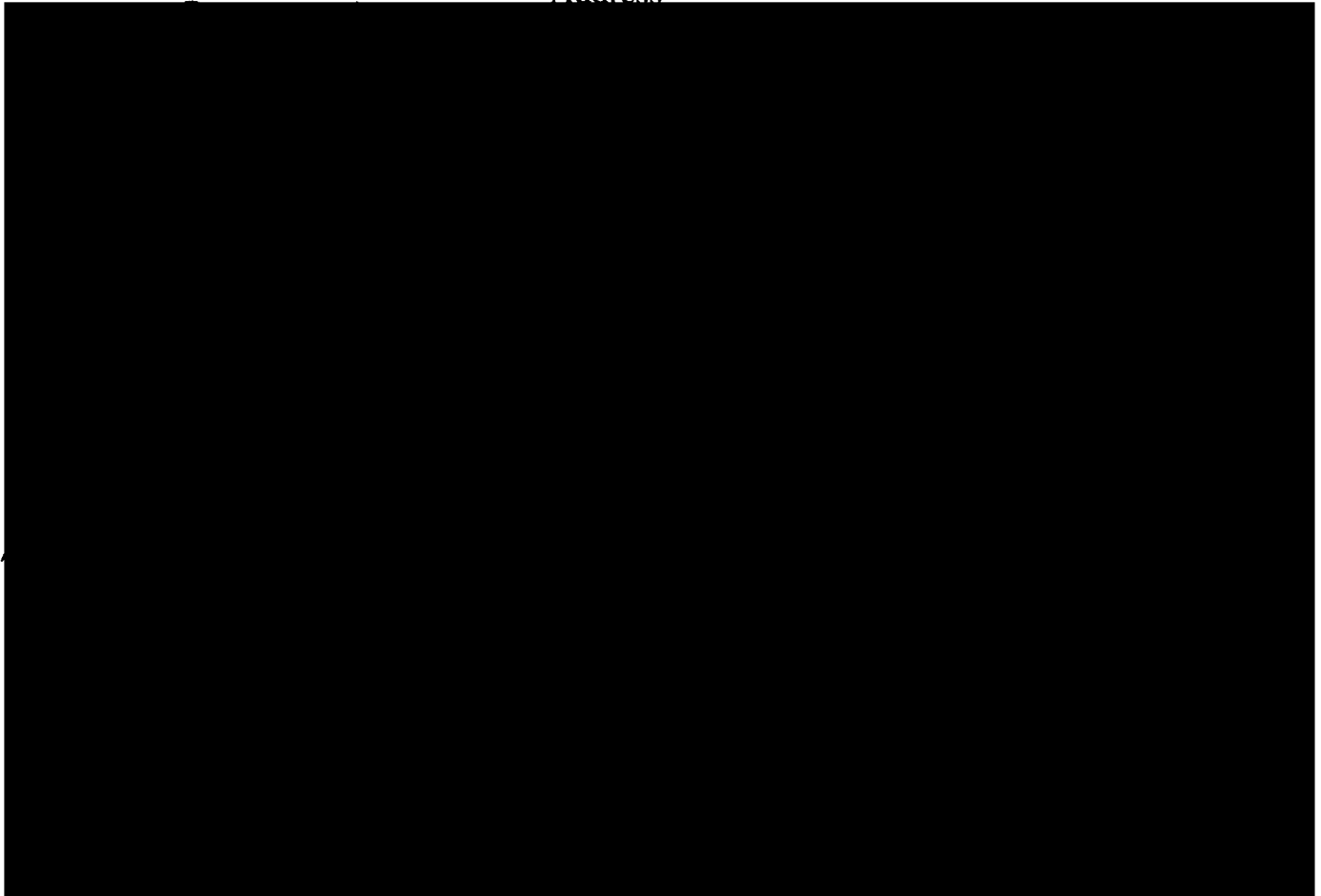
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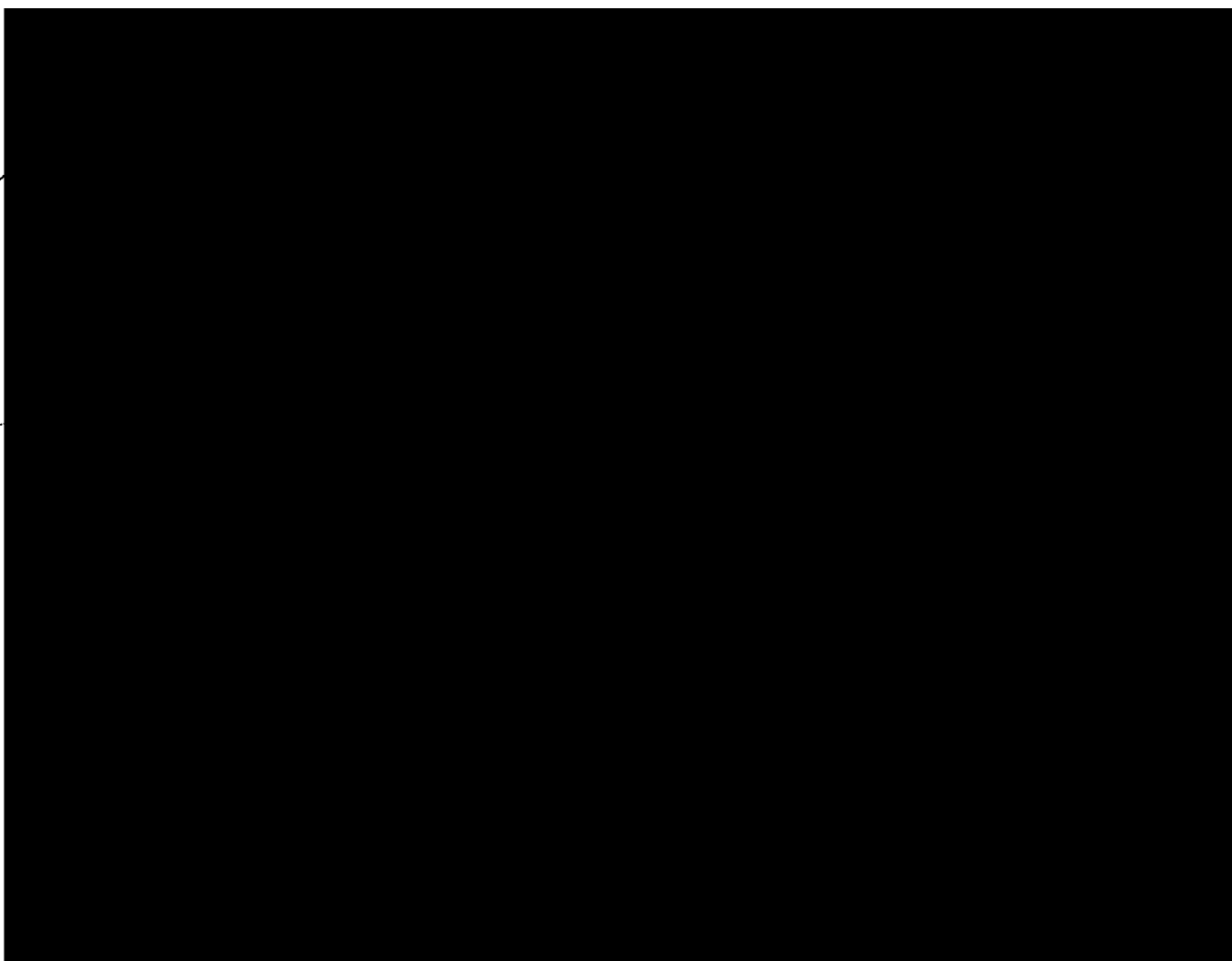
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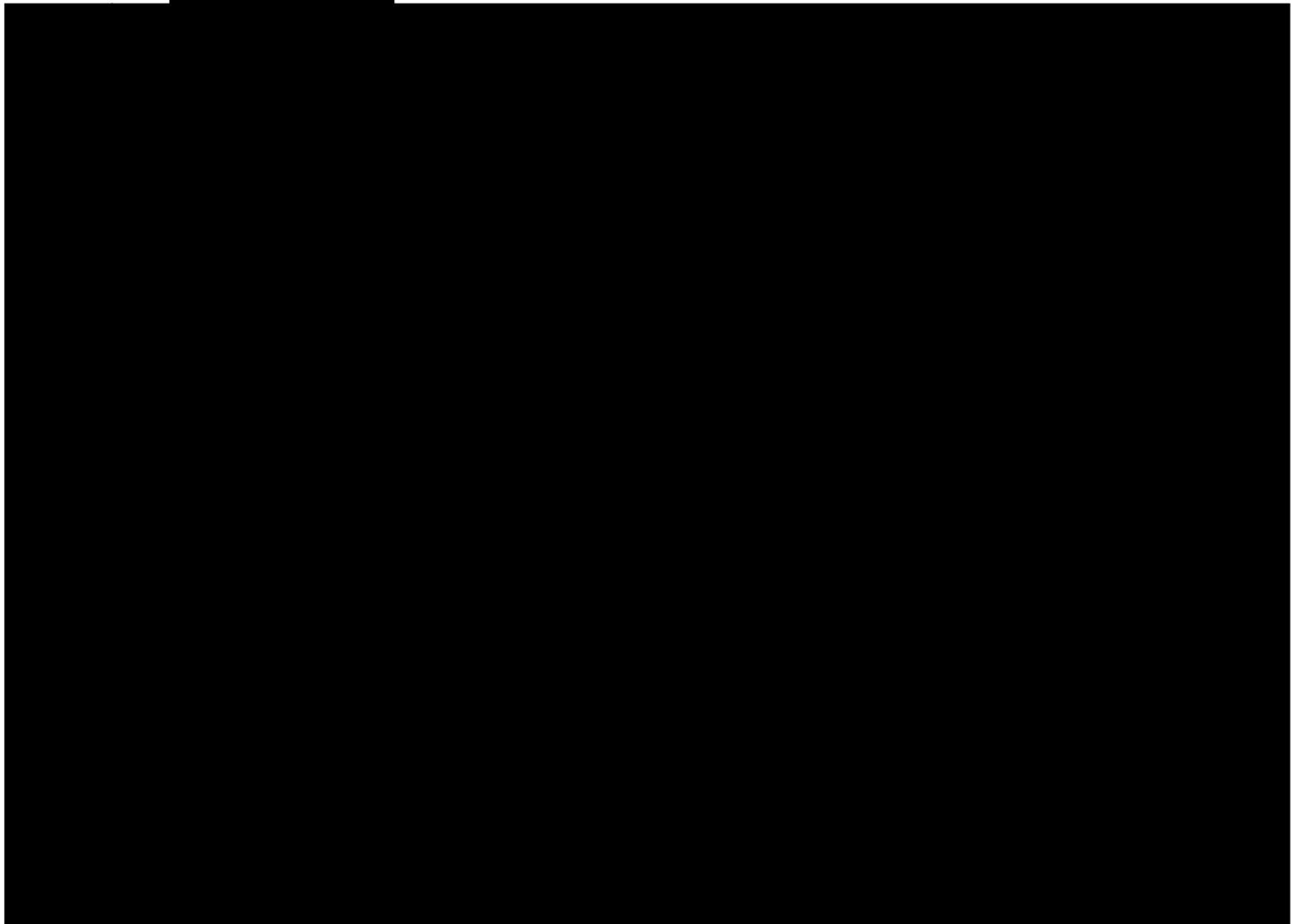
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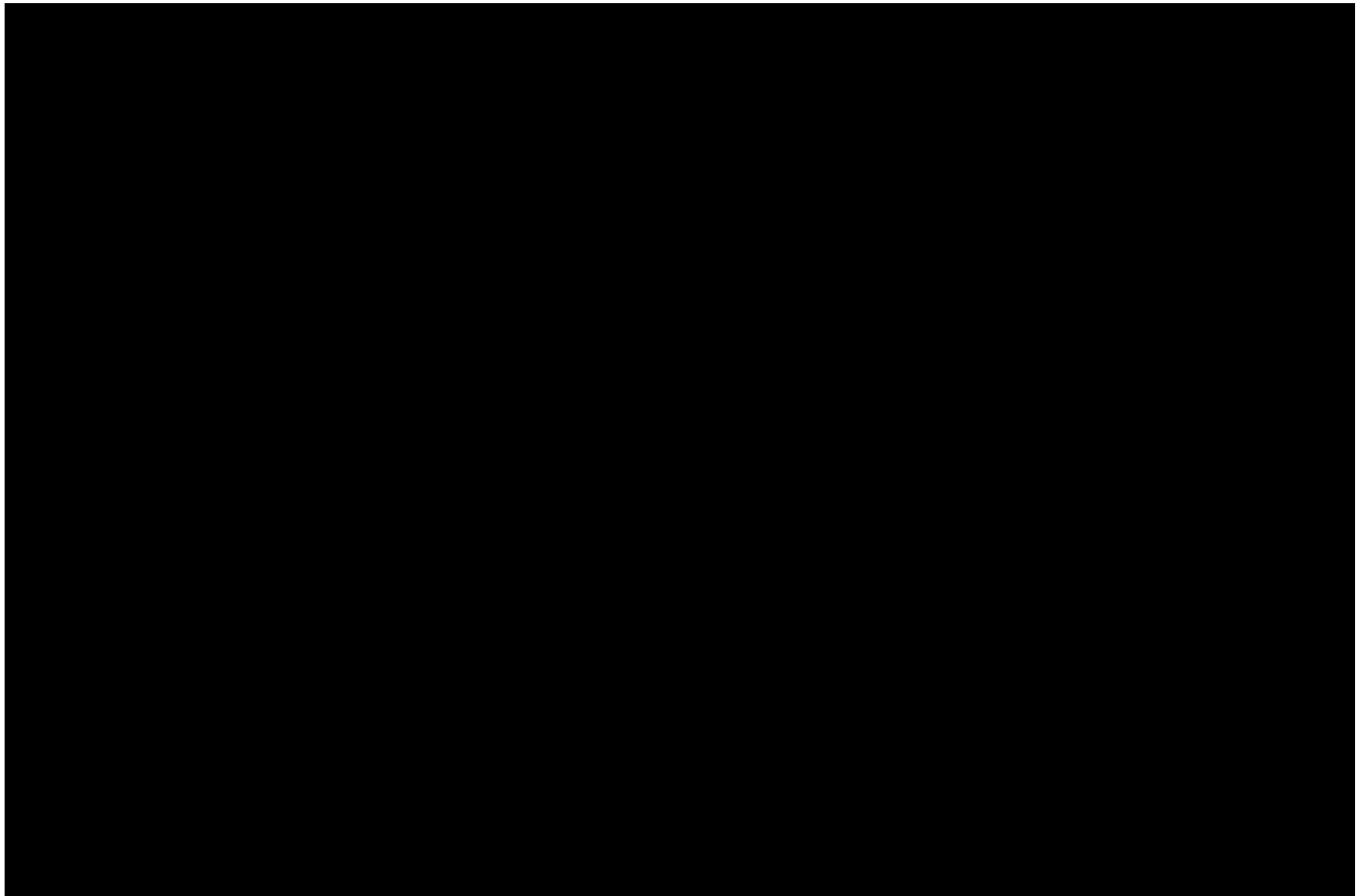
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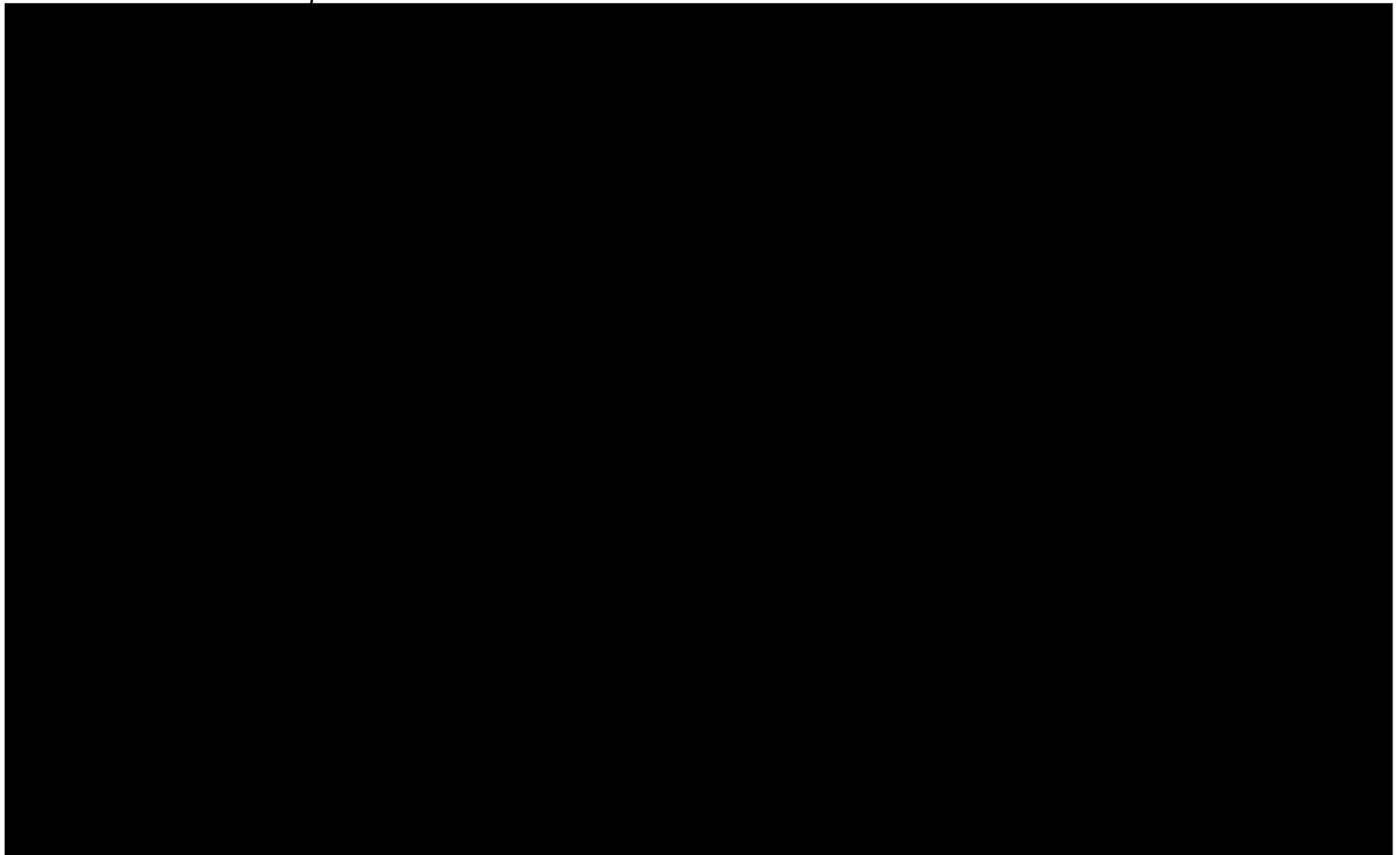
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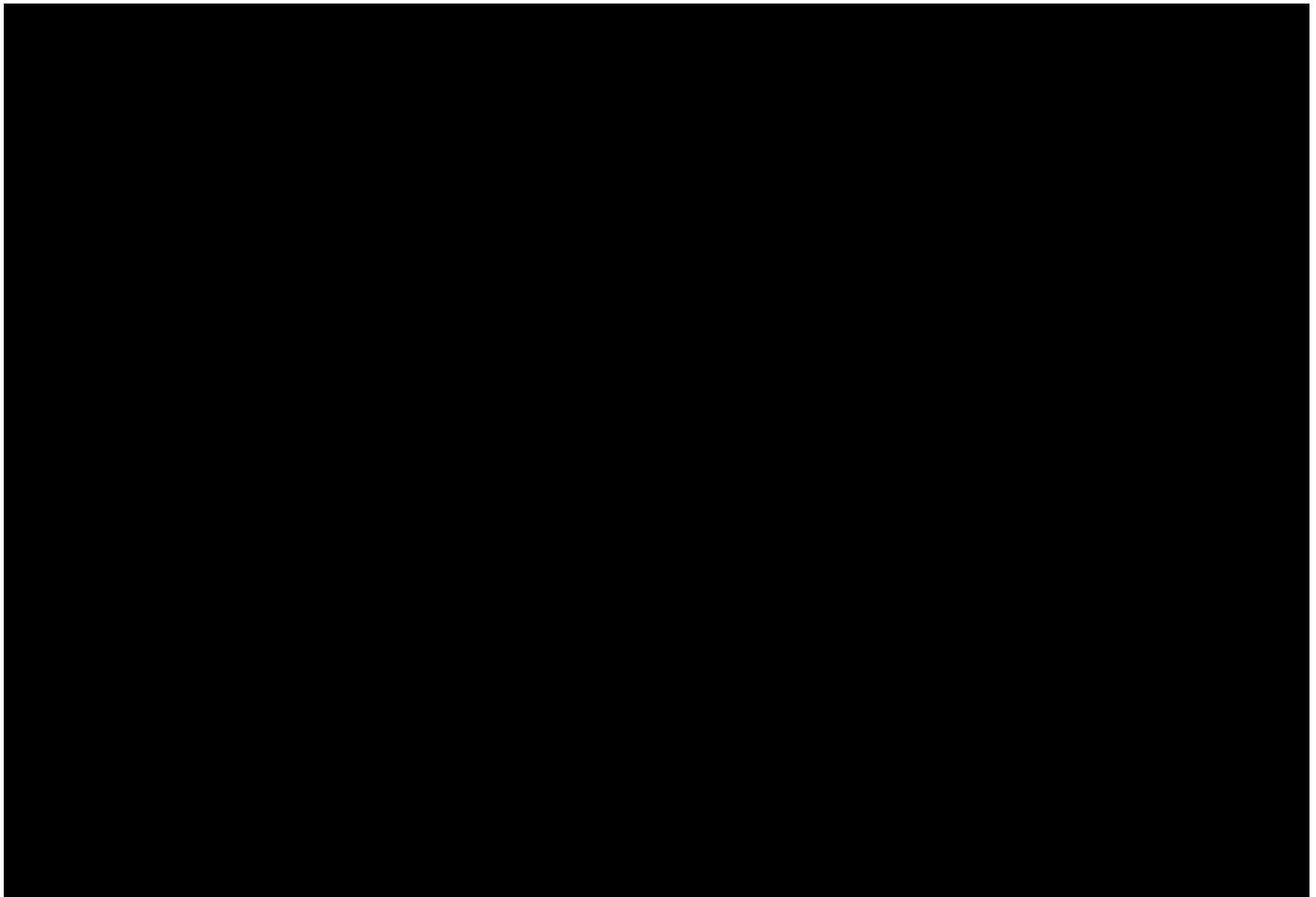
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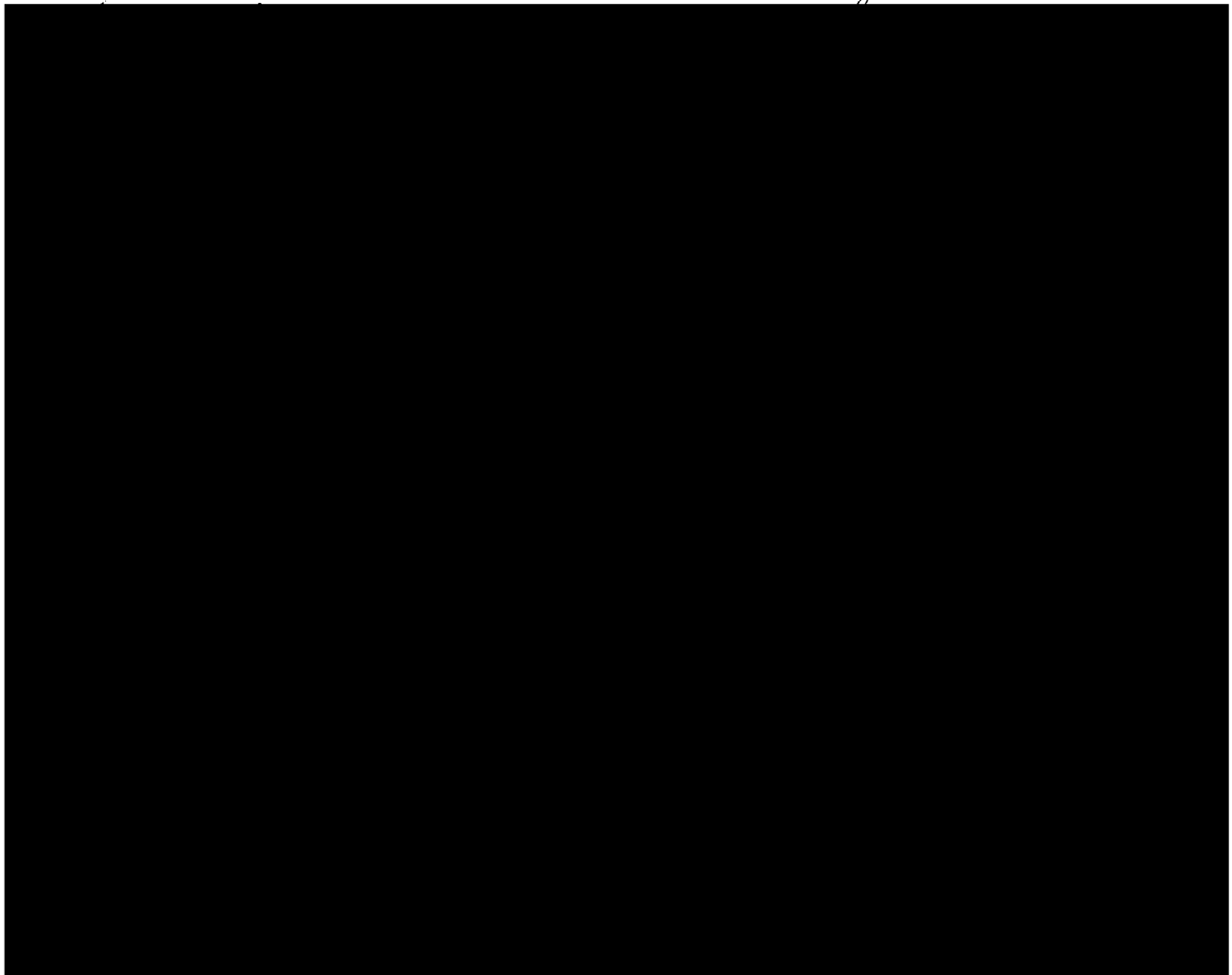
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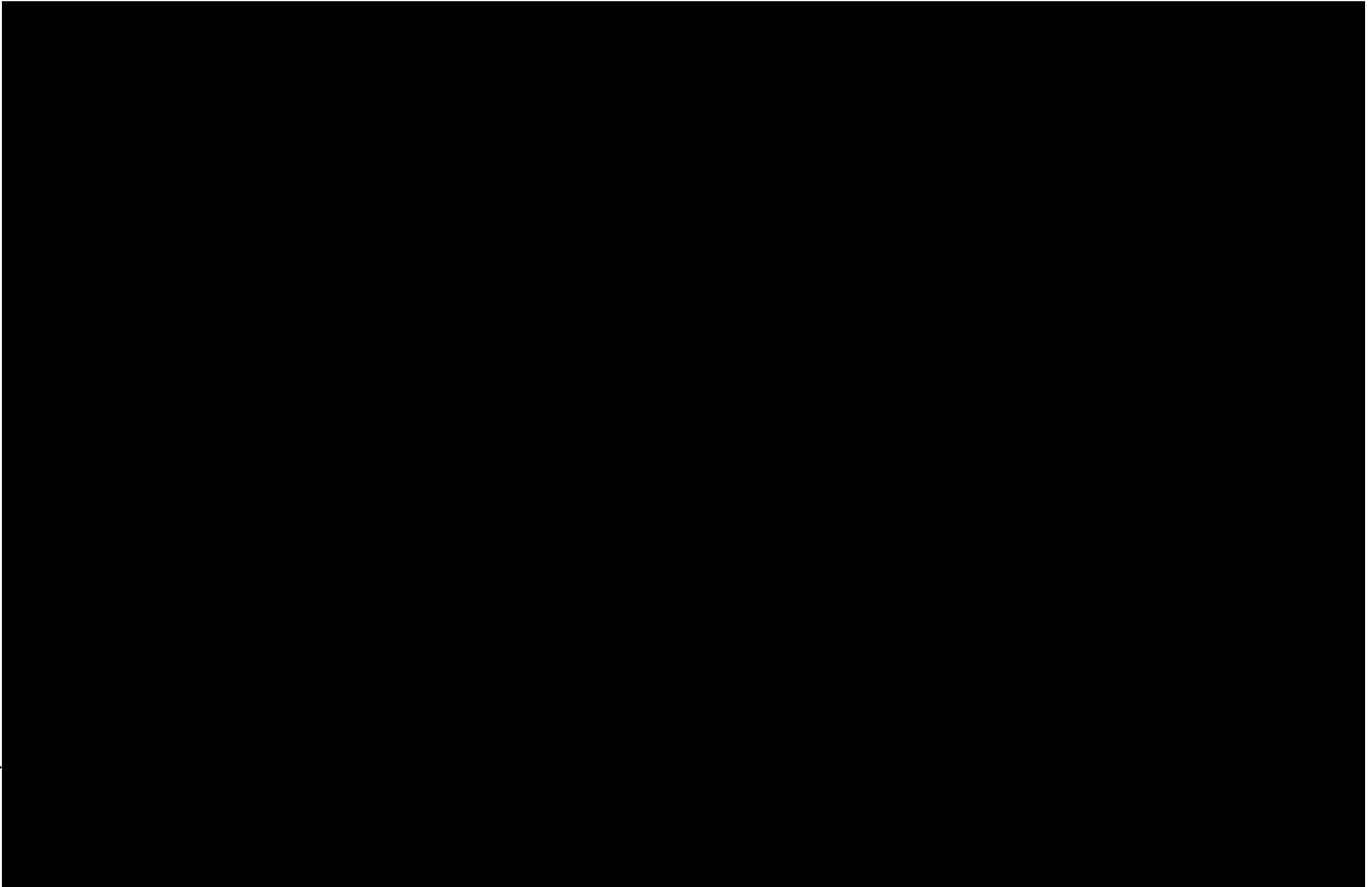
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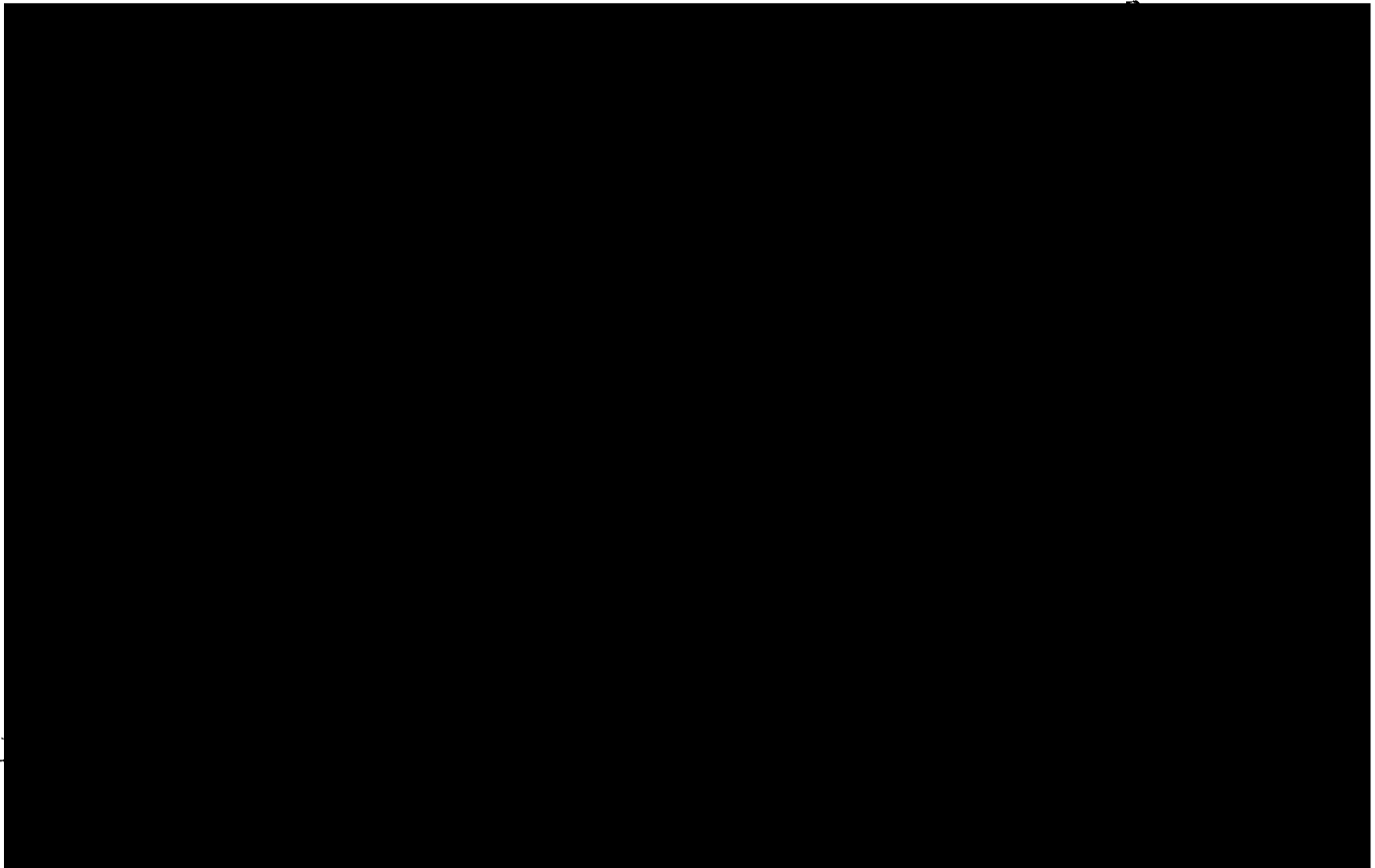
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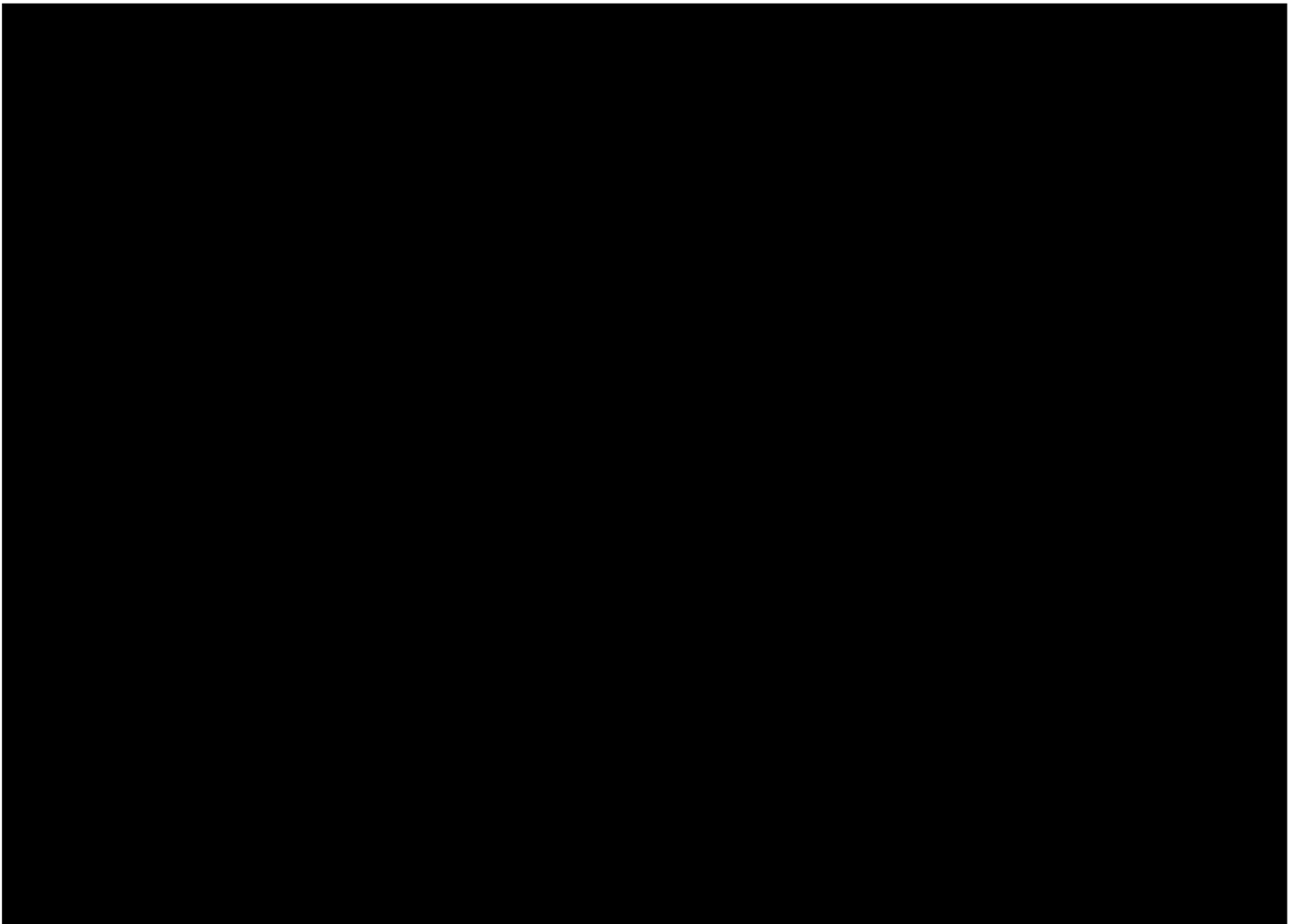
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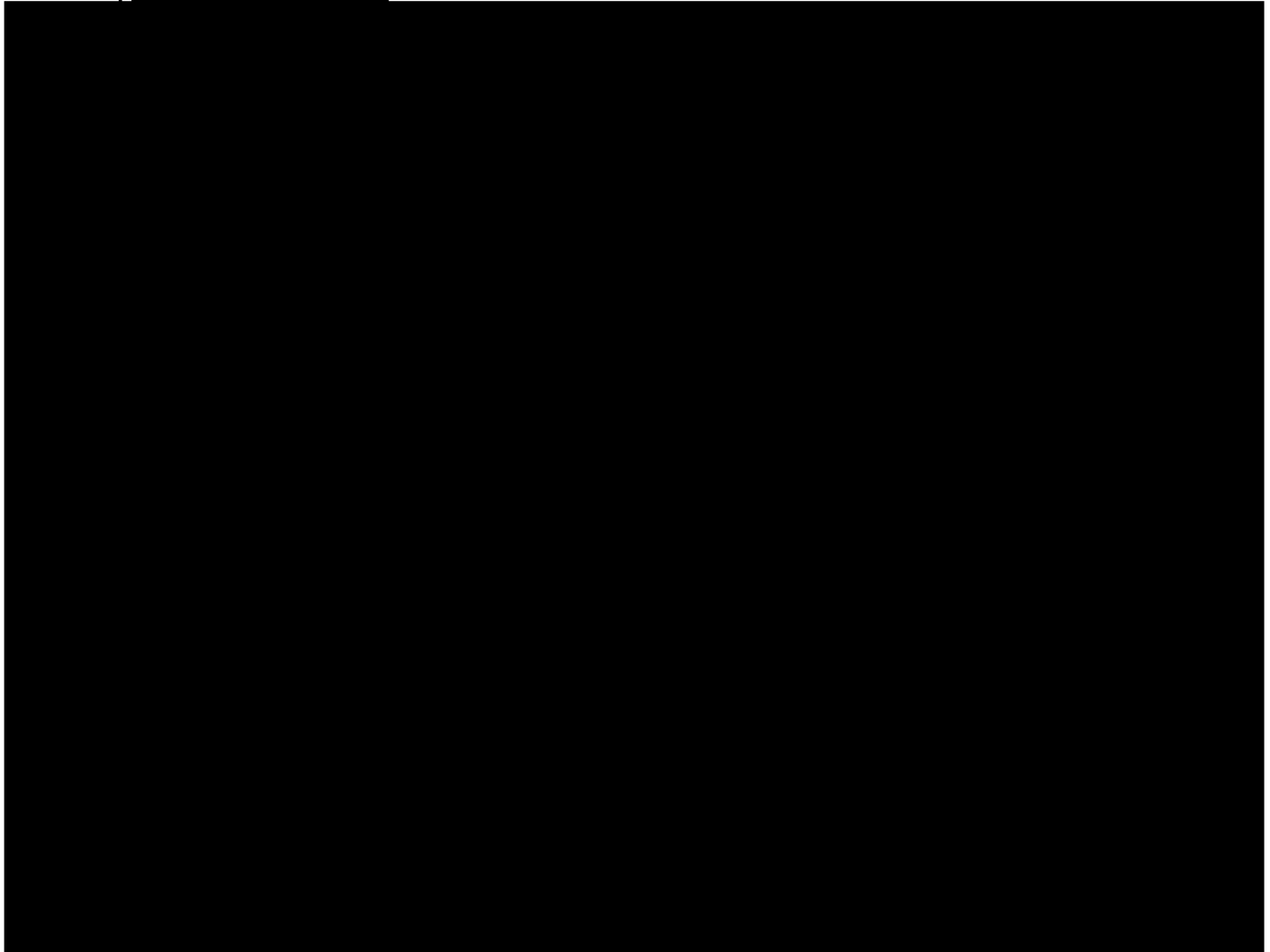
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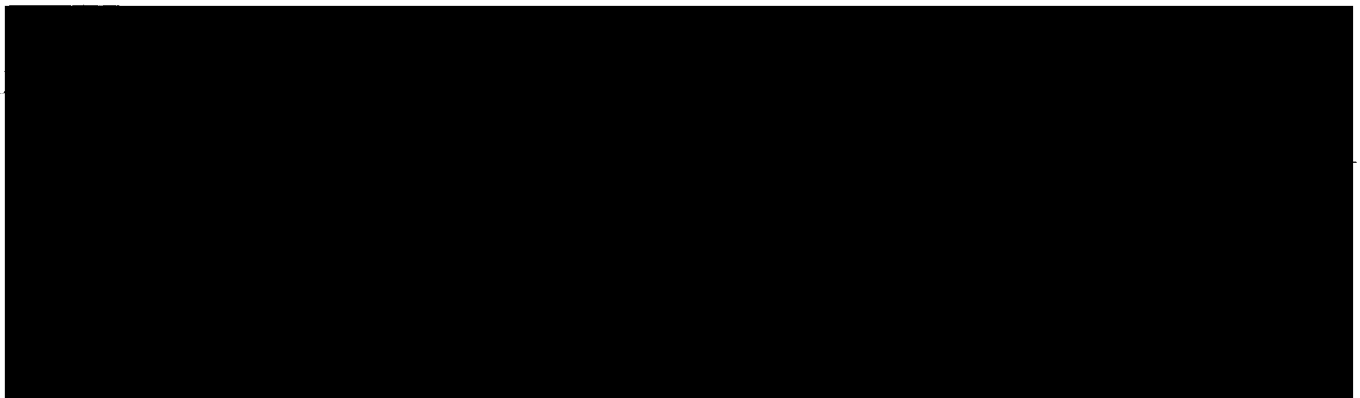
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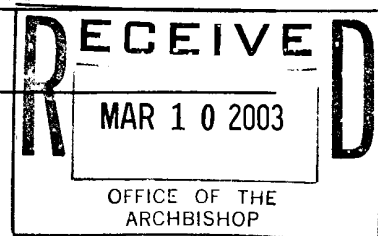
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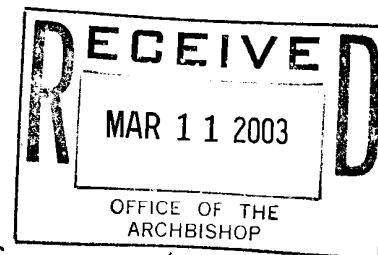
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cc. Fr. James Kaczorowski

Dear form letter

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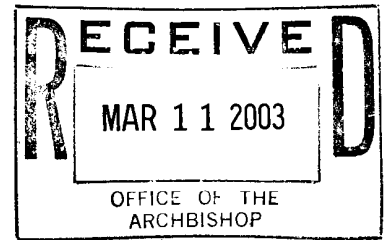
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Dear Cardinal,

I am very disheartened to hear of the on going investigation of Fr. Vader. I grew up in Chicago, St. John Fisher Parish and became a very active member of Sacred Heart. If not for Sacred Heart and Fr. Vader I would have left the Church like most people in my age group. I learned alot about faith, loyalty and compassion. Fr. Vader was a great friend of my family and assisted in the funerals of my parents. His presence brought alot of comfort to us. Every visit home I look forward to seeing Fr. Vader at Sacred Heart with hopes of visiting Fr. Vader. Sincerely - [Redacted Signature]

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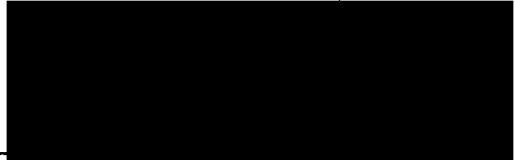
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Father Vader christened my daughter who is a miracle of IN VITRO FERTILIZATION by God's will as I am 44 years old and my daughter is just 1 year old.

I would not believe the accusation of this man. Nor does my family who met him.

I look forward to his return!



**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
11862 CHURCH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

*My Dear Filipino American Family,*

*I'm very, very impressed, grateful and appreciative of all your support. You have no idea how comforting this has been to me. Please keep me in your prayers.*

*I want you to know that I am innocent, that I have never in my lifetime touched these two sisters who have brought the accusations which supposedly occurred while I was at Holy Cross Church.*

*I have had one hearing, but the important hearings are still to come. When they will be, I don't know. I have two attorneys for the civil action and will have a canon lawyer.*

*Please pray for me and I'll pray for you.*

*Anthony J. Sader*

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have. As a Christian person I support Father Vader.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
11652 CHURCH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

February 2003

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Francis Cardinal George OMI  
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Dear Cardinal George,

The people of Sacred Heart, as well as the community, have asked what they can do to support Father Vader.

Petitions signed by these people are enclosed, to let you know how much they care.

Additional petition forms received will be sent on to you.

Thank you,  
From All the People of  
Sacred Heart

c/ Father James Kaczorowski

[REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just heard about the allegations against Fr. Vaden. It is very disturbing at best. I understand that the situation needs to be investigated but I truly believe Fr. Vaden is innocent. We have a wonderful zuka about him. He radiates goodness & holiness.

A few years ago (or more) I started going to mass again. After trying several parishes for mass, I always went to Sacred Heart because of Fr. Vaden. Mass with him is a truly uplifting & spiritual experience, unlike most of the others I've attended. His masses are the only ones my sons will willingly attend. I hope you can clear this matter up & prove his innocence.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

REV. CARDINAL

February 2003

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Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
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Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.:

I am writing this letter to you to inform you of my whole-hearted support of Father Anthony Vader. When I heard of the allegations made against Father Vader, I was dismayed and appalled that such falsity could gain any credence in a civil society. And I am gravely disappointed in a system that would entertain such obviously false allegations.

I speak to you on many levels. First, I speak to you as a life-long Catholic. I have been steadfastly supportive of the Church on many levels. Defending it, during scandals, supporting it, monetarily and with my faith in the Lord. It never has been easy being a Catholic in today's society, but I have felt that my faith has always been strong. It has always been a source of strength when I needed comfort. I am proud of my faith, I am proud of my religion. And my strength, belief and faith were greatly nurtured by Father Anthony Vader. Father Vader has been a pillar of my Catholic upbringing as well as my secular upbringing. Father Vader has said most of the masses that I attended in my young life. He baptized my younger brother as well as all of my cousins and recently he married my older brother. Father Vader has always been there through every heartbreak, every triumph, and every mundane life event that a person can go through. He has always shared, lead and guided my family, my friends and myself throughout our lives.

I have known Father Vader since I was a little girl. I never doubted his spiritual guidance and love for my family and me. Numerous times, throughout my life, I have been alone with Father Vader. And NEVER would Father Vader ever do anything inappropriate, he is always loving and giving and the most pleasant of company, but NEVER inappropriate in any way. And this is one of the reasons why I feel so strongly about the falsity of these allegations. I grew up with Father Vader, along with most of my friends and family, he is and always will be trusted with our lives, and now as we grow older with our children's lives.

Second, I speak to you as a social worker. I have spent most of my post college career, in social services. I spent two years after college working at a group home for abused and neglected children. I went on to get my social work degree at University of California, Berkeley. I spent most of my time in California, specializing in sexual abuse and sexual offenders at Giarretto Institute in San Jose, California. I did intense clinical intake, assessment, and therapy with sexual abuse victims, non-offending parents and sexual offenders. I know every single, in and out of sexual offense and the cycle of a sexual offender. I have done intense group therapy sessions with sexual offenders and understand comprehensively, the characteristics of a sexual

offender. This is how I know, without reservation, that the allegations against Father Vader are absolutely and completely false. He holds none of the characteristics exhibited by sexual offenders. He does not have anything close to the repeated cycle of an untreated sexual offender. On the contrary, Father Vader has always upheld the values, principles and ideals of the Catholic Church. He has been completely ethical and moral in every possible way.

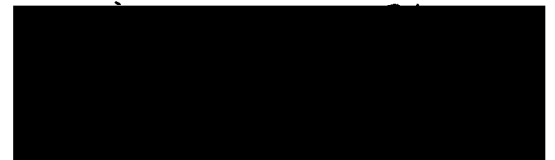
Third, I speak to you as an attorney. I have spent much of my law school career, being a champion for sexual abuse victims. I worked many hours at the Illinois Attorney General's Office in the Sexually Violent Persons Unit of the Criminal Enforcement Division. Prosecuting life-long sexual offenders was second nature to me in the two years that I worked at the Attorney General's Office. Knowing a case, the intricate, lengthy details of a sexual offenders life became a part of my everyday working life. It is what I know, it is what I breathe, and it is what I understand. As a result, I look at cases, bad side always in the forefront, never giving the benefit of the doubt to them and they are lifelong offenders with many victims in their wake.

And as a result, with my prosecution background I can tell you with absolute certainty that Father Vader is so far from those people. He is quite the opposite in fact and in life. Father Vader cares and loves deeply-- it is his greatest quality. He has upheld the ideals and the morals of the Catholic Church for as long as I have known him. He has done this better than any other person in the priesthood that I have ever met.

I hope this letter reflects my deepest sorrow that these false allegations have been initiated against Father Vader. I am deeply concerned and hope my words are taken genuinely and seriously. I believe the greatest sadness in this situation is that Father Vader has been taken out of the active ministry. It is a great loss to the Catholic Church and the countless parishioners and other Catholics that he has guided through hard and trying times that our world is now facing. It is my greatest hope that this loss is not permanent and I urge you to do whatever is possible to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I say this because I know with my deepest convictions, both personally and professionally that these allegations are baseless, untrue and complete fiction.

Please contact me for any further questions or information or if there is anything I can do further to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I will continue to pray for Father Vader as I hope you will too.

Respectfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

CC: Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Most Rev. Raymond Goedert

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Dear Cardinal George,

I am unable to describe my reaction to the 40 yr. old allegations regarding Father Vader. I have known Father Vader and been an active member of Sacred Heart Church for over 20 years and find these allegations unbelievable.

Father Vader has been available for anyone who may need his help either at Sacred Heart or Holy Name of Mary. I was especially astounded at his concern for the aged Nuns at Holy Name of Mary when the Archdiocese closed Holy Name of Mary School. The little sisters did not care to live in an institution and Father Vader saw to it that they didn't.

We are hoping and praying that Father will be back with us within 30 days.

Thank you.



4-11-2000

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegation made against our retired pastor Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the retreat house in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

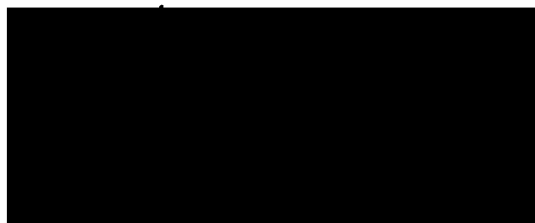
I am 30 years old and have been raised and educated through the Catholic church. I attended St. John Fisher grammar school, Mother McAuley High School, and Saint Xavier University. I have attended mass every week and sometimes during the week my whole life. I have run across many priests with a lot of different styles, some very inspirational but very few like Father Vader.

Father Vader has been very special to me personally, he has always been kind and shows a real commitment to his church and parishioners. I was asked to be a god mother to my nephew and the baptism was going to take place at Sacred Heart. Father Vader had a meeting with the parents and god parents explaining what it meant to be a god parent and the responsibility that it holds. Since that time I have been asked two more times to be a god mother and neither time was there a meeting or a conversation between myself and the priest, not even an introduction. Father Vader had taken the time to make the baptism special for me as the god mother but also the parents, I take that honor and responsibility to this child very serious as a result of Father Vader taking the time to simply talk to us. Every week I sit in mass and listen to Father Vader talk about the gospel and how it pertains to our daily life, he talks about how to be a good parent, child and friend. He encourages us to keep going when times are difficult. I leave mass every week feeling refreshed, renewed and with the energy to try harder to be a better person after listening to Father Vader. I have never seen a person who could reach out to the old and young and get a greater response.

Father Vader is an exceptional person and is such an asset to the Catholic Church, he is a fine example for young priests and it should be noted. During this difficult time I will continue to attend mass at Sacred Heart in full support for Father Vader, because at this time he certainly deserves it. I do hope and pray everyday that Father Vader will be back at Sacred Heart as soon as possible because he is needed.

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Thank you for taking the time to listen about someone who  
has been very important to me.



Dear Fr. James T. Kaczorowski

I am greatly saddened on hearing about the recent accusations against Fr. Anthony J. Vader, it made me cry. I have known Fr. Vader for over three years now. He has been a great source of strength to me through his kindness and spiritual guidance. Everything I have known and seen of Fr. Vader all these years fully convince me that these accusations are nothing but lies, designed to destroy a good, honest and holy man. Fr. Vader will always be in my thoughts and prayer. Please help him clear his name

With love in Christ,

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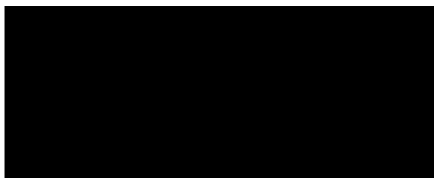
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We've known Father Vader for many, many years and cannot understand any of this. The allegations and the punishing requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein are incredible, unbelievable and shocking.

Father Vader has been such an inspiration to ourselves and our children. He has been available whenever needed. He has given 100% of himself to both Holy Name of Mary and Sacred Heart Parishes. We really need him.

We are praying that you will send him back soon.

Thank you.



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SEP 2 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against our Retreat Pastor, Father Anthony Vader. Father has been at our church for more than 20 years, as Administrator, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. My reaction to this 40 year old allegation is complete shock and disbelief.

Father Vader is dearly loved by all. The number of men - young and old - attending Mass, in fact, the overflow crowds at Sacred Heart Church each Sunday is truly amazing. We will certainly miss his interesting sermons while he is in the Retreat House. Please send him back to us soon.

Thank you,



Some suggestions for your letter to Cardinal George. It can be as long or as short as you wish.

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We've known Father for many (20) years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

(add your own words - your experiences with Father Vader - help kindness, weddings, baptisms, etc.)

WE BAPTISED OUR GRANDDAUGHTER 11 YEARS AGO. WE KNEW HIM THEN & NOW TO BE A KIND & LOVING PRIEST. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THESE ALLEGATIONS

Dear Cardinal George; The allegations and resulting requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our Church for more than 20 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

(again, please add your personal words of support)

HANG IN THERE FATHER VADER. YOUR CONGREGATION IS 100% BEHIND YOU YOU HAVE OUR PRAYERS. GOD BLESS YOU.

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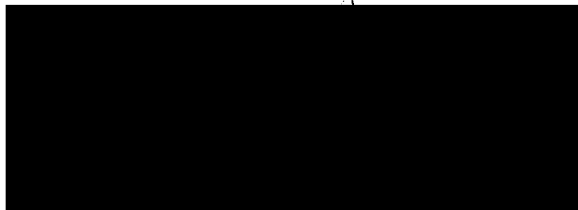
The only words to describe my (our) reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. I (we) simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

(again, please add your personal words)

LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN CAST THE FIRST STONE

Please be sure to sign and mail it to the Cardinal with a copy to Father Kaczorowski



2/7/03

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Fr. Pflaeger can bring in a Baptist minister and preach anti-Catholic doctrine on the altar I was baptized on in 1946. .... and he stays !!! I don't get it !!!

Sincerely,



FEB 7 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing to you on behalf of Father Vader. I have been going to mass at Sacred Heart Church for many years. I have always found Father Vader to be a wonderful, kind, loving man. I refuse to believe the allegations made against him! I urge you to do likewise.

He couldn't possibly hurt anyone -- in any way !!

The disrespect you & the Archdiocese are showing Father Vader are disgraceful!

Please return our priest to us !!



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Dear Francis Cardinal George,

We attend Sacred Heart Church where Fr Vader has celebrated the Mass since we've attended. We've always enjoyed his masses because he seems very well-versed with the bible and combines the 3 readings each Sunday. I did not know him 40 yrs ago but do know there is but one truth. Hopefully with our prayers this truth will set him free to come back to Sacred Heart where he was and is regarded a good priest that preaches what it's all about - JESUS/LOVE.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rev. James Kaczmarek  
Vicar for Priests

5/15/13

Dear Cardinal George,

When Father (a visiting priest) told us at Sunday Mass that Father Vader is being accused of sexual misconduct dating back forty years, I felt extreme shock and grief. I have only known Father Vader for approximately one year. I was spiritually lost at my former parish. I felt no connection. I felt I could not fit in. Our pastor would not even acknowledge our presence unless we addressed him first and then he would act like it was the first time he had ever seen us. One Sunday, I went to mass at Sacred Heart, which because of Father Vader has become our family's parish. I felt engulfed in love in the presence of Father Vader. His aura of quiet gentleness, peace, respect, integrity, strength, and reverence made me feel hopeful in my despair. I wanted my children to be in his presence, especially at a time when our world is in such great pain. In his sermons, he spoke so simply of love, as if he possessed the heart of a child. He made me feel that I could truly change the world with simple acts of love. Because of Father Vader, for the first time in my life, I looked forward to Sunday mass. The church is standing room only every Sunday, at every mass, because we come for Father Vader. At the end of every mass, Father Vader blesses every child, and shakes every parishioners hand. I always looked forward to shaking Father's hand at the end of Mass. It made my week. I felt as though I was personally touched by a saint. I would gently squeeze his hand, and say, "Thank you, Father," hoping he could feel my gratitude for his presence at Sacred Heart Church.

I cannot comment on Father Vader's past, but I know in my heart that he is a good and holy man. He fills me with a desire to love my world and my fellow man. He heals my shame of being a human being. He inspires me to use my life in service to others, and convinces me that I can make a positive difference with every human encounter.

Father Vader is greatly missed and we hope and pray that he will return very soon. Sacred Heart is not the same without him. He is the "heart" of Sacred Heart.

Father Vader, and all priests will be constantly in our prayers. If there is anything we can do to help Father Vader at this most painful time, please do not hesitate to let us know. We remain faithful and supportive of Father Vader and the Catholic Church no matter what the circumstances.

Sincerely Yours,

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vaden. These reportedly date back 40 Plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vaden cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

Our family has known Father for 20 years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

Father Vaden helped reopen our church when times were hard for us, Father was the Priest who married my Wife & I in 1990 and baptized our children — though the years, he also blessed my wife's mother along with blessing us all every time we left the back of the church. My prayers & blessing are with him now.

This church was where I rediscovered  
my faith in God. I built trust  
& strength due to the teaching of  
Father Vach.

Please be able to let me (us) know  
how Father Vach acted wrong in plain  
terms (The Facts). If I know the truth  
then maybe I can understand. We know  
of no facts at all, just that Our Father  
Vach has been taken away.

When will we have peace again!

P.S. Return of Father Vach is Peace

greatest respect for the  
man.

He came to the  
church's aid when we  
needed him. I feel as  
though the people need  
to come to his aid.

I feel as though a  
retired Pastor with all  
the background & years  
of service that he has put  
in - should be given  
some extra consideration  
& concern for his future  
plans.

Please let FR/Vicker  
come back to us.

FEB 12 1990

Sincerely,





FEB 8 1996

Dear Cardinal George,

I am one of many Sacred Heart parishioners who are shocked at the allegations against poor Fr. Vader. I know the church must take any such charge into account, however, does this open the door to any individual who wants money to take aim at people who have dedicated their entire adult life to help others.

I am 53 yrs old from a family of [redacted] & my wife [redacted]. My uncle is a Carmelite priest serving in [redacted] & my aunt [redacted] runs [redacted] home for abused women. My wife's sister is [redacted]. [redacted] Do these people have to now have to defend themselves like Fr. Vader because they help others & serve God. I hope the church takes a stand against these greedy people & their lawyers.

I go out of my way to go to Sacred  
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I am not the only one to do so. I wish  
I could do more now



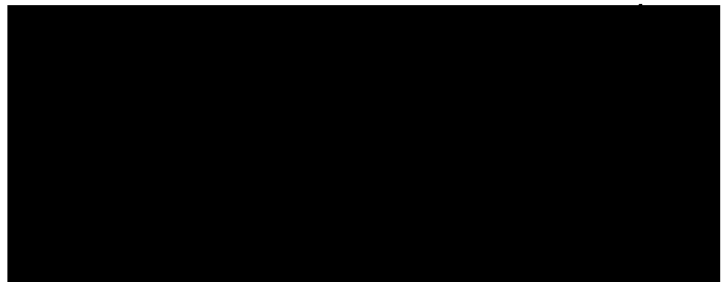
Dear Cardinal George

We have just learned of the allegation made against our retired Pastor, Father Valler. This is very shocking news

We have known Father for 10 years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as kind and wonderful.

He is the reason my teenage boys go to church & our family really misses him.

We will pray for his quick return. We know these are false accusations.



Dear Cardinal George,

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Bishop Perry was kind enough  
to come in person to ~~see~~ Our Mission Church  
& inform us of ~~our~~ <sup>Fr</sup> Vader's situation.

Bishop Perry was direct & compassionate. It  
was very much appreciated.


I do not know Fr Vader but have exper-  
ienced his great love for people through two  
masses for sometime. I believe him to be  
a saint. We struggled for years at St Barnabas  
ever since Fr (now Bishop) Goodland left. I pray  
for Fr Vader and that he is treated with the respect  
& dignity he has earned over the last 50 years.  
Thank You

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He was very good to my mother. He came to give her communion on Sunday.



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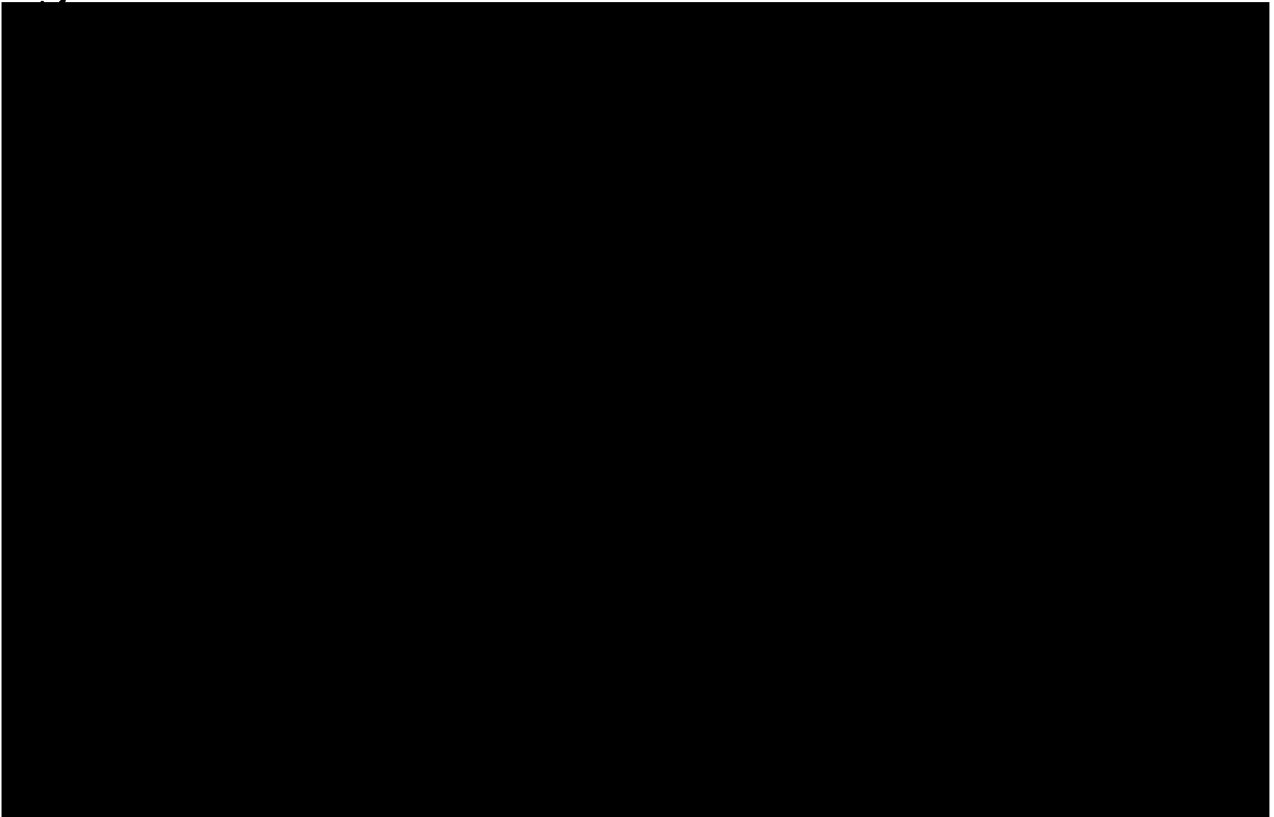
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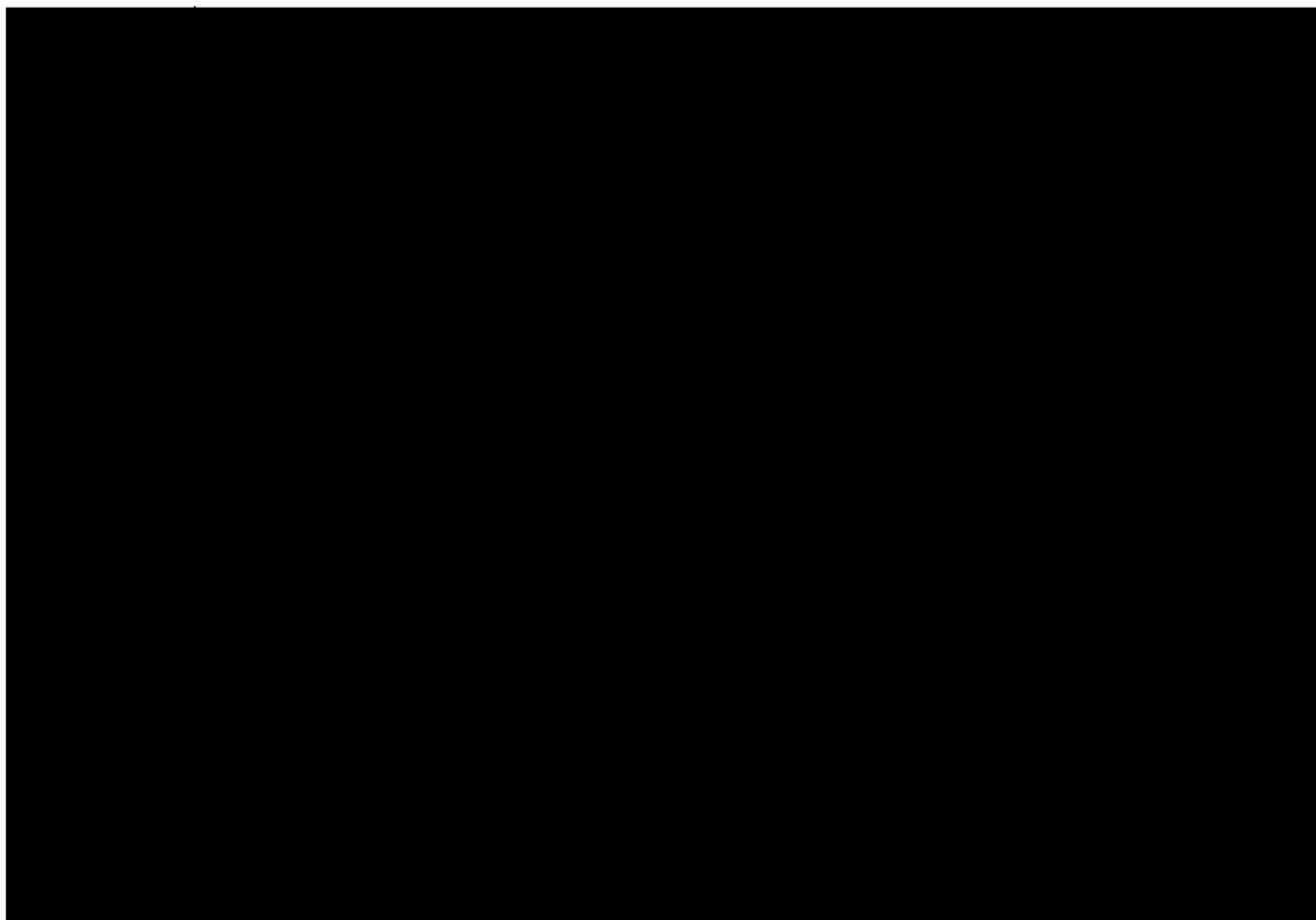
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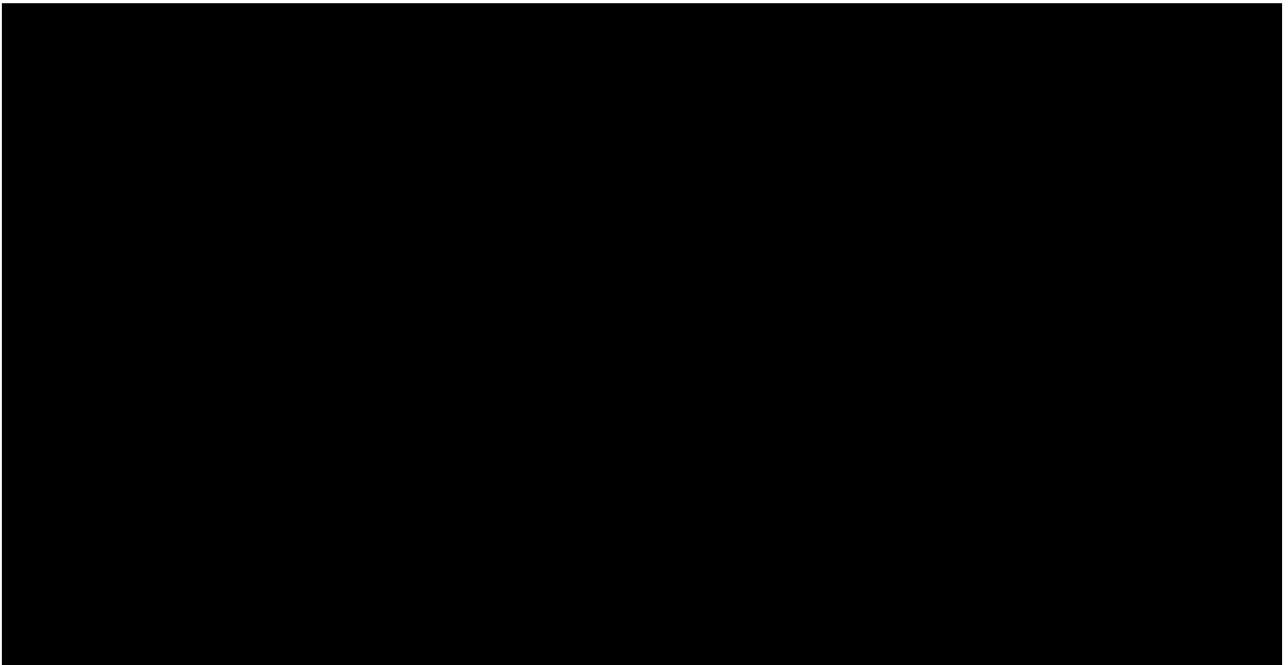
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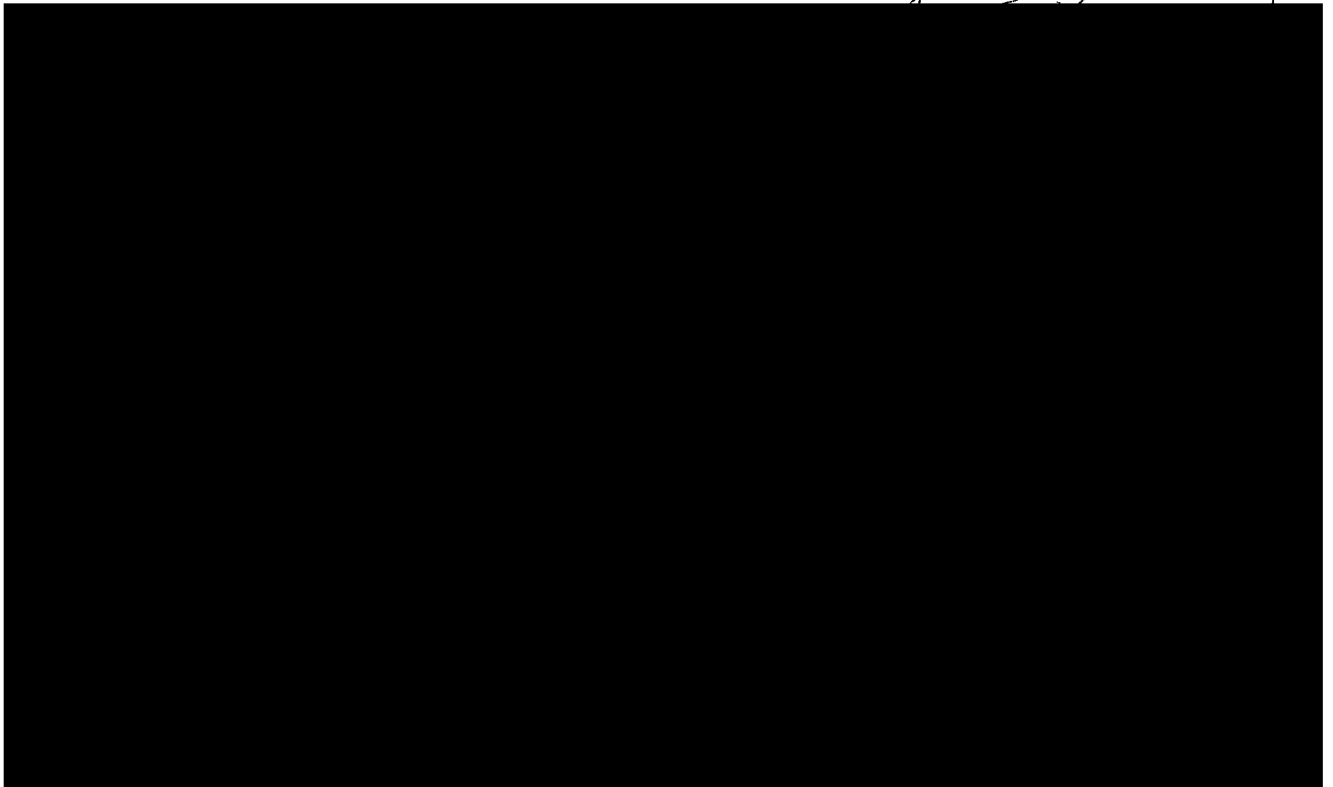
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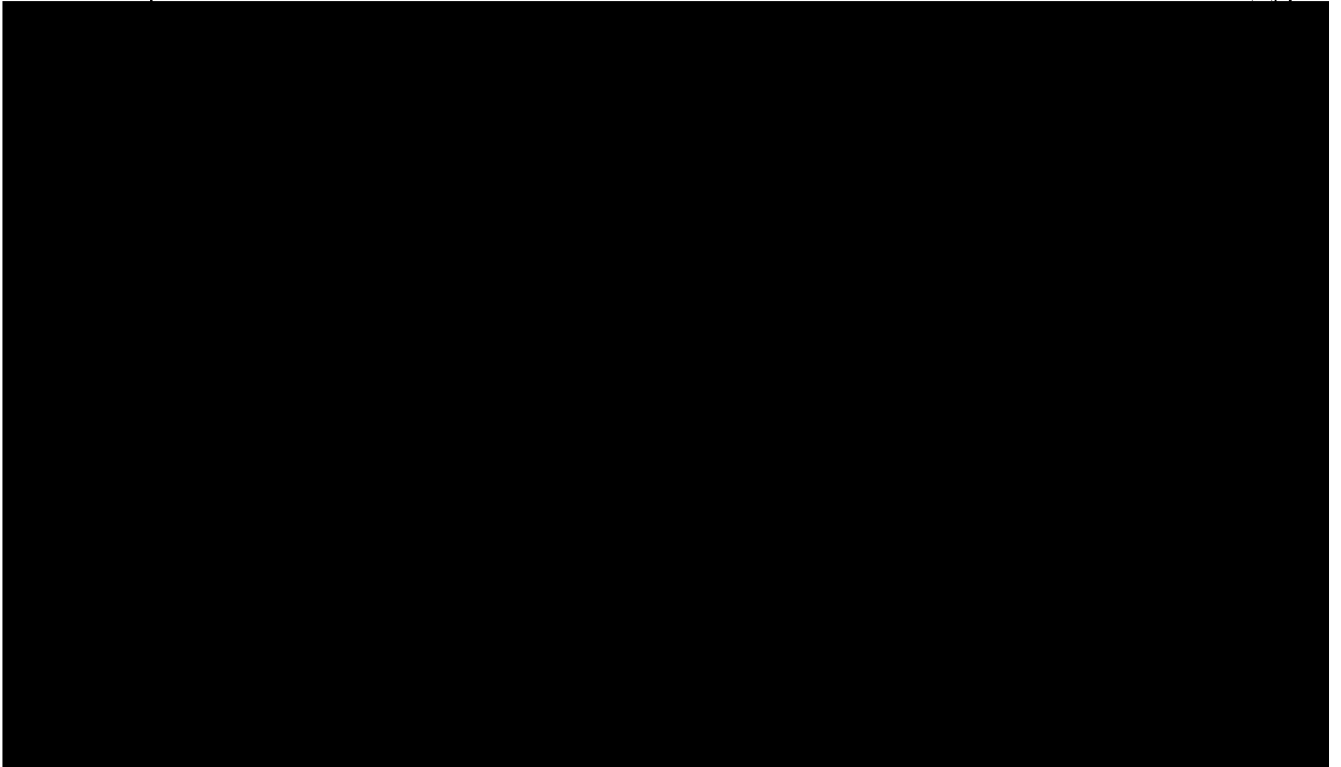
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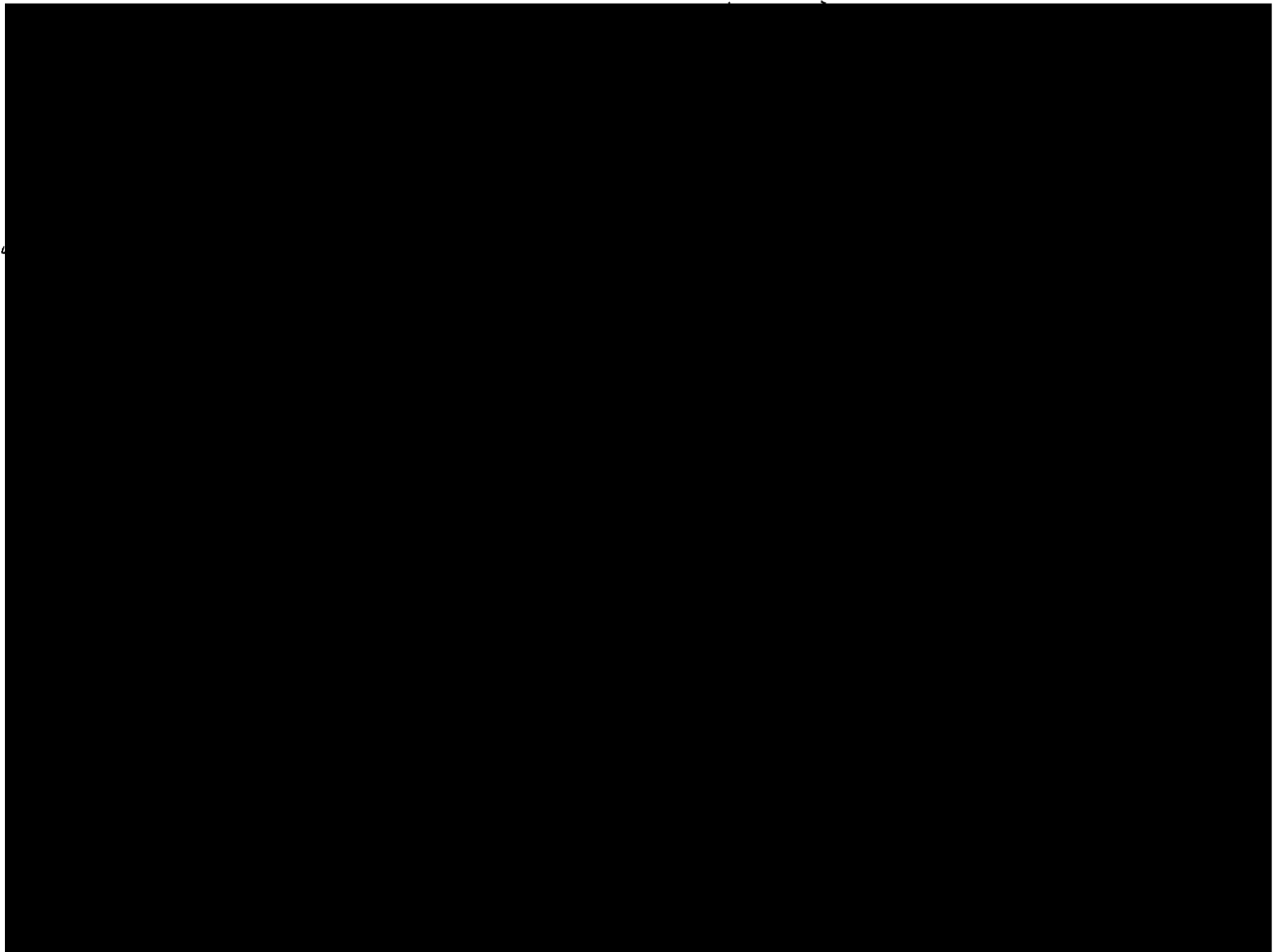
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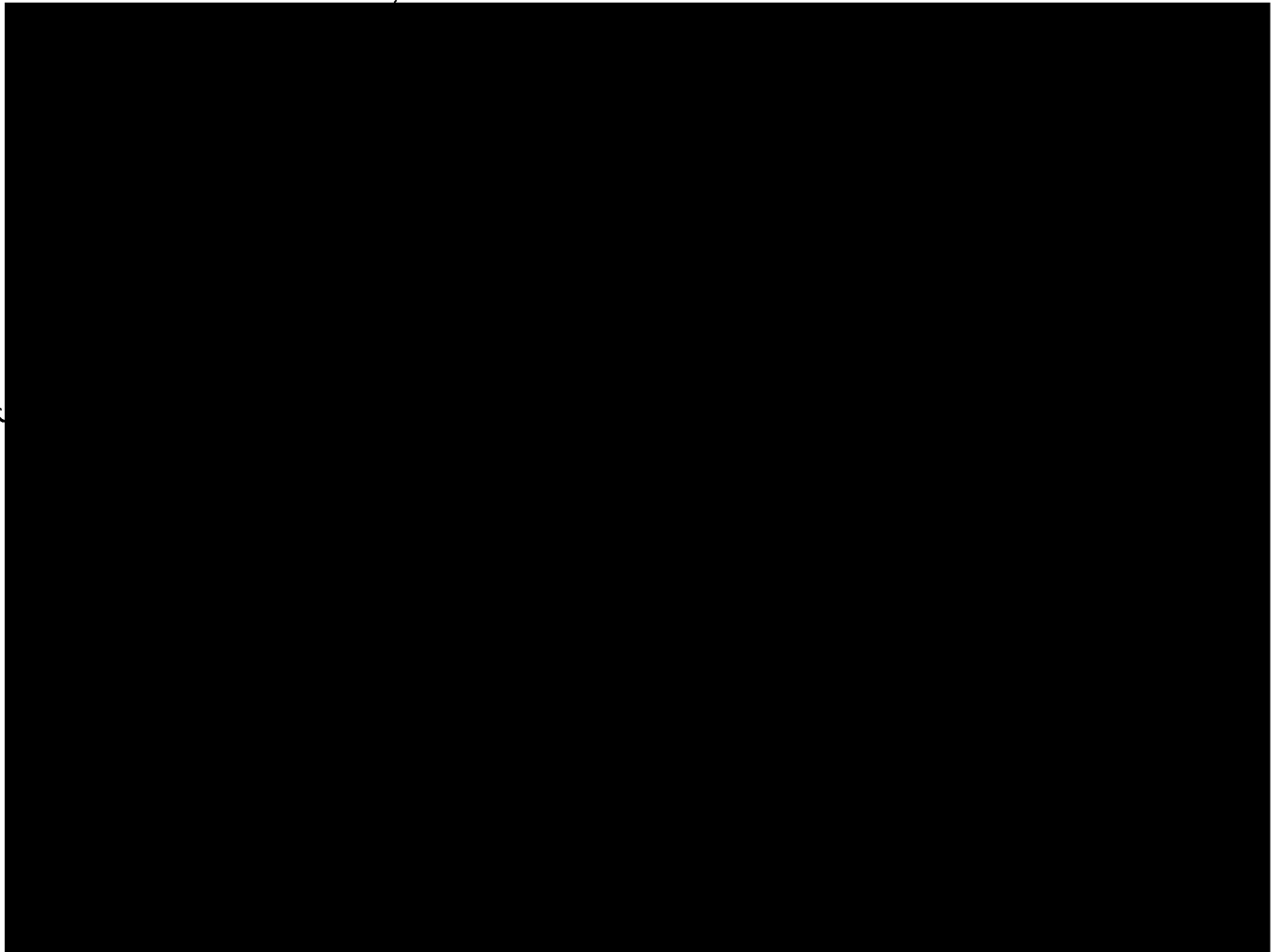
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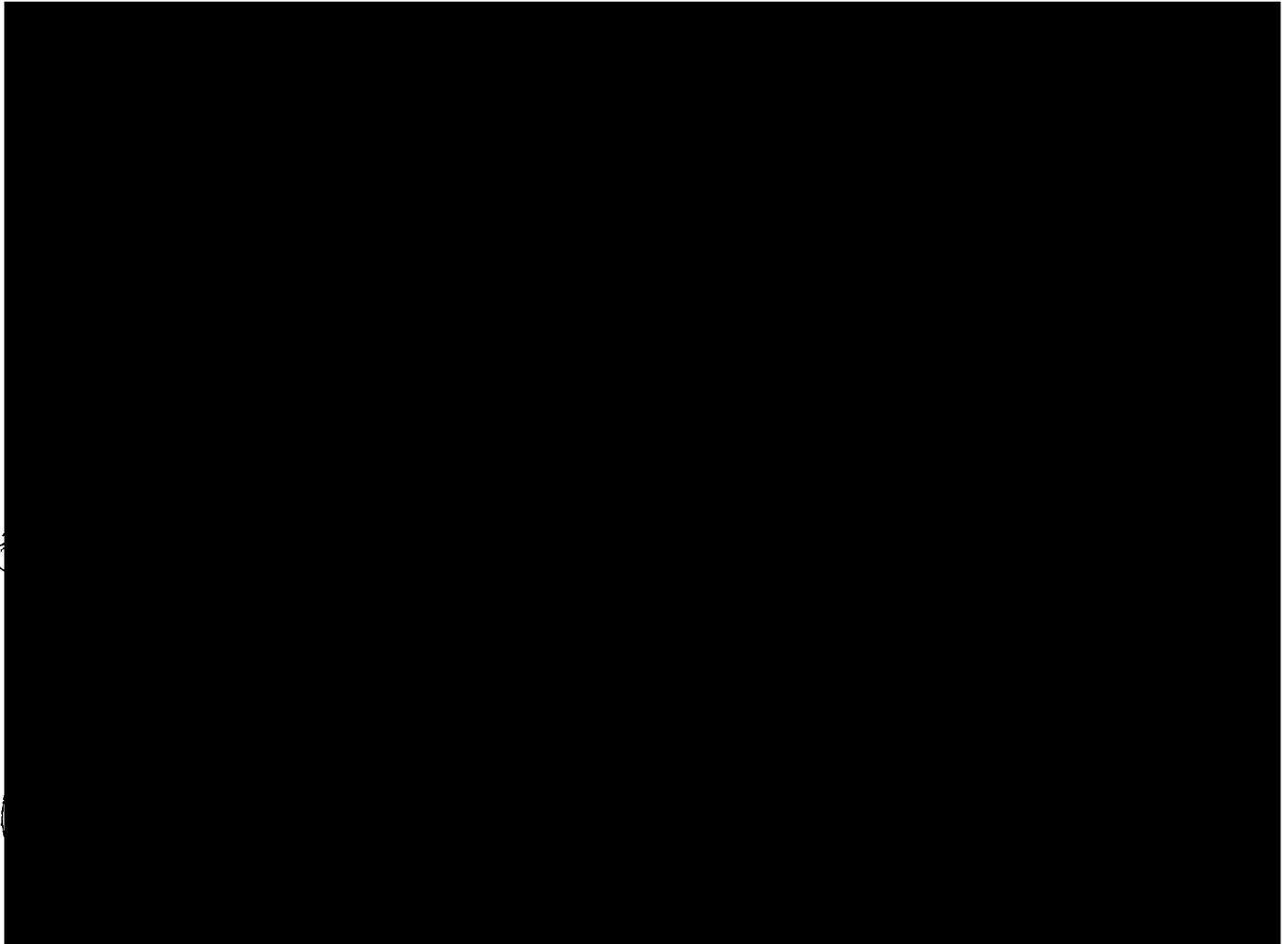
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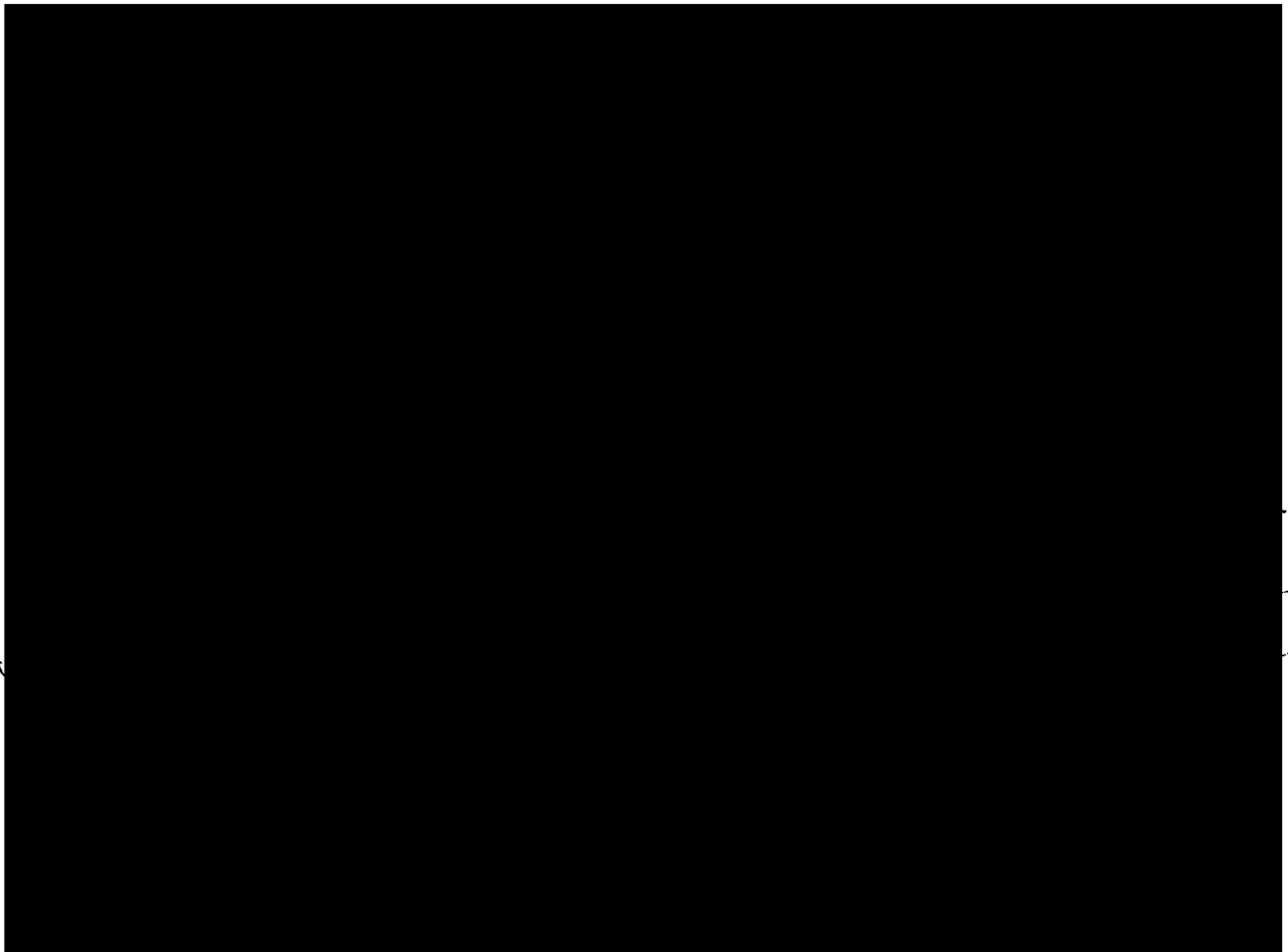
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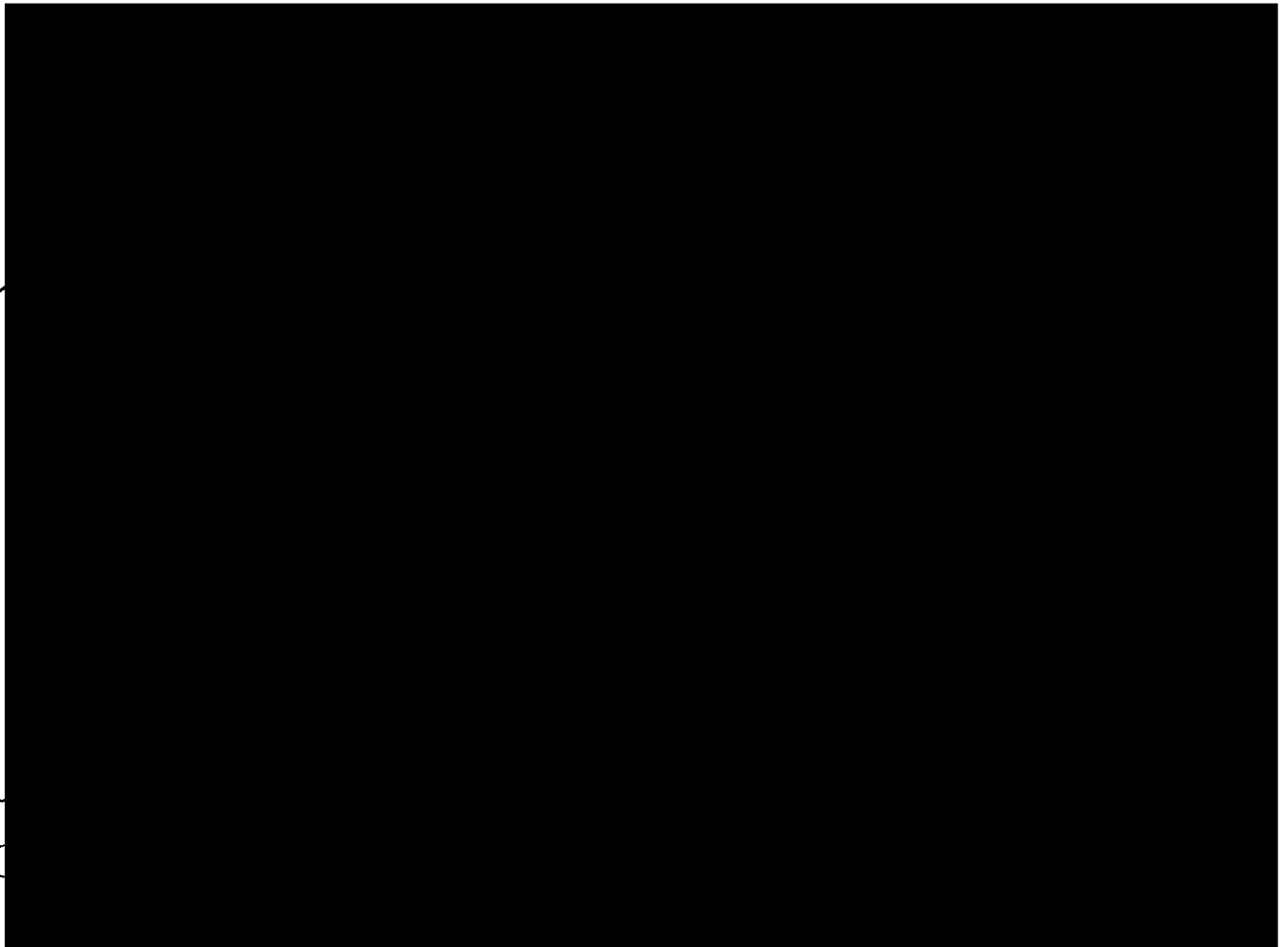
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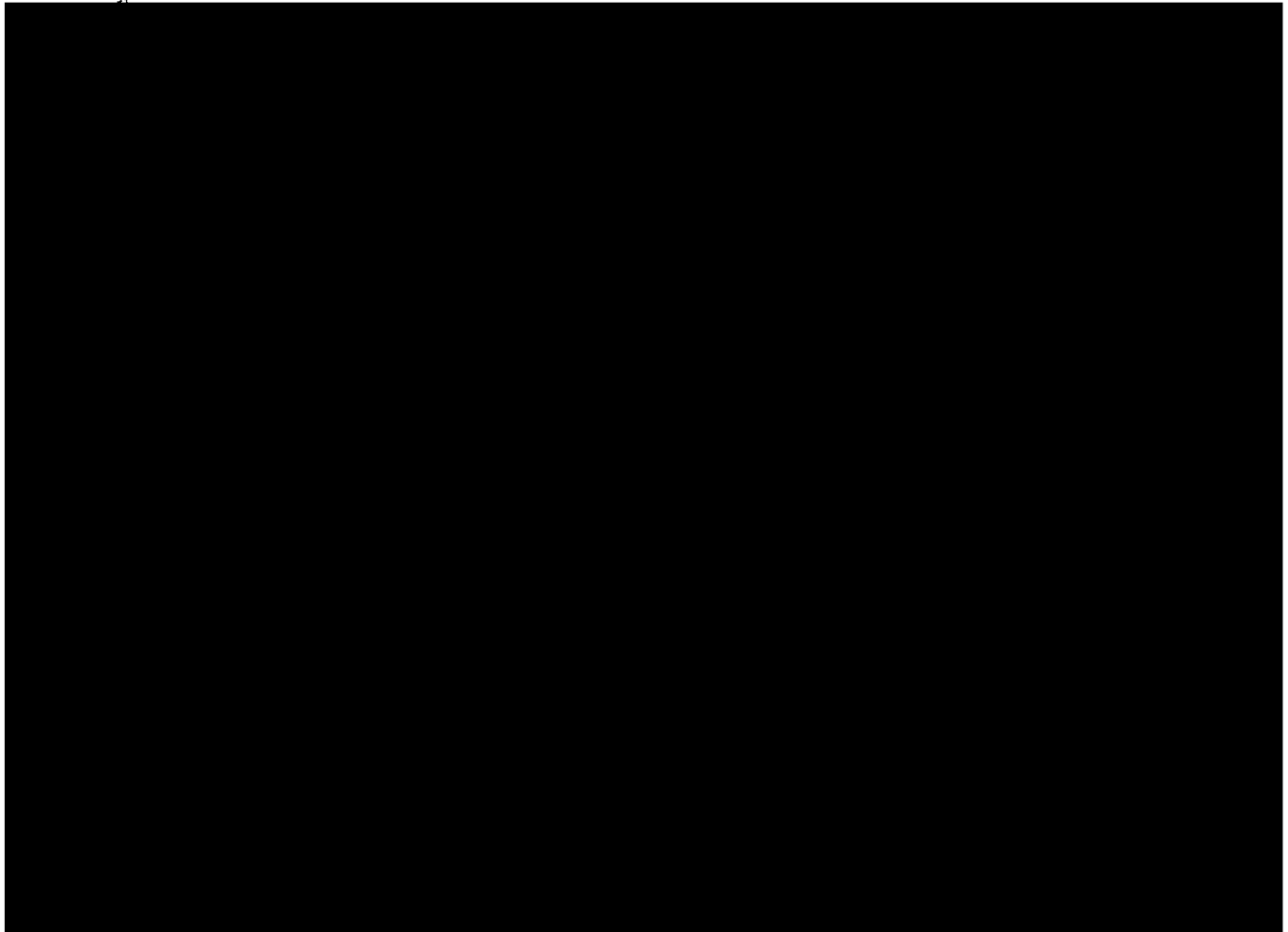
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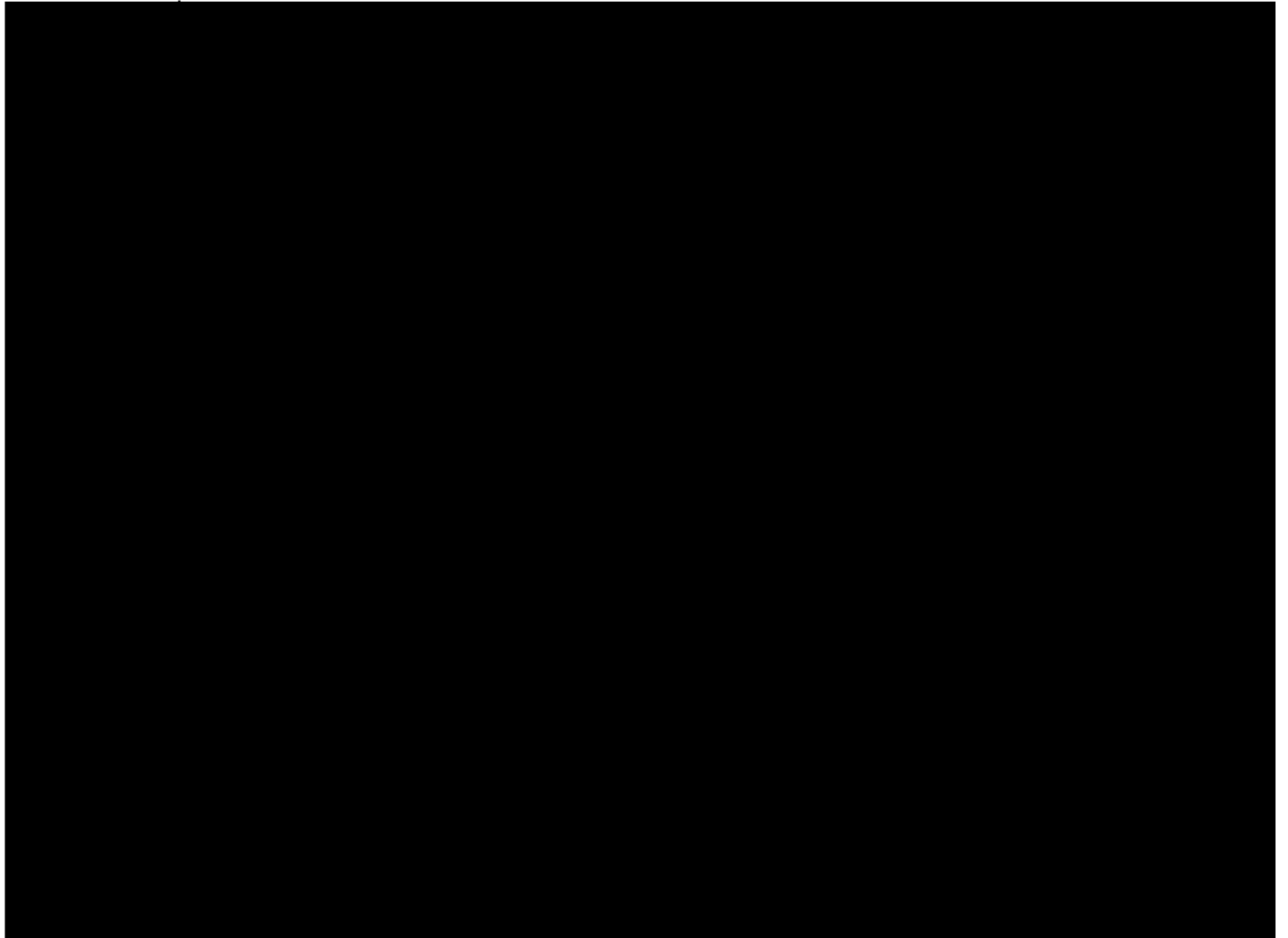
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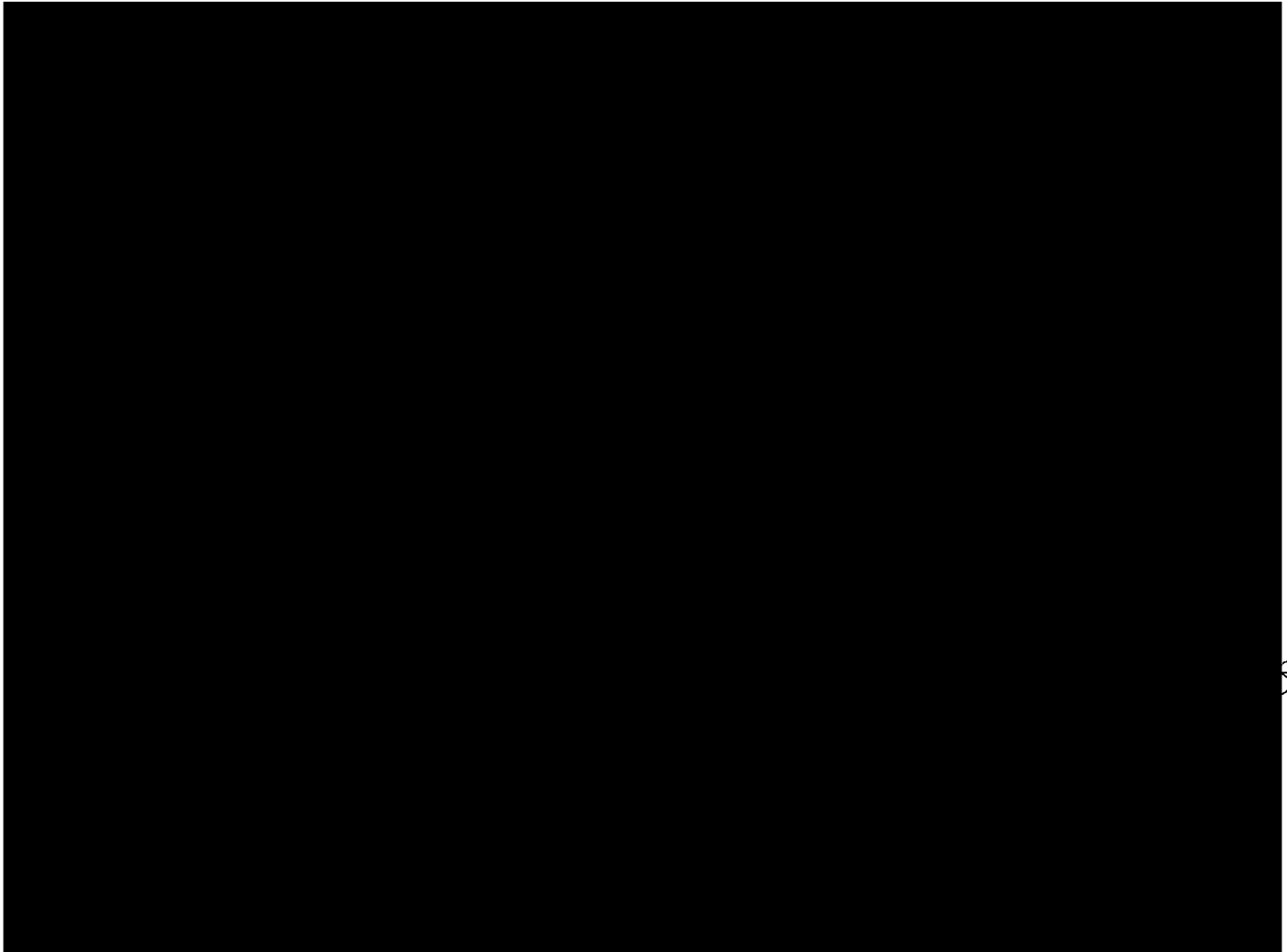
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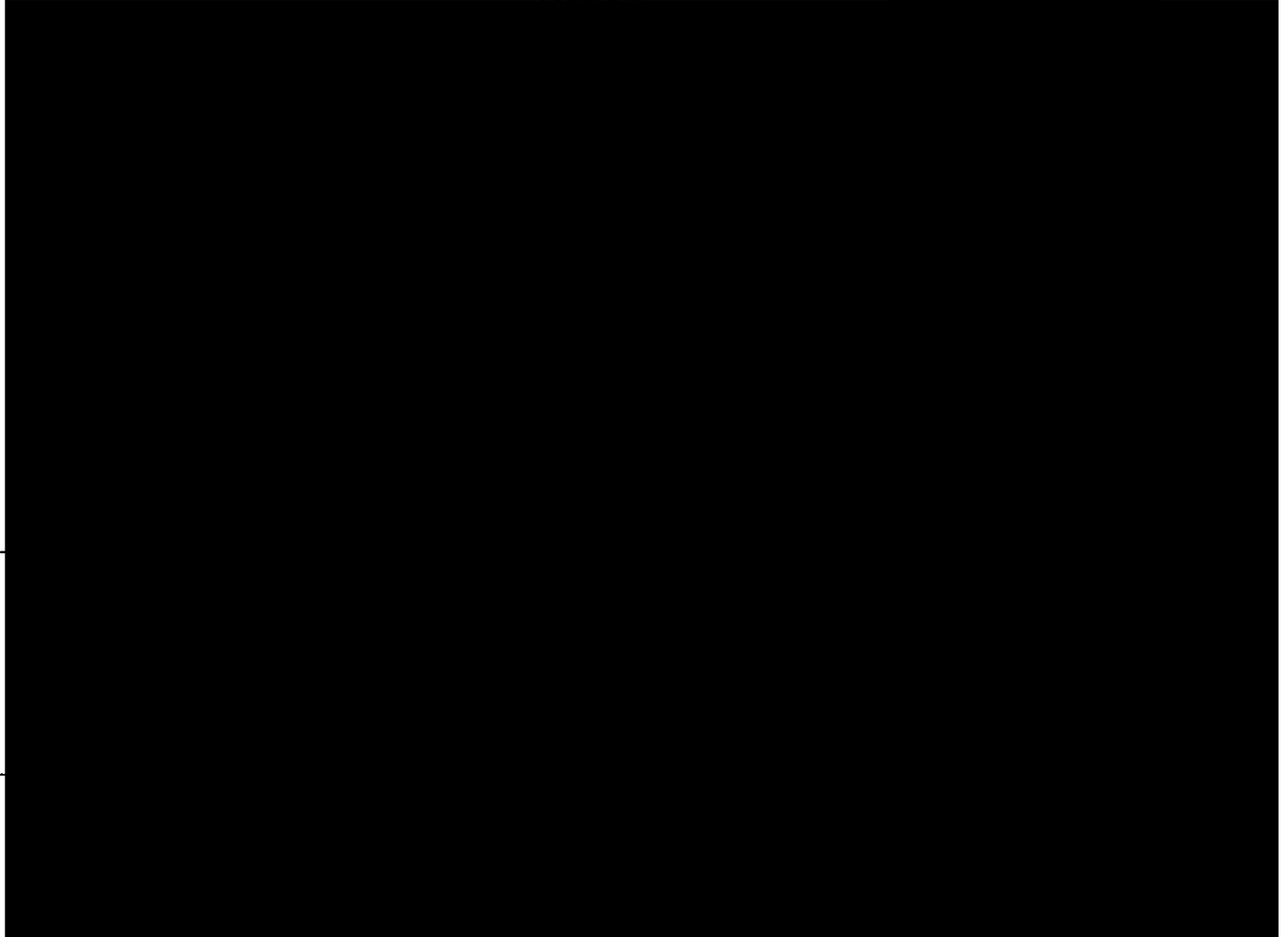
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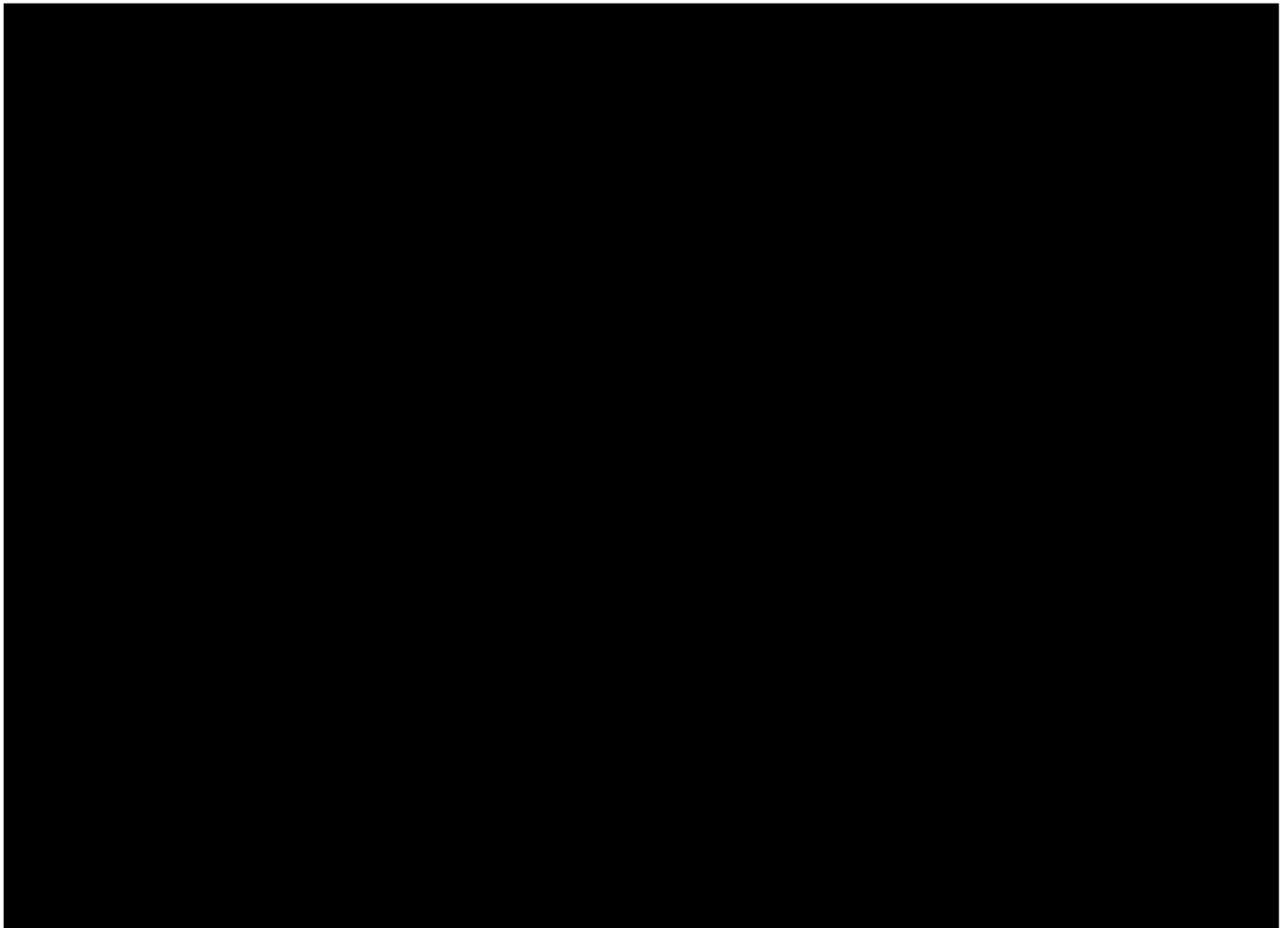
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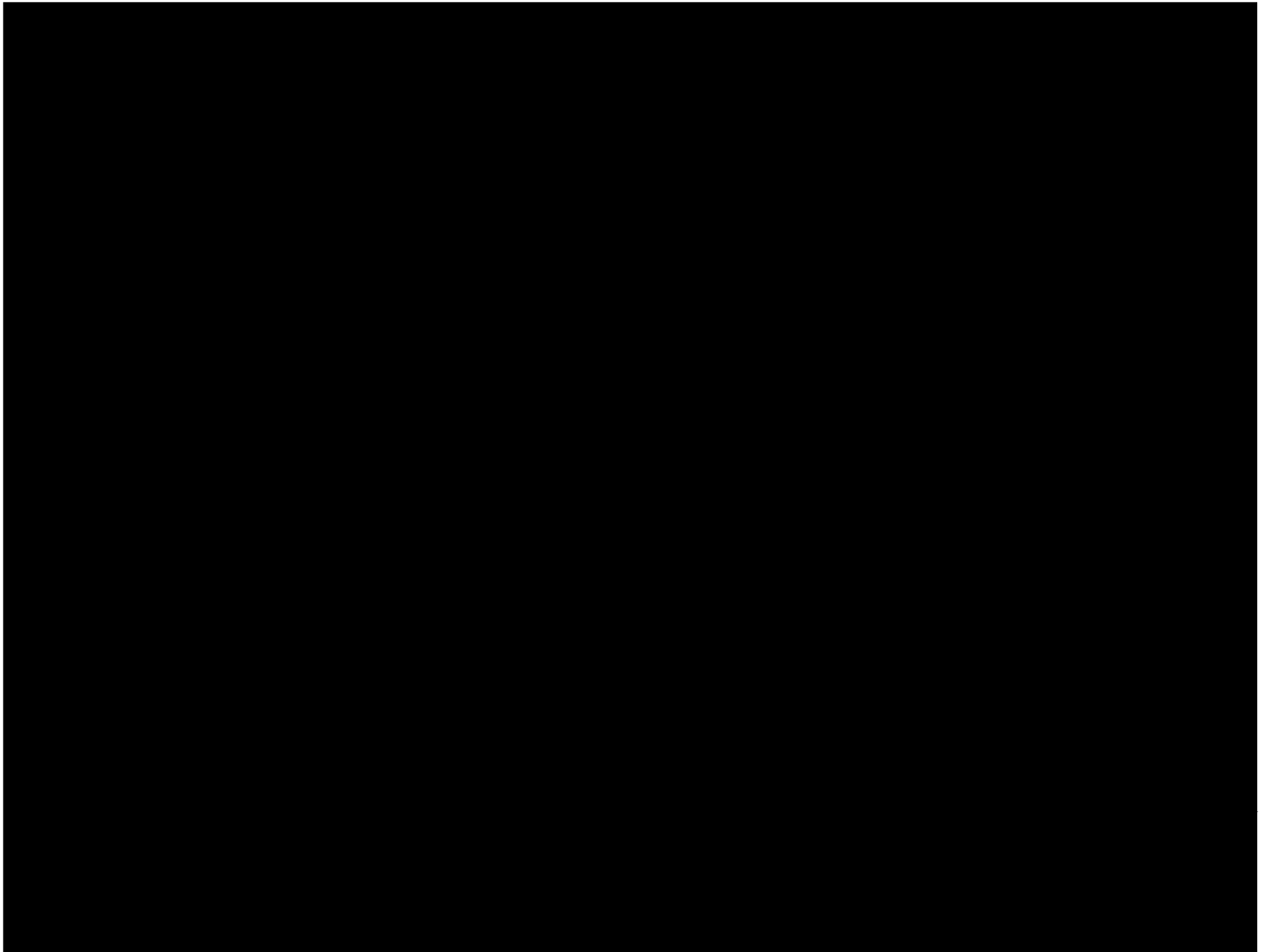
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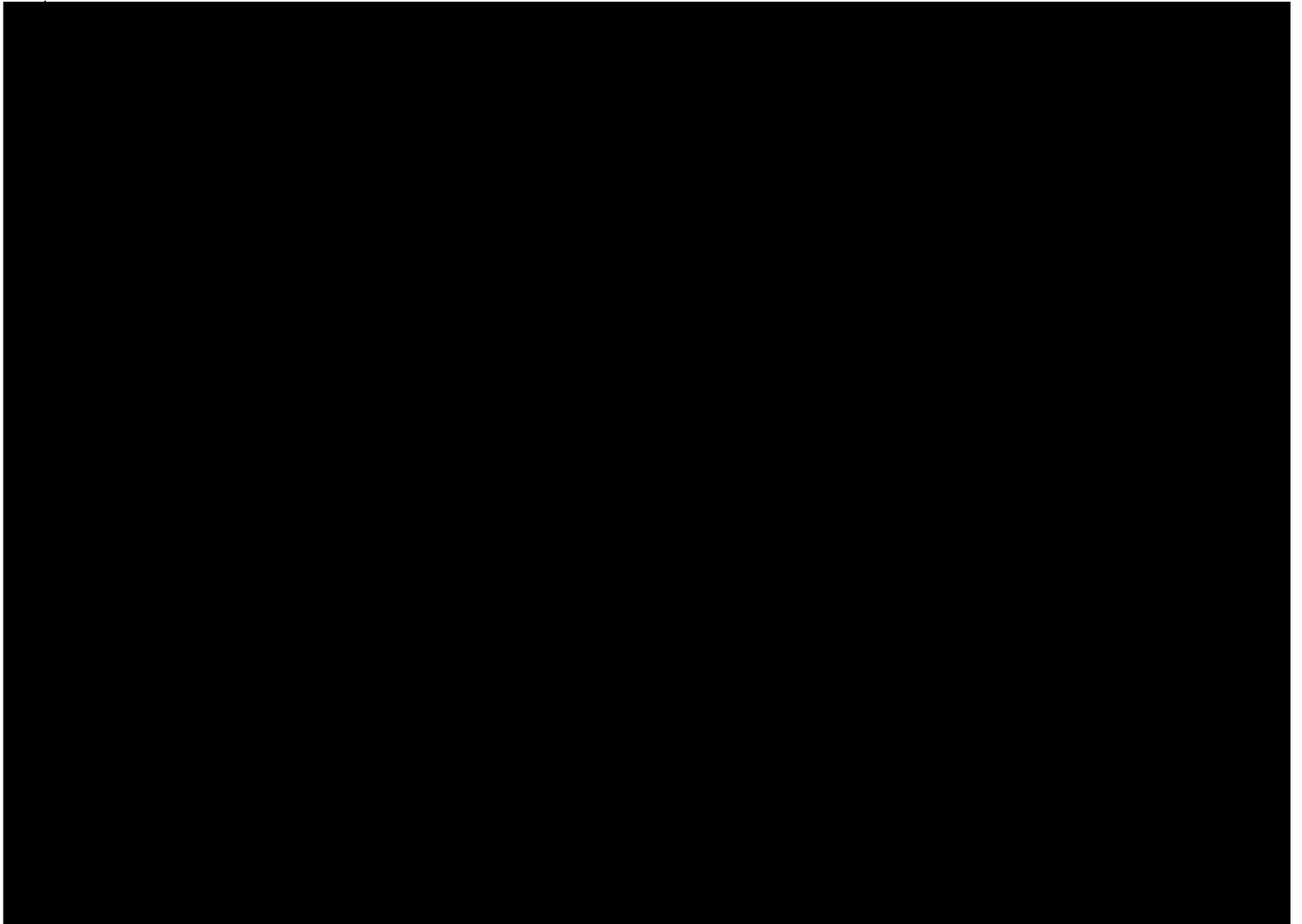
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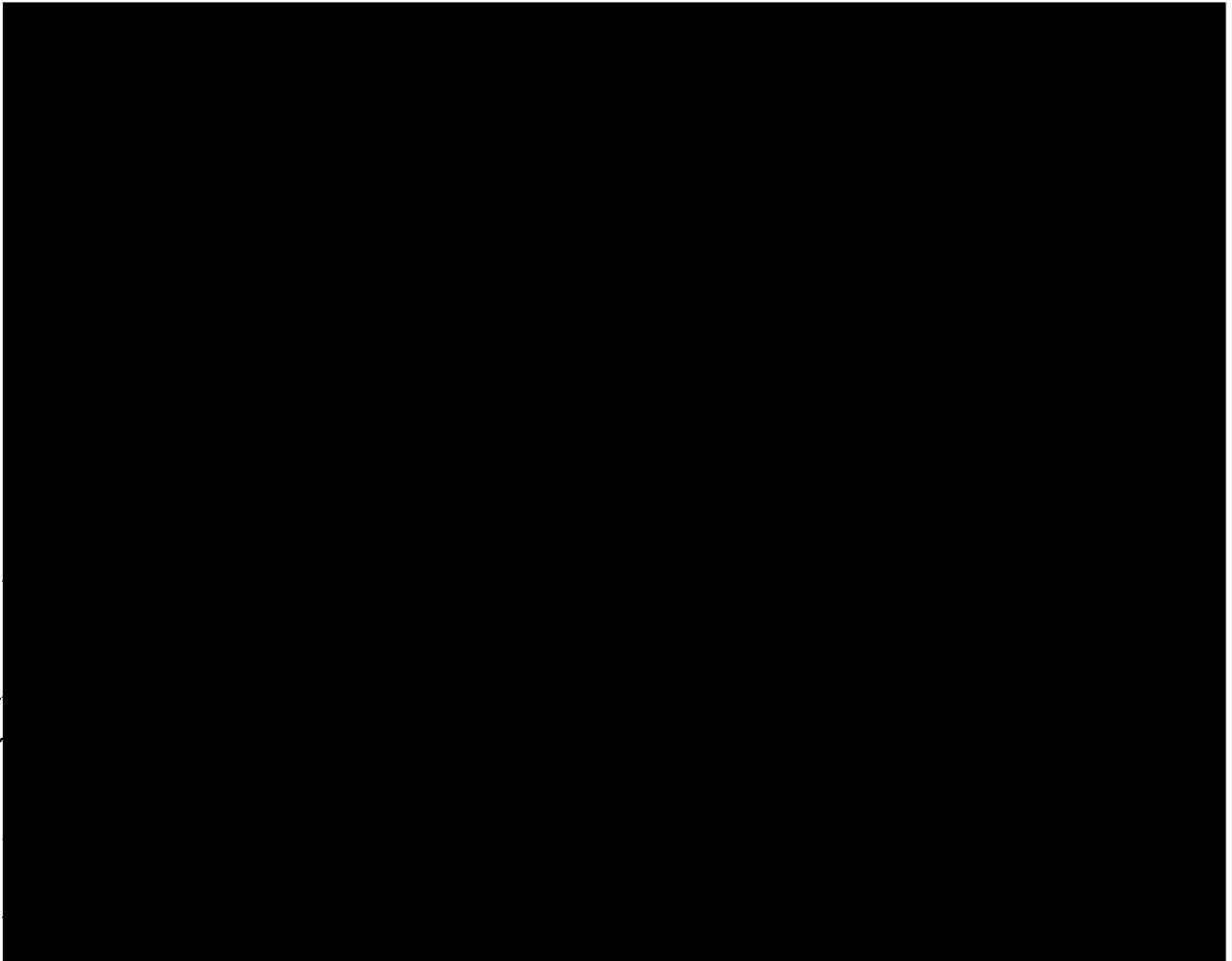
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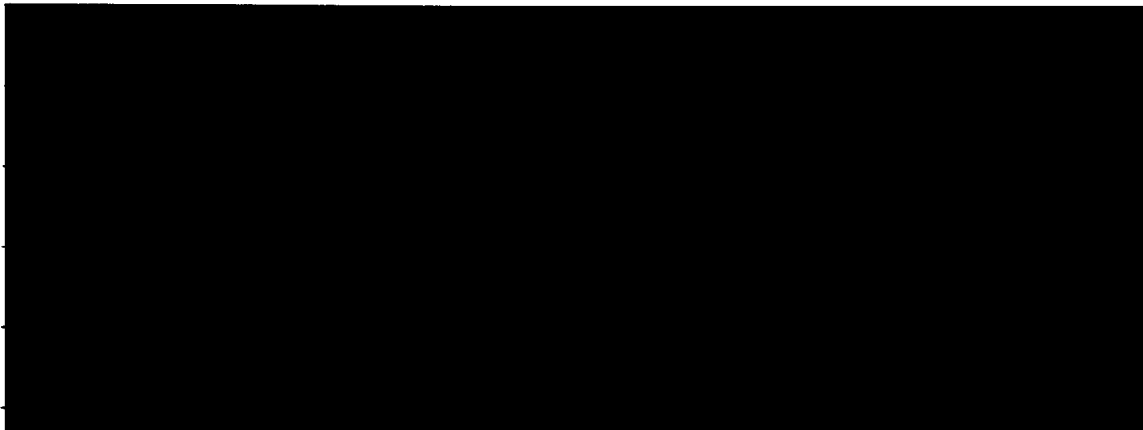
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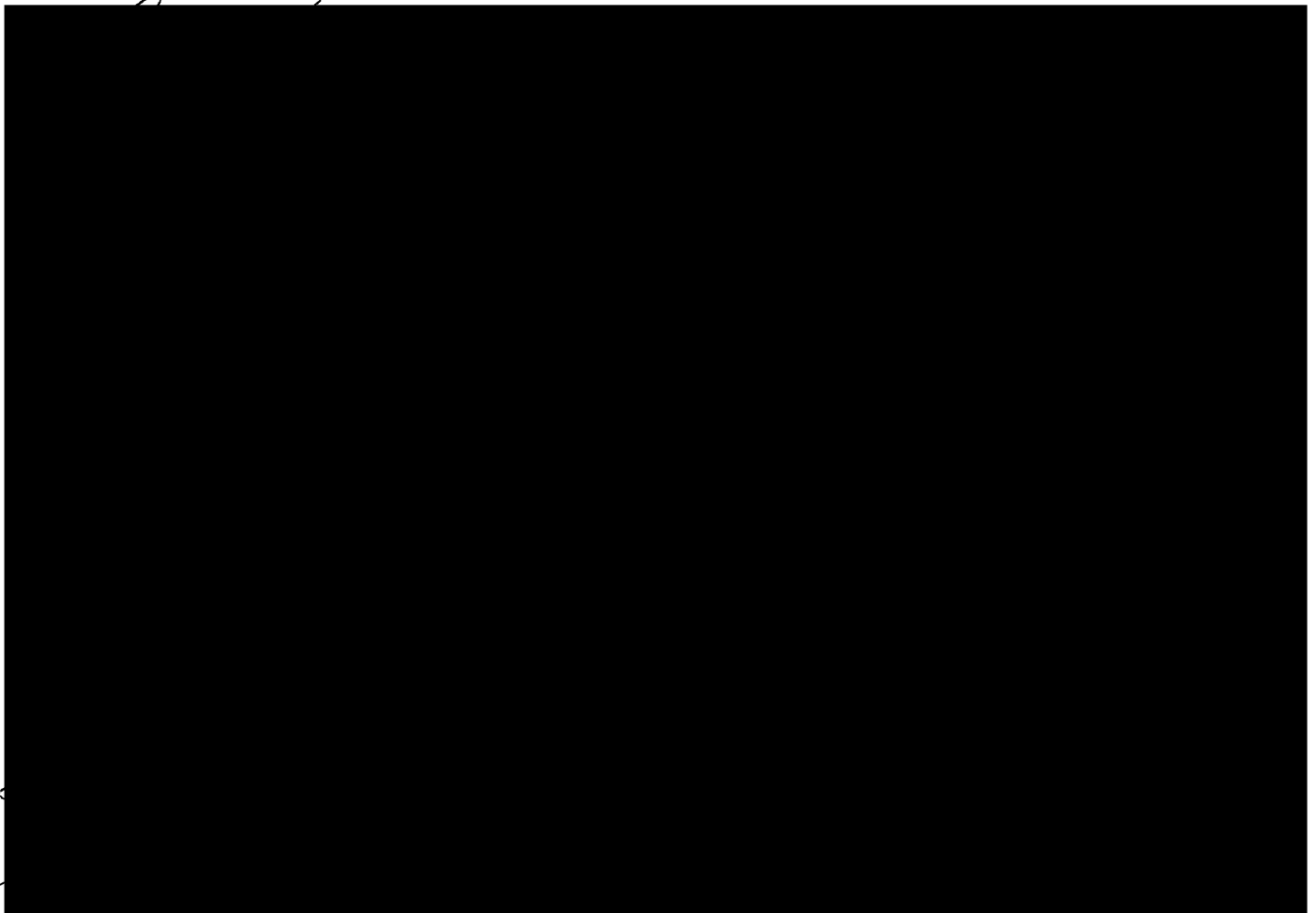
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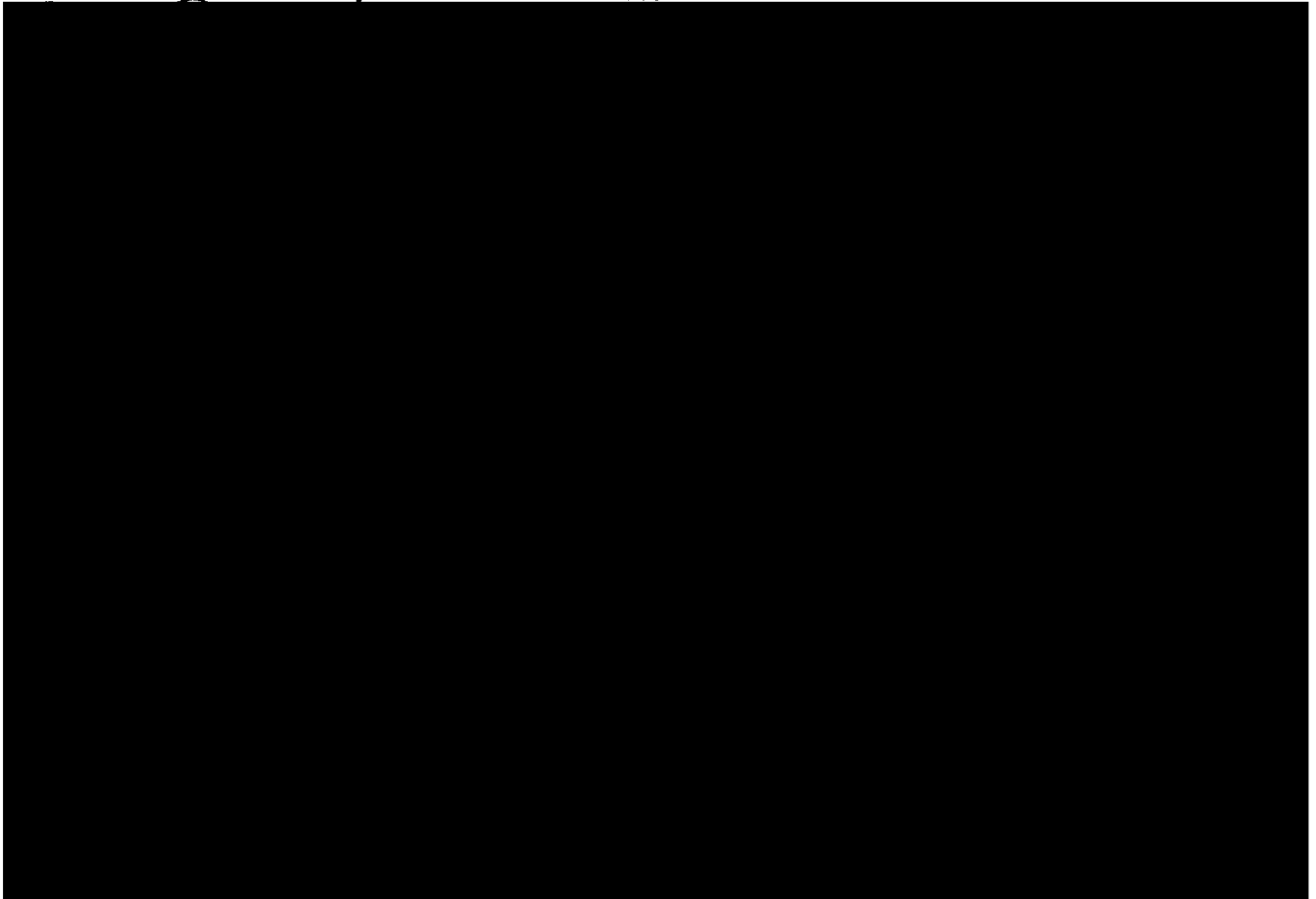
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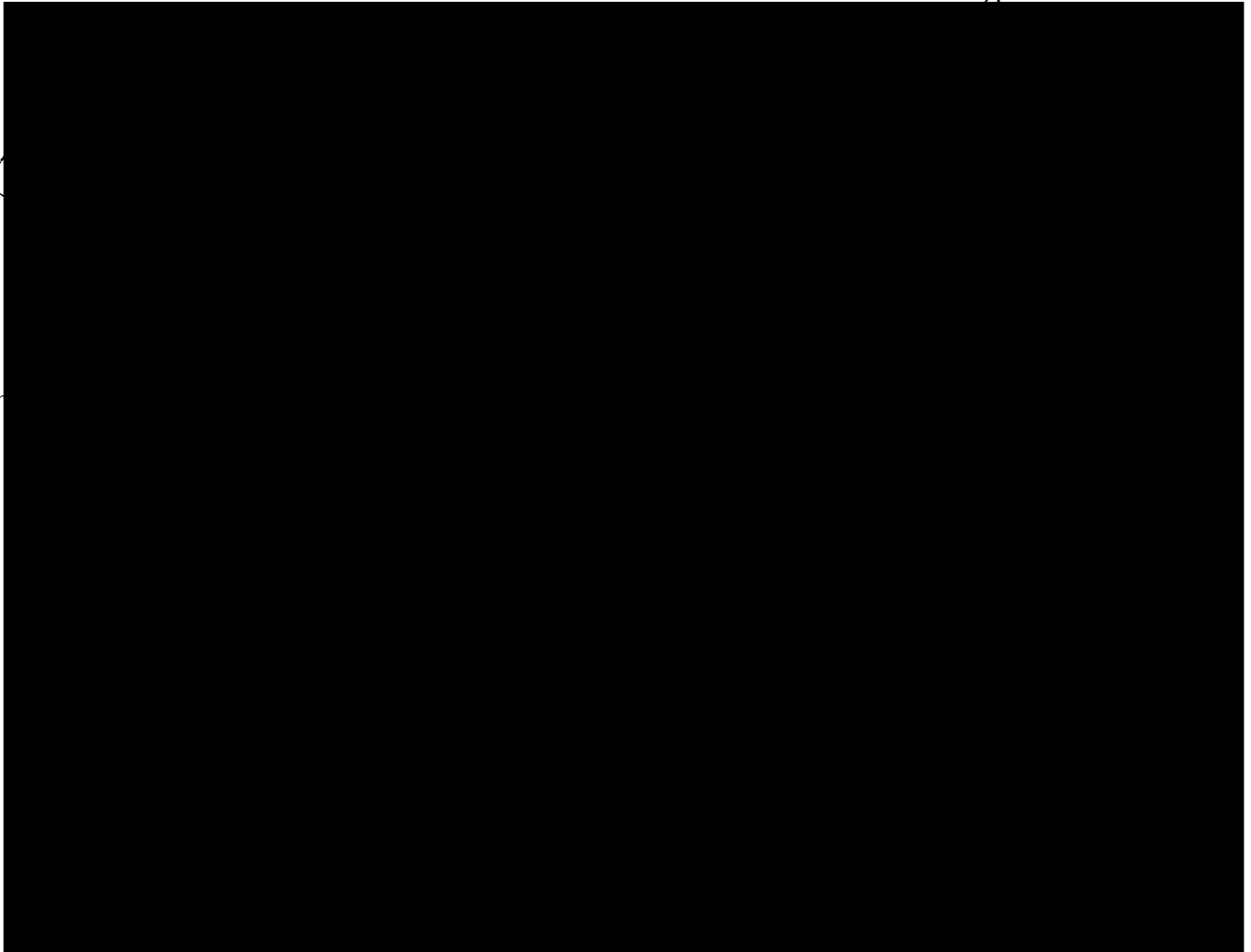
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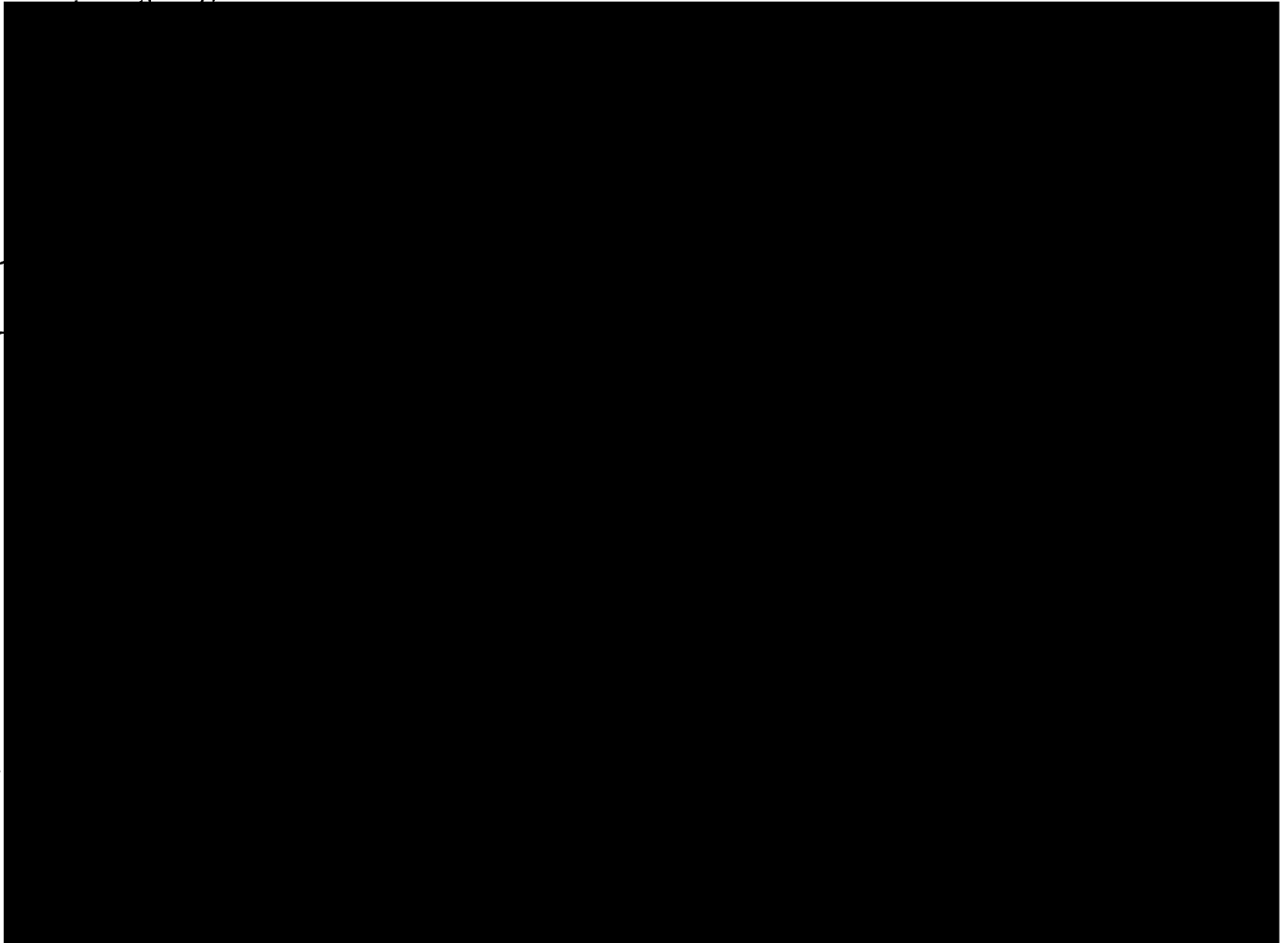
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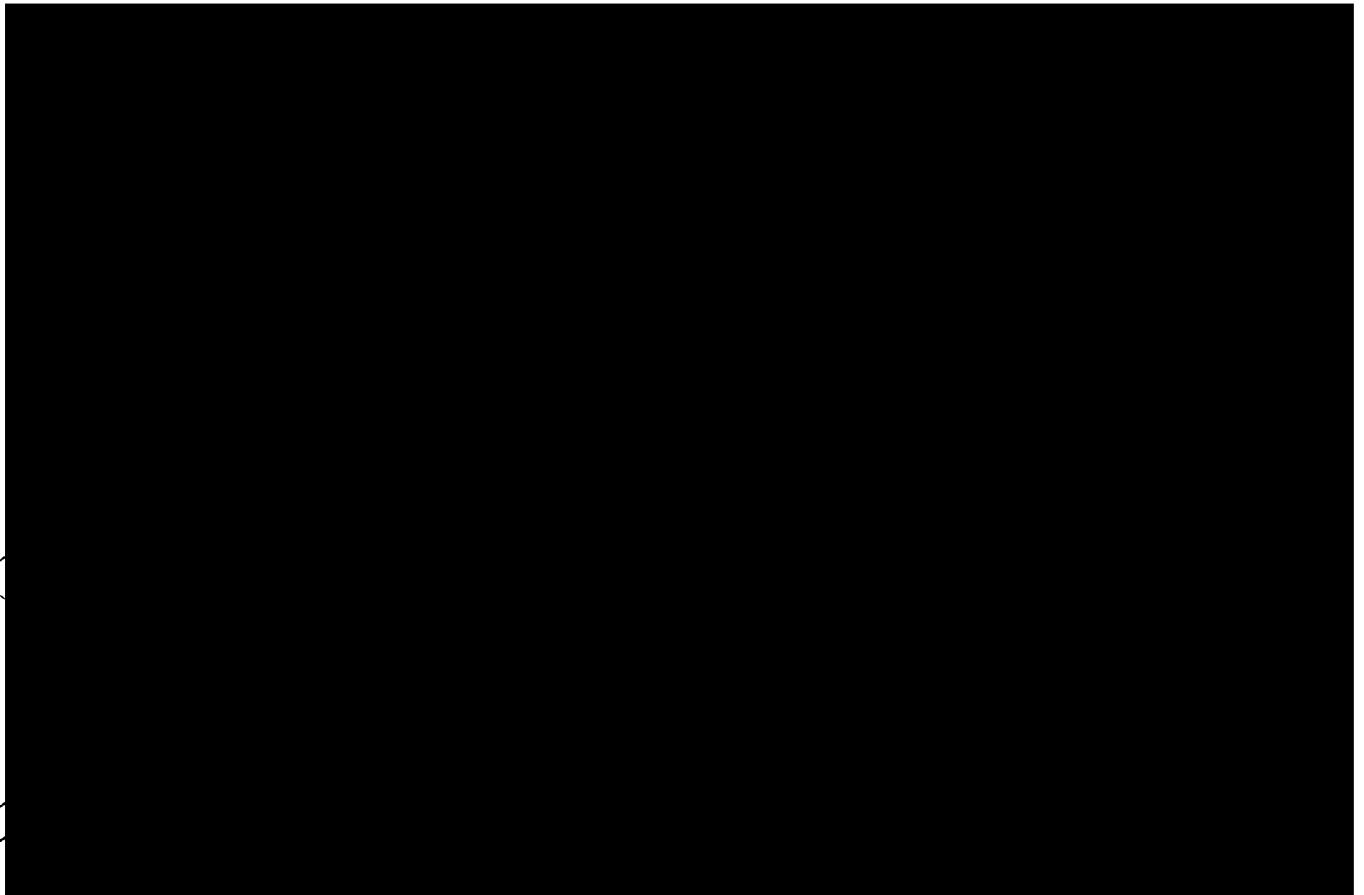
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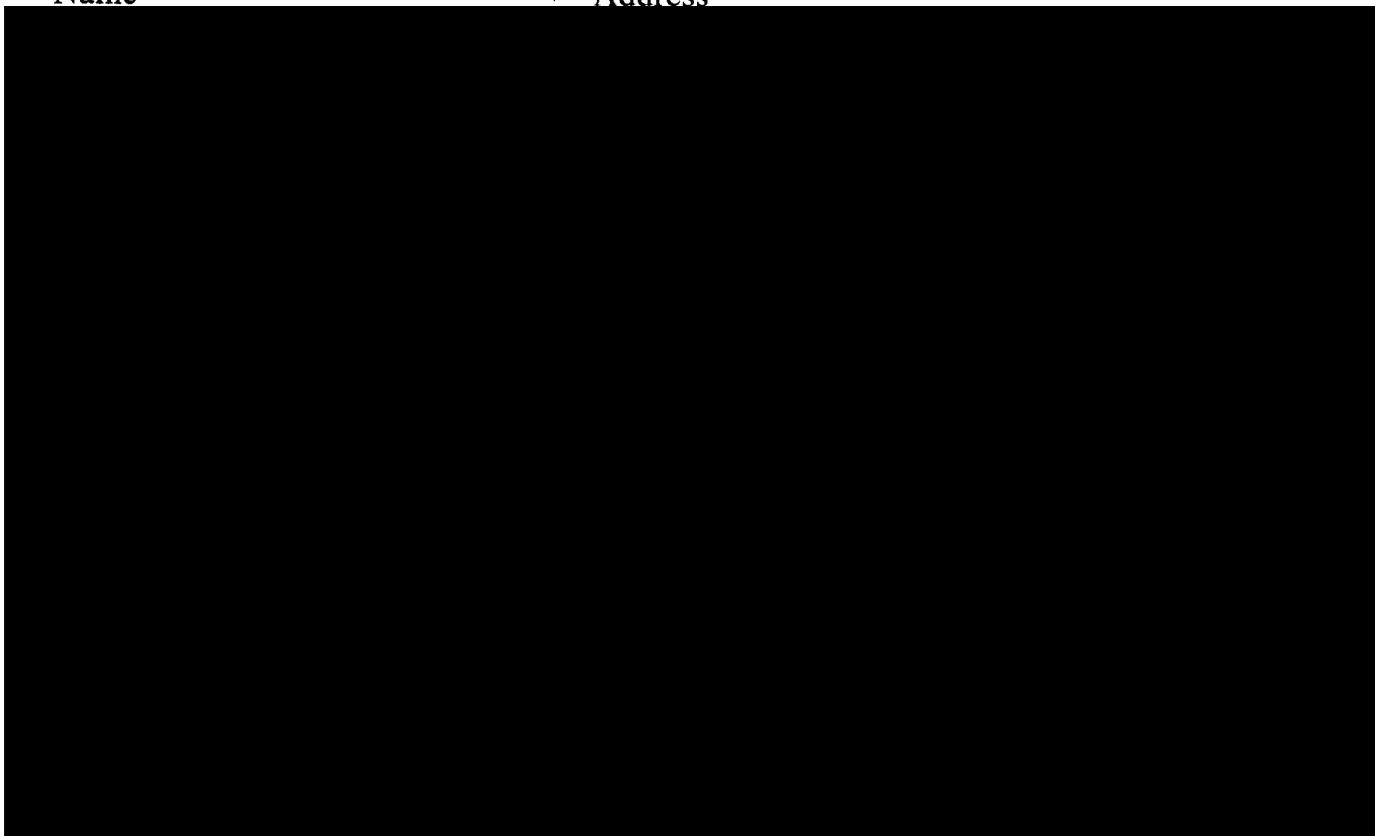
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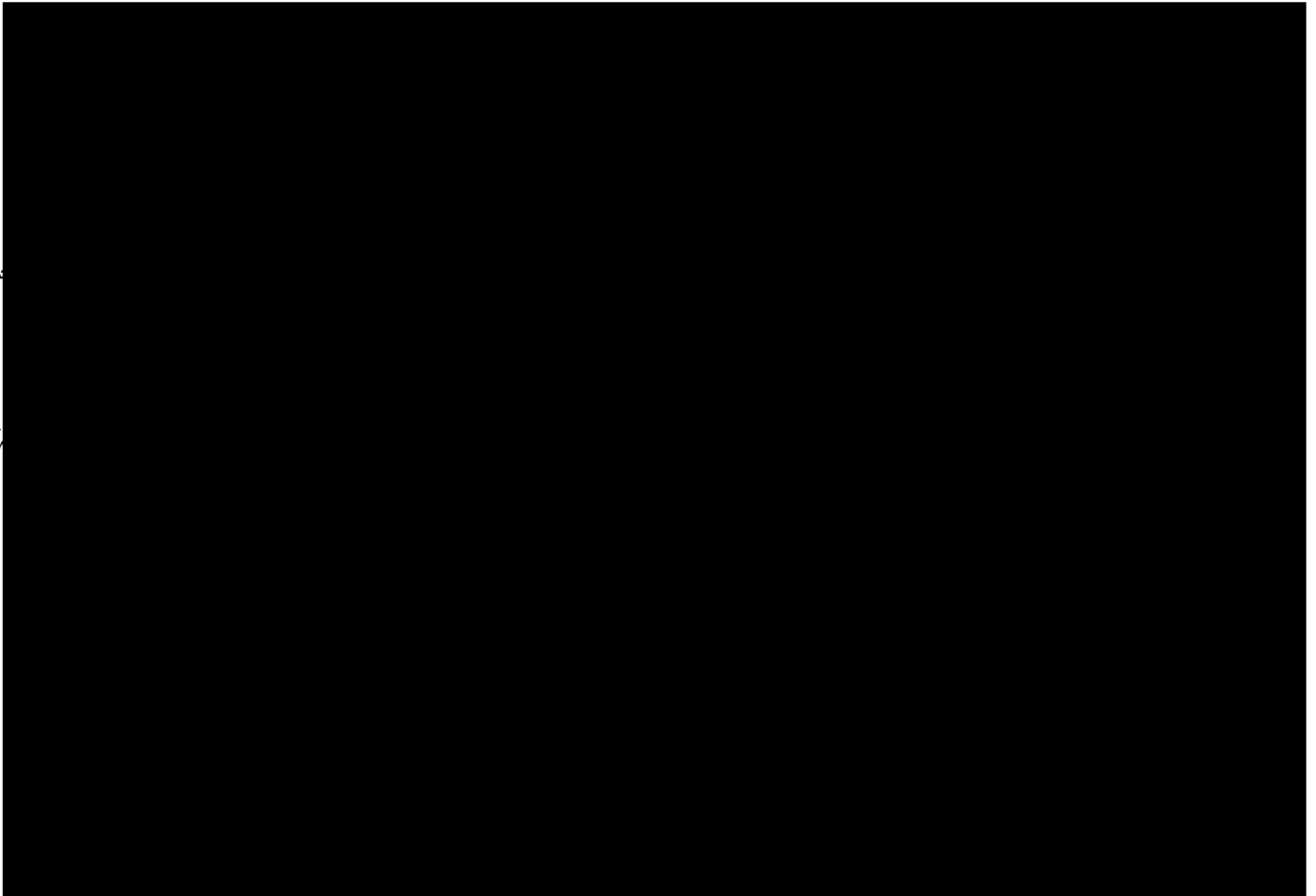
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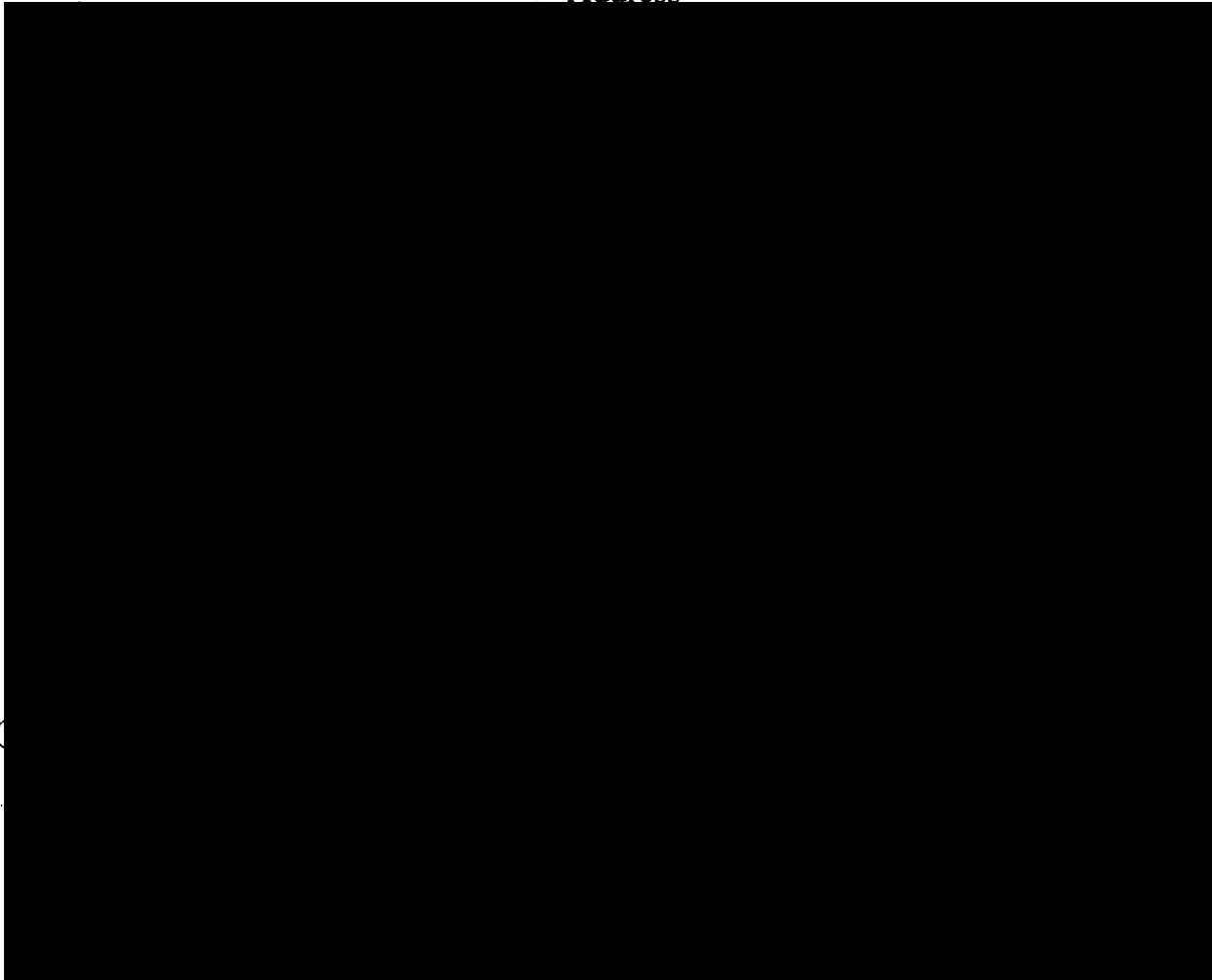
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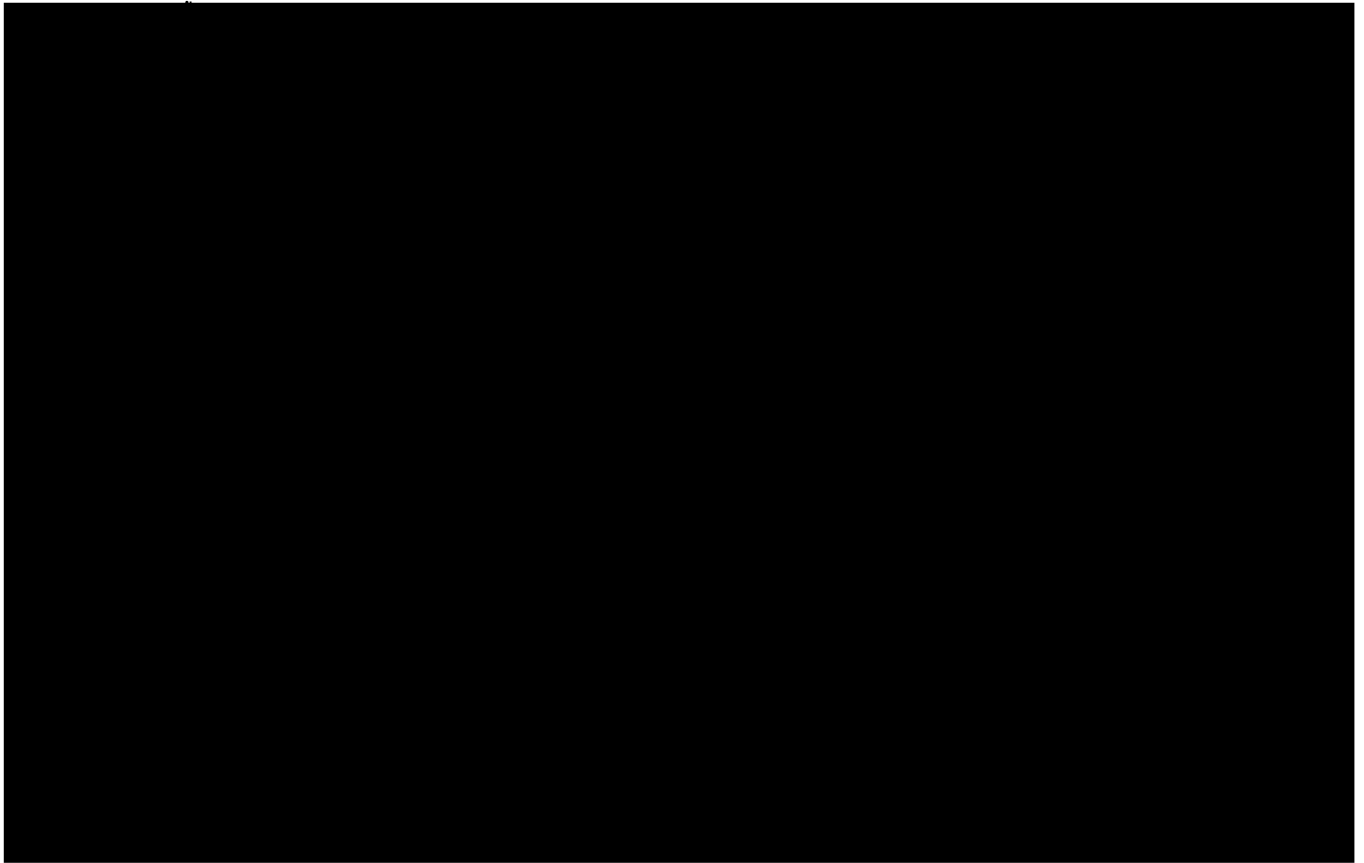
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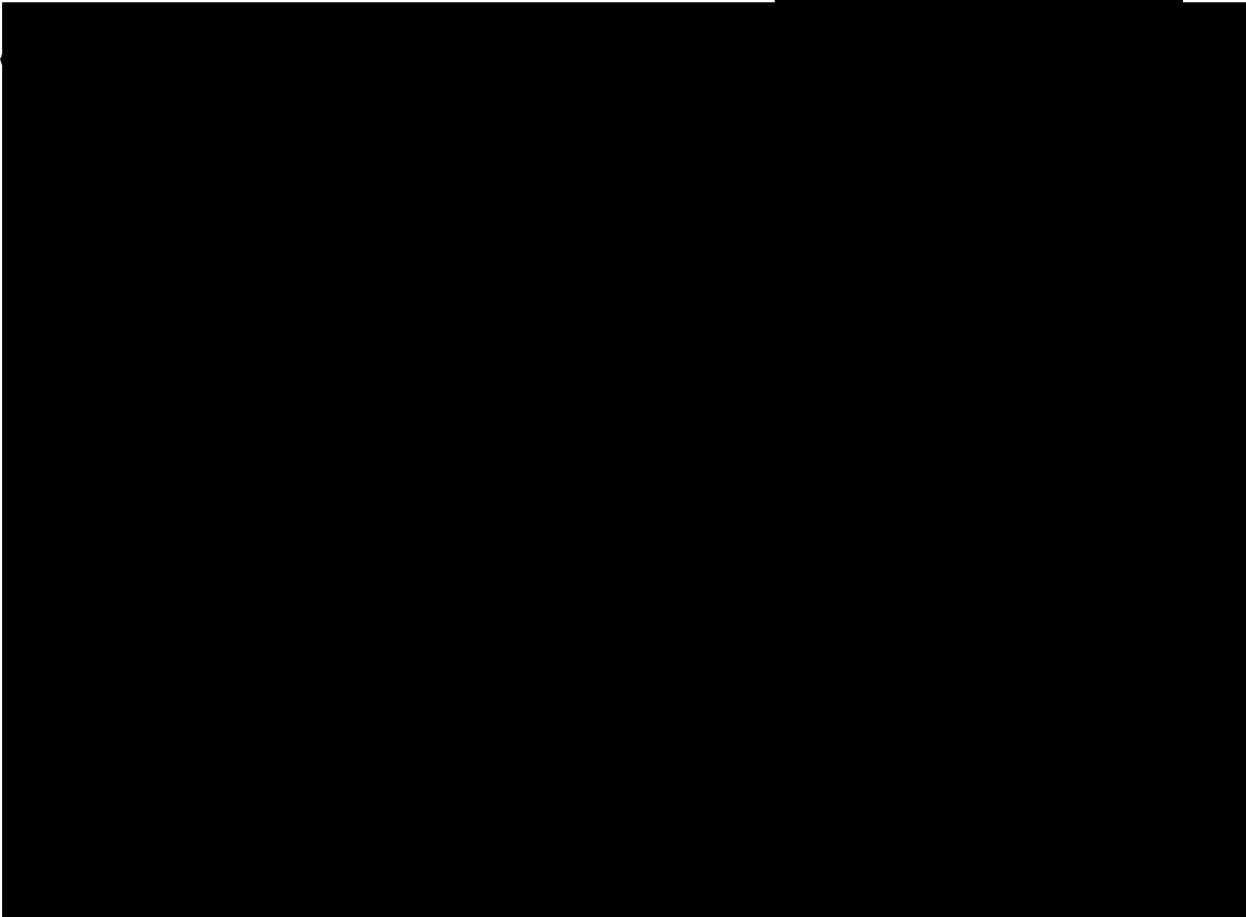
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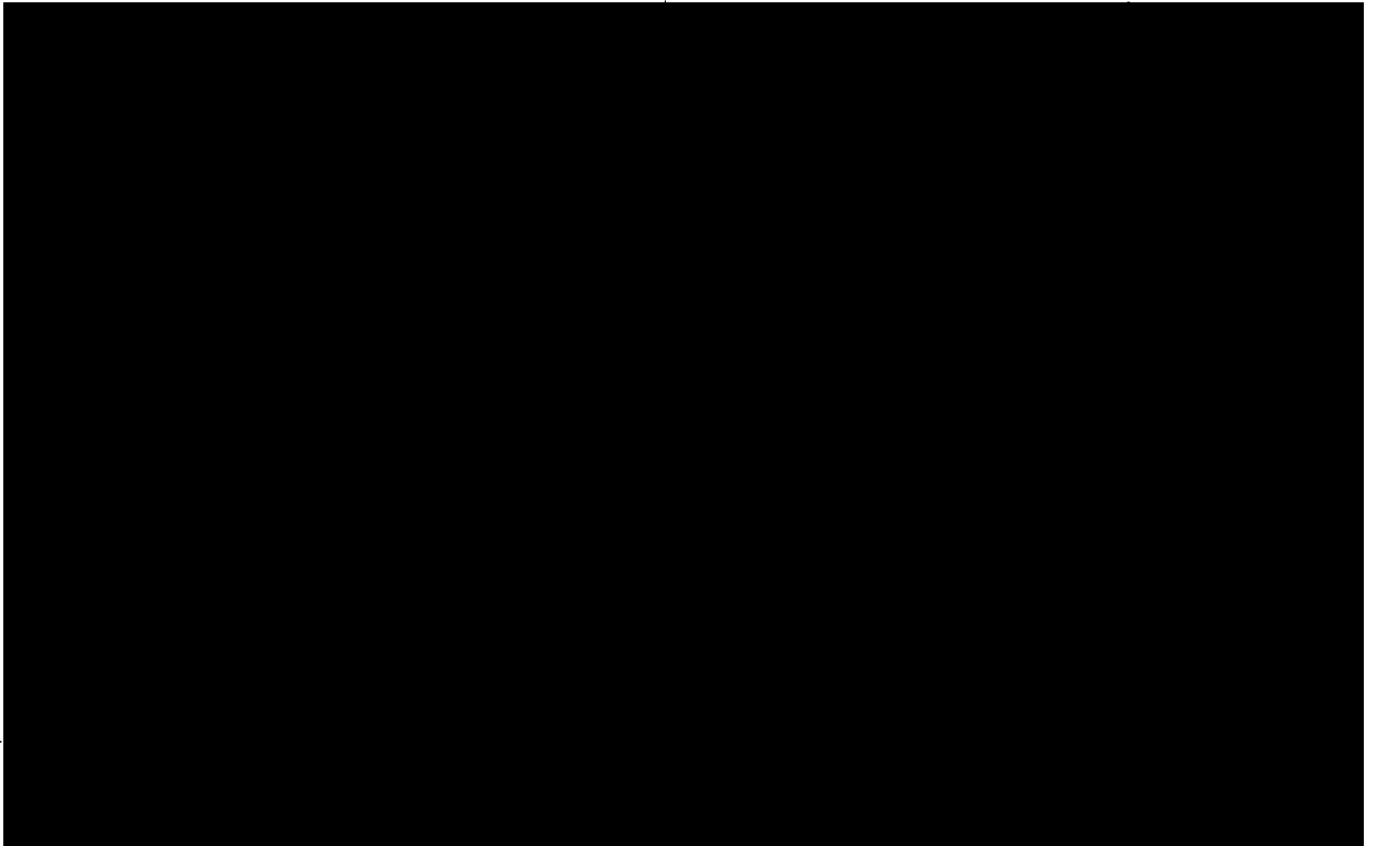
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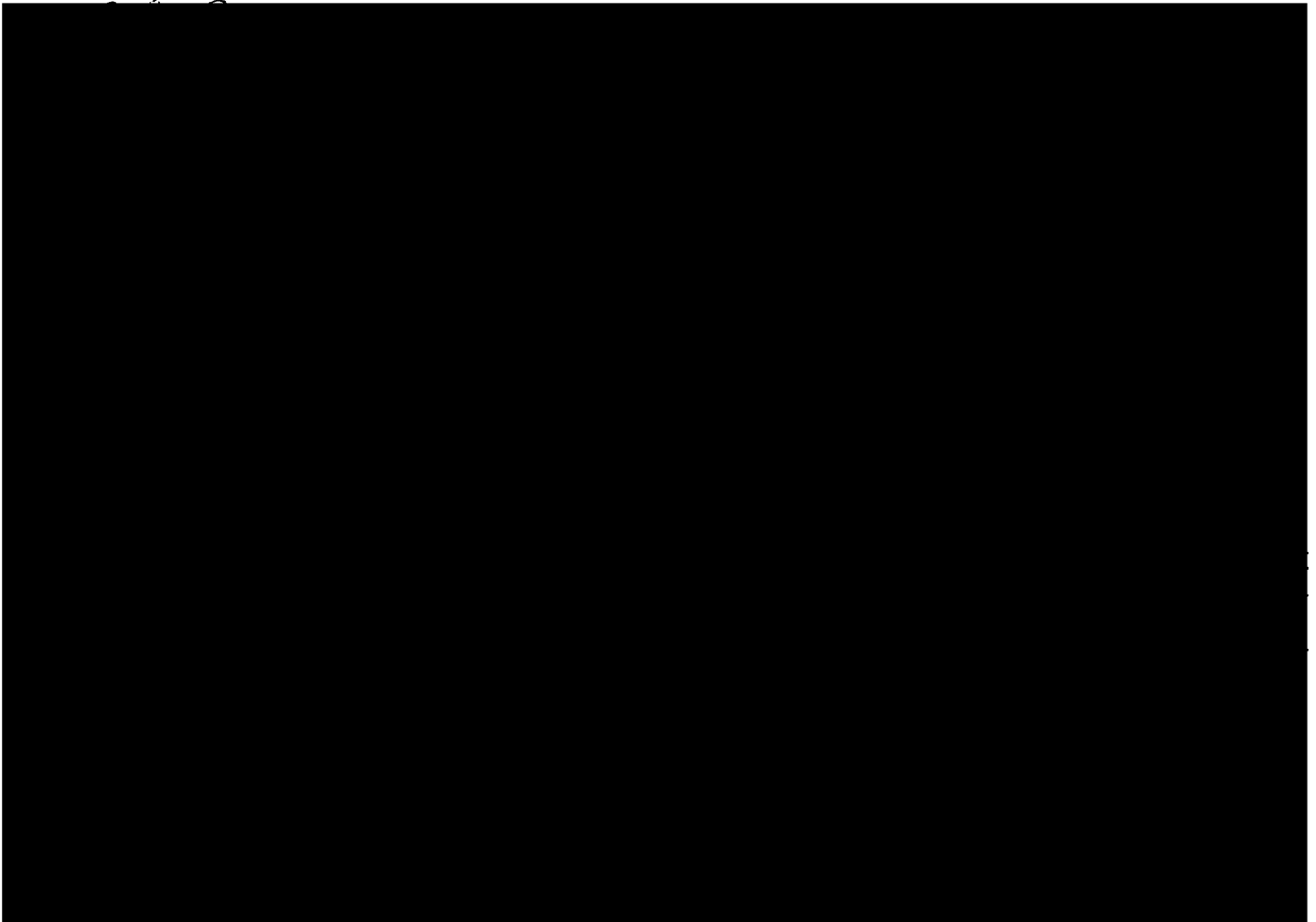
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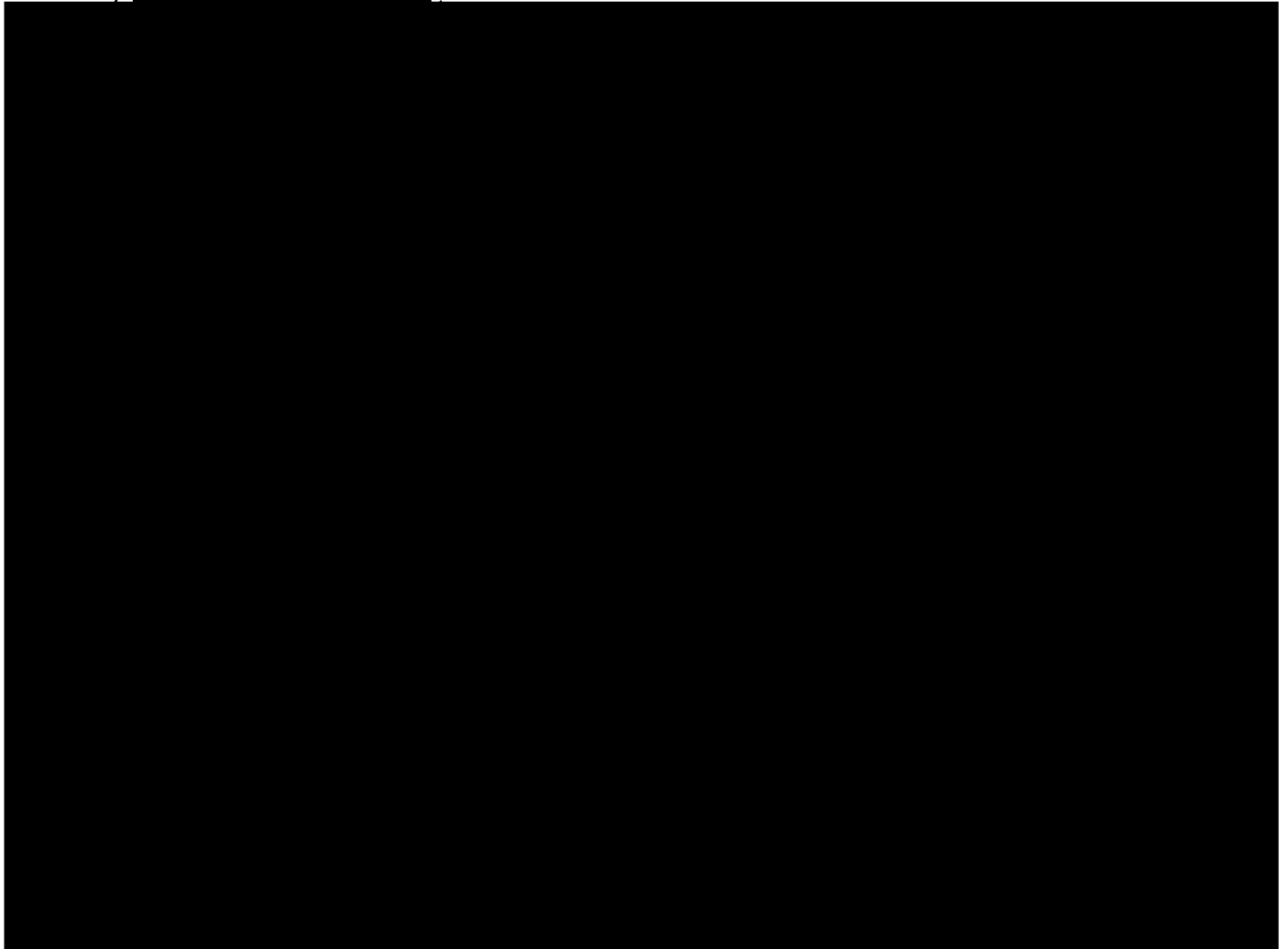
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11652 CHURCH STREET  
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*As mentioned in our note of last week,  
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*Thank you,*

*The People of Sacred Heart*

*c/ Rev James Kaczorowski*

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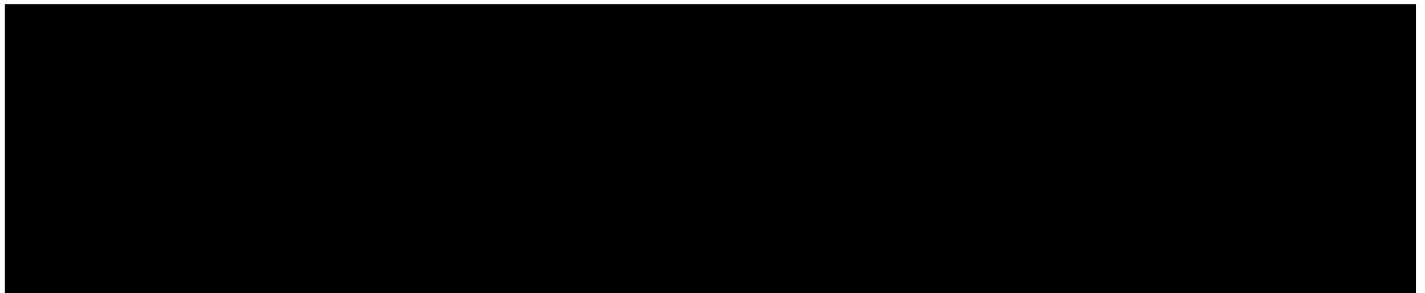
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The allegations and resulting requirement that Father Vader spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundakum, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our church for more than 20 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

Sincerely,




  
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Dear Cardinal Seane —

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 yr. old allegations against Fr. Vadre are shock & disbelief. Fr. Vadre has been at our Church for about 20 yrs. as administrator and now retired as our Pastor certainly giving his all to our religious needs. Fr. Vadre's families are a credit to him, telling us how to better ourselves with God & others. It's hard for me to think that God would allow anybody that is good, reasonable, kind to have this happen to him.

All I know what to do is to pray that this is all a mistake and that everything will be O.K. & he'll be back as Pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

Sincerely  


Dear Rev. James T Kaczorowski!

These forty yrs allegation against Father Vades  
Come beyond disbelief and with great sorrow  
I have known Father Vades to be kind and ready  
to hear of our needs and concerns and so much more.

I find that it is my turn to offer support and  
prayer words of comfort, courage and strength and these  
allegations found to be untrue

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With Gods Blessings  
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Dear Cardinal George,


I know your position is a tremendous responsibility, but I believe you certainly are the man for it and we are truly blessed to have you in Chicago!

I hope and pray Father Kadlec will remain strong through his ordeal and justice will prevail on his side.

The Church will someday emerge healthy and strong after this trial of fire it is now experiencing.

Sincerely,





Father James Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N Michigan Avenue Suite #543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Father Kaczorowski;

I am writing to you in reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader. It is shocking and unbelievable that a man with such faith, leadership, and compassion would be taken from us. It is my understanding that he must spend 30 days at the Retreat House upon further investigation of this matter. I ask you to please give this matter your personal and utmost attention. Father Vader has been a great source of faith and consolation to my family and myself. He has shown compassion with my family through the death of my mother and my aging father. I have the most respect for him and have never felt in anyway was he a threat to our parishioners. We miss him terribly and although we have a wonderful group of priests willing to step into Father Vader's shoes his will be difficult. It is very hard to fill the most comfortable, well worn, best fit ever. We love him, we miss him and most of all we support him until all allegations are settled.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you:





Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priest  
645 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 543  
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Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

I was so sad to hear the allegations made against Father Uader. He is what draws people to Sacred Heart Church. I believe he is innocent and want to extend my support. It seems to me that he is one of the holiest priests I've ever met. He has a deep love and respect for God. When he says the mass you can feel it. I pray and hope the truth will come out soon and he will be brought back to us.


Sincerely,



Dear Cardinal George

We have just heard of the allegations made against Father Vades. These reportably date back forty plus years which is unbelievable to us. It is a sick world we live in. Father Vades is one of the most understanding, kind and helpful man we've ever known and we are not of the Catholic faith.

We pray you will find that Father Vades is innocent as we know God already knows -

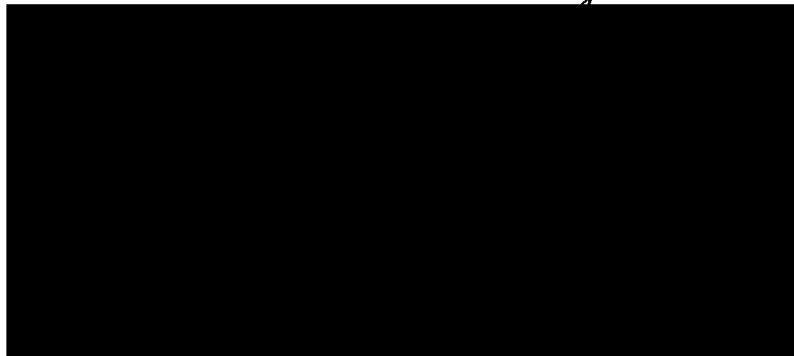


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Dear Father Kaczarowski

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Please use your head  
we all know FX Vader is  
not lying — Ladies want the  
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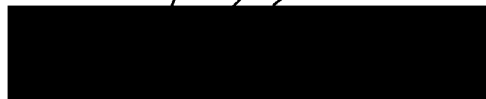
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I was totally shocked to hear about the allegations against Fr. Vader. He is a wonderful priest who radiates goodness, kindness, & holiness. His masses are uplifting and spiritually strengthening, which is very rare these days.

Please get to the bottom of this as quickly as possible, and prove his innocence.

Fr. Vader's masses are the only ones my sons will attend willingly. We can't afford to lose such a wonderful priest.


Sincerely,



Dear Cardinal George,

I am a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church. Father Vader has been the Administrator and Pastor for more than 20 years. The allegations made against him are shocking. I know him as a good priest, and an excellent spiritual advisor. He is a great leader of the Catholic Church. These allegations date back 40 years, as a result we lost our Pastor and we are not allowed to visit him. I do believe in innocent to proven guilty. I firmly support Father Vader and I believe in his innocence. I will continue to pray for him and our wonderful Sacred Heart Church.





Francis Cardinal George. O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George;

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. This "news" is a shock, incredible and unbelievable. Father Vader has been at Sacred Heart for more than 20 years as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. During the time that Sacred Heart was closed he was very supportive of our needs and desires.

I have never known Father Vader to be anything but a kind, understanding, and above all a wonderful priest.

I ask that you consider all of this in your consideration of his status and his future.

Unless there are allegations of others, that we are not aware of, I think it unusual that a pedophile act only once, it is my understanding that this disease is an ongoing problem.

Sincerely,




cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

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We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.



cc: Rev. James J. Kaczorowski



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Dear Cardinal George:

Yesterday, at Mass, the Bishop notified us of the allegations made against Father Voder. As a result of these 40 year old allegations we are told we will be deprived of Father's presence at our Church. He cannot celebrate Mass and must "retire" and remain at Mundelein.

Father has been at our Church for 40 years. He has always been a good, caring, holy priest. I don't understand these allegations against him. He has always been a good priest and has ministered to all our religious needs.

I'd like you to know how I - we feel

about Father Vaker-we owe him much

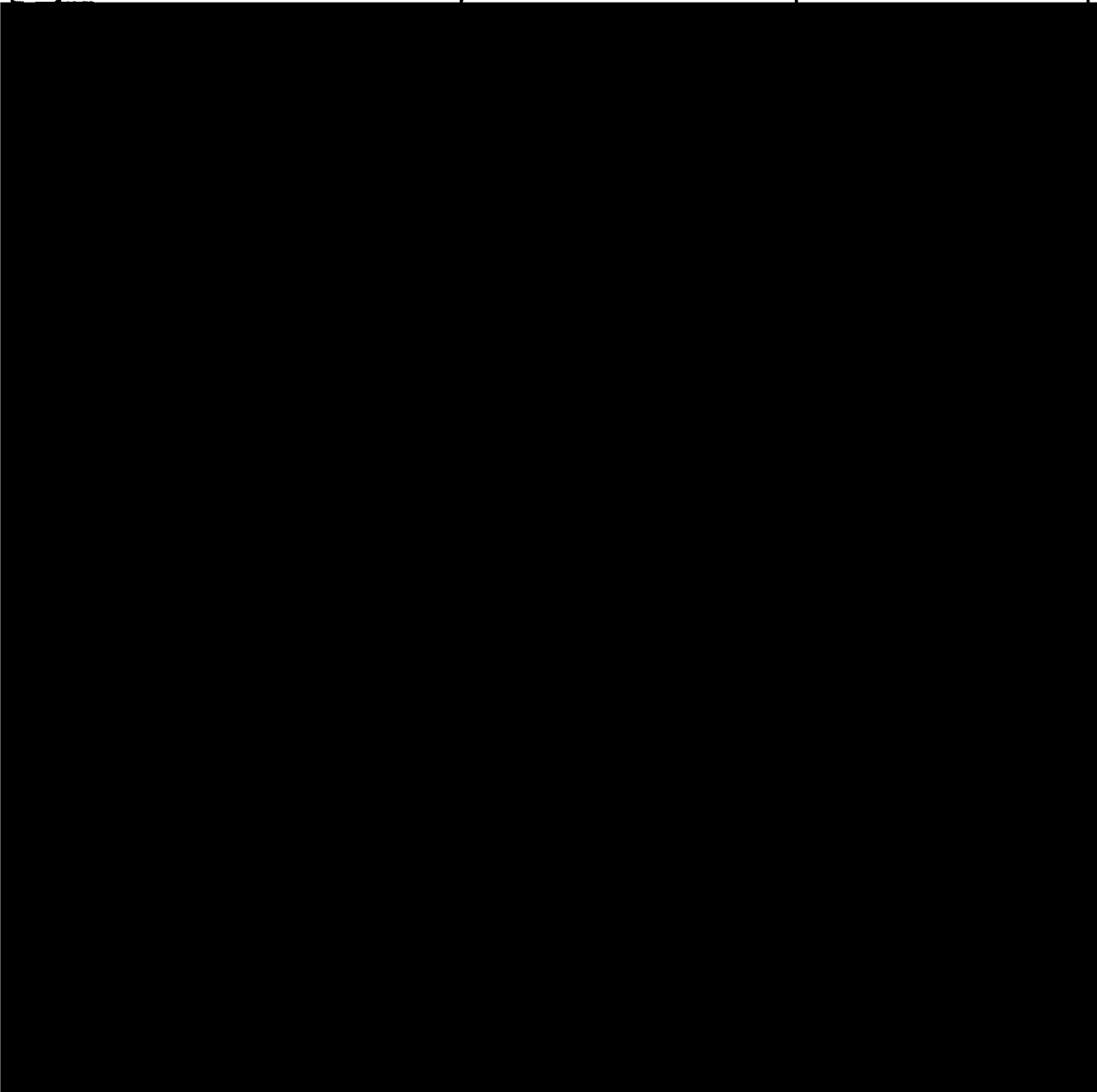
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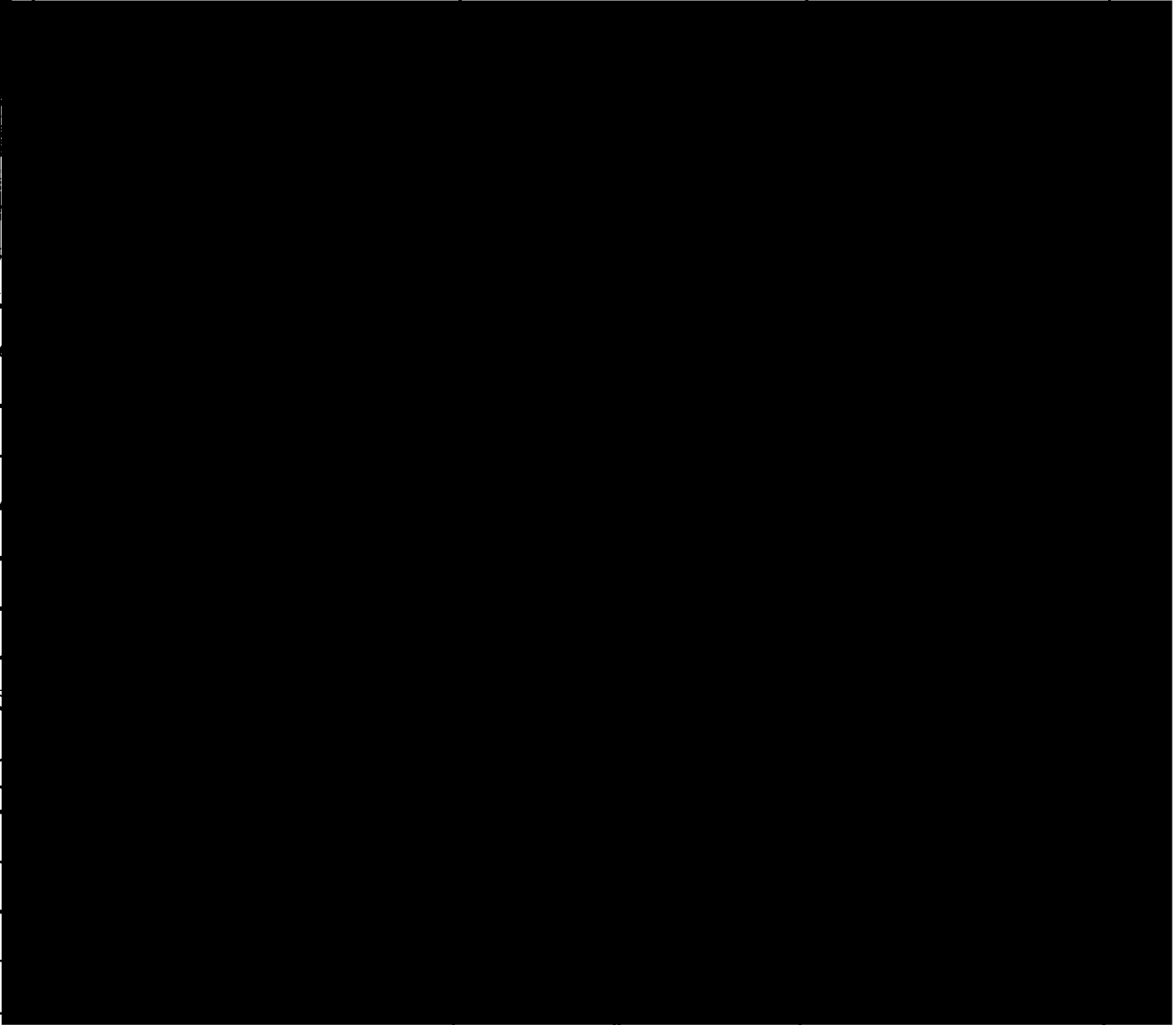
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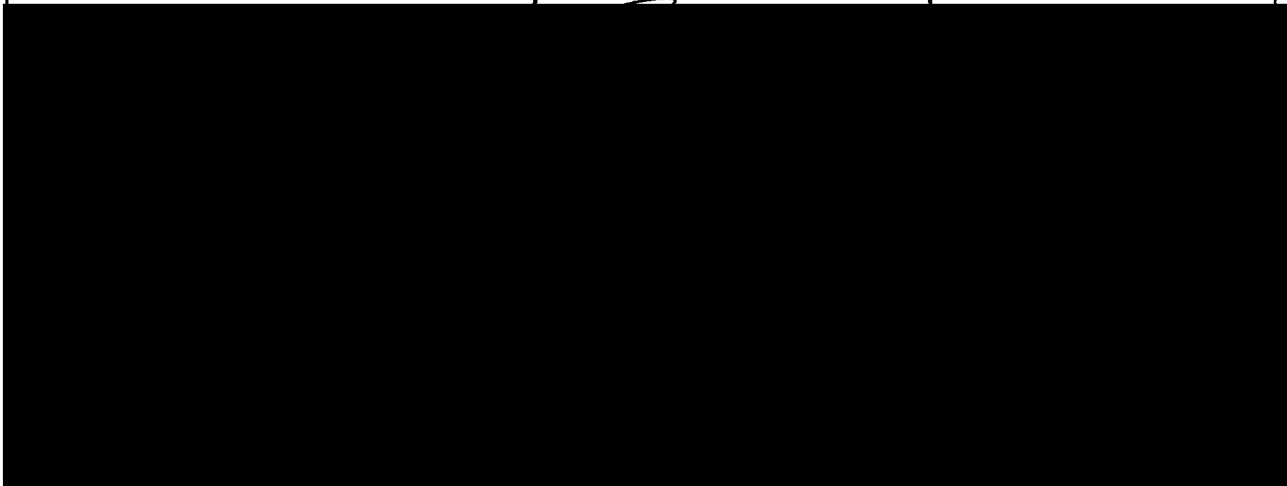
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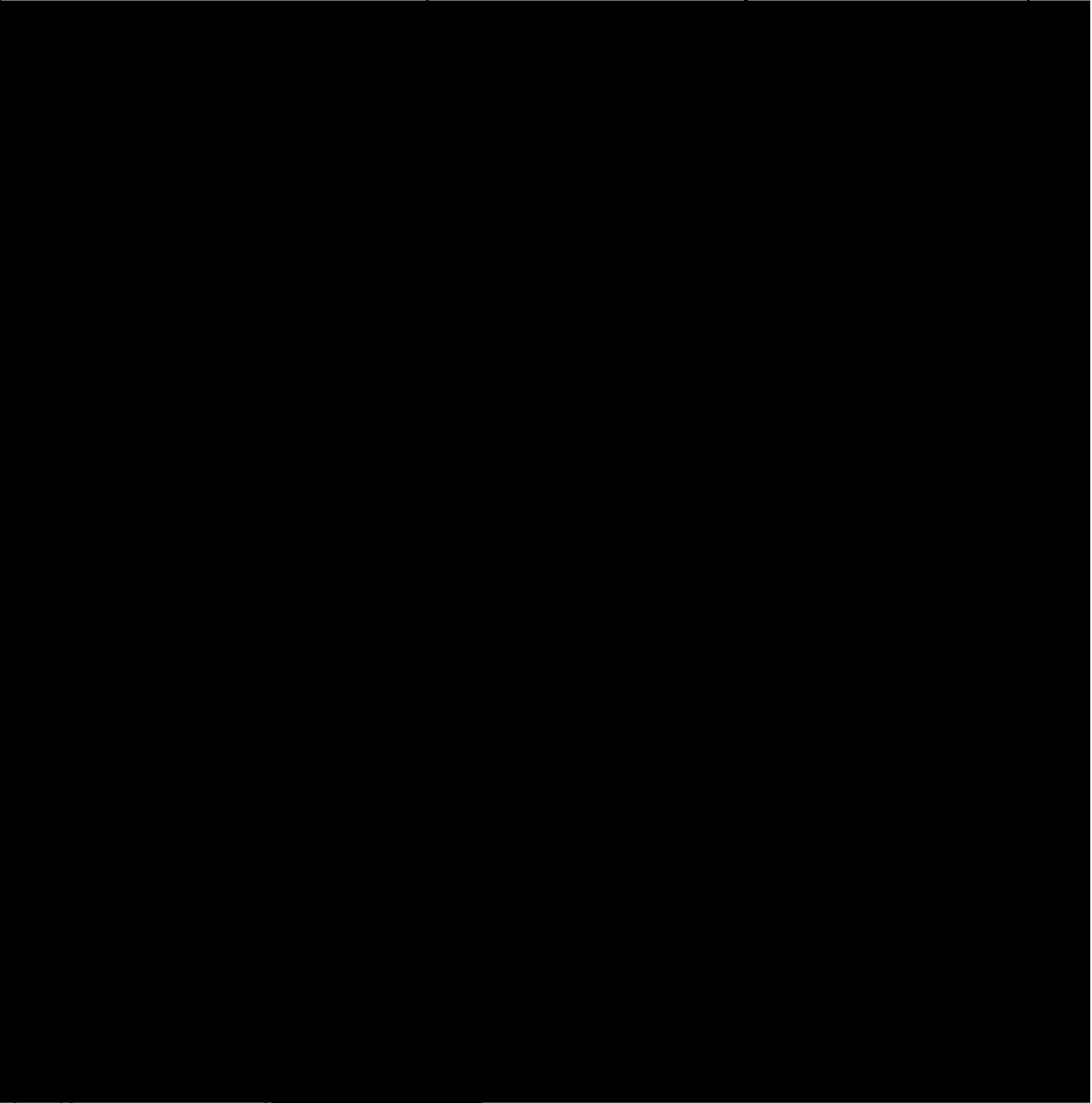
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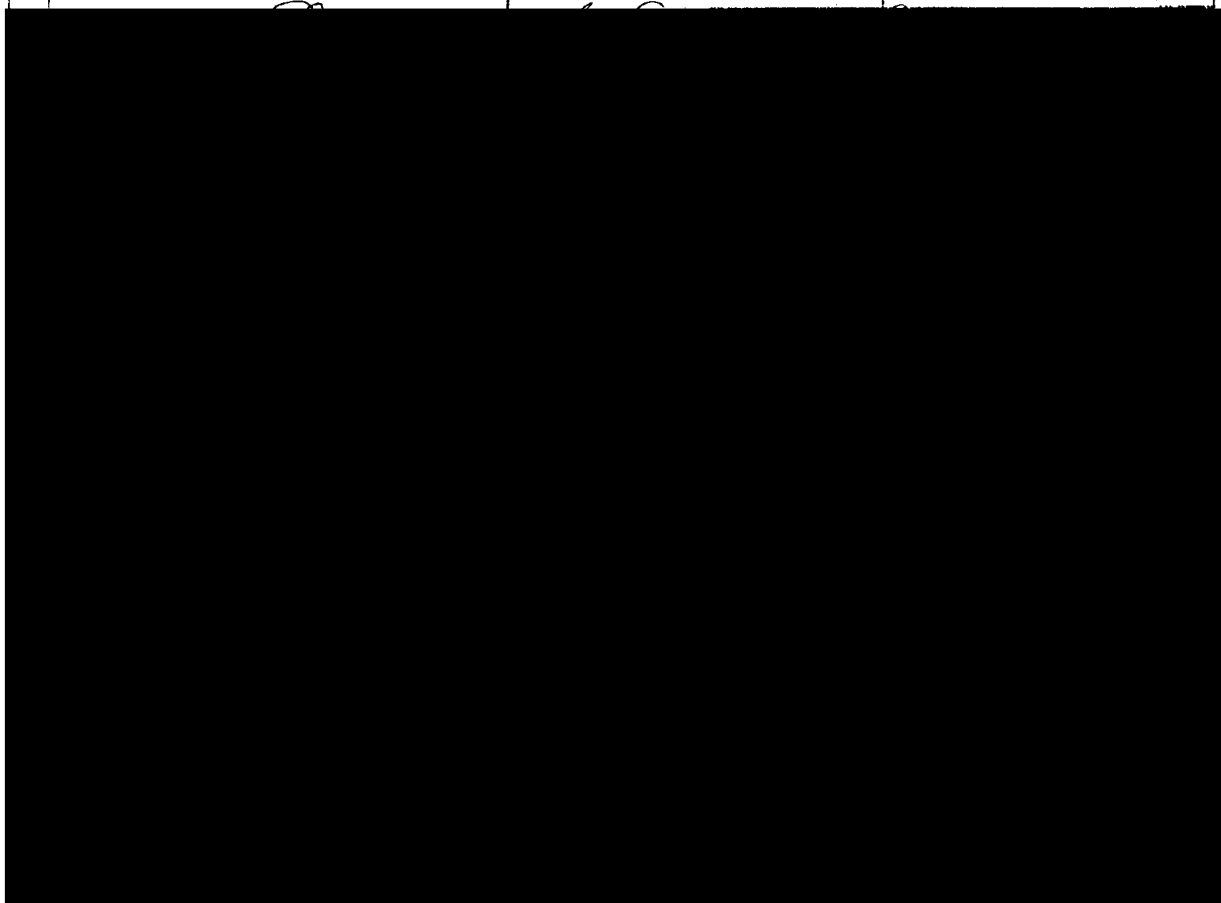
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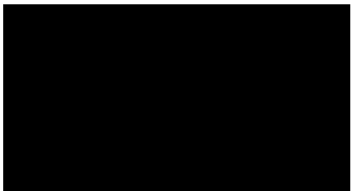
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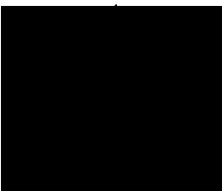
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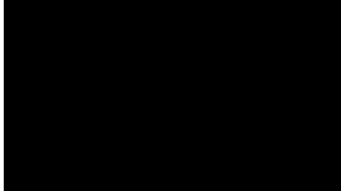
Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I have enclosed a copy of a letter I sent to Cardinal George concerning Father Tony Vader. I think you might find it illuminating.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter.

God bless you now and always, Father.





Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

2/8/03

Dear Cardinal George,

Why, you might ask, is someone from [REDACTED] from outside the Archdiocese, writing in support of Father Tony Vader? I grew up in St. Walter Parish, on the far southwest side of Chicago, but, since my mother first brought me to midnight Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart before I was old enough to have made my First Communion, I have been going to the Shrine. It is the church of my childhood, and, even though my family and I live in [REDACTED] and are active members of a wonderful parish, [REDACTED] we still get to Sacred Heart about once a month for Mass. My wife, [REDACTED] loves the Shrine. Our kids, even though only one of them is old enough to have made her First Holy Communion, feel the warmth that surrounds the Shrine and which is embodied in Father Vader. In fact, our oldest had her throat blessed for the first time when she was (obviously) in utero at the Shrine. I help out with the readings, and serve as a Eucharistic Minister, at Sacred Heart. The wonderful little Shrine, which filled my childhood with so many wonderful memories, is now making memories for my children.

In the early 1980's, our Shrine was closed down for reasons that were never made entirely clear to us. But the people of our Shrine never took this decree as final. Through endless prayers, some of which took place off a truck parked adjacent to the shuttered Shrine, and petitions, we continued to fight to reopen Sacred Heart. At first, our pleas fell on deaf ears, not in Heaven, but at the Archdiocese. However, when Joseph Bernadin became our Archbishop, he gave our petitions a receptive ear. One of his first acts as Cardinal Archbishop was to reopen the Shrine. Sacred Heart, under the official tutelage of Holy Name of Mary, was reopened in 1983. Father Vader, the pastor of HNM, was put in charge of our church; he became our new pastor.

Father Vader had tough shoes to fill. For over twenty years, our pastor had been Father Ken Borchardt, and a more beloved figure has rarely tread this earth. You see, for many of us, Father Borchardt *was* Sacred Heart. He was the reason we came here. Bear in mind that Sacred Heart is not a parish, no one lives in its boundaries. No one attends Sacred Heart because he or she *has* to. People come here because they *want* to. It has always been that way. And for many of us back then, Father Borchardt, and his kind, loving approach to life, his Christian faith, and his Catholic calling, was the reason we wanted to come to Sacred Heart. So, when Father Vader became our pastor, we were wary. We were sure no one could fill Father Borchardt's shoes, and, certainly, no one could take his place in our hearts.

We were wrong. Father Vader became, not the new Father Borchardt that we had been hoping for, but a kind, loving, concerned pastor that found his own way into our hearts. On the few occasions that Father Borchardt came back to say Mass for us, he told us how blessed we were, and how happy he was, that Sacred Heart was now under the tutelage of "Father Tony." And he was absolutely right. Despite his being full time pastor at HNM, Father Vader never left us feeling denied or second best. Despite his busy schedule, and all the challenges that come with running a big parish like HNM, he never neglected his little flock at Sacred Heart. He has celebrated with us when times have been good, he has consoled us when times have been rough. He became our pastor, and we love this man. We only wish that he could be with

us during these times, when the determination, and, more importantly, the faith of the Family of Sacred Heart is once again being tested. Meeting the test will be especially difficult without our beloved pastor. But, with your support, and the support of Bishop Perry, we, and our pastor, will find our way through this trial.

We will continue to pray for Father Vader and to support him in any way we can. He is our pastor, our spiritual advisor, our consoler, our counselor, our priest. We want him back, and are sure that God will, in accordance with His will, find a way to send him back to us.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter, your eminence. May God bless you and all the members of the Archdiocese, now and forever.

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cc: Father James T. Kaczorowski

February 9, 2003

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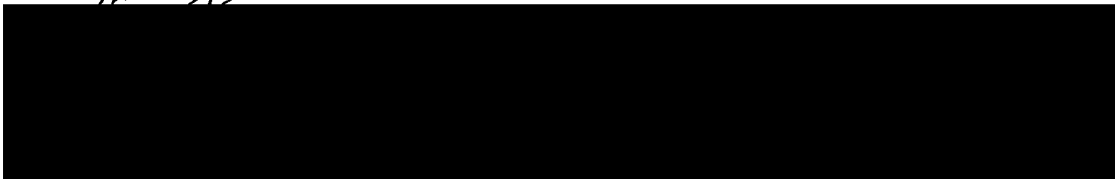
We are very sad to have learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor Father Anthony Vader. These allegations are stemming from actions that supposedly happened over 40 years ago.

We have known Father Vader ever since he came to Sacred Heart Church and have always known him as a kind, wonderful and caring priest. We look forward to attending Mass when Father Vader is celebrating, as his homilies are always most informative and comforting to all. Our family travels over 13 miles one-way to attend services at Sacred Heart each week and we've been doing this for over 15 years. On our way to Mass on Saturday, we would pick up my Mom in Blue Island. At that time she was 90 years old. Fr. Vader always has the most kind and inspiring words for her. Before that we lived in the Beverly neighborhood and attended Sacred Heart Church before and after its closing. We are very happy with each priest that visits our little Shrine. But Fr. Vader certainly has been one of the best.

If these allegations are true, we need to acknowledge there may be circumstances involved that we are not aware, and to follow the teachings of Christ by forgiving. If these allegations are not true or accurate, we need to pray for Father Vader and his accusers, and question their motives. Our Church teaches that we are all sinners and should be striving to make our lives better. Fr. Vader certainly has done this by taking on burdens that he did not have to do in his senior years.

We love him, respect him, and pray this ordeal will be over as soon as possible so that Fr. Vader may return to Sacred Heart Church.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Father Kaczorowski

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February 9, 2003

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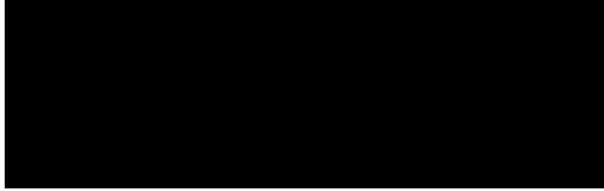
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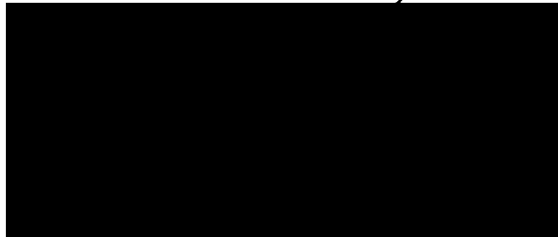
To: Cardinal George

Re: Fr. Vader

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The allegations and charges brought against Father Vader were quite shocking; he has been a very good priest, at all times. Father Vader has been servicing our religious needs for many years. We are very thankful for him and believe he has made a positive impact in our lives. We will continue to pray for him. Thank you.

cc: Father Kaczorowski



Sunday, February 9, 2003

RE: Rev. Anthony Vader

FEB 13 2003

Francis Cardinal George  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

*This is the first time I have written a letter of this type. I recently heard the allegations against our retired Pastor Anthony Vader. Our church community has been told the allegations date back forty years. While I am aware both you and Bishop Gregory have worked very hard on the developement of how to treat these allegations I wanted to share with you my personal feelings on Rev. Vader.*

*I have been a member of the Sacred Heart Community since I was three years old over 45 years. While my brothers and sister live in various Chicago and Indiana communities, three of us still attend mass at Sacred Heart and the reason is the love, compassion and faith which Father Vader communicates to his parish members. When we leave church after the celebration of mass we often discuss Father Vader homily on the way home and review its meaning to us personally as well as to the events of todays world.*

*Our youngest daughter and her best friend [REDACTED] served mass with Father Vader almost every Sunday for 2 and 1/2 years. And during the holiday season several times a day when extra services were added to assist with the parish needs. We would never allow [REDACTED] to be exposed to Father Vader if we had felt he was a threat to her or other children. Needless to say [REDACTED] was very unsettled by the allegations against Father Vader.*

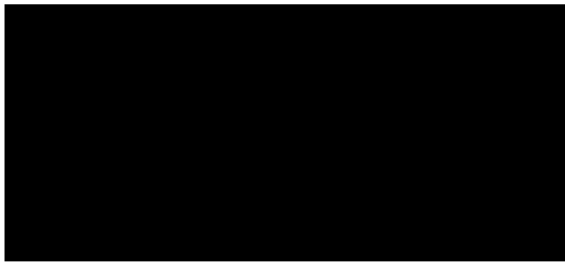
*I often thought of Father Vader as a lamb. Very gentle in nature, kind in his actions towards others. Yet strong stalwart in his leadership at keeping our little parish church open and running smoothly.*

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*It is my hope that every consideration be given to address the accusations against Father Vader. And that his name be cleared. My prayers and those of my family are with him.*

*Thank you for your time.*

*Sincerely,*



*CC: Rev. James Kaczorowski*

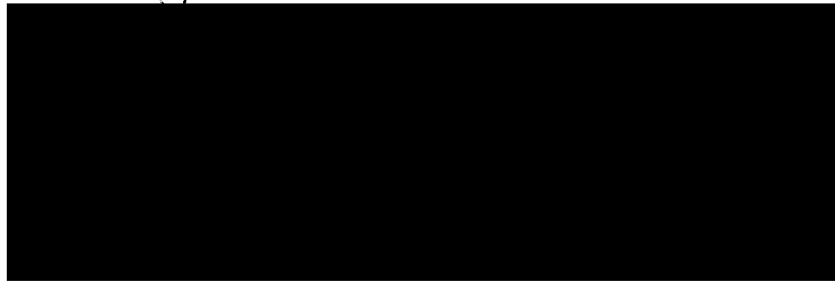
Feb. 9, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I have just learned of the allegations made against my retired pastor, Father Vader. I have been going to Sacred Heart for 15 years, and I live in Oak Lawn. Father Vader is one of the nicest people I know.

I understand this happened 40 yrs ago, and that Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass. The allegations are incredible & shocking. I know the truth w/come out.

Sincerely,



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Feb. 09, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing on behalf of our Pastor and friend,  
Fr. Anthony Vader from Sacred Heart Church.

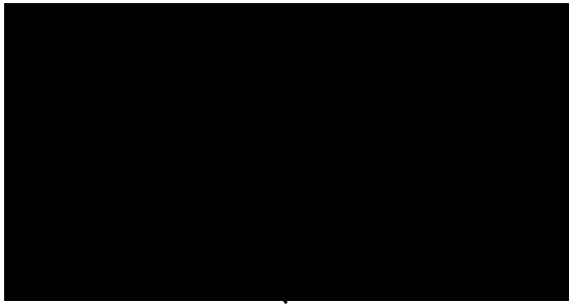
The allegations against him are so shocking  
Fr. Vader is the kindest, most caring priest I  
have ever known. When my mother was dying, Fr. Vader  
came out at 10:00 p.m. on a cold January night to give  
her the last rites. Recently my son-in-law's father had  
surgery and wasn't expected to live and Fr. Vader made  
it to the hospital as soon as he was called.

He has baptized my grandchildren and given 1st Communion  
to them also. I've been coming to Sacred Heart for  
over 20 years as has my family and extended families.  
There has never been a hint of inappropriate behavior  
from Fr. Vader and I find the allegations to be  
unbelievable!

We, my family, friends and all of the Sacred Heart  
community need Fr. Vader back here where he can  
continue doing what God has called him to do.

My prayers are with Fr. Vader and everyone  
who has to be involved in this horrendous situation.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]



from:

To: Cardinal George

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February 9, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago IL 60690

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
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Dear Cardinal George and Father Kaczorowski:

I just learned of allegations made against Father Vader, dating back over 40 years. I am writing to convey how adamantly the community of Sacred Heart desires the return of Father Vader to where he belongs – as celebrant of Mass on the alter of Sacred Heart.

Father Vader has served Sacred Heart for 20 years. He is a true blessing to those of us who know him and benefit from his service. I value priests as extraordinary people, and Father Vader stands out among those extraordinary people we know as priests. Father Vader is a wonderful, caring, kind and warm minister to our religious needs. His devotion to the Church, his parishioners, and Christianity is without question.

Father Vader carries a message through his homily every week that has meaning for me and that I apply in my daily life. Father Vader demonstrates a warmth and connection with his parishioners, much in the likeness of how I believe Jesus conducted his teachings. Father Vader leads by allowing his parishioners to determine the personality and culture of Sacred Heart, not by dictating what that personality and culture should be. Father Vader services us with a smile and a sense of humor that makes Sacred Heart a place you want to be, not a place you have to be.

I am fortunate to have benefited from the many clergy serving the Archdiocese of Chicago throughout my life. I am grateful for the Catholic education I attained for 16 years of my life. I am blessed to have parents who passed on to me the values and importance of Christianity and the Catholic faith. I attribute my many good fortunes in life to God, the Church and my faith. I believe that God, the Church and my faith carried me through the tougher times in my life and will continue to do so. I attend church regularly and contribute to it financially because of all this.

Throughout the crisis in the Catholic Church in the United States over the past year, I remain solid in my convictions – choosing to maintain my active participation in the Church, as well as my level of financial support. As I have done in other challenging times, today I rely on God, the Church and my faith to do what is best. What is best in this case is to return Father Vader to service at Sacred Heart.

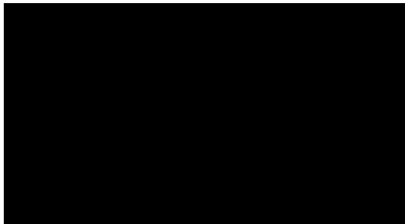
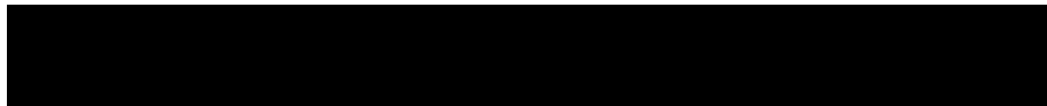


The people of Sacred Heart deserve to have our beloved Father Vader back. Father Vader deserves to serve God, the Church and his faith in the way his talents best fit – in active service. The Archdiocese deserves to deploy its clergy where they are most needed – for Father Vader, this is back in active service for the people of Sacred Heart.

I have the utmost regard for the horrible situation the crisis in the past year places on the Archdiocese. I do not envy the position this places on you as our leaders. But I am committed that we together -- Church leaders and Church members -- do the right thing. We cannot allow media hype and misplaced perceptions to force decisions that are a disservice to God, our Church and our faith.

The right thing in this situation is to allow Father Vader to return to the service of those who cherish and value him at Sacred Heart. We understand we have to miss him for 30 days, but we should not have to be without him beyond that. We are the people who best know Father Vader in recent years and today, and we are the people who most need him today and tomorrow. Please heed our voices -- as we are the voices most pertinent to his service today.

Sincerely,

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February 9, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

My family was so sad to learn of the allegations against our pastor, Father Anthony Vader, who has worked so selflessly on behalf of the Church at Sacred Heart parish. We cannot understand how anyone could pick him out as the target for these accusations.

Knowing Father Vader, we know that he has forgiven and is praying for his accuser and because of our faith in his ability to do just that, we know that he will be cleared, beyond the shadow of a doubt, of these charges. Father Vader is the kind of priest that can make a common man a better person in Christ by his ability to help us understand the spirit of a complicated reading and by his constant example of compassion and forgiveness while at the same time projecting an image of strength in conviction that allows us to believe in what we know is right.

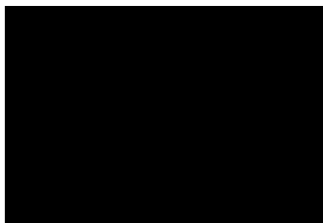
He has strengthened my faith in the Church and in God and along with Father Scheid, was responsible for bringing me back to God at a time when the day to day pressures and responsibilities of our mortal world had driven me to such a low level of faith that I no longer cared about going to Mass.

Father Vader teaches us to see the good in people. My grade school aged children look to Father Vader and the CCD program at Sacred Heart for the nuts and bolts of their Roman Catholic faith and I believe they receive the greatest gifts of understanding God through that involvement.

My wife, a non-Catholic, attends mass every Sunday with us and has the utmost respect and admiration for Father Vader as well. We drive fifteen miles each way to join in the spirit of the message that Father Vader brings. It is a very genuine method he employs to impart that message that keeps her and many others who may be turned away by the antiseptic tone of many Catholic masses coming back.

Cardinal George, we know that you will pray for Father Vader, as will all who know and trust him. He is the kind of priest that we need more of. He is a great and humble servant of God and I know that he would pray to have this type of situation brought on himself rather than another innocent priest because that is the type of man he is.

May God have mercy on us all.



FEB 13 2003

cc: Reverend James T. Kaczorowski

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FEB 9, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. I know him to be a good and kind Priest, always. I, not able to understand how anyone could charge him to such e.

I had fallen away from the faith for a long time, even though I had been brought up, gone to school and attended Mass in the Catholic Church.

When I found my faith again - about three years ago - Sacred Heart was the church I found the most peace at - why - a big part was due to Father Vader. His sermons every Sunday seem to touch my very soul. I will keep Father Vader and you, Cardinal in my prayers, in the belief that God will grant you the wisdom to return Father Vader to Sacred Heart.

Sincerely,

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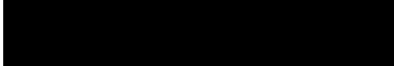
February 9, 2003

Reverend Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.  
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690.

Dear Rev. George,

The allegations and resulting requirement that Father Vader of Sacred Heart Church spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has completed for us a beautifully redecoration of the church's interior ceiling, wall areas, stations, and statues. He has been administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. We certainly would have him stay with us for as long as possible. We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

Yours sincerely,

  
Parishoner, Sacred Heart Church  
Chicago, Illinois

cc: Rev. James T. Roczynowski.  
Vicar for Priests.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry D.D.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago  
Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate VI



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February 9, 2002

Dear members of the Holy Name of Mary Parish family,

I regret to inform you that your pastor emeritus, Fr. Anthony Vader, has been withdrawn from all parish ministry following allegations received by officials of the Archdiocese of Chicago this Fall that he engaged in sexual misconduct more than 40 years ago with minors while he served as an assistant pastor at the now closed Holy Cross Parish in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood.

These allegations have been reported to the Cook County States Attorney.

In its first-stage review last month, the independent Fitness Review Board found that there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual abuse of minors had occurred. In accord with national and local archdiocesan policies, the Review Board recommended to Cardinal George that, pending further review under the norms of church law, Fr. Vader be temporarily withdrawn from all ministry. Cardinal George accepted that recommendation. Fr. Vader is now residing in a monitored and restricted setting and has been directed not to be alone with minors.

Archdiocesan officials have not received any other allegations of misconduct involving Fr. Vader. However, if any parishioner has additional information or a concern to raise, please contact Fr. James Flynn, myself or the Archdiocesan Fitness Review Administrator directly at 1-800-994-6200. However, you may also report any allegation directly to the Cook County States Attorney's office at 312-603-5440.

I am meeting with your parish leaders to determine how I might be of help to your parish at this difficult time. Representatives of the Archdiocesan Assistance Ministry will meet with your community soon. I have assured Fr. Flynn of my willingness to answer any and all questions you might have about these issues. Please pray for the Lord's healing for all associated with this painful issue.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Rev. Joseph N. Perry  
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1<sup>st</sup> Draft February 9, 2002

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This allegation has been reported to the Cook County State's Attorney.

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With gratitude for your understanding and hope in the Lord for our future, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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February 9, 2003

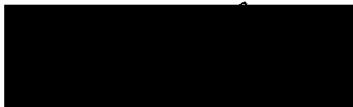
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February 9, 2003

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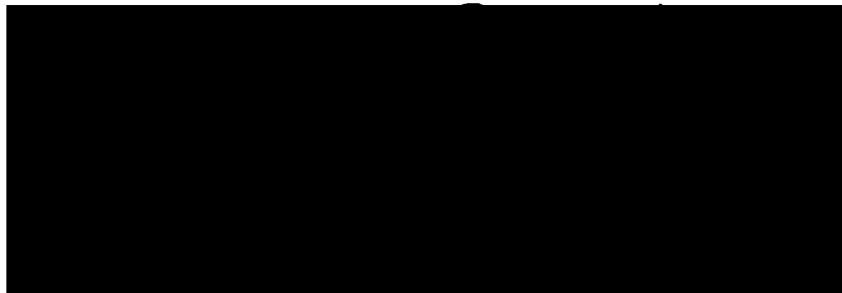
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He is a very kind Priest and have complete faith in him.

Yours Truly,



Feb 9, 2003

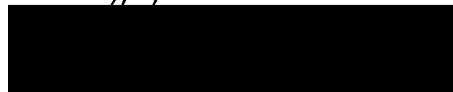
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I had fallen away from God for many years, even though I had been brought up Catholic, gone to a Catholic school and attended Mass regularly.

When I found my faith again - about three years ago - Sacred Heart was the Church I found the most peace - why - a large part was due to Father Vader. His sermons every Sunday seem to touch my very soul. I will keep Father Vader and you Reverend in my prayers, in the belief that God will grant you the wisdom to return Father Vader to Sacred Heart Church, ~~where~~ <sup>where</sup> he is most needed and loved.

Sincerely,



J.M.G. + Anthony

2/10/03

Dear Cardinal George,

This letter is one of complete support for Fr. Vader! As the parents of [redacted] children, we would trust our soul and their lives to Fr. Vader. We have been trusting our souls, which are much more important to him for years now at Sacred Heart Church. We have appreciated Fr. Vader's holiness and compassion; his warmth, and his dedication! We are praying for a quick ending to his imposed exile to Mundelein. If only there were more priests like Fr. Vader - Courageous in the faith - the pews might be more filled.

Fr. Vader suffers through this while Fr. Pleger (sp?) is free to do as he pleases with and wherever he chooses!!  
Praying for Fr. Vader + his family,  
[redacted] + family  
[redacted]

February 10, 2003

Francis cardinal George, O.M.I.,  
Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

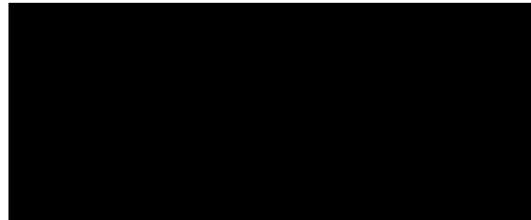
I have been a registered parishioner at Sacred Heart Mission Church for almost twenty years. Sunday was a sad day for all of us when Bishop Perry informed us of the allegations made against our beloved pastor, Fr. Tony Vader. Fr. Vader has been an inspiration and he will be sorely missed by all of us.

Under Fr. Vader's example and service, the community of Sacred Heart has grown to be one of the most unique religious families I have ever experienced in my seventy odd years of being a Roman Catholic.

To learn that because of allegations (over forty years old) that Fr. Vader will be unable to celebrate Mass was most disturbing to me. I shall surely pray for him and believe that this crisis is one he will be able to handle due to his faith and disposition.

Please handle this situation with diligence and speed. We miss, and want, our good pastor to return to Sacred Heart as quickly as possible.


Sincerely,



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Feb. 10, 2003

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Sincerely,  


February 10, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

2/10/2003

Dear Cardinal George:

My family and I would like to express our unwavering support for our friend and priest, Father Anthony Vader. We understand that certain individuals have recently made claims against Father Vader that date back 40 years ago. We are saddened and surprised by these claims and find them impossible to believe.

Father Vader has been our priest at Sacred Heart Church for close to 20 years and a close family friend for more than 30 years. He baptized both of our children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], who admire and respect him. We consider Father Vader to be an extension of our family, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In fact, Father Vader is a part of every celebration and important occasion in our family. But this is not just a social relationship, as we rely on Father Vader's common sense, worldly perspective and commitment to Jesus Christ to guide us through our daily lives. Further, he has helped us develop an appreciation for our good fortunes and to care deeply about the needs of people in crisis throughout the world.

We look forward to a quick resolution to this issue so that Father Vader can return to his life's work and to the people who love and need him.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

copies to:  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Rev. Anthony Vader

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February 10, 2003

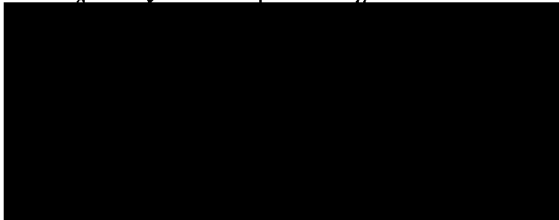
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Archbishop  
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P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL. 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against Father Vader dating back 40 years or more. As a result, this wonderful priest cannot celebrate Mass and must remain in Mundelein for at least 30 days. We are devastated as he must be also! These allegations are shocking and unbelievable!

We have known Father for at least 20 years and can't understand or believe any of this. He is a truly religious, kind and honest person. I think he has the same presence as Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, another priest wrongly accused. We are praying that these accusations are recanted soon.

Yours truly,



Cc: Fr. James T. Kaczorowski

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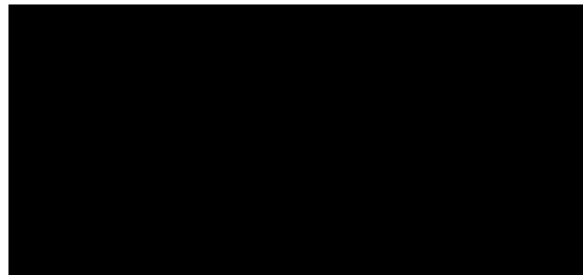
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I know him to be a good and sincere man and Priest.

I cannot understand how anyone could accuse him of something or anything as they have.

We owe him much and he certainly deserves everyone's support.



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February 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I was, indeed, saddened to hear of the allegations against Father Vader. My reaction to this news is disbelief.

I know Father Vader as a good priest. At the time of my husband's death, he was very kind, understanding, and helpful to me and the rest of the family as well as to our friends.

I owe him much and he deserves my support.

Sincerely,



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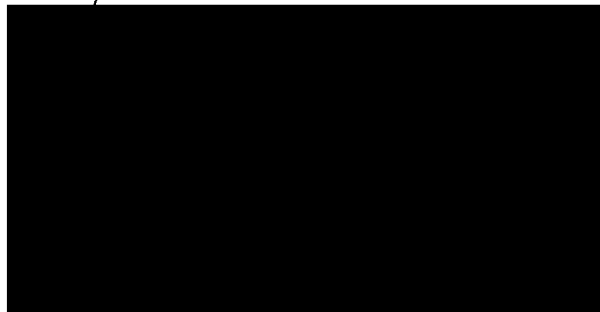
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I hope these allegations against him can be resolved as soon as possible.

Sacred Heart and its parishioners need Father Vader very much for he has become the backbone of our little church.

Thank you and God Bless.

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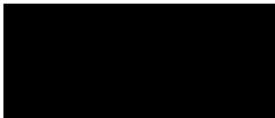
Francis Cardinal George  
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PO Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

FEB 13 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing in regarding the accusations of our pastor and beloved family friend Fr. Anthony Vader. The allegations are simply unbelievable. I have known Fr. Vader all of my 31 years of life and consider him a member of my family. He presided over my marriage, baptized all three of my children, and has counseled me in times of despair. He has joined my family for dinner almost every night of the week for as long as I can remember. My family knows Father Vader perhaps better than any other family does. He is and has always been a person of the utmost professionalism, never faltering from his love of God and his duty to serve Him and pass along His word. Father Vader is a compassionate, intelligent, moral, ethical man who deserves to be treated as such. He is greatly needed by the families of Sacred Heart Church and Holy Name of Mary Church and should not be required to be confined to the Cardinal Stritch retreat house. He is an incredible man and loved and respected by everyone who knows him—regardless of race. For Father Vader of all people to be accused of misconduct is preposterous. We love him and are prepared to stand by him no matter what.

Yours Truly,



Copies to: Rev. James Kaczrowski, Vicar of Priests  
Rev. Anthony J. Vader

AOC 020950

SAMAHANG SANTO NINO

c/o [REDACTED]

February 10, 2003

2-10-2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

Greetings. May this letter find you in the best of health and spirit. The purpose of this letter is to offer our support and prayers for our beloved Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader. We learned that Fr. Vader has been accused of improper conduct some 45 years ago. Our group cannot believe that Fr. Vader would be subject to such malicious lies as has been leveled at him. As a matter of fact, we are surprised that the Committee hearing this case even found some merit to move it forward.

Our group, the Samahang Santo Nino, Midwest USA, an organization venerating the Infant Jesus, was formed 23 years ago. The organization has hundreds of member families throughout the Midwest and many other States across the country. Fr. Vader has been our Spiritual Director since the group's formation. He has faithfully served the needs of the group, the community and all its ethnic diversity. Outside of the weekly devotions, he ministered to our needs: baptizing our children, marrying some couples, counseling the troubled, visiting the sick, burying our dead, leading our pilgrimages, helping those discriminated against, helping others find jobs and supporting our religious, cultural celebrations such as the Christmas Simbang Gabi. Our group found that although Fr. Vader was then running a big parish, the Holy Name of Mary, he always found time to respond to our needs. He even found time to be Spiritual Director of several Filipino-American organizations and other ethnic organizations, providing support to a group of people away from their homeland. On his many visits to the Philippines, he has shared his limited financial resources with the seminaries and homes for the abandoned, poor children.

In all these years of association with Fr. Vader, and several of us have known Fr. Vader as far back as the late 1950s and early 1960s, his words and actions have conveyed nothing but the highest ethical and respectful behavior and the most inspiring spiritual integrity. We, therefore, urge the Committee and all decision makers to look closely, listen intently and appreciate the integrity of Fr. Anthony J. Vader, who has served God and man most faithfully for the last fifty years.

We, members of the Samahang Santo Nino, and the rest of the Filipino-American community, here in the United States and the Philippines, pray for Fr. Vader's strength and health and unshakable faith in the Almighty as he suffers this heavy cross. We pray for the Committee and decision makers for their enlightened judgment. Most especially, we pray for the accusers, that God may enlighten them and guide them to tell only the truth and not be motivated and influenced by any material or financial gains from their allegations.

We firmly believe that like his "brother", the late beloved Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Fr. Vader is innocent of these allegations. We only hope and pray that this horrendous burden with its unthinkable suffering does not kill Fr. Vader.

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If during the investigation and deliberation process, it is possible for Fr. Vader's friends to come and listen or to present statements of support to the Committee, please contact [REDACTED]. Also feel free to call any of us in the attached signature sheets. Thank you.

Sincerely and prayerfully yours,

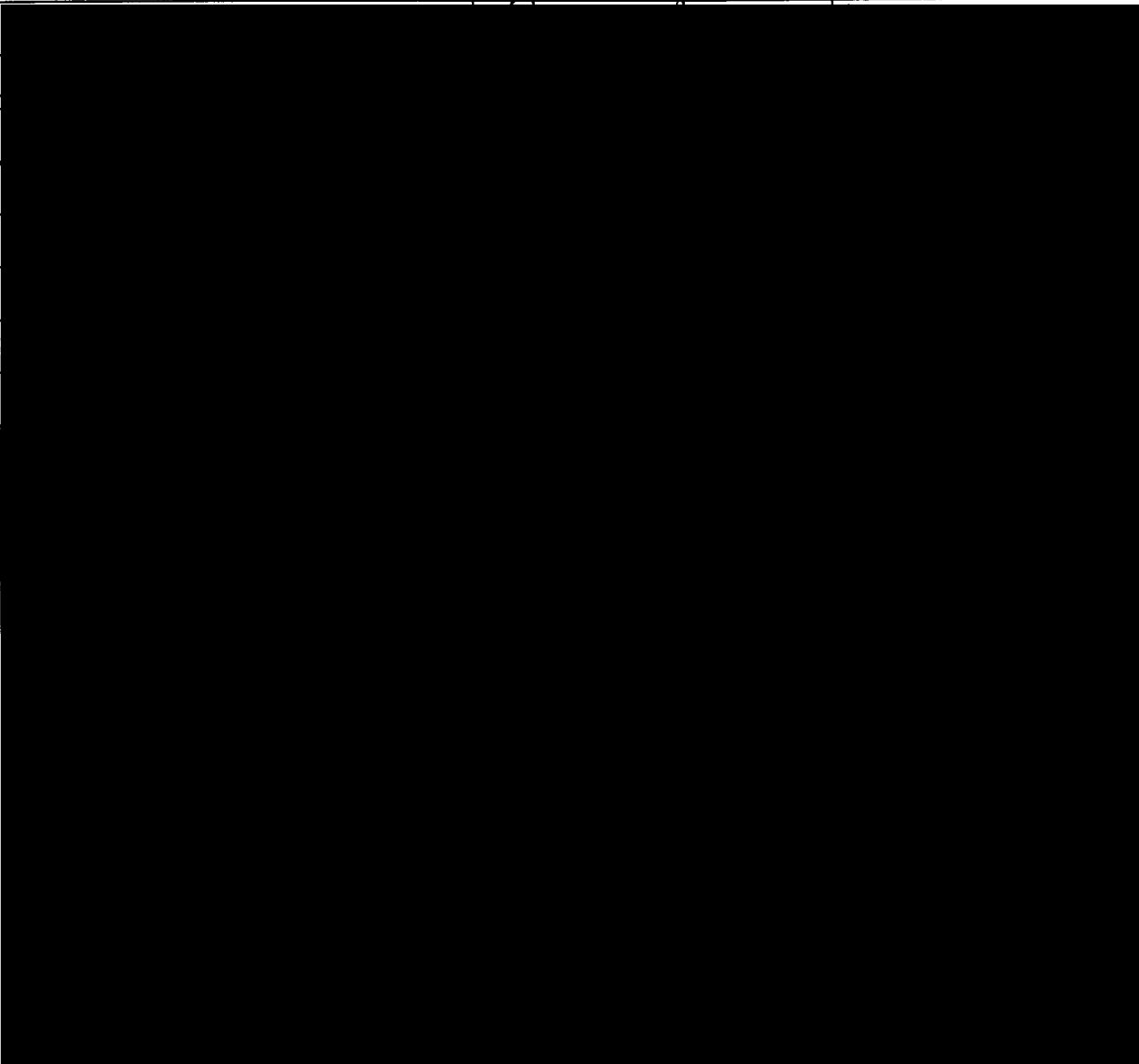
The members of the Samahang Santo Nino (Please see attached signatures.)

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

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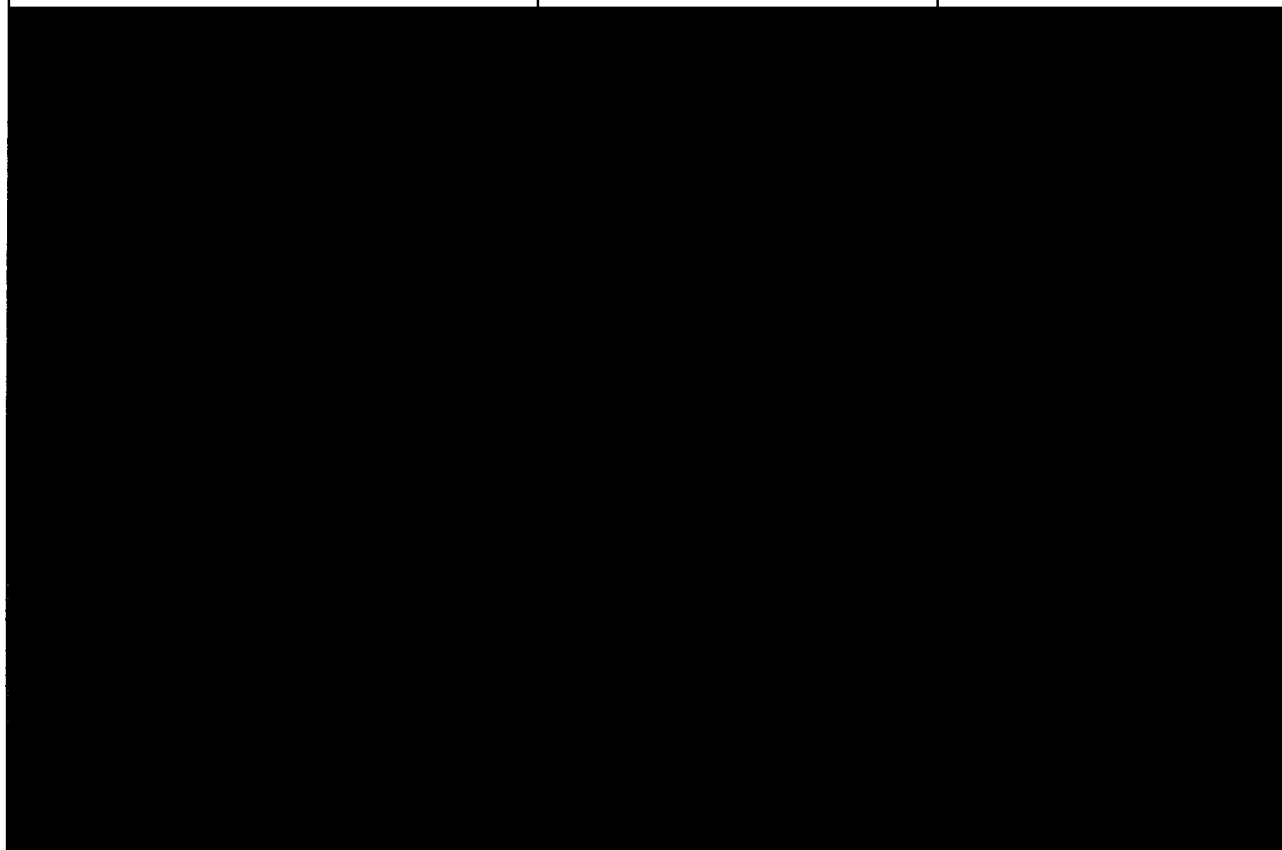
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Sincerely



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DEAR CARDINAL GEORGE

February 10, 2003

The allegations made against our Pastor Father Vader reportably date back 40 years. If these allegations are true why did they wait so long? Basically they are looking for a fast settlement.

Father Vader is a good priest, I cannot believe he did anything wrong. These women have their eye on money; they would not do this for anyother reason. Don't let them get a way with it.



no return address

c.c. Rev James T. Kaczorowski

AOC 020956

2/10/03

Dear Father George -

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accusations against Father  
Voder. He has always  
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church. God willing he  
will be absolved and  
can find his way back  
to our parish - Our  
prayer and support are  
with him.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

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[Redacted address]

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Feb 10

Dear Cardinal George

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us at Sacred Heart Church -  
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**February 10, 2003**

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The members of the Samahang Santo Nino  
(Please see attached signatures.)

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 10, 2003

Dear Cardinal George -

The reason I choose to attend Mass at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart is solely because of Father Vader. Father is a good, pious, modest Christian man. Living a good Christian life is very important to me. I know many Catholics who I do not feel are good Christians. Father has a special way about welcoming everyone into the congregation. Each Sunday his words inspire me to be a better, kinder and more forgiving person. I find it impossible to believe these allegations which supposedly date back forty years. I am praying for these allegations to be proven to be false and for Father Vader to be returned to all of us here at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. We all need his guidance.

Sincerely,



Copy to Rev. Jao Kaczorowski ✓

J.M.D. + St. Anthony

2/10/03

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

We also are writing to you in full  
support of Fr. Vader. We have written to  
Cardinal George about the unbelievable  
situation!

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Praying for Fr. Vader + his family,  
[redacted] + family




February 10, 2003

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This is a copy of the letter we sent to Cardinal George.

Sincerely,

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February 10, 2003

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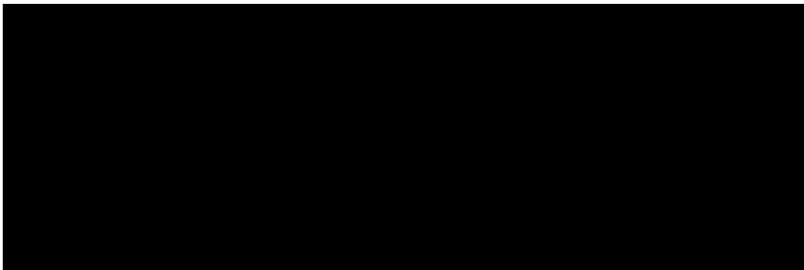
We were at our weekly 4:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Church on February 8, 2003 when we were asked to pray for Father Vader. At first, we thought he was ill, but then we were told that Father Vader needed our prayers and support because of 40-year-old allegations. This is incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at Sacred Heart for over 20 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. He is always cheerful and upbeat with an especially caring attitude. He has been an inspiration in our lives with the down-to-earth words he speaks in his homilies.

All four of our children were baptized at Sacred Heart. Our oldest is 31 and youngest, 25. When our son and then our daughter decided to get married, Father Vader graciously helped with their baptismal certificates that needed to be updated in order for them to be married in the Catholic Church.

We are all hoping and praying that Father Vader will be back with us soon. He is a wonderful person and doesn't deserve this, nor do we, the parishioners. He will be sorely missed.

Please, Cardinal George, do all that you can to help get Father Vader back to us!

Sincerely,



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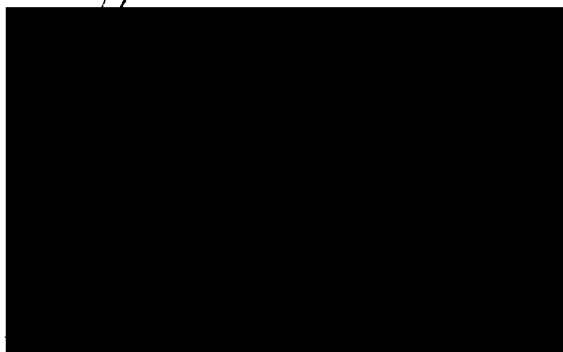
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Thank you and God Bless



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Sincerely



[REDACTED]

FEB. 10, 2003

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priest  
645 N. Michigan Ave. - Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Kaczorowski,

I hope that this letter will reach you in the best of health. I am [REDACTED] an acquaintance of Fr. Vader. I am writing this letter (as opposed to typing it in the computer) to indicate my sincerity.

Rev. Kaczorowski, I am writing this letter to express my personal feelings about Father Vader. Over the weekend during our weekly Santo Niño Prayer service, we were told of some sort of allegations that were made against Fr. Vader.

Naturally we were all shocked because we have known Father for many, many years. (Personally, I met him for the first time sometime in the 1980's while I was a pastoral council member of my parish).

In all those years that we have known him, I, and the Santo Niño prayer group members, see him almost every week in the prayer service in which he attends.

He is a very considerate, kind, and a man of integrity with untarnished reputation. I am not aware, nor have I heard negative things about him. That's why we always pray with him in the Santo Niño.

He has done so many good things not only to his own parish but also particularly to the Filipino community. For example, just a few months ago, the Filipinos in Chicago bestowed on him the "Hall of Famers" award for his exemplary service to the community. A few years back the President of the Philippines awarded him for his love and service to the Filipinos in the Midwest and the Philippines.

Last year the Filipinos honored him in his 50th anniversary in the priesthood. This celebration was attended by hundreds of individuals with whom he has been associated over the years.

He travels to the Philippines to provide much-needed assistance to the impoverished children of Don Bosco, with assistance from his friends and acquaintances here in America.

He also assisted individuals obtain jobs. I heard that he even traveled to Michigan to testify for a Filipina individual who was consequently exonerated by the courts.


These are few of the many stories I heard about him; and accomplishments he has achieved that I am aware of. He is not a very young man anymore. I don't even remember what I had for lunch last week. How in heavens do we remember details of incidents that happened more than 4 decades ago?

We respect him very much. We will pray for him and hope that The Almighty will free him from these allegations. We want him to continue his spiritual and social service to us and to the Lord. We will also pray for His Eminence, you, and the other members of the committee to make the right and fair judgment for him and the other priests.

Your Brother in Christ.

[REDACTED]


cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop, archdiocese of Chicago

  
Feb. 10, 2003

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Sincerely,  




Note: Father Koczowski  
Please help Father Vadar  
return to Sacred Heart  
quickly.

Thank you

February 10, 2023

Dear Cardinal George,

The allegations against Father Anthony Vadar  
are incredible and shocking. I have known him for  
over 20 years. He has always been my ideal of  
a "priestly" priest. He has always acted in a  
priestly matter.

He has officiated at the marriage of  
my daughter. He has baptized my granddaughter.  
He has been there when two of my grandsons  
were confirmed.

I have been active in our Church  
and have witnessed his kindness and  
humility. Please return him to  
Sacred Heart.

Respectfully yours,

cc: Father Koczowski

F. Vade Little February 11, 2003

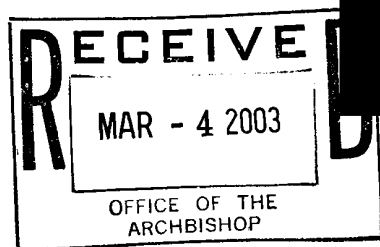
Dear Cardinal George -

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Anthony Vades. I understand that Father Vades cannot celebrate Mass and must remain @ the retreat home for @ least 30 days. I don't understand or believe any of this. Father Vades had been to dinner @ our home on several occasions and it deeply saddens me that he is being accused of something so horrible. I know him as a kind, loving and wonderful man. Our family misses him so much. Please let him come back to us. He has helped me so much through his kind words and generous actions. He has truly helped me find my way back to our Lord. My children as well as myself and my husband love and cherish him so much. Please let him come back to where he

truly belongs. Every Sunday I look forward to his mass so I may go on and pass on his Good word. He makes me believe in God, Jesus Christ and our Holy Spirit. He is a good man and I deeply love him. Our family as well as the Sacred Heart family truly needs him. Please let him come home to us.

Respectfully yours,

 & Family



February 11, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
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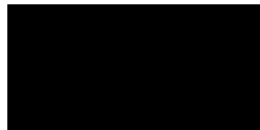
We are all saddened at the allegations directed at Father Vader. Our family has known Father Vader since he came to Sacred Heart Church.

We have had our grandson baptized by him and our grandson also made his First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Sacred Heart under the direction of Sacred Heart Church. We have been practicing Catholics for over seventy (70) years and developed a closeness with Father Vader and Sacred Heart that we never had at any other parish (5 different churches). All of this is attributed to the leadership and communication abilities of Father Vader.

We sincerely hope and pray that this entire "nightmare" for all of us ends soon.

We can never repay him for what he has done for us spiritually, but at least we can give him our sincere support in these sad times.

Sincerely yours,



 and Family.

cc: Father Kaczorowski


Feb. 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Anthony Vader. My husband and I know what a holy and saintly man Father Vader is as the rest of Sacred Heart Parish agrees. You don't see this in very many priests, bishops, etc.

A forty year allegation should be dropped. Why should Father Vader have to put up with this nonsense at this stage of his life.

Father Vader Sincerely,  
has 100% of our support.



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February 11, 2003

Dear Fr. Francis Cardinal George:

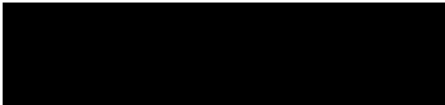
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We would like to share with you some of our personal experiences with Fr. Veder.

Pray Fr. Veder,



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Dear Cardinal George,

I've been a member of Sacred Heart (Chicago) for over 12 yrs. and have known Father Vader to be an ideal priest and one wonderful human being.

These allegations against Father Vader are as shocking as they are unbelievable. I can safely say I speak for every member of Sacred Heart that Father should be back with us soon and I mean in a lot less time than thirty days.

Understanding the people who have gone back forty years to do this makes me wonder IF these charges are true, why all this time? Money, I guess and may the not receive a dime.

Yours in Christ,



[REDACTED]

Dear Cardinal George,

The words shock and disbelief downplay our reaction to the utter lunacy of the allegations brought against Father Vader of a 40-year old nature.

This man has proven to be a true Shepherd of his flock in every sense. His celebration of Mass is very sincere, and it comes across that way even if you came to our church for the first time.

His love for his church and vocation are spoken of frequently in his homilies. He is a stellar figure in the community. Kindness, patience and down-to-earth nature only describe a small part of Father Vader.

Anthony may look in a mirror and reflect back truth and honor. Please restore him to us.

Thank you for reading this. Peace,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Patrick of Sacred Heart  
Chicago



Feb. 11, 2003

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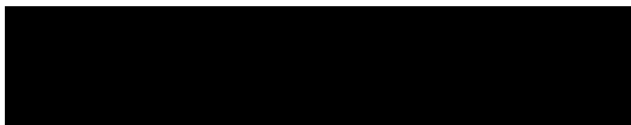
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I look forward to seeing him at Mass on Sunday.

He is a wonderful person and is dearly loved and respected by all. We want him back.

Please help him  
Love and Prayers

FEB 13 2003



February 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

Last Sunday, February 9, 2003, my fellow parishioners and I received the news that our beloved Pastor, Rev. Anthony Vader, is the subject of allegations of near-ancient impropriety. This is totally shocking.

Father Vader has been the heart of Sacred Heart since he accepted the responsibility of overseeing us so we could reopen over 20 years ago. I first came to know him outside of the pulpit when he said my dad's funeral in July of [REDACTED]. Then he performed my wedding ([REDACTED]), and Baptized both of my children ([REDACTED]). He sometimes visits my [REDACTED] grade Catechism class to say hello and offer support.

I've had several opportunities to converse privately with him; it is a very pleasant experience. Father is smart, compassionate, well read, well traveled, and quite funny. During one of my marriage preparation meetings with him (while he was still Pastor at Holy Name of Mary) some neighborhood children rang the doorbell – they were looking for candy. Father sent them on their way empty-handed. He was concerned that not all of them were honest, and cautioned me against being alone with a child not my own. I have heeded his words in my work at my children's school.

Among Father Vader's fans is my [REDACTED] father-in-law. [REDACTED] says that there's something about Fr. Vader that really gets him in the heart. Although he's only been to Sacred Heart five times ([REDACTED]) Father's words and tone have stayed with him. He regularly asks how Father is doing and tells me how much he was affected by his homilies. Now I have to work up the courage to tell him of Father's situation. This is not going to be pleasant.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

cc: Father James T. Kaczorowski

[REDACTED]

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Feb. 11, 2003

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar For priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 543  
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski,

Our family was greatly devastated upon learning about the recent accusations against Fr. Anthony Vader. We have known Fr. Vader for more than 2 decades now and he has been our Spiritual Director for over 20 years. During our difficult times, he was always there to give us spiritual guidance, moral support and help us gain our power and strength through powerful prayers throughout the years. We know Fr. Vader as a caring, loving, honest, respectful, respectable, very sincere, compassionate, and a very Holy man who can be likened to our Beloved Cardinal Bernardin. Fr. Vader joins us on our weekly rosary and novena prayers to the Infant Jesus and our Lady of Fatima. This proves that Fr. Vader is very spiritually dedicated & committed to his job, to the people and to the community.

These accusations against Fr. Vader and all the other priests are emotionally and psychologically affecting families. Some people appear to undermine and try to damage the Archdiocese. Some of these cases are motivated only by economic & financial interests. So, Father, we ask of you to please do a thorough investigation before arriving at a drastic conclusion to this very sensitive matter. We are hoping that Fr. Vader may continue with his commitment to serve the people in the Midwest, as a leader of worship, builder of the community and his ministry abroad.

We will continue to pray for Fr. Vader, for the Committee, for you and all the priests in the Archdiocese, and all the accusers that may the Lord enlighten their minds and may they realize that what they are doing is not in God's will. More power to you and we will always keep you in our prayers. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



CC: CARDINAL GEORGE  
FR. GOEDERT

AOC 020981

February 11, 2003

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
P.O. BOX 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

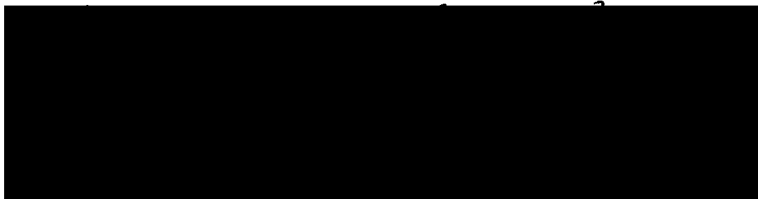
The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against our beloved retired Pastor, Fr. Anthony Vader, are unbelievable, incredible and shocking! Our hearts go out to Father Vader and we want Your Eminence to know that we stand beside Fr. Vader during this time of adversity. We know him to be a good priest, steadfast and true.

Father Vader's absence leaves us with a great void, and a legacy too big to fill. He has taught us well, to be a brother/sister, and a friend ... to place our egos aside, so we may do God's work. He has shown us what God had in mind when he created us, and for that, we are grateful. We are his sheep and he is our shepherd, always instructing us that Jesus loves us, to follow the commandments of God, to persevere, and to carry our crosses. We, the parishioners of Sacred Heart are his precious children. He is the driving force behind everything accomplished at Sacred Heart and we pledge him our fidelity.

We hope that soon Fr. Vader will be restored to his Ministry at Sacred Heart Church. We pray that our Blessed Mother will wrap her protective mantel around him at this difficult time.

Thank you for your intercession and consideration. Please know, Cardinal George, that you have our support and prayers no matter what the outcome of this situation.

Respectfully,

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cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar of Priests

AOC 020982

OUR LADY OF FATIMA FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE

C/o [REDACTED]

February 11, 2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

May God's blessings be with you. We are writing this letter to offer our support and prayers for our beloved Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader. We learned that Fr. Vader has been accused of improper conduct some 45 years ago. Like most other Filipino American groups and those at Fr. Vader's parishes, our group cannot believe that Fr. Vader would be subjected to such malicious and hurtful lies. As a matter of fact, we are surprised that the Committee hearing this case even found some merit to move it forward.

Our group, Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade, an organization promoting family and community devotion to our Lady of Fatima, was formed several years ago. We have several member families in the Southwest side of Chicago and suburbs. Fr. Vader has been involved in our activities. He has ministered to our members' needs: baptizing our children, marrying some couples, counseling the troubled, visiting the sick, burying our dead, leading our pilgrimages, helping those discriminated against, helping others find jobs and supporting our religious, cultural celebrations.

In all our years of association with Fr. Vader, and several of us have known Fr. Vader as far back as the late 1950s and early 1960s, his words and actions have conveyed nothing but the highest ethical and respectful behavior and the most inspiring spiritual integrity. We, therefore, urge the Committee and all decision makers to look closely, listen intently and appreciate the integrity of Fr. Anthony J. Vader, who has served God and man most faithfully for the last fifty years.

We, members of Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade, and the rest of the Filipino-American community, here in the United States and the Philippines, pray for Fr. Vader's strength and health and unshakable faith in the Almighty as he suffers this heavy cross. We pray for the Committee and decision makers for their enlightened judgment. Most especially, we pray for the accusers, that God may enlighten them and guide them to tell only the truth and not be motivated and influenced by any material or financial gains from their allegations.

We firmly believe that like the late beloved Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, Fr. Vader is innocent of these allegations. We only hope and pray that this horrendous burden with its unthinkable suffering does not kill him.

Thank you for listening to us and considering our appeal. Please give back to us and to the community the caring, loving, prayerful and honest Fr. Vader, who had and will always be a part of our families and the source of strength and guidance of our spiritual lives.

If during the investigation and deliberation process, it is possible for Fr. Vader's friends to come and listen or to present statements of support to the Committee, please contact [REDACTED]. Also, please feel free to call any of us in the attached signature sheets. Thank you.

Sincerely and prayerfully yours,

The members of Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade (Please see attached signatures.)

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. ✓  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

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AOC 020983

*February 11, 2003*

*Dear Cardinal George,*

*I have just learned of the allegations leveled against Fr. Anthony Vader and I am shocked. These allegations date back some 40 years and as a result, he is unable to celebrate mass for at least 30 days.*

*I have known Fr. Vader for at least 19 years and cannot understand any of this. He has always been kind, caring, and understanding. I have told many of my friends this on several occasions.*

*My history at Sacred Heart has been long and happy. My father was an usher there when Fr. Borchardt was pastor. My husband and mother are both Eucharistic Ministers. My husband and I were married there and had our son baptized there and he made his First Communion there. All thanks to Fr. Vader. He has kept our church going when some wanted to close it.*

*He has been a good friend to our family in times of need.*

*This is a man who is truly walking in Jesus' footsteps.*

*I will always support Fr. Vader. I will not believe these allegations. I will continue to pray for him and for the people who have brought these allegations forth.*

*God bless you and guide you in the days ahead.*

*Sincerely,*

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Feb. 11, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski:

Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been accused of improper conduct against young girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness, we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vader over the last 15 years that we have known him convinces us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest. We would like to share with you some of our personal experience with Fr. Vader.

When we first joined the community of the Sisters, that was the first time we met Fr. Vader; he treated us as if he knew us long. He is very approachable and at times goes by, he helps us by listening to our problems. When my in laws passed away, he was there to listen and give us spiritual comfort. We don't know how we would survive the trials of life if he was not there for us. We hope this lies will pass.

Very Truly yours

and Family


AOC 020985

Feb 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have only been attending the Shrine of Sacred Heart for the past 4 years. We are there because of Father Valer. He is a very sincere priest who's sermons always make us talk about them. We cannot believe anything negative about him. Your character is formed when you are a young adult. It doesn't change much as the years go by. you become more understanding. He was the same sort of priest 40 years ago as he is to-day. We believe in him and we get so much more out of the mass since we have been attending the Shrine of Sacred Heart.

Sincerely



Dear and the  
letter to Fr Valer

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Copy for Rev. James T. Kaczmarek, Vicar of Priests

Feb 11, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Anthony Vader. My husband and I know what a holy and saintly man Father Vader is as the rest of Sacred Heart Parish agrees. You don't see this in very many priests, bishops, etc.

A forty year allegation should be dropped. Why should Father Vader have to put up with this nonsense at this stage of his life.

Father Vader has 100% of our support.  
Sincerely,



2-11-03

[REDACTED]  
Dear Reverend Kaczorowski,

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Anthony may look in a mirror and reflect back truth and honor. Please return him to us.

Thank you for reading this.

Peace,

[REDACTED]  
Parish of Sacred Heart  
Chicago




February 11, 2003

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Pray Fr. Vader,



Feb 11, 2003

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Sincerely,



Feb. 11, 2003

Dear Father

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Please Help him Father

Love and Prayers

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*February 11, 2003*

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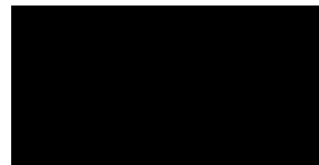
*Sincerely,*

February 19, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vaden. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vaden cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

We have known Father Vaden and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind and wonderful priest and person.



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

Feb. 12, 2003

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690


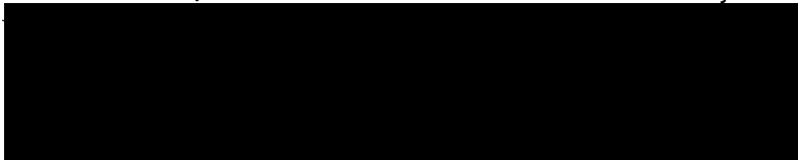
Dear Cardinal George;

We have just learned of the allegations made against our dear Father Vader. These allegations and the requirement that he must remain at Mundelein for at least 30 days are just incredible.

Father Vader has been an inspiration to us as well as a kind person and a wonderful priest. He has been there for our families baptisms, First Communion's and 2 years ago for our renewal of vows for our 50th wedding anniversary. My husband is now in the hospital in critical condition and when we called Father he was there within the hour and he was such a comfort to me and to my entire family.

We, along with everyone else at Sacred Heart owe him so much and will always continue to believe in him and support him.

Respectfully



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

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*Eminence Cardinal George  
Chicago, Illinois*

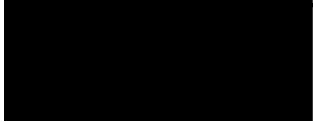
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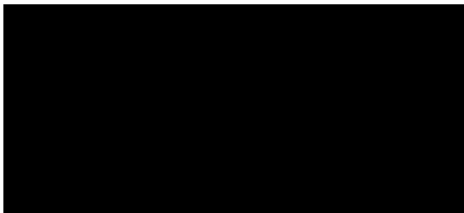
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*Sincerely,*



*c.c. Father Kaczorowski*



February 12, 2003

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Francis Cardinal George OMI  
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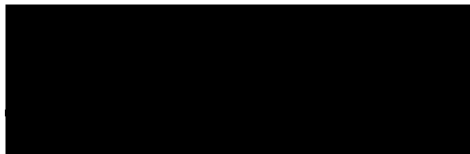
Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing to express to you my total shock and utter disbelief at the news of certain allegations made against Father Anthony Vader of Sacred Heart Church. Father Vader has been nothing but exemplary in performing his duties as a priest.

He graciously served as pastor of our little church, Sacred Heart of the Chicago South Side. I know no other priest to be as real and down-to-earth as he. I grew up at Sacred Heart and had the pleasure of Father Vader performing my wedding ceremony. He supported my husband and I through the spiritual path that led us down the aisle of Sacred Heart.

In addition, he baptized my niece and has offered his guidance to other members of my family. I pray that Father Vader can soon be allowed to say masses again. I also pray that you too will see that he is a big part of our family and that his reputation not be tarnished.

Respectfully yours,



Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

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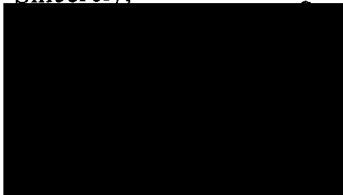
Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40-year-old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. I know him to be an outstanding priest, always. I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

Forty years ago, how much credibility could there be? I do not know Father Vader's accusers or their motives, but I have strong suspicions.

I know you are a fair and good man, **please** judge Father Vader individually and do not lump him in with priests who may have violated their trust.

Sincerely,



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*Eminence Cardinal George  
Chicago, Illinois*

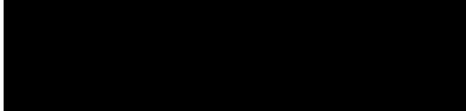
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*We've known Father for many years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.*

*Sincerely,*



*c.c. Father Kaczorowski*



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2/17/03

Dear Cardinal George

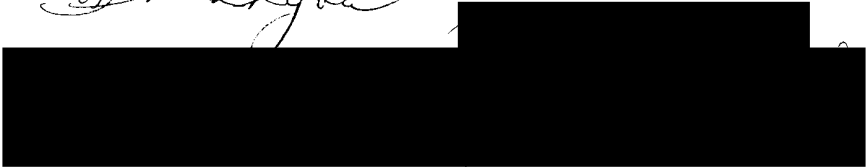
My family was at 4:00 Mass  
at Sacred Heart when I heard  
about Father Vador.

Father married my daughter  
& Baptized my grandson & grand daughter  
Father has helped me through



We love him, we miss him  
& we want him back

Please - Please  
Thank you





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Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

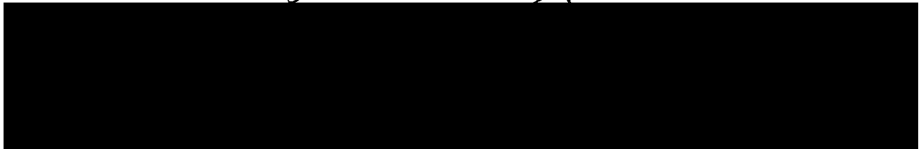
My family was at 2:00 Mass  
at Sacred Heart when I heard  
about Father Jader.

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& Baptized my grandson & granddaughters  
Father has helped me  
through



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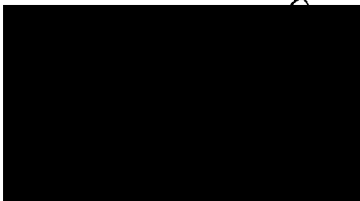
Feb. 12, 2002

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

The allegations and resulting requirement, that Father Vader spend thirty days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our Church for more than twenty years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

I know Father Vader to be an outstanding individual and priest. My fear is that Father Vader might be lumped in with other priests who have violated their trust. I cannot and will not believe that Father Vader violated his trust, at anytime. Please, ensure that Father Vader is judged separately and fairly.

Sincerely,



Date: February 13, 2003

To: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago IL 60690



Cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 543  
Chicago IL 60611

From: 

Subject: Deministration of Father Anthony J. Vader


Mid-morning Saturday 2/11/03 I called Father Vader to ask him if he had plans for lunch. My wife and I periodically treat him to a meal out. It was at this time he notified me of the allegations of 40 years ago. I could detect the quivering in his voice as he told me.

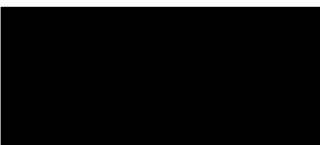
We have a unique congregation at Sacred Heart. It is composed mainly of people who, for one reason or another, are dissatisfied with the liturgies of their geographical parishes.

My wife and I started attending Sacred Heart nearly 20 years ago. I cannot remember precisely when I met Father Vader, but I know it has been at least 10 years. Our initial one-on-one with Father Vader was in 1998 when he visited me in the hospital   


Father Vader is among the best homilists I have ever heard. His messages are delivered in a brief style – and are issue and current event relevant. He is able to hold one's attention versus many of today's long winded orators.

Last Spring Father celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. The congregation expressed our appreciation for his work with a reception. More than 150 people attended, including some of our Archdiocese hierarchy.

It is my opinion that 30 days "house arrest" is uncalled for in this instance, and only adds to the stress of the situation for Father Vader. As a  it is my opinion the matter should not take that long to investigate. A decision should be reached sooner, to enable Father Vader back where he belongs – serving the people of Sacred Heart.





February 14, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

We have known Father Vadea  
for 30 years, and cannot  
believe the allegations made  
against him. Very sad that  
Father cannot say Mass and  
hope he returns soon to our  
Mission.

He has converted so many  
and has brought many people  
back to Church. He is loved  
by all and always there  
for us.

Father Vadea, is kind,  
loving and very special to all.  
He is a Real Priest.  
Sincerely,

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2-13-03

Dear Cardinal George

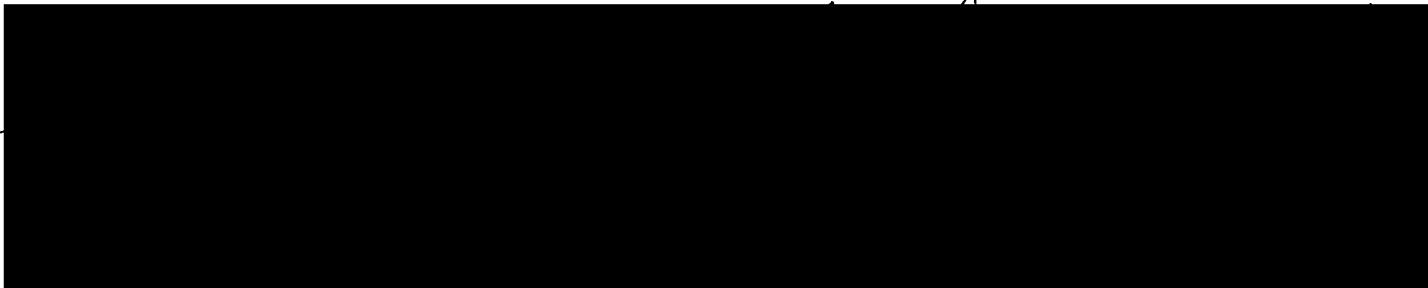
I am writing with deep concern of the allegations made on Father Vader


This was extremely devastating news, so that I could not sleep well this past week.

I know father for many years. He married my sister and baptized my grandchildren.

I am a 59 year old Mother and Grandmother. I would trust Father with anyone of my grandchildren

I can't understand this sick person who after 40 some years, ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> the nerve to accuse our dear Priest of mis-conduct.





I pray day and night for our Father  
he is a wonderful man.

Sincerely



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Tel. No. (312) 332-8458  
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CHICAGO

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES  
30 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2100  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

13 February 2003

His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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Your Eminence,

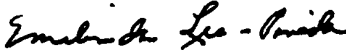
The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago and myself are very disturbed to learn that Father Anthony J. Vader is under investigation by the Church.

I speak for my country and countless of my people here and outside the state of Illinois as well as those back home when I say that we have the highest and absolute regard for Fr. Vader.

For being an exemplary pastoral model and for his continued unselfish love and concern for the young, adult, and elder members of the Filipino-American community which began 45 years ago, Fr. Vader was awarded the Philippine Presidential Citation on 23 June 1999.

Please count on the Philippine Consulate General and myself to strongly vouch for the reputable character of Fr. Anthony J. Vader.

Very truly yours in Christ,

  
EMELINDA LEE-PINEDA  
Consul General

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

AOC 021006

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Dear CARDINAL GEORGE,

We are writing to you on behalf of Father Vader, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church. We are deeply disturbed by the allegations that have been brought forth against him. We find it hard to believe that anyone could charge him as they have done. Father Vader has given my family a place to call home. My children attend the religious education program at Sacred Heart and we have been loyal parishioners for many years.

This past summer my brother wanted to have his first child baptized. He had just moved to [REDACTED] and went to his local catholic church. My brother [REDACTED] and had been unable to work. The church REFUSED to baptize his baby unless he provided them with copies of his income tax returns and pledged 10% of his income to the church. These were their requirements to become a parishioner. He could not even keep up with his bills. I approached Father Vader about this situation. And as to be expected with Father Vader, he graciously agreed to perform the ceremony for my family. My brother tried to give him a donation for his kindness but again Father Vader told him to put it in the Sunday collection.

The point that we are trying to get across is that at a time when people are losing faith in the Catholic Church there are priests such as Father Vader who are there to renew that faith and hope. We stand by this man and plead with you to reconsider your actions.

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

Copy to Rev. James Kaczorowski

AOC 021007

2-13-03

Dear Rev Kaczorowski


I am writing to you with deep concern of the allegations made toward Father Vader.

This was extremely devastating news... So that I could not sleep well since the terrible news.

I know Father for years, He married my sister, baptised my Grandchild, and consoled me when I needed a friend.

I am a 59 year old Mother and Grandmother of 4. I would trust Father with anyone of my grandchildren.

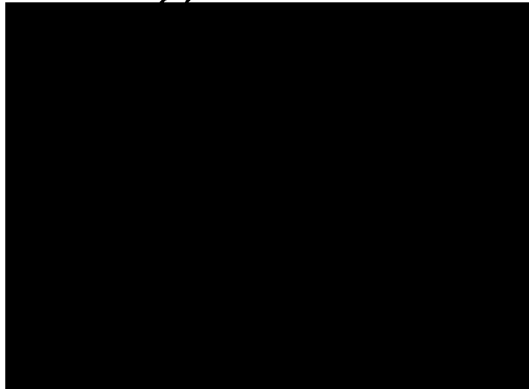
I truly can't understand these sick people who after 40 years have the nerve to accuse our dear Priest of misconduct.





I pray night and day for our dear Father  
Vader.

Sincerely



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DRAFT

February 14, 2003

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to support Father Vader, especially with your prayers. This is a tragic situation for all concerned, and it fills everyone with sadness. Thank you for writing and for your life of faith. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021010



February 14, 2003

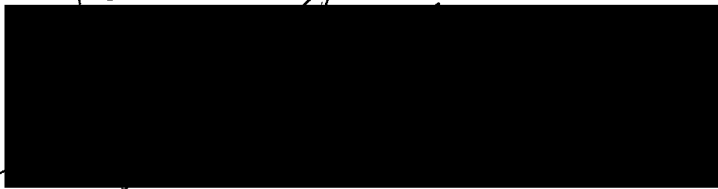
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Dear Cardinal George;

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegation against Father Vader are shock and disbelief.

My brother was involved in putting the roof on Sacred Heart when it was re-opened by Cardinal Bernardin, which is how I heard of the Church. It has been my place of worship since that time.

Father Vader to me is the image of Christ on earth. He is a truly marvelous Priest, humble, holy and honest. He loves children, stops to bless every child he sees. Please do not let the same thing happen to him that happened to our wonderful Cardinal Bernardin. Sincerely,



Feb. 14, 2003

His Eminence  
Francis Cardinal George O.M.S.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George,  
My family and I have just learned of the allegations made against Father Anthony Vader, the pastor of our church, The Shrine of the Sacred Heart. We were told that there go back 40 years and, as a result, Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain in Mundelein for at least a month. Needless to say, this news is not only a shock to me and my family, and unbelievable, but to everyone at the Shrine.

We have known Father Vader for twenty years. In fact, we had not gone to church for years and it was only through hearing about Father Vader and his ministry at the Shrine that we returned. Father Vader has always been a kind, good, and wonderful priest. One feels the Holy Spirit and sanctity when he is there and saying Mass.

My family and I are all better Catholics today because of Father Vader and we all owe him so much. We cannot understand how anyone can bring such charges. We stand behind Father Vader and hope and pray that he will soon return to our Shrine.

Respectfully,

cc: Rev. James Kaczowski

February 14, 2003

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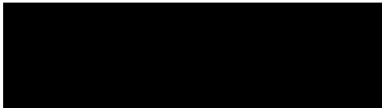
Dear Cardinal George,

I just learned of the allegations made against my friend, Father Anthony Vader. These reportedly date back forty plus years and as a result, I am told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the retreat house in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news comes as a shock and is unbelievable to all that truly know him.

When I was in my late twenties I had the pleasure to work with Father Vader as a Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart in Chicago. As a practicing Catholic all my life and having attended Catholic grade school and high school I have heard many homilies. Father Vader is the only Priest that would explain the Gospel in real-life meaning terms and after he spoke you came away with wanting to be a better person. No one else has ever had that impact on me. Unfortunately, I moved from the area and have struggled very hard to find a Church with Priests that could encourage and speak with such meaning. Father Vader came to our home and blessed our first child and celebrated her baptism. I am in shock over these allegations and find it disheartening that a man who can touch so many and make this world a better place cannot celebrate Mass any longer. I have often traveled a good distance to hear him speak because I know his words would get me through any problems and I would leave feeling much better. I am thirty-two years old and as life gets more difficult we need more leaders like Father Vader to get us through the hard times.

I pray for him and for you so that God will give you the strength to do the right thing. He deserves our support and we will give him back what he's given to us. Please consider that this man is not a threat to society; the crime is that he is not able to celebrate Mass. For that we all suffer.

Sincerely,



[REDACTED]

Feb. 14, 2003

Hear Cardinal George,  
As a member of Holy Name of Mary  
Church for over forty years, Father  
Vader was our priest. A finer  
God fearing Priest you have  
yet to find.

We believe in him and  
trust him implicitly. We  
do not believe that he has  
done anything immoral. So  
we support <sup>him</sup> in his trials  
tribulations.

Yours In Christ  
[REDACTED]

FEB 14 2003



February 14, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Ave.- Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Father:

This letter comes to you regarding our [REDACTED] Father Anthony Joseph Vader and the accusations brought against him. We, his family in [REDACTED] are both shocked and outraged that anyone would question Father Vader's integrity or accuse him of compromising his priestly vocation. While we understand that the Diocese of Chicago must review and evaluate any accusations brought against one of their own we cannot accept the accusations and find them ludicrous.

I have known Father Vader since before his Ordination as he came to [REDACTED] each year for vacation. He lived in our home, and became part of our family as he does today during his visits. I have also been on pilgrimages with him. I can state without hesitation that he is foremost a Priest both then and now; a man of dedication to his family and his ministry. I am sure you will agree with me that Father Vader had and continues to have opportunities, while on vacation, to put aside his priestly vows. Never once did we see him or hear him violate those vows.

For 50 some years he has always been there to counsel and console his family. [REDACTED]

Father Vader's life as a priest speaks for itself. He has given, and continues to give, his life for the rights and well being of all his brother and sisters in Christ especially the Black community and Filipino American community. He has always been true to God and His church, true to his vocation, and true to himself.

May God have mercy on the soul of the accused and the accusers. We pray that the truth will triumph.

Sincerely in Christ,



cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 14, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop Archdiocese of Chicago  
P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

I am write to express my support of Father Anthony Vader after learning of the unbelievable allegations made against him.

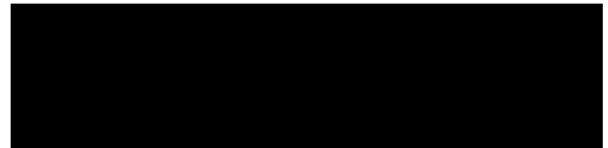
I have been attending Mass at Sacred Heart Church for a number of years. I have always found Father Vader to be wonderful priest. I enjoyed attending a Mass celebrated by Father Vader because he made them more meaningful. His sermons were always inspiring and thought provoking. They were never pompous or pretentious as, unfortunately, some priests' sermons are prone to be.

Naturally, I find the allegations against Father Vader to be shocking. They are difficult for me to understand since the Father Vader I know is a wonderful and kind person as well as being a dedicated priest.

I can only hope that you will be guided by the Holy Spirit in making your decision regarding Father Vader so that he may be exonerated.

Thank you for your consideration. I will continue to pray for you and Father Vader.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

2/14/2003

AOC 021016

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Fitness Review



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

(312) 751-5205  
Fax: (312) 751-5279

February 14, 2003



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on January 11, 2003 and conducted a First Stage Review regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Anthony Vader [Retired] pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Anthony Vader did engage in sexual misconduct with a minor. The Cardinal has also accepted the Board's recommendation that Anthony Vader [REDACTED].

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. You may reach them at 312.751.8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
John O'Malley, Legal Services

AOC 021017

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February 14, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader  
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle Street  
Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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AOC 021019

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Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
John O'Malley, Legal Services

AOC 021020

J. M. J.

February 14, 2003

Dear Father Kaszgarowski,

I have known Father  
Vader for 30 years, and  
the allegations made  
against him are not true.  
He is the most kind,  
loving and a wonderful  
priest. Always there to  
help everyone. He is a  
Real Priest.



I hope Father will  
return soon to say Mass.  
I don't think he has ever  
missed a day with daily  
Mass.

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A priest over 50 years,  
and how can anyone  
can charge him after  
40 years. Some thing is  
wrong.

We pray to the  
Sacred Heart every day  
for his return.

Sincerely,



February 14, 2003

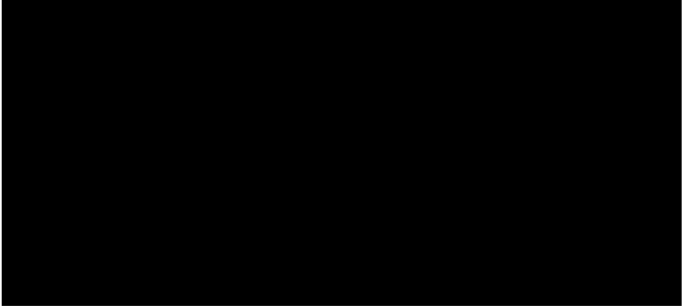
Dear Father Kaczmarek:


Please have faith in our wonderful Father Vadev.

He is kind, humble, gentle, just a thoughtful, caring priest who would not harm a thing on this earth. He loves children, blessing them every time he sees them.

Please do not let the same thing happen to him that happened to Cardinal Bernardin. The charges against him are not and cannot be true.

Sincerely



  
Feb. 14, 2003

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,

As a member of Holy Name of Mary Church for over forty years, Father Vadez was our priest. A finer God fearing priest you have yet to find.

We believe in him and trust him implicitly. We do not believe that he has done anything immoral. So we support him in his trials and tribulations.

Yours In Christ  

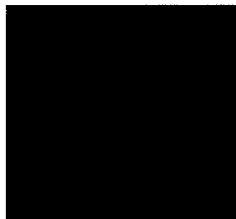

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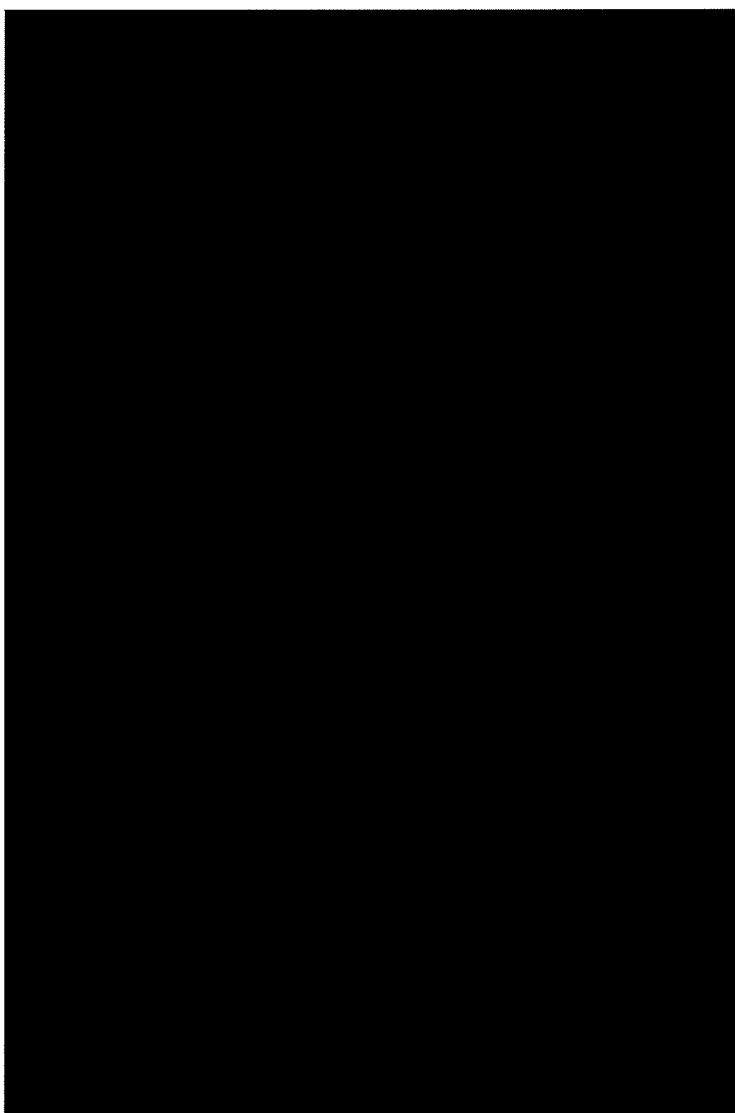
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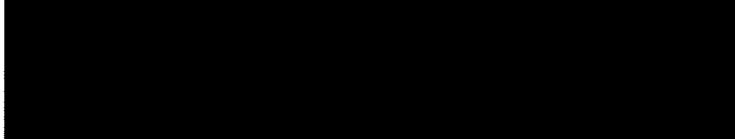


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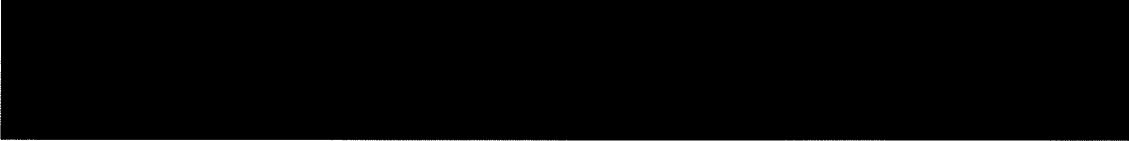


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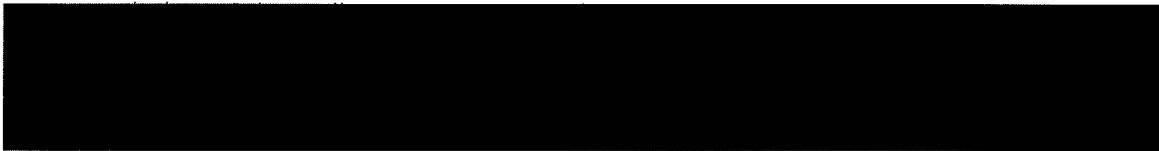
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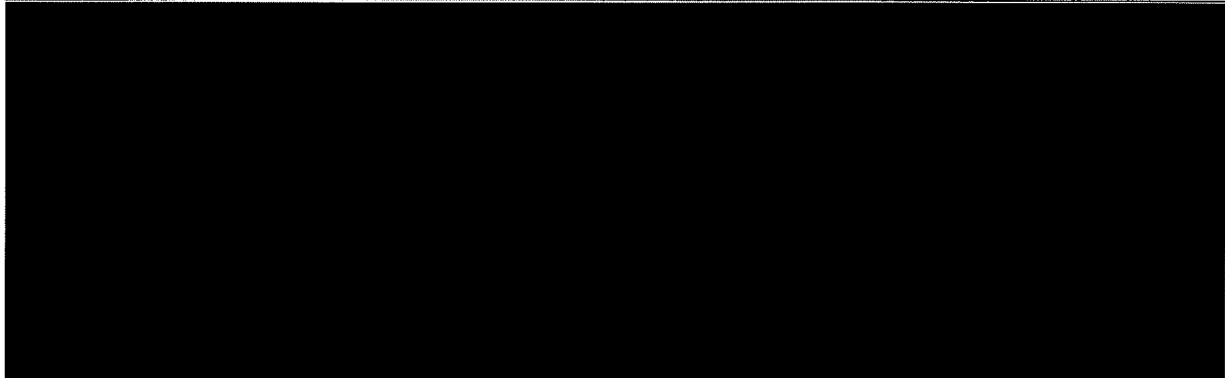


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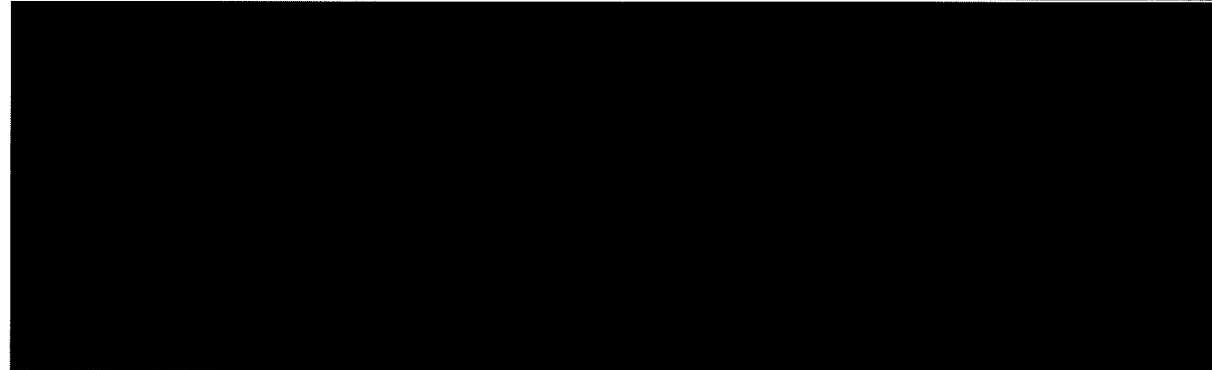
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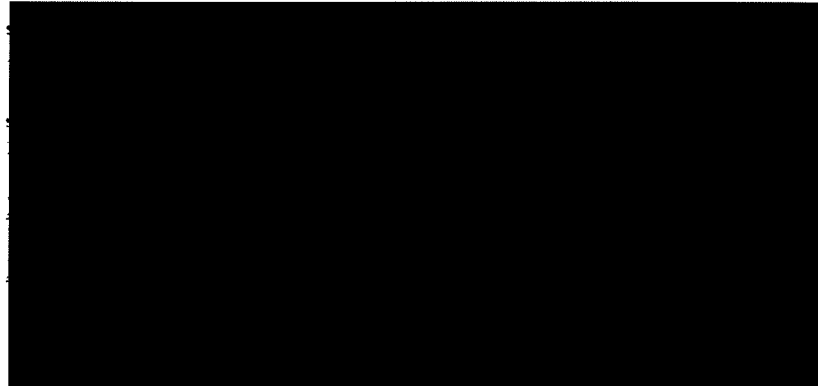
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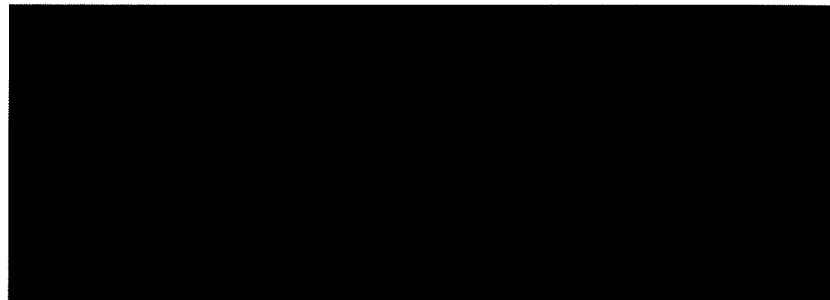


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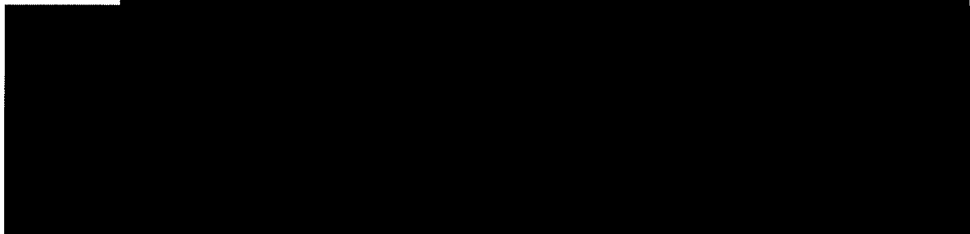


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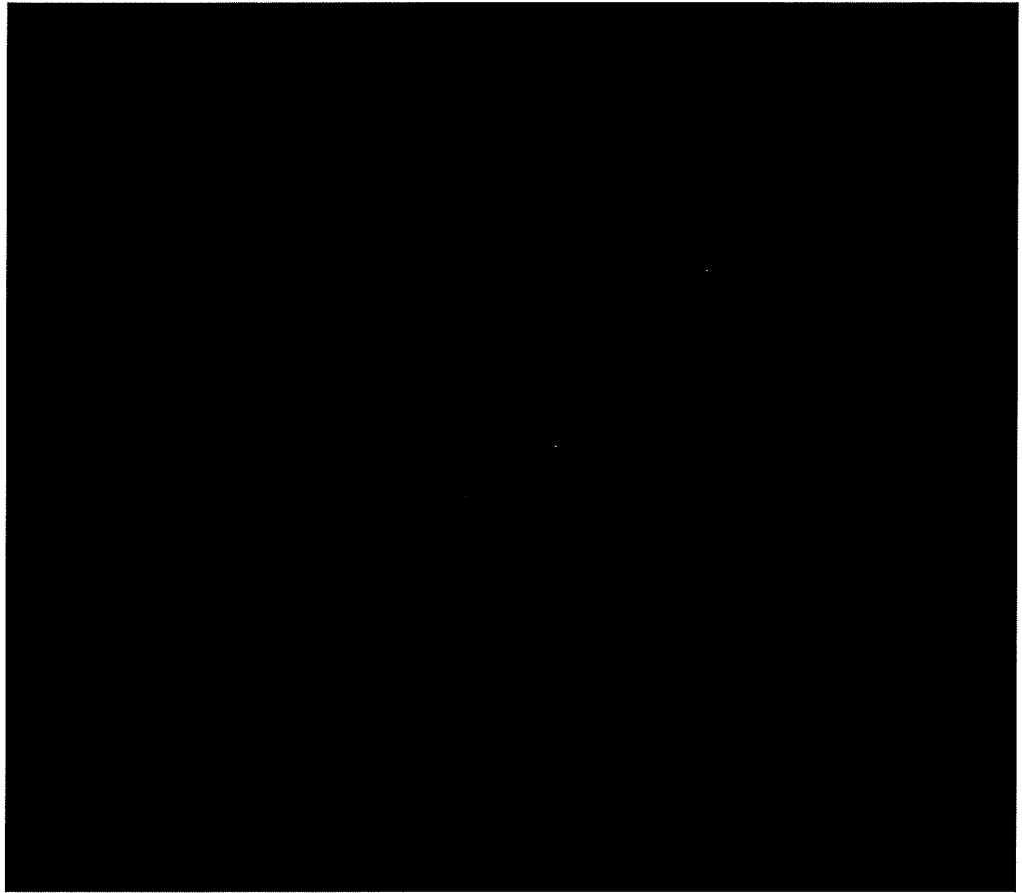
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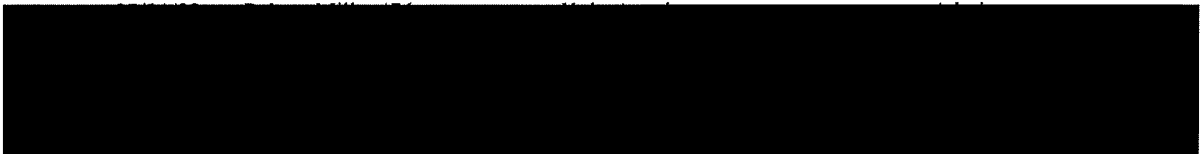
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February 15, 2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

The purpose of this letter is to offer support for our beloved Rev. Fr. Anthony Vader.

We learned that Father Vader has been accused of improper conduct some forty five years ago. We do not believe that he is capable of such malicious allegations. To us Father Vader is a living Saint. He has been there when we and countless others need him for spiritual guidance and moral support and helped us in our pains and sorrows.

We have known Father Vader since we came to America (me in 1981 and my wife in 1985). But recently we became real good friends with him [REDACTED] on Sundays for our "Samahang Santo Nino" novena and mass. Sometimes we have experienced traveling for hours to and from different locations and Father Vader has always been an inspiration to us as we discuss life's various problems concerning us and our family. We think of Father Vader as the embodiment of goodness and as a priest we have only the highest regard for his work.

He is innocent from all the charges and we believe it without any reservation. We believe that the charges are false and ridiculous. They should not even be considered or heard.

We beg your good committee to dismiss these allegations and let Father Vader go on with the wonderful work that he is doing. His fifty years of serving God and men has not been without hardships, that his health is failing him and he had some major operations on his hip and leg and these has considerably slowed him down. It has been five years since the last time we saw Father Vader as we now residing in [REDACTED] but our memory of Father Vader will always be cherished in our hearts. We can only hope that we will see him again very soon, alive and kicking and very much exonerated.

Thank you very much for listening to us and for considering our appeal. Please give back to the community our caring, loving, honest and prayerful Father Vader. He will always be a part of our families and the source of our strength and guidance of our spiritual lives.

Sincerely and prayerfully,

(Please see attached signatures from members of our family)

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 15, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vades are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now. He is a kind person and wonderful priest. We've known him for many years.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kacgorowski

2-15-03

Your Excellency,  
Father Anthony Voder  
has been known to me for  
thirty years - I attended Mass  
occasionally at Holy Name  
Marty and was present at  
his retirement party where

He was extolled by all  
present.

He had been responsible  
at Sacred Heart Shrine for  
leading Catholics home who  
were Lapsed.

Just as with "Dear Brother  
Joseph," tragic mistakes  
occur. In my opinion, this  
may also be the case here.  
God love you!

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
PO Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

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February 15, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

Last Sunday, I learned of the allegations made against Father Anthony Vader. Father Vader has been at Sacred Heart for over twenty years. I am shocked at this news. I am saddened that Father Vader must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for thirty days.

I attended Sacred Heart with my parents and siblings as a child. After I was married, I brought my husband, and eventually our children, to Sacred Heart Church. Like my mother before me, I am a Catechist in our little mission. I serve Sacred Heart as a Eucharist Minister.

[REDACTED]

Why do we do all of this? One man, Father Anthony Vader, has inspired us.

Father Vader's kindness, guidance and support have kept my family coming back to Sacred Heart Church every week. His gentle manner with everyone is an inspiration, especially to parents in a harried world. His Homilies make the Word of God more meaningful in a society that seems to be more focused on "stuff" than on living the way Jesus taught.

When I see my sons run into church each Sunday, I know it because they feel at home at Sacred Heart, just as I did when I was their age. When I see my sons serve God by offering their time as altar servers, I know it is because of the encouragement they have received from their pastor, Father Vader. There is a sense of community in Sacred Heart Church that is not found in many other parishes. It is a feeling of being welcomed each and every time I walk into the building. It is a sense of renewal after hearing Father Vader guide me through the scriptures and the Holy Mass.

I pray that Father Vader will be allowed to return to Sacred Heart Church very soon. He is a kind pastor and a good man. He will always have the support of my family.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

February 15, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Il. 60690

FEB 15 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing this letter regarding Father Anthony Vader. I have worked closely with Father Vader at Sacred Heart Church. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Throughout all this, Father Vader has been nothing but the kindest gentleman and leader. He is certainly an inspiration and a wonderful role model.

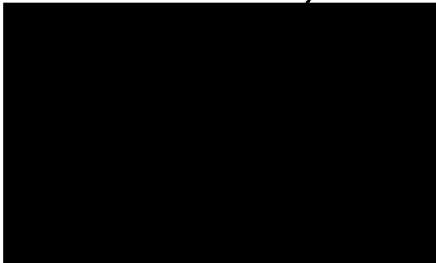
Although there are several Catholic churches in much closer proximity to my home than Sacred Heart, I choose to attend Sacred Heart. At Sacred Heart, one feels very much part of the church community. I feel that this is a direct reflection of Father Vader. Unfortunately so many Catholic churches are very commercialized these days, always with their hand out. At Sacred Heart, there is none of this. There is a real sense of belonging, of making a difference. Father Vader welcomes everyone, regardless of their status in the community. In fact, when my son was born, I was a single parent. At that time, I belonged to Sacred Heart but was not very active in the church and did not know Father Vader well. When I asked Father Vader to baptize my son and told him that I was a single parent (something I'm told would have other Catholic churches "reject" my child and I), Father Vader did not bat an eye and simply smiled and told me that "every baby is God's baby".

I have gotten to see firsthand how the children at CCD and Father Vader interact and it is very refreshing. He listens to the children and showers them constantly with praise. The children light up when he enters the room.



On behalf of the Sacred Heart Community, I would again like to profess my admiration of Father Vader, his dedication to the Catholic church and for being such a wonderful role model. If there is anything that I can do either individually or as part of a whole, please do not hesitate to let me know. We are very anxious at Sacred Heart to have Father Vader back where he belongs. While I feel very strongly that it is wrong to seclude him, especially since a man is innocent until proven guilty, I am confident that justice will prevail and action be taken against those guilty. Father Vader is a true priest, one to turn to in times of sorrow or joy. The Catholic church should be grateful to be represented by such a fine man.

Sincerely yours,



*Thank you!*

cc: Father Kaczorowski

2/15/2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I wanted to write to you to offer my support for Father Anthony Vader (retired). Fr. Vader has been a close friend of our family for many years. He has impacted my life through his many years of spiritual guidance. Since he became a part of the Sacred Heart community as a Pastor, I have become much more committed to my Catholic foundations. Much of this is due to him. I found his words of guidance at mass were delivered in a way that impacted me and challenged me to become more devout. I have. I am distressed by the accusations being made against him. Fr. Vader has been to my house and has presided over the baptism of my daughter and I am shocked that these accusations could be made. There is not a more devout priest in your flock. He never waivers from his strong catholic beliefs and is a strong proponent of this same approach with his parishioners. These accusations simply cannot be true.

I hope you will find it in your heart to take the time to get to know Fr. Vader and investigate his case thoroughly. I am convinced that if you do this he will be back again presiding over mass for his flock, where he should be. He truly is one of the best you have.

Thank you for your time and all that you have done for our religious community.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski

[REDACTED]

2/15/2003

AOC 021036

# Retired priest removed after abuse claims

BY CATHEEN FALSANI *ST 2/15*  
RELIGION REPORTER

A retired Roman Catholic priest who for 30 years served as pastor of the first Chicago parish founded by and for African-American Catholics has been removed from the ministry amid allegations he engaged in sexual misconduct with minors in the 1960s.

The Rev. Anthony Vader, 76, former pastor of Holy Name of Mary parish at 115th and Loomis, was removed last week as chaplain of the Sacred Heart Mission, 11652 S. Church. Archdiocesan officials received allegations last fall that he had abused minors while an associate pastor of Holy Cross parish in the Woodlawn neighborhood more than 40 years ago.



**Rev. Anthony Vader**  
1960s allegations

Vader is the 14th priest the Chicago archdiocese has removed in the last year for sexual misconduct with minors.

According to a Feb. 9 letter from Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry to parishioners at Sacred Heart Mission, Vader is now "residing in a monitored and restricted setting and has been directed not to be alone with minors."

Holy Cross parish, now closed, was Vader's first assignment after he was ordained in 1952. He served there until June 1964. He served as an assistant pastor at now-shuttered St. Laurence parish from 1964 to 1968, when he was assigned to Holy Name of Mary, where he would serve as pastor until his retirement in 1998.

One of Vader's associate pastors at Holy Name of Mary, the Rev. John Calicott, successor to the Rev. George Clements as pastor of Holy Angels parish in Chicago, was removed from ministry earlier this year because of allegations of sexual misconduct with two teenage boys in 1976.

The allegations against Vader have been turned over to the Cook County state's attorney, Perry said.

Reverend James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Avenue – Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

February 15, 2003

Dear Reverend Kaczorowski,

I am attaching a copy of a letter I sent to Cardinal George regarding the current situation with Father Anthony Vader.

Father Vader has been a blessing not only to Sacred Heart Church, but also to my family.

Thank you,



Feb 18 2003

Feb. 16, 2002

Dear Cardinal George;

The news that Rev. Tony Uder is under investigation by the Church for alleged sexual abuse over 40 years ago gives me great pain and distress.

I've known Fr. Uder and benefited from his ministry and teaching for over 30 years and believe him to be an honest, caring and right-acting priest.

Please insure that Fr. Uder's case is given proper care and attention, including due process appropriate to a man of his wisdom, experience, piety and professionalism.

Sincerely

2-16-03

Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vaden are shock and disbelief. I have known him to be a good Priest, always.

If these allegations prove to be true, it is horrible for all involved. If they prove to be false, Father Vaden should be given back those responsibilities he cherishes. May God guide everyone as the truth is being searched for.

Respectfully,



2-16-03

Sunday Feb 16 - 2003

Dear Cardinal George

The allegations made against Fr Voder are unbelievable. Having known him for many years we can not praise him enough. Because of him my wife and I were able to return to the Sacraments after thirty years. He was so helpful in getting our annulment. We can't say enough about his kindness and humility.

Sincerely

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Cardinal George:

Wake up and smell the coffee? How can you believe those 2 ladies - purpose - to get money from Archdiocese you know that is true.

Our Family has known Fr Vader for years and we know in our heart they are lying. They want money and I'm sure the Archdiocese will pay well, that's why people do not give anymore, tired of priest being accused and they are not guilty. Please, Fr Vader is a wonderful priest, not a lot left like him, he is not



at fault, those ladies waited  
all those years, give me a break,  
think before you act on  
JN Vader he is a wonderful  
person.

People that love  
him

FEB 2 2003

February 16, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I have just learned of the allegations made against Father Vadez of Sacred Heart. It is unbelievable and shocking to think that such a pious man would be accused of such charges. I attend Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart and find Father Vadez as very humble and inspirational.

Sincerely,

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February 16, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar For Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski,,

We are appalled by the news that our dear friend, Rev. Fr. Anthony Vader, is being accused of inappropriate behavior in an incident 45 years ago. My wife, [REDACTED], and I have known Fr. Vader on a continuing basis for that many years. He officiated in our marriage in [REDACTED] 1958 at the Holy Cross Church. He baptised [REDACTED] our [REDACTED] children and officiated in the marriage of [REDACTED] of them. He also baptised [REDACTED] grandchildren. He comes to visit us at least once a year here in [REDACTED].

I first met Fr. Vader shortly after I first met my wife, [REDACTED] at the University of Chicago Nurse's Residence on 63rd Street in 1957. At that time he was starting to minister to the spiritual needs of the Filipino students in Chicago. [REDACTED] and I were immediately attracted to his sincerity, warmth and helpful attributes. He gave us, as he did to our other Filipino friends, the guidance, which otherwise would have been a vacuum, being new transplants from the Philippines. He filled the void for a spiritual mentor and continued to be one through the years, not only to my wife and I, but also to my children.

We are saddened that at the waning years of his priestly vocation he would be subjected to the humiliations of the accusation. We pray the Almighty and Knowing God give him the strength to see through his trials and ultimately be vindicated. We know Fr. Vader as a friend and as a dedicated priest of outstanding character and morals.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O. M. I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

February 16, 2003

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February 16, 2003

Feb 16 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Re: Rev. Anthony J. Vader

Your Eminence:

I write this letter to express my support for Father Anthony Vader.

I graduated from Holy Cross Elementary School in [REDACTED]. Father Vader heard my First Confession; he was there for my First Holy Communion as well as for my Confirmation and my Graduation. After leaving Holy Cross, I attended [REDACTED] High School in downtown Chicago, but still often attended Sunday Mass at Holy Cross Church.

During my years at Holy Cross, Father Vader was the first cleric who "humanized" the priesthood, demonstrating that priests were more than just the "mysterious men in black" who said Mass and heard confessions. Father Vader showed us that priests could also play basketball with the boys and jump rope with the girls. Father Vader always celebrated with us during the good times just as he was there to offer his support and compassion during our struggles and failures. He was vibrant and funny; caring and compassionate; we all loved him.

AOC 021046

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
February 16, 2003  
Page 2 of 3

I am a resident of the State of [REDACTED], but have been here in Chicago visiting relatives for the past few months. Each Sunday, I attend Mass at Holy Name of Mary Parish with my family members. Because Father Vader was there, it has been the perfect incentive for me to bypass the many Catholic churches located nearer to where I am staying to drive to Holy Name of Mary. The first time I saw Father Vader after these many years it felt like "coming home." The few Sundays that I have missed Mass, Father Vader has always asked my family where I was. This is but one example of how Father Vader truly cares about you, even noticing when you miss Mass.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that Father Vader will be cleared of these charges.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

*Trib 2/16*  
**METROPOLITAN  
DIGEST**

## **Retired priest faces sex-abuse allegations**

A retired Roman Catholic priest who worked for decades in South Side parishes was removed from ministry last week because of allegations of sexual misconduct against minors in the 1960s.

Rev. Anthony Vader, 76, had been serving as a chaplain at Sacred Heart Mission, 11652 S. Church St., according to the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was removed Feb. 9, Dwyer said.

Vader "is residing in a monitored and restricted setting and has been directed not to be alone with minors," Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Perry said in a statement.

The archdiocese received allegations last fall that Vader had abused underage girls while he was an associate pastor of the now-closed Holy Cross Catholic Church in the Woodlawn neighborhood more than 40 years ago.

He served there from 1952 to 1964 and then at St. Laurence Parish until 1968.

From 1968 to 1998, Vader was a priest at Holy Name of Mary Church, a historic parish in Morgan Park that was founded to serve African-Americans. The parish is known for adding gospel traditions into the Catholic service.

Vader served at Holy Name of Mary with Rev. John Calicott, who was removed as pastor of Holy Angels Parish last year because of sexual misconduct allegations dating to 1976.

The Cook County state's attorney's office is investigating the allegations against Vader, a church official said.

In the past year, the archdiocese has removed 14 priests from the ministry because of allegations of sexual misconduct.

[REDACTED]

February 16, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

My wife and I have been attending Sacred Heart Church for the past seven years. Father Vader has been our primary celebrant for five of those years. We can't tell you how shocked we were to hear of his removal from the ministry a week ago.

I don't know what prompted these women to accuse Father Vader of wrongdoing but it is hard for us to believe he would do such a thing. I consider myself a pretty good judge of character and if there ever was a priest who could be trusted to tell the truth it is Father Anthony. He says he is innocent and although I know this must be investigated that is good enough for me.

Please make sure he is given a fair and impartial hearing and don't let politics influence the outcome. Even a priest is innocent until proven guilty.

We will pray for Father Vader (he is a good man and priest), you Cardinal George, and all that are involved in this hearing.

Warm Regards,

COPY - FR JAMES KACZOROWSKI [REDACTED]

Sunday Feb-16-2009

Dear Rev. Kaczorowski.

The allegations made against Fr Vadu are unbelievable. Having known him for many years we can not praise him enough. Because of him my wife and I were able to return to the Sacraments after 30 years. He was so helpful in getting our annulment, ~~He~~ can't say enough about his kindness and humility.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



February 16, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I have just learned of the allegations made against Father Vader of Sacred Heart. It is unbelievable and shocking to think that such a pious man would be accused of such charges. I attend Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart and find Father Vader to be a very humble and inspirational man.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

2-16-03

Dear Reverend Kaczorowski,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Tador are shock and disbelief. I have known him to be a good Priest, always.

The these allegations prove to be true, it is horrible for all involved. If they prove to be false, then Tador should be given back those responsibilities he cherishes. May God guide everyone as the truth is being searched for.

Respectfully,




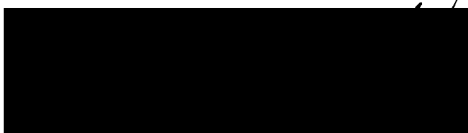
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Dear Cardinal George:

I am writing in support of Rev. Vader who was recently relieved of his duties at Sacred Heart Church due to allegations of misconduct many years ago. Father Vader has been a dedicated and devoted minister of Christ. He has been a true example of Christianity; leading by quiet example. I hope that the charges against Father Vader will be unfounded and that he will be able to resume his ministry. Meanwhile, I shall pray for both you and Father Vader.

Sincerely,



2.17.03

Dear Father,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vaden are shock and disbelief. I know him to be a great priest and the consummate Christian.

I simply can't believe the charges against him.

We love him and he certainly deserves our support!


Sincerely,



Rev. James T. Kaczacowski,

2/17/03

The news of the allegations against Fr. Vader came as a shock to all of us at Sacred Heart. Please make your investigation swift. We miss our priest.



Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces an e-mail chain between Victim KE and various family and friends, dated February 17, 2003, in which a relative of KE circulates a news article regarding Fr. Anthony Vader's removal from ministry due to allegations of minor sexual abuse as an act of support for Victim KE due to Victim KE's previous assertions to friends and family that she was abused by Fr. Vader. Victim KE responds by detailing her abuse by Fr. Vader at Holy Cross parish when Victim KE was approximately 10-11 years old.

February 18, 2003

February 18, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a member of Sacred Heart Mission Church located at 11650 S. Church Street in Chicago.

I am writing on behalf of our administrator/pastor, Father Anthony Vader, who is accused by two women of inappropriate physical contact nearly forty years ago. Details of these allegations were given from Bishop Joseph Perry at a mass celebrated at our church on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

I believe Father Vader is innocent of these charges. Fr. Vader is one of the most genuine and loving priests I have ever known. He is one of the main reasons why over the past 20 years, Sacred Heart Church has grown in membership and attendance. At the regular 10:30am Sunday mass for example, the congregation overflows into the vestibule. The standing room only crowd includes many people who have come back to practice their faith after time away from the church. To lose the man responsible for this kind of leadership is devastating.

Father Vader represents all the church would hope for in her clergy; he is a beautiful man and a wonderful priest.

In closing, I respect the process of which this investigation must take place. I also respect the individuals making the accusations and I pray for them. I trust however, that after so many years the real facts will be made known in this case.

God bless you Cardinal George, now and always.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests

[REDACTED]

AOC 021057

sent form letter

February 18, 2003

Re: Fr. Anthony Vader

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priest  
645 North Michigan Ave. -Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

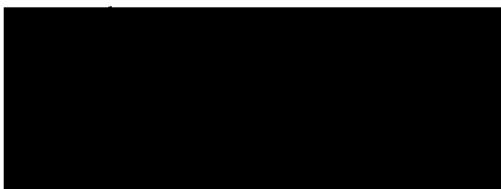
I Have known Fr. Anthony Vader for the past twenty years both as a loving and caring priest as well as a good acquaintance friend.

With all the years that I have known him as a priest never I can believe that he was accused of such things and precisely that incident has happened about 40-45 years ago and how credible those are at that time with ages around 8-9 years old, that I don't know.

For all the years that I have known him Fr. Vader exhibits professionally as a priest and so loving and caring individual. He comes to home if so requested for any special events to take care.

He is a special priest and loving too, I Hope and pray that he will come out clean.

With warm regards and prayer:



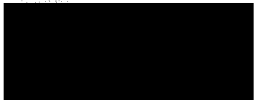

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Dear Cardinal George:

We have just heard of the allegations made against Father Vades. These reportedly date back forty plus years which is unbelievable to us. It is a sick world we live in. Father Vades is one of the most understanding, kind and helpful men we've ever known and we are not of the Catholic faith.

We pray you will find that Father Vades is innocent as we know God already knows.



FEB 18 2003

2-18-03

Dear Cardinal Gery,

I'm writing  
to express my sadness  
with the removal  
of Fr. Vader from Sacred  
Heart Church. In the  
twenty years of  
attending the church  
I could never even  
imagine something  
like this.

Fr. Vader has been  
an important part  
of our church. He has  
always been a kind  
considerate person.  
Fr. Vader married  
my husband + me.  
We have only the

greatest respect for the  
man.

He came to the  
church's aid when we  
needed him. I feel as  
though the people need  
to come to his aid.

I feel as though a  
retired Pastor with all  
the background & years  
of service that he has put  
in - should be given  
some extra consideration  
& concern for his future  
plans.

Please let FR Vacker  
come back to us.

FR Vacker

Sincerely,



February 18, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I am a member of Holy Name Mary Parish, for many years Father Vadar is our family spiritual adviser and friend. My husband [REDACTED], now deceased, myself and my children respect Father Vadar very much, nothing can change our respect and friendship for Father Vadar.

Sincerely,

Idle [REDACTED] Family

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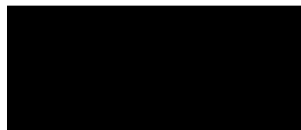
Dear Rev. Fr. J.T. Kaczorowski,

I'm greatly saddened upon hearing  
the recent accusations against  
Fr. Anthony J. Vader. I've known  
Fr. Vader for many years -  
Everything I've known & seen  
of Fr. Vader all these years fully  
convince me that these accusations  
are nothing but lies, designed to  
destroy a very good, honest and  
holy man.

allow me to share with you  
some of the wonderful spiritual  
experiences with Fr. Vader

"One is consumed by love  
only in the measure  
that one surrenders  
oneself to love."

St. Thérèse



It was some years ago that my husband and I joined a pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Italy and to various cities in Spain. We were very lucky that we had Fr. Vader in our bus. He made it a point that we recite the rosary the minute we situated ourselves in the bus. He is concerned that everybody gets back on time to the bus. We are so lucky to have him in our bus. He gives out meaningful sermon. He was with us for the rest of the tour & really enjoyed his company.



"Do not fear.  
The poorer you are, the  
more Jesus will love you.  
He will go far, very far  
in search of you, if at  
times you wander a little"

St. Thérèse

We do hope & pray this allegation  
against <sup>him</sup> will be dismissed immediately.  
I am certain that they will find  
him innocent & would like to  
add that Fr. Vader is a man  
of impeccable integrity.

Sincerely yours,

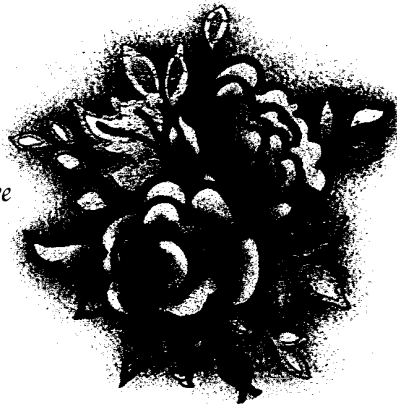
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CC. FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE  
MOST REVEREND RAYMOND GOEPERT

"One is consumed by love  
only in the measure  
that one surrenders  
oneself to love."

St. Thérèse



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February 18, 20

Dear Rev. Fr. James Tkaczewski,

Our family is greatly saddened about the recent accusations against Father Anthony Vader. I have known Father all my life. He married my husband - I 20 years ago + baptized my son [REDACTED].

He has always been part of our family. The most important event in our family was when my husband, [REDACTED] made the decision to convert to Catholicism from being a protestant. Father was a major influence.

His spiritual presence + direction has strengthened my parents, brothers + sister and my family through good + sad times.

He is an exemplary priest.

Rev. Father, please know that we love + support Father Vader. We hope + pray these accusations will be unfounded.

Sincerely,



February 18, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

February 18, 2003

Re: Pastor Father Vader

*I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This 'news' is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.*

*We've known Father for many (20) years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.*

*My personal experiences go back many years, as he was there for me when my father and mother were both dying of cancer. He assisted my family in what we remembered at the time, was the worst experience of our lives.* [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *When he (my father) became so ill, Father Vader was there to attend to our needs, knowing we had never experienced the death of someone so near and dear. The same holds true of my mother a few years later. He would come to the house and distribute Communion to my mother even though she could only swallow a small bit of the Host. He also came and gave the Last Rites to both my father and mother. There were many more things he did for me and my family.*

*Unfortunately, I experienced the death of my husband [REDACTED]. Father Vader consoled my children and myself along with my brothers and sisters and their children. My husband was fifty-two years old at the time of his passing, which left me a fairly young widow. I guess all I'm trying to say is that Father Vader has never been anything but kind and helpful and there for me. I feel the allegations made against him could never be true.*

*Please know that I support Father Vader 100%. I hope you will take just a moment to understand how much the people of Sacred Heart Church miss him and hope he can return to us very soon.*

*Sincerely,*

[REDACTED]

February 18, 2003

Dear Reverend Kaczorowski:

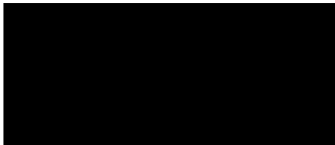
This letter is in support of Father Vader. I have worked with Father Vader for Sacred Heart since 1982.

John Cardinal Cody closed our little Church in January 1979 stating there was no longer was a need for it. The parishioners thought otherwise and rallied to save our Shrine. In 1982 Father Vader met with Cardinal Bernardin and he offered to administrate to Sacred Heart if His Eminence would reopen Sacred Heart. We are grateful to Father Vader for believing in the parishioners. Cardinal Bernardin gave the people the responsibility of finding and scheduling priests to serve, restoration of the Church and maintenance. Father Vader has been a wonderful priest and friend to all who attend Sacred Heart.

Father Vader has led a busy and active life. He taught for years at the seminary. He became involved with the Filipino community as a young priest and has been taking care of their spiritual needs for many years. He was very involved in the civil rights movement and can be seen marching with Dr. King in Selma. As a matter of fact, he once told me that he babysat for Dr. King and Coretta in Montgomery. During his assignment at Holy Name of Mary, through his efforts HNM became one of the most successful Black Catholic Churches in Chicago. His accomplishments are many. He is an avid African art collector. He is an opera buff. He has traveled the world. He is intelligent, has several doctorates and he knows right from wrong. This is not the lifestyle of someone who would hurt children.

I respectfully ask that that this matter be dropped and Father Vader be allowed the dignity and respect he deserves in his last years. He is a good and holy priest.

Respectfully,



February 18, 2003

Dear Rev Kaczowski.

I'm a member of Holy Name Mary Parish, for many years. Father Vodar is our family spiritual advisor and friend.

My Husband [REDACTED], now deceased, myself & my children respect Father Vodar very much. Nothing can change our respect and friendship for Father Vodar.

Sincerely  
The [REDACTED] Family

*February 18, 2003*

*Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue-Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611*

*Re: Pastor Father Vader*

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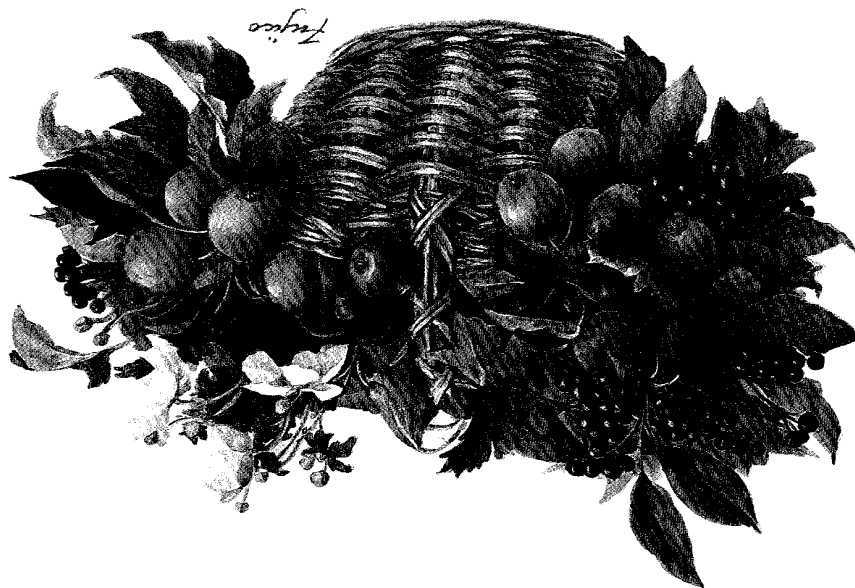
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Rev. Fr. James T. Kasarowski,  
Our family has recently learned  
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Fr. Vader.

Fr. Vader officiated on our  
renewal of vows on our 25th  
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praying with us on our problem  
and my husband serves as his  
acolyte on his masses whenever  
we are with him. We traveled  
with him on a pilgrimage &  
cruises and he celebrated mass  
with us everyday.

So finally we hope that  
these accusations for him will be  
denied through our prayers. Thank a lot.



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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

February 19, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to support Father Vader, especially with your prayers. This is a tragic situation for all concerned, and it fills everyone with sadness. Thank you for writing and for your life of faith. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021073

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February 19, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar For Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

When our family heard the news of the accusations of improper conduct by Fr. Anthony J. Vader, we were truly shocked and immediately said there was no way this fine man could be involved. I first met Fr. Vader (I'm now [REDACTED]), when he was first ordained a priest. I was 13 years old then, and attended Holy Cross School from where I graduated. Fr. Vader loves sports and he would regularly take a group of my classmates and I to play football on the Midway in Hyde Park.

He later married my wife and I, and baptized our two children, [REDACTED]. He celebrated the Mass at my mother's funeral in Chicago. Needless to say, we've known Fr. Vader for a very long time and have been very close to him all these years, and always stay in touch. I have always known Fr. Vader as being a kind, giving and generous person who would help anyone in time of need. He is the holiest of priests and would never resort to the horrible accusations being leveled at him by these two sisters. At his age, there is no way that he should have to live out his retirement, suffering such indignity.

It seems like after 45 years, these two sisters are more concerned about financial gain, and think nothing of destroying a man's integrity and a lifetime of good deeds.

Thank you for listening to us. My family and I pray that Fr. Vader will be exonerated of these charges. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the above telephone number.

Respectfully Yours,  
[REDACTED]

CC: Francis Cardinal George O.M.I. ✓  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert



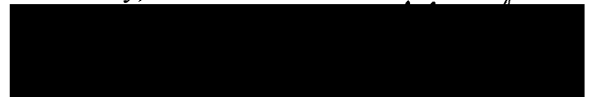
Feb. 19, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

My husband and I have known Father Vader from the Sacred Heart Mission Church for about 10 years, and are shocked to hear about the 40 year old allegations against him. We find this news about him very hard to believe. We know Father Vader as a kind person and wonderful priest.

We owe him much and he deserves our support now.

Sincerely,

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February 19, 2003

Dear Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.,

Our family has learned through SUNDAYTIMES, SATURDAY, February 15, 2003 that our beloved, retired Fr. ANTHONY J. VADER has been accused of improper misconduct, 1960's allegations.

With great sadness we wish to let you know that I knew him since 1969. He was our spiritual adviser in our organization, Philippine Nurses Association of CHICAGO (PNAC in short). He has touched so many families not only in Illinois but the whole U.S. and beyond.

I've asked him lots of favors like baptismal of babies and children, weddings, celebration of Christmas "SIMBANG GABI" etc. He's kind, holy, caring priest — always ready with helping hand.

We believe in our hearts that he is innocent of recent allegations before the eyes of man and the eyes of GOD.

Thank you for your very kind consideration,

I remain.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

February 19, 2003

Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Re: Father Vader

Dear Cardinal George:

The allegations and resulting requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein, are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our church for more than 30 years, as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs.

I am [REDACTED]. I come from a family of [REDACTED]. When we were growing up the Sacred Heart Church was always our parish.

It was Father Vader who spoke to my father about having faith and God and actually got my dad to start attending mass regularly. As for my mother she was always a very religious person. For the last three years when my dad's health was failing and my mom's last five years, Father Vader was always there for them and our family.

When they could no longer attend mass Father Vader came to our home to give communion and to comfort my parents, he always had time for them. We always feel good when Father Vader gives mass for my parents because we know he cared for them.

We know father to be a good priest always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for your very kind consideration, I remain.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED] family


February 20, 2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I'm a member of Holy Name of Mary Parish. Father Vodor is our family friend, and has been for many years. Through good health, happiness, sickness and death, Father Vodor was with us when needed.

Whatever the accusation, our family know it's a lie. We will always respect Father Vodor. Please respect, and restore all his Priestly duties.

Thanks



2/21/03

February 20, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I'm aware of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These date back as far as 40 years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This news is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

I've known Father for many years and cannot understand any of this. I know him as a kind and gentle person and a wonderful priest.

Father Vader has been very kind and understanding to me and my family. When I was hospitalized he was kind enough to come and visit & pray with me. My son was a altar boy for 3 years, he baptized 2 of my grandchildren and married one of my daughters. He also celebrated a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for my sister's brother-in-law.

Father Vader is a lonely man, he loves our little parish, 'The Shrine of the Sacred Heart'. He is always there to help in anyway. He truly is a joy to know and I trust him completely.

We will keep Father in our prayers daily.

Thank You

CC: Rev. James T. Kaczowski

February 26, 2003

Dear Rev. Kozmowski,

I'm a member of Holy Name of Mary Parish. Father Vador is our family friend, and has been for many years. Through good health, happiness, sickness and death Father Vador was with us when needed.

Whatever the accusation, our family knows it's a lie. We will always respect Father Vador. Please respect and restore all his Priestly duties.

Thanks



February 20, 2003

Rev.Fr. James T. Kaczorowski:

Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been accused of improper conduct against girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vader over the last 10 years convince us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest.

I would like to share with you some of my personal experience with Fr.Vader. About five years ago when my father was hospitalized [REDACTED], Fr. Vader was there for the family. He prayed and visited my father and talk to my mother and the rest of the family. Eventually, my Dad died and Fr. Vader was there to console us. He officiated in the funeral mass and shared our sorrows as a friend.

Then a year later my Mom got sick. She was in the hospital for four months [REDACTED]. My family was devastated because its only been a year that we lost our Dad and now our Mom is going to leave us too. Fr. Vader was there for the family and again prayed and presided in my Mom's funeral mass.

Fr. Vader became so close to us [REDACTED] Fr. Vader was there to say mass and just talk to the family and friends. My parents are gone now and Fr. Vader has become my adviser and mentor.

These accusations are untrue to our knowledge. Fr. Vader is a caring Priest who will never ever hurt anybody. He is to me already a saint. He is the champion of our family and the whole Filipino community.


I hope that the process will free Fr. Vader of any wrongdoing let alone clear his name.

Thank you and God Bless you.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

cc: Cardinal Francis George  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert







February 21, 2003

Reverend James T. Koczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Father Koczorowski:

It would be so much easier to speak with you face-to-face about Fr. Anthony Vader. When he didn't write for nearly two months, I started worrying about him.

He and I enrolled together in Quigley Preparatory Seminary in 1940. Our last names fortuitously placed us in the same classroom; we often shared the same bus going into downtown Chicago and back. Although I left the major seminary , we met with other friends before and after Tony's ordination. And we corresponded regularly by letters and e-mails.

When we spent the afternoon together about four years ago, it was obvious to me that Tony had grown into a serious, dedicated priest who still knew how to laugh at himself. Because he is a sociologist and I had taught moral theology in Catholic colleges and in s seminary, and consulted with Fr. Albert Moraczewski, O.P., on medical ethics, most of our conversation that day was about the current and future situation of the church in America. The only disturbing change I noticed was that Tony had gained more weight. He was still the innocent, delightful boy I had come to admire so much, and could count on as a most valued friend.

Isn't there some way that the two sisters who have accused him of sexual misconduct could be induced to take a lie detector test or submit to a psychiatric evaluation? Tony is quite incapable of breaking his vows, and even more incapable of lying to his superiors or his friends.

I trust that you will see to it that Fr. Vader is treated with the respect he deserves.

Sincerely,



cc. Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

AOC 021083

02/21/03

Dear Cardinal George,

I am writing in reference to the recent allegations against Father Vader. I personally feel they are false. Father Vader, in my opinion, is the last person on the face of the earth that would ever molest a young child. I find it suspect that two sisters would come forward some forty years later and make these allegations. No one else has made any allegations against Father Vader.

In [REDACTED] I divorced and became a single parent of two young girls. My faith was lost in the Catholic Church and I was searching for another religion to worship in. My friend told me to give Sacred Heart a chance and also the Roman Catholic Church another chance. My first Sunday at Sacred Heart will always be remembered. Father Schied, now deceased, stopped his homily and looked out the window. I found this a bit odd, but then he hollered out, "Mary, the tow truck still isn't here". I guess you could say I was hooked on how personal and family like this little Church is. Father Vader has always made Sacred Heart special with his easy to understand homily and way of words like no other priest that I've ever listened to. At the end of mass we have the usual round of applause for a Birthday or a local High School's victory. I can only remember one time being asked for money and because of this I donate about twice what I gave at St. Bernadette in Evergreen Park.

The Church is in an African American section of town that is also a high crime rated neighborhood, but still every Sunday the Church is filled to capacity. In fact there are people out the door and standing on the stairs that lead to the Church.

My younger daughter graduated from Sacred Heart's CCD Program and my nieces are still involved. My daughter said she learned more in one day from Sacred Heart's Program then she did all year at St. Bernadette'.

I'm not sure if this letter will help, but I sure hope you understand how loved Father Vader is. He is a great man!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

cc Father James Kaczorowski

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February 21, 2003

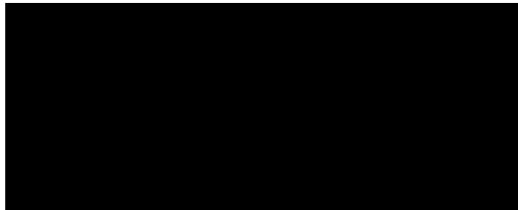
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue-Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611


Dear Father Kaczorowski,

We are writing in support of Father Vader. The allegations against him are extremely hard to comprehend, much less believe. We have always known him to be kind and humble priest, always putting others before himself.

Our prayers are with him and all those involved in this investigation. May the truth come to light soon.

Sincerely,



  
Reverend James Kazanowski  
Vicar for Priests  
Chicago, IL 60611

February 22, 2003

Dear Father Kazanowski: re: Father Anthony Vades

While I have only known Father Vades for about seven years, I am told that I am a good judge of character.

Obviously, I have no idea of what kind of priest or man Father Vades was 40 years ago, but I do know that the Father Vades of today would not lie... especially about a serious matter.

At Sacred Heart he is not just valued, he is treasured.

Please, please be absolutely certain before you hurt a man that I consider to be a "Man of God". We have far too few of those.

Yours in Christ  


Dear Father -

2-22-03

I have been attending Mass at Sacred Heart Church for quite some time, and have found Fr. Vader to be most pleasant, kind, & holy man. In this time when "our church" is under attack - you probably need to hear these words of encouragement about one of your own. We need all the priests we can keep to help celebrate Mass & the other sacraments. He truly is a good & holy man. Do what you can to facilitate this matter so he can return to his duties

Thanks



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**Science - AP****Study: False Memories Easily Implanted**

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By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA, AP Science Writer

DENVER - Remember that wonderful day when Bugs Bunny hugged you at Disneyland? A new study shows just how easy it can be to induce false memories in the minds of some people.

More than a third of subjects in the study, presented Sunday, recalled that theme-park moment — impossible because Bugs is not a Disney character — after a researcher planted the false memory.

Other research, of people who believed they were abducted by space aliens, shows that even false memories can be as intensely felt as those of real-life victims of war and other violence.

The research demonstrates that police interrogators and people investigating sexual-abuse allegations must be careful not to plant suggestions into their subjects, said University of California-Irvine psychologist Elizabeth Loftus. She presented preliminary results of recent false memory experiments Sunday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science ([news - web sites](#)).

Loftus said some people may be so suggestible that they could be convinced they were responsible for crimes they didn't commit. In interrogations, "much of what goes on — unwittingly — is contamination," she said.

The news media's power of suggestion also can leave a false impression, Loftus said.

"During the Washington sniper attacks, everyone reported seeing a white van," she said. "Where did it come from? The whole country was seeing white vans."

Loftus is one of the country's most controversial memory researchers. She frequently draws harsh criticism from victims' advocates, attorneys and

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Over 25 years, she has examined more than 20,000 subjects and written 19 books. She appears frequently in court as an expert witness.

While some recovered memories turn out to be true, Loftus says her experiments repeatedly show that memories are fragile possessions that are easily manipulated. But she does not condemn her subjects for being gullible.

Of adopting false memories, she said: "This behavior is entirely normal."

A key, researchers said, is to add elements of touch, taste, sound and smell to the story.

In the Bugs Bunny study, Loftus talked with subjects about their childhoods and asked not only whether they saw someone dressed up as the character, but also whether they hugged his furry body and stroked his velvety ears. In subsequent interviews, 36 percent of the subjects recalled the cartoon rabbit.

In another study, Loftus suggested frog-kissing incidents that 15 percent of the group later recalled.

"It is sensory details that people use to distinguish their memories," said Loftus. "If you imbue the story with them, you'll disrupt this memory process. It's almost a recipe to get people to remember things that aren't true."

In other research presented Sunday, Harvard University psychologist Richard McNally tested 10 people who said they had been abducted, physically examined and sexually molested by space aliens.

Researchers tape-recorded the subjects talking about their memories. When the recordings were played back later, the purported abductees perspired and their heart rates jumped.

McNally said three of the 10 subjects showed physical reactions "at least as great" as people suffering post traumatic stress disorder from war, crime, rape and other violent incidents.

"This underscores the power of emotional belief," McNally said.

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Febr. 23, 2003

To Reverend Fr. James Kaczorowski;

We were very sorry to hear that our dear Father Vader has been accused of improper conduct. Where were these two women for the past 45 years - suddenly to come out and accuse. In today's society, we have become of too many "I sue' em". Some people will do anything for financial gain.

We have known Fr. Vader for many, many years. These are horrible accusations against a very beloved, kind and hard working Priest. He has devoted all his life, in serving our God - caring and doing for so, so many people. Do not let these malicious lies destroy an honorable, good and decent man.

Also, the Archdiocese should be giving our Priests financial aid to fight off these accusers. After all the years of serving, Fr. Vader and all the Clergy should be entitled to and be represented by highly qualified attorneys. Fr. Vader + many Priests do not have the money for a thoroughly and complete investigation.

May God help Fr. Vader + the decision makers for a quick, exonerated finding in this problem.

God's Blessing,  
cc. Francis Cardinal George  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert



FEBRUARY 23, 2003

FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE  
ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO

YOUR EMINENCE

THIS IS IN REGARD TO THE REMOVAL OF FATHER VADER  
FROM SACRED HEART CHURCH.

MY FIRST RECOLLECTION OF FATHER WAS DURING THE LATE  
50'S AND EARLY 60'S WHEN I WAS A FIRE FIGHTER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. I NEVER GOT TO KNOW HIM THEN,  
BUT WAS ALWAYS IMPRESSED BY THE ENERGY HE SHOWED AS HE  
WALKED BRISKLY BY THE FIRE HOUSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE  
STREET. WE ASSUMED HE WAS IN A HURRY TO GET TO BILLINGS OR  
WOODLAWN HOSPITALS, OR TO CATCH A BUS ON 63<sup>RD</sup> ST, SO ALL WE EVER  
GOT IN WAS A "HI FATHER" WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH A FRIENDLY WAVE.

MY NEXT ASSOCIATION 20 TO 30 YEARS LATER WAS A  
LOT CLOSER WHEN HE BECAME ADMINISTRATOR OF SACRED HEART  
WHERE I HAD BEEN SERVING AS [REDACTED] ON  
SUNDAYS. I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE TO WORK WITH HIM REGULARLY, AND  
I'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYONE TO BE CONSISTENTLY FRIENDLY EVERY SUNDAY  
MORNING, AND EASIER TO WORK WITH THAN FATHER.

HE IS, AND I'VE TOLD HIM THIS, THE BEST AT EXPLAINING SOME  
OF THE READINGS, OR A GOSPEL, AND RELATING THEM TO OUR EVERY DAY LIVES.  
ALSO, I ONCE COMMENTED ON NEVER SEEING HIM USE ANY NOTES FOR HIS  
HOMILIES, ETC. HE JUST HELD HIS HAND TO HIS HEART AND SAID "IT COMES  
FROM HERE".

THE ONLY WORDS TO DESCRIBE MY REACTION TO THE 40 YEAR  
OLD ALLEGATIONS, TAKING ME BACK TO MY DAYS ON 63<sup>RD</sup> STREET, WERE  
SHOCK AND DISBELIEF WHICH I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO ACCEPT.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

CC: FATHER KACZOROWSKI  
VICAR OF PRIESTS



**February 23, 2003**

**Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690**

**Dear Cardinal George,**

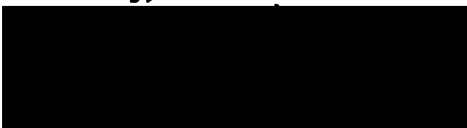
**I am writing you regarding the allegations made against my pastor and friend, Rev. Anthony J. Vader. My family is shocked and deeply saddened by these unfounded charges. There is no way that these allegations about Father Vader could be true.**

**I have known Father Vader for more than twenty years and do not believe for a moment that these forty year old allegations could be true. He is everything the Church could want in a priest- thoughtful, compassionate, caring. Father Vader has married my sister, baptized my nephew, and buried my mother. He has been there for us in happiness and in sorrow. In all the years I have known him, I have never heard him say or do anything that was not in accordance with the Christ's teachings.**

**I recently read an article about a study showing that the mind can be fooled into believing fiction as fact, especially over time. I would not be surprised if Father Vader's accusers are not only mistaken but are being manipulated to bring scandal and disgrace to the Church and its ministers.**

**It has been painful to watch Father Vader go through this ordeal, especially today with the death of his beloved sister. I have found comfort in Cardinal Bernadin's words in his book *The Gift of Peace*, "From deep in my soul, however, I heard the Lord's words... "The truth will set you free" (John 8:32). My faith reassured me that the truth was all I had, and all that I really needed." I hope and pray that the truth will be enough for Father Vader to return to ministry without delay.**

**Sincerely,**



**cc: Rev. J.T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests**

Feb, 23, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

This is the second letter I am sending you re Father Anthony Vader, re at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart miss Father Vader so very much, I feel that this false accusation is a scam to obtain money from the Church. It has been done many times before.

As I said before, I have known Father Vader for 20 years, and he has always been a good and exemplary priest. My family and I cannot understand how anyone could charge him. I feel that Satan is working hard to bring down the Church, which will not succeed.

I hope that this matter will soon be proven false, and that Father Vader can return in the near distant future.

Sincerely,

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski ✓


February 23, 03

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,

I have not ever witness  
any disrespect in words or action  
from Father Noder.

I have known Father Noder  
since 1969. I can say with all  
earnest He has been an in-  
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talk to and to really feed  
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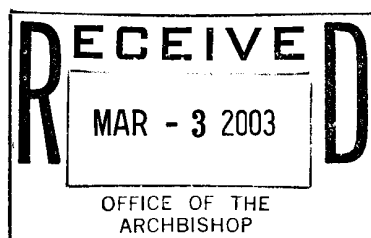
He is greatly missed  
I humbly ask you please look  
at these matters very very carefully.

Yours truly,  


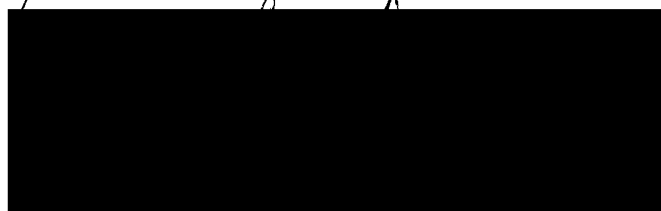
Feb. 24, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

This letter is in support of Rev. Anthony, Vader, retired pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. It has been my privilege to know Father Vader for most of my married life (31 years). My husband has known him over 50 years. In all those years, I have known Father Vader to be a man of great Compassion, Keenness, and Piety. If one would look for a definition of the word "priest," they would find a picture of Father Vader there. I am most impressed by the way he says Mass. His homilies are always to the point with a simple, good message to take with you. And when he celebrates the Consecration, it's as if he's doing it for the first time, full of reverence. A remarkable priest, a remarkable man.



Sincerely,



[REDACTED]

February 24, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

In faith and in fealty we write to ask for your concern and intercession on behalf of our dear priest, Father Vader. We are despondent over the scurrilous accusations made against this stalwart man of the Church, and saddened that he has been removed from us.

In the second floor of a tiny church called Sacred Heart, Father Vader has served faithfully for two decades as our priest. He is more than our priest. For hundreds of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago, Father Vader is a bulwark to our faith. When he preaches to us, we get it. When he says hello after Mass, he looks us in the eye. He blesses the children. Rest assured, Cardinal George, that Father Vader has meant the difference for scores of folks between coming to Mass and leaving the Church.

Our daughter, [REDACTED] works part-time in [REDACTED]. When we are lucky enough to have her home, there is no question but that on Sunday mornings, she is with us at Sacred Heart to hear and see her beloved Father Vader. It is not just old folks who love him.

We are dumbfounded that 40-year-old accusations against this good and loyal priest would take this turn. With all the "curve balls" that we as Catholics have had to face in the past few years, Father Vader has been our pillar.

Please return him to us.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

2-24-03

Dear Cardinal George

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. (back 40 years ago)

Our family has belonged to the Sacred Heart Church for over 40 years. [REDACTED]

When Father Vader came to our Church we were very happy. We knew him as a very caring person. - we experience with Father Vader - help, kindness, weddings, baptisms, etc.

Thank you for reading my letter & wish Father Vader the Best of Luck & Prayers. Mr + Mrs [REDACTED]

Feb. 24, 2003

Dear Cardinal George;

The only words to describe my reaction to the forty year old allegations against Father Vader are shock + disbelief. I have known Father Vader over fifty years and I have great respect for this wonderful servant of God. I do not believe these charges!

Sincerely,





2/24/03

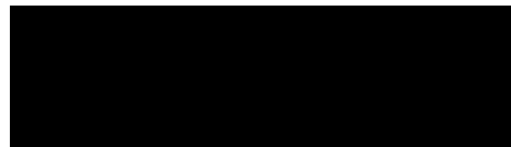
Rev. Kaczorowski,

The allegations made against Father  
Vader are unbelievable and shocking.

I consider him a kind and wonderful  
priest who has and shows great faith.

My family and I are saddened by the  
allegations made against him, forty  
years is a long time.

Please return him to us as soon  
as possible for I do not believe this  
allegation to be true.



Feb 24, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kacsorowski,

I am greatly saddened on hearing about the recent accusations against our dear Fr. Anthony J. Vader. Although I have not seen Fr. Vader for several years, I now live in San Diego, he was a part of several important stages of my life. Fr. Vader baptized me some 26 years ago, and again was present for my First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Chicago, IL. Growing up, I always remember Fr. Vader participating in family events and holidays.

Fr. Vader always had such a loving and caring presence about him, and definitely is an inspiration to us all. This is why I am fully convinced that these accusations against him are false, and are designed to destroy an honest and holy man.


I hope and pray that this letter will help show that Fr. Vader is a good person with a loving heart. I am also writing this letter on behalf of my brother, [REDACTED], who is serving our country in [REDACTED] at this time. He wanted me to extend his sadness on →

this terrible news, and how he can only remember positive qualities of Fr. Vader.

Thank you for listening and considering my appeal. I believe that the truth will be known, and Fr. Vader will be able to continue to serve his community and the Lord the same way he has been doing for several years.

Sincerely,





February 24, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Ave. – Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Re: Fr. Anthony J. Vader

Dear Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski:

We are deeply saddened by reports that Fr. Anthony J. Vader was accused by two women of sexual misconduct, which allegedly happened over forty years ago. We cannot and do not believe these accusations. We believe Fr. Vader is innocent and pray that he will be exonerated and returned to his ministry, soon!

We have heard of Fr. Vader since we first came to Chicago in 1970. We knew that he worked and served as spiritual director to Filipino doctors, nurses, other professionals and the Filipino community in general. His association with the Filipino community dates as far back as 1957 or earlier.

As you probably know, the Filipino community, then and now, is a very close knit and religiously conservative community. We place priests and other members of the clergy in a very high position of honor and respect. We likewise have very high expectations of them, morally and spiritually. Therefore, any indiscretion, sexual or otherwise, that Fr. Vader may have committed, would have been held against him by the community, privately or publicly. He would never have lasted in the Filipino community's high regard for a year, much less 50 years. Everything that we have heard and seen over the last several years, convince us that Fr. Vader has been a model of priestly devotion and spiritual integrity.

It was not until 1999 that our family became good friends with Fr. Vader. He was the spiritual director of our pilgrimage group to the Holy Land in 1999, then to Fatima and Lourdes in 2000 and to Italy and Medjugorje in 2001. We came to know this wonderful, caring, respected and prayerful man even better when we started participating in the weekly Santo Nino (Infant Jesus) devotions, of which he has been spiritual director since 1980.

In 2002, together with another Filipino couple, we coordinated the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Vader's priestly ordination. It was during this planning and preparation period that we truly appreciated what Fr. Vader meant to the vast majority of over 100,000 members of the Filipino American community here in Chicago, to those who have moved to other States and to the many people who have since retired in the Philippines as well as to the hundreds of homeless and abandoned young people in the Philippines who live in shelters generously supported by Fr. Vader from his limited financial resources.

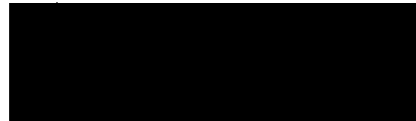
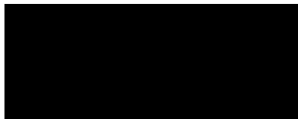
Our celebration committee was very impressed and surprised by the overwhelming response of these long time acquaintances, friends and "families" of Fr. Vader. We received calls, letters and greetings – all grateful for what Fr. Vader has done for them and their families. We heard of how Fr. Vader had married them in the late 1950s and the 1960s, baptized their children, married their children, baptized their grandchildren, buried their dead, consoled and counseled them and many other forms of assistance. We also heard how Fr. Vader arranged to have them supplied with boots and winter coats during their first winters here in Chicago, how Fr. Vader went with them to the immigration office to have their working or student visas extended or revalidated. We also heard how Fr. Vader went with some nurses to State capitols to lobby for equal pay for these hardworking, underpaid nurses. All these testimonials speak of their love and respect for Fr. Vader, love and respect that could only have been earned by someone who had discharged his priestly duties with the utmost spiritual integrity. We are enclosing a copy of the souvenir program that the Filipino American community put together and distributed at the celebration dinner in honor of Fr. Vader on May 4, 2002. A copy of this souvenir program was given to His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George immediately after the celebration.

Incidentally, the parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Parish and the Mission Church of the Sacred Heart, also showed their appreciation for this wonderful pastor with equally touching 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in 2002.

Several friends of Fr. Vader, especially those who knew him over 40 years ago, have expressed interest in appearing before the Board of Review to attest to Fr. Vader's sterling and prayerful character. We believe it is the sacred duty of the Board of Review and of the Archdiocese of Chicago to listen and to consider these testimonials about Fr. Vader's character during the time period of these accusations.

Fr. Vader has as much right as his accusers, before God, before man and before the Board of Review to be treated with respect and to be heard. We can provide you with the names, addresses and phone numbers of these potential character witnesses for Fr. Vader. Thank you for your attention and your consideration to our appeal to return Fr. Vader to his sacred ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Enclosure

Cc: Francis Cardinal George  
Bishop Raymond Goedert  
Fr. Anthony J. Vader

[REDACTED]

February 24, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar For Priests  
645 North Michigan Ave.- Suite 543

Chicago, Il 60611

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I am a practicing physician in the City of Chicago for more than 30 years. I have known Father Anthony Vader ever since I came to this country in 1966. During those years I have found him to be one of the most dedicated priest I have ever known. He is always there when you need him. He has served well in the Filipino-American community. He has sent many Filipinos to study priesthood in the Philippines and financed there schooling thru our little donations and from his own pocket. For him to be accused for something that happened 45 years ago by two women I find it preposterous. I sincerely believe that he is an innocent victim like the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. We need more priest in the Archdiocese of the City of Chicago like Father Anthony Vader. My family and I pray that he will soon be exonerated of the charges against him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[REDACTED]

CC: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert  
Father Anthony Vader

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Rev James T. Kaczorowski 2-24-03  
Vicar For Priests

Dear Rev Kaczorowski,

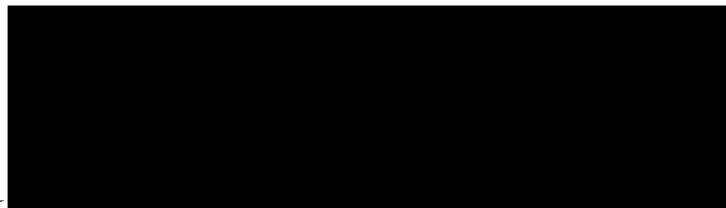
I am sure that this

letter is one of hundreds written about Rev Anthony J. Vader's character as both a person and a priest. I have known Rev Vader about 27 years collectively in groups and person to person and thru out these periodic contacts one would always feel of being in the presence of a special, caring person. In his priestly ministry, I am aware of his many years as being available to the Philippine community both collectively to their group religious activities and to their individual needs. I am also aware of him being a pastor to both CAUCASIAN and African-American congregations thru out his priestly career. Beside always being there to baptize, marry and bury, Father Vader was always there as that special person to help people with both religious and temporal issues in their lives. He is known for his generosity for helping people in the missions and especially in the Philippines. One always knew that any monetary gift given to Father Vader was not going to stop with his needs but mostly was going to be passed on to the mission field.

To Keep writing more would be only to Add what other persons have written About Father Vader thru out their Lives and how he was Always there in time of both spiritual and temporal Needs.

And like our beloved Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, I am sure Father Vader is devastated At these Allegations some 45 years Ago. But like Christ I am sure he is Accepting of this cross Laid upon his shoulder At the end of his priestly career Like Christ Accepted His cross At the end of His priestly career.

This letter is being humbly and prayerfully submitted for your consideration and in your responsibilities relating to this matter now being renewed



CC Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert



February 24, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

We recently learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and, as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This "news" is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

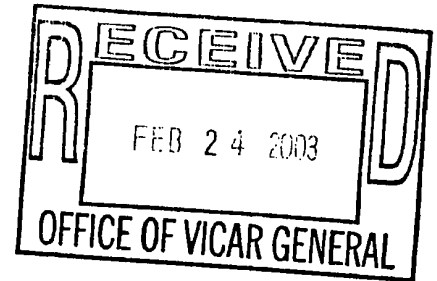
Although we've only known Father Vader for a few years, he was kind enough to give our son, [REDACTED] a recommendation for entrance to [REDACTED] High School. We have only known him as kind, understanding and extremely helpful.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

[REDACTED]

Most Rev. Raymond Goedert  
Vicar General  
155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, IL 60611



Most Rev. Raymond Goedert:

I am writing this letter to you to inform you of my whole-hearted support of Father Anthony Vader. When I heard of the allegations made against Father Vader, I was dismayed and appalled that such falsity could gain any credence in a civil society. And I am gravely disappointed in a system that would entertain such obviously false allegations.

I speak to you on many levels. First, I speak to you as a life-long Catholic. I have been steadfastly supportive of the Church on many levels. Defending it, during scandals, supporting it, monetarily and with my faith in the Lord. It never has been easy being a Catholic in today's society, but I have felt that my faith has always been strong. It has always been a source of strength when I needed comfort. I am proud of my faith, I am proud of my religion. And my strength, belief and faith were greatly nurtured by Father Anthony Vader. Father Vader has been a pillar of my Catholic upbringing as well as my secular upbringing. Father Vader has said most of the masses that I attended in my young life. He baptized my younger brother as well as all of my cousins and recently he married my older brother. Father Vader has always been there through every heartbreak, every triumph, and every mundane life event that a person can go through. He has always shared, lead and guided my family, my friends and myself throughout our lives.

I have known Father Vader since I was a little girl. I never doubted his spiritual guidance and love for my family and me. Numerous times, throughout my life, I have been alone with Father Vader. And NEVER would Father Vader ever do anything inappropriate, he is always loving and giving and the most pleasant of company, but NEVER inappropriate in any way. And this is one of the reasons why I feel so strongly about the falsity of these allegations. I grew up with Father Vader, along with most of my friends and family, he is and always will be trusted with our lives, and now as we grow older with our children's lives.

Second, I speak to you as a social worker. I have spent most of my post college career, in social services. I spent two years after college working at a group home for abused and neglected children. I went on to get my social work degree at [REDACTED]. I spent most of my time in [REDACTED], specializing in sexual abuse and sexual offenders at [REDACTED]. I did intense clinical intake, assessment, and therapy with sexual abuse victims, non-offending parents and sexual offenders. I know every single, in and out of sexual offense and the cycle of a sexual offender. I have done intense group therapy sessions with sexual offenders and understand comprehensively, the characteristics of a sexual

offender. This is how I know, without reservation, that the allegations against Father Vader are absolutely and completely false. He holds none of the characteristics exhibited by sexual offenders. He does not have anything close to the repeated cycle of an untreated sexual offender. On the contrary, Father Vader has always upheld the values, principles and ideals of the Catholic Church. He has been completely ethical and moral in every possible way.

Third, I speak to you as an attorney. I have spent much of my law school career, being a champion for sexual abuse victims. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Prosecuting life-long sexual offenders was second nature to me in the two years that I worked at [REDACTED]. Knowing a case, the intricate, lengthy details of a sexual offenders life became a part of my everyday working life. It is what I know, it is what I breathe, and it is what I understand. As a result, I look at cases, bad side always in the forefront, never giving the benefit of the doubt to them and they are lifelong offenders with many victims in their wake.

And as a result, with my prosecution background I can tell you with absolute certainty that Father Vader is so far from those people. He is quite the opposite in fact and in life. Father Vader cares and loves deeply-- it is his greatest quality. He has upheld the ideals and the morals of the Catholic Church for as long as I have known him. He has done this better than any other person in the priesthood that I have ever met.

I hope this letter reflects my deepest sorrow that these false allegations have been initiated against Father Vader. I am deeply concerned and hope my words are taken genuinely and seriously. I believe the greatest sadness in this situation is that Father Vader has been taken out of the active ministry. It is a great loss to the Catholic Church and the countless parishioners and other Catholics that he has guided through hard and trying times that our world is now facing. It is my greatest hope that this loss is not permanent and I urge you to do whatever is possible to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I say this because I know with my deepest convictions, both personally and professionally that these allegations are baseless, untrue and complete fiction.

Please contact me for any further questions or information or if there is anything I can do further to bring Father Vader back into active ministry. I will continue to pray for Father Vader as I hope you will too.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

CC: Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I  
Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-137

From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant <sup>LNP</sup>

Re: **Anthony Vader (Retired)**

Date: February 24, 2003

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A correction in the name of the victim has been brought to our attention: It is as follows:



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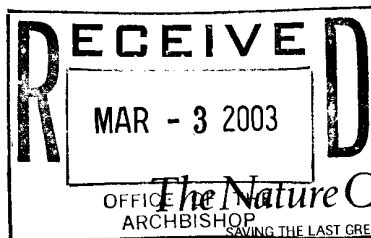


Feb 25, 2003

Dear Archbishop,

Enclosed please find  
a copy of the letter re-  
mote to Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski  
regarding an old friend  
Fr. Anthony Voder.

We are praying for him  
sincerely



The Nature Conservancy  
SAVING THE LAST GREAT PLACES ON EARTH



[REDACTED]

February 25, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
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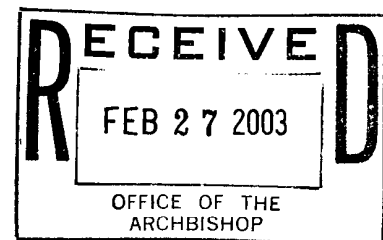
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We realize there may be times when a situation seems beyond our realm of understanding. We know to release the outcome into God's care. We are hoping and praying for a brief and comprehensive investigation in these allegations. We are positive that Reverend Anthony J. Vader will be vindicated and will be allowed to re-enter back into the community to do what he does best, serving his church and all of God's people.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



AOC 021113



February 25, 2003

Reverend James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar For Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue  
Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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Sincerely,





Feb. 25, 2003

Dear Rev. Fr. James T. Kalgorowski,

We have just heard that Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader is now been accused of "improper conduct" toward a couple of girls (now no-men !!) forty five years ago. This would be about the year I went to Chicago and met Fr. Vader.

Since I met Fr. Vader he has always been a proper priest and person.... warm, & sincerely concerned about spiritual, mental, physical and social well being of the people around him.

It is impossible and completely out of the question that I can imagine him acting improper toward anybody, especially "kids". If someone is accusing him of improper conduct must have interpreted his concern and warmth.... well

[REDACTED]

That is their problem.

Did they come out with this because of  
what has been happening to other priests?  
Unbelievable - - - - -!!!

I would personally come to court and stand  
beside dear Fr. Vader to show my faith  
and belief in his innocence & integrity  
as a man of God & a person.

He has gone to the Philippines several times and  
has stayed with my parents in our home  
in [REDACTED] (when they were still alive). He  
was always treated like a son by my  
parents. He officiated at my daughter's wedding,  
and my mother passed here in [REDACTED]

This letter is to confirm our love and  
support for our dear Fr. Anthony Vader.

With hope that the Lord will be with him  
at this stressful time.

Most sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM


To: File – PFR-137






From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator 

Re: **Vader, Anthony (Retired)** 

Date: February 25, 2003

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PFRA received a phone message on February 24, 2003 from . She stated that she was pleased with the letter that she received regarding the Review Board's First Stage Review recommendation and the Cardinal's decision on her allegation of misconduct against Anthony Vader [AV].

 also wanted to ensure that PFRA noted the correct spelling of her last name. In documentation to this point, 's last name has been spelled "".  stated that the correct spelling is "". Please note the change in your files.

Cc: Bishop-Elect Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
John O'Malley, Legal Services

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[REDACTED]

February 26, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski:

In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Loving God, Father of mercies and compassion, comfort and strengthen Fr. Anthony J. Vader from the ordeals he now faces. In your mercy Lord, protect Fr. Vader from the injustice of the unfortunate, "one strike and you are out", USCCB Norms. Grant wisdom and compassion to our bishops to revisit the norms and policies against sexual misconduct with minors by clerics.

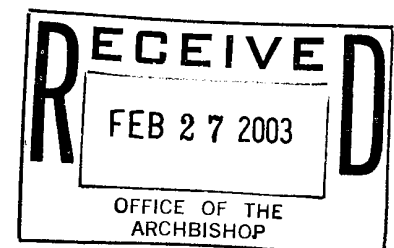
I have known Fr. Vader for the last 25 years. I found him to be an "Alter Christus", as he does his ministry towards the Filipino Community. No other priest, American or Asians have done what this pious priest had done for us Filipinos. Fr. Vader gave meaning to our Faith, Culture and Tradition. He made it easy for us to integrate easily to an "American Church" and at the same time helped us preserved our own traditions. Fr. Vader's commitment and faithful service to us Filipinos enriches our lives with God's love. Fr. Vader reflects the love of the Good Shepherd.

Whether the allegation toward Fr. Vader is true or not, is irrelevant to me. My love, respect and thankfulness to God for giving Fr. Vader to us will not change. My heart goes to the accusers, but we have known a different man of God. Children of God will sin and will continue to sin, Christ paid in full for our sins, indiscretions and bad judgements. St. Peter denied Jesus 3 times, but there was no "one strike and you are out" for St. Peter. Whatever happened to the "cast the first stone"? Did the US bishops cast the first stone when they agreed to the norms? Whatever happened to the church business of forgiveness and compassion? Jesus and his first disciples are probably glad they were born and ministered in Asia and not in United States, compassion and understanding is sorely lacking in this country!

Sincerely in Christ,

[REDACTED]

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert  
Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader



AOC 021118

Feb. 26, 2003

Dear Cardinal George, [REDACTED]

I have recently learned of the allegations made against Father Vader which date back forty years. Needless to say I was shocked and astonished.

I have known Father Vader for about fifteen years. He has been administrator of Sacred Heart Church for years and more recently our Retired Pastor celebrating Mass and administering the Sacraments for our congregation.

Ten years ago he married my son and daughter-in-law and a year ago he baptized my niece's adopted little boy. A year ago we helped him celebrate the Fiftieth anniversary of his Ordination at the Oaklawn Hotel. One Hundred of people were in attendance if not more. Now I understand he can't say Mass. How sad! We never met a more devote or caring priest.

There are trying times for the Church and certainly for the Priesthood. I pray for guidance for you in these matters and vindication for Father Vader.

Sincerely  
[REDACTED]



affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan Chicago and of the U.S.A.

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February 26, 2003

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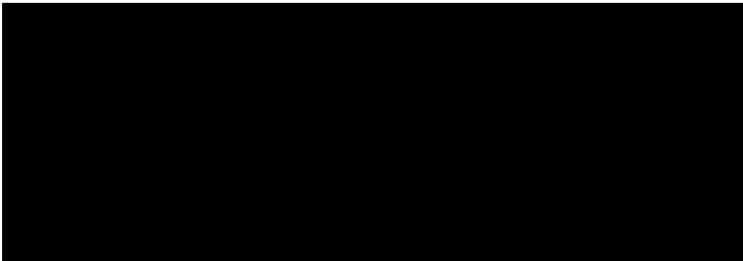
Sacred Heart Church  
Members of the Congregation

Dear Sirs and Members of Sacred Heart Church:

I am writing on behalf of my good friend, Father Anthony Vader. I have known Tony for six years. We are brothers in community with The Maple Park and Morgan Park Ministerial Alliance on the Southside of Chicago.

Rev. Vader is a kind and generous man who exhibits real Christian love, concern and care for others. I find him to be serious minded with a deep conviction regarding church ideas and issues. I am impressed that he is a godly man whose life examples our Lord Jesus Christ himself.

I have never known Tony to be self-centered, proud or arrogant, but a humble pastor who is friendly and most caring for the folks in his parish. I support him in prayer and I hope that all charges against him will be dismissed. I believe he is a man of his word and the Word.



I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the letterhead memorandum of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan Chicago and of the U.S.A. dated February 26, 2003.

Very truly yours,

February 28, 2003

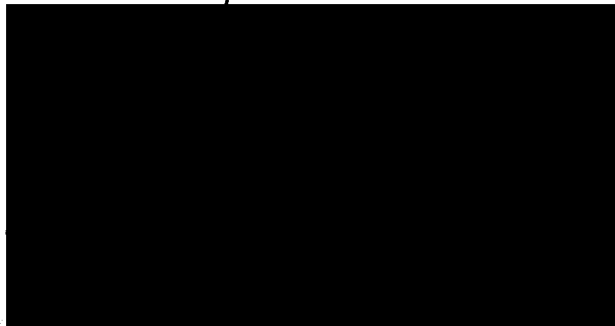
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Two parishes have played important roles in the lives of my family, St. Genevieve and Sacred Heart.

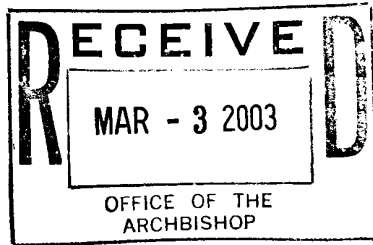
It was very distressing to learn of the charges against Father Anthony Vadev. We highly respect this wonderful and dedicated Priest, and pray he is found innocent. A favorable conclusion to what we consider false allegations we be an answer to our prayers.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely



for the Holy Spirit



Feb. 28 2003

Cardinal George:  
Please give Fr. Vaden  
consideration for all the  
good things he has done  
for the Church and also  
for all the lives he has  
touched during his many  
years. He has also been  
a mentor for so many young  
and old, like myself.  
He has always been there  
when called upon.

I can't believe these  
accusations are true, I have  
known Fr. Vaden for many years,  
Please do your best for him  
Thank you

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Holy Name of Mary - Cuzco,



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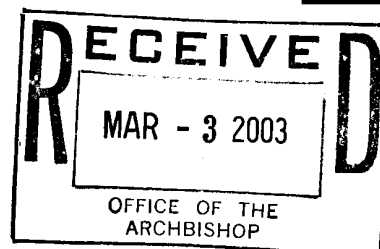
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Sincerely,



AOC 021123

Feb 28 2003

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source of strength to me  
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Thank You,

[REDACTED]  
Holy Name of Mary, Chgo.

Father Kaczowski

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I most likely would not be a Church going Christian if not for the love and goodness of Father Vaden.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
11862 CHURCH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

*My Dear Filipino American Family,*

*I'm very, very impressed, grateful and appreciative of all your support. You have no idea how comforting this has been to me. Please keep me in your prayers.*

*I want you to know that I am innocent, that I have never in my lifetime touched these two sisters who have brought the accusations which supposedly occurred while I was at Holy Cross Church.*

*I have had one hearing, but the important hearings are still to come. When they will be, I don't know. I have two attorneys for the civil action and will have a canon lawyer.*

*Please pray for me and I'll pray for you.*

*Rev. Anthony J. Sadler*

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We greatly miss him at Sacred Heart Church.

Sincerely



Dear Reverend Kaczorowski -

March 2003

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SACRED HEART CHURCH  
11652 CHURCH STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60643

March 2003

Francis Cardinal George O.M.V.  
Chicago, IL

Dear Cardinal George,

We are enclosing additional  
Petitions, supporting Father Vadis,  
Collette, until the last evening of  
Weeks.

The Property of Sacred Heart

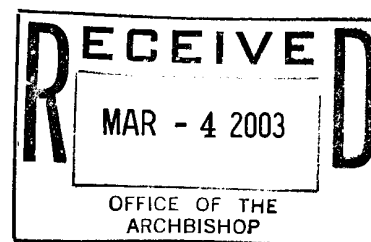
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1 MARCH 2003

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SINCERELY,





March 12 2003

Bishop Francis Cardinal George  
On arriving to Church  
on Sun. morning and  
bearing of Father's /ade  
accusation. I am writing  
of the past 33 years  
he has been a great  
help to my and the  
Church family.

Why did it take 40 yrs.  
for this to <sup>be</sup> known?  
God is the Judge  
of everyone. We pray  
that the truth will  
come soon

Sincerely,

Sat. March 1, 2003

Dear Cardinal George, O.M.I.

My mother and I wish to express our firm support, respect, and affection for our pastor Fr. Vader. He has been an important part in our lives while serving as pastor of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart on Chicago's Southside. He has always demonstrated faithful service to the Church and the People of God.

We are deeply grieved about recent events that have caused Fr. Vader's absence from our Mission Church. We believe in him and will always be grateful to him for his good example and loving service at Sacred Heart.

Please send him back to us if at all possible. We need him and we love him as our pastor, spiritual leader, and friend.

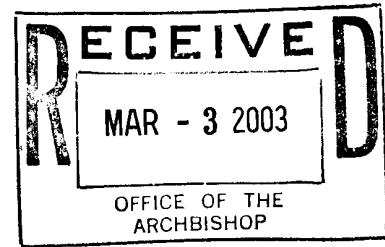
Respectfully yours,



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on our small southside faith community  
of Sacred Heart Shrine and Mission.

We will never forget his priestly  
zeal and service for our entire community.

We believe in Fr. Vader. We support  
him in this time of crisis because we know  
that he is a dedicated, holy, truthful and  
faithful Catholic Priest and Pastor.

Please return Fr. Vader to Sacred  
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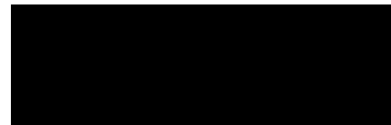



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Father James Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue Suite #543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

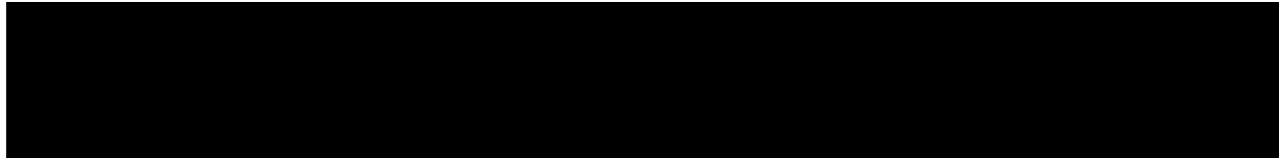
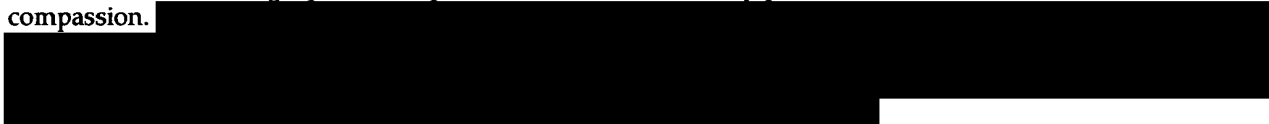
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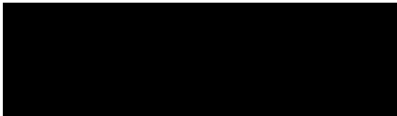
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Sincerely,



1 March 1, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kasowski

We are saddened to  
hear that Father Vadec,  
has been accused of  
improper conduct.

Our family moved  
into Holy Name of Mary  
1965. Since 1968 to my  
knowing Fr. Vadec has  
been a great help to  
me and my children  
and family.

Sincerely

# PRIEST PERSONNEL FILE ACCESS REQUEST RECORD

## Archdiocese of Chicago

This form documents an individual priest's request for access to his records. It must be filled out completely and signed by all appropriate parties.

### TO BE FILLED IN BY AGENCY HOLDING RECORDS

Name of Priest File: <i>VADER, ANTHONY</i>	
Record of Agency/Office: <i>VICAR FOR PRIESTS</i>	
Address: <i>P.O. Box 455</i>	
City/State: <i>MUNDELEIN, IL</i>	Zip: <i>60060-1174</i>
Phone: <i>847-546-6085</i>	

Person Requesting File: <i>Anthony Vader per MaryAnn Trust</i>	Date of Request: <i>3/2/03</i>
Written Request Attached (Written request must accompany this form)      Y <input checked="" type="radio"/> N	

Person Authorizing Access: <i>SR. MARY ANN TRUST</i>	Date Records Accessed: <i>3/2/03</i>
Signature: <i>MaryAnn Trust, &amp;W</i>	

### TO BE FILLED IN BY REQUESTER

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March 13, 2013

Dear Cardinal George,

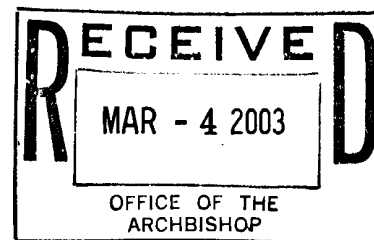
The allegations recently made against Father Vador have been most disturbing. I have only met Father and do not know him personally but have heard what a good man he is from many friends. Could our beloved Church be going to the extreme again? Why does the pendulum always have to go from one drastic point to the other? A man can spend many, many years in the service of God and the people and subsequently have an allegation by two sisters & ruin his valued reputation. We are not talking about multiple charges, just siblings who will certainly bear witness for each other. Isn't it at all possible that financial reimbursement might be the motive?

Please reconsider Father Vador's case. He should be with his people saying Mass and ministering to their spiritual needs.

Sincerely,

cc Father Kaczorowski

March 3, 2003

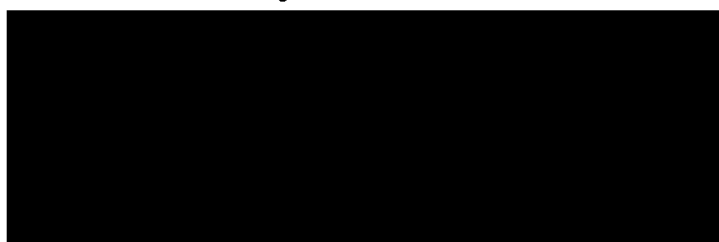


Reverend James T. Kaczorowski  
 Vicar for Priests  
 645 N. Michigan Avenue Suite 543  
 Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,  
 Our family has recently learned that Fr. Anthony J. Vader has been accused of improper conduct against young girls about 45 years ago. With great sadness, we wish to let you know that we cannot believe these accusations. Everything that we have known and seen of Fr. Vader over the last 10 years that we have known him convince us that he is a kind, caring and holy priest. I am a eucharistic minister and a minister of care in our parish, but during the Santo Nino novena every week-end, I assist Fr. Vader giving communion. With my experience and working with him I believe and trusted him. He is there for us especially when my husband was sick. I can't believe that after 45 years that those girls

complaining now, all they want is money. A thorough investigation should be made on the family background of those 2 girls who is accusing Fr. Vader, how is there life as a teenager and also how bad is their financial need right now. This is a torture to Fr. Vader especially at that age. Just to let you know ~~unaware~~ the decision or the result of these accusation, my respect to Fr. Vader is right. I'll pray that God will help Fr. Vader, the decision makers and even his accusers.

Thank you,



March 3, 2003

Francis Cardinal George  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

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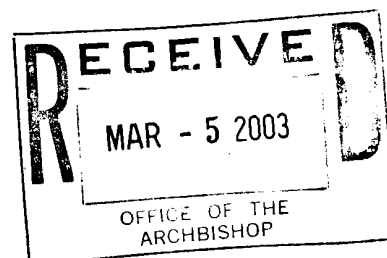
First of all, I would like to thank you for responding to the many letters received from the people of Sacred Heart. This accusation against Fr. Vader has touched all of us very deeply and we are very upset and angry about it. One thing that really is difficult to understand, is how can a man be removed from his ministry when he hasn't even been given the chance to appear before the Review Board and answer their questions directly. Father Vader's removal was based on the interpretation of what he said at a meeting between the Vicar and Leah McClusky. This seems totally unfair to me. Why can't Fr., himself, appear before this board and be questioned directly? Have his accusers appeared before this board? It is my understanding that he hasn't been able to face his accusers, either. Bishop Perry stood on our altar and told the congregation that Father was innocent until proven guilty. It certainly seems that in the eyes of the church, he is guilty until proven innocent. I understand that with all the abuse that has gone on for years and that has now been published in the press, that the church must do all that is possible to see that this does not happen again. The pendulum has swung so far back the other way. Doesn't it seem feasible that if there was only one accusation that allegedly happened 45 years ago, it should be treated differently than cases where there are multiple accusations against priests? I truly feel in my heart that these women are just out for a quick buck and are using Fr. Vader to try and get it. In the mean time, he is banished to the Retreat House and the church hopes that all will forget about it and that it will go away.

Now we wait for the canonical trial process to be put into place and who knows how long that will take. How can he defend these alleged allegations from so long ago? These two women have each other to corroborate any story that they like. He has no one!! There, again, it is totally unfair. We, who have known Fr. for so many years, find this whole situation totally unbelievable and pray that after 30 days you will return him to us and to the community that he has so willingly served for over 50 years.

Sincerely,



Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski



March 4, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

I am a devout Catholic who respects the laws of the Church and understands the need for procedure. I do not envy the position you hold because some of the laws and procedures are not popular by your flock. But at the same time your flock and your staff (other priest and nuns) look to you for guidance.

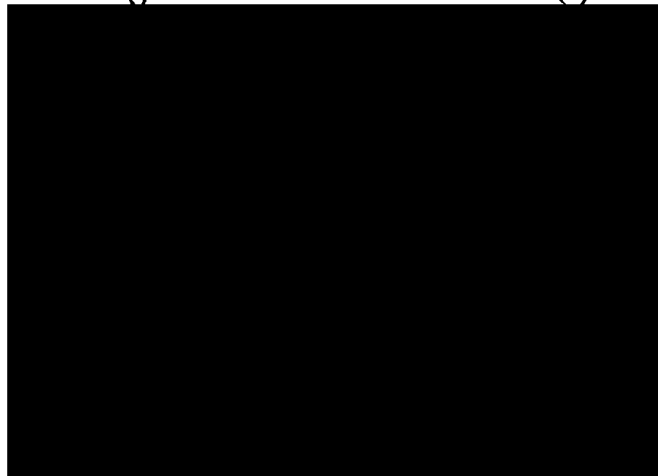
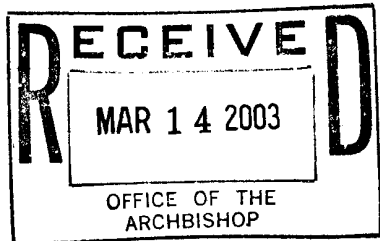
That being said I write to you regarding Father Anthony Vacher. We are members of St. Barnabas Parish but attend mass at Sacred Heart Church. The reason is Father Vacher. My wife and I receive some much from his masses. He gives us such a warm feeling being with him at mass. I really feel we get the same feeling as early Christians must of had by being in the presence of Jesus.

The only people who know the truth about Fr. Vacker's allegations are the 2 women and Fr. Vacker. What I do know is the truth will prevail. I feel very strongly he did not commit these alleged acts.

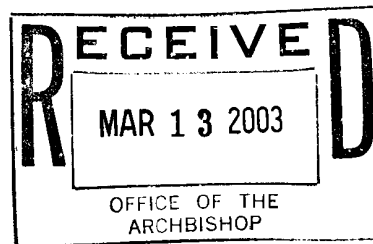
My wife and I miss him tremendously. We will pray for you + Fr. Vacker and the 2 women.

I believe all things happen for a reason and believe good will come of this and he will be back with us soon.

Thank you for listening



March 9, 2003



Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe our reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good Priest, always. We simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have.

The allegations and resulting requirement that he spend 30 days at the Retreat House at Mundelein are incredible, unbelievable and shocking. Father Vader has been at our Church for more than 20 years as Administrator and more recently, as retired Pastor, celebrating Mass and ministering to our religious needs. We owe him much and he certainly deserves our support and prayers now.

Sincerely,





*sent from letter*

March 4, 2003

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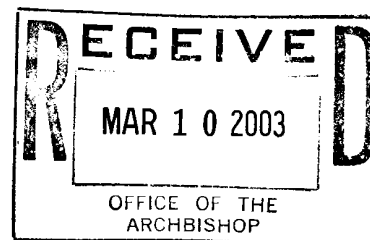
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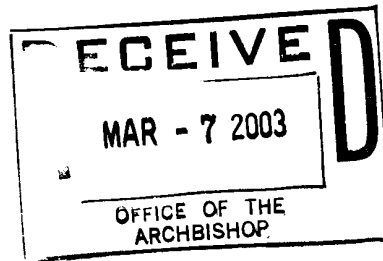
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March 4, 2003

Francis cardinal George, OMI  
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 P.O. Box 1979  
 Chicago, IL 60691



Your eminence,

I am sending you a copy  
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 Kaczmarek and am personally  
 asking for your help and prayers  
 for Fr. Anthony J. Vadev  
 I do not know if its appropriate  
 to furnish you with a copy of  
 Fr. Vadev's letter to us but I am  
 giving you a copy anyway for  
 your perusal. Thank you.  
 Sincerely, yours in Christ.

March 4, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for priests  
645 North Michigan Ave. - Suite 513  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. James,

It has been two weeks now when I had been informed of the bad and sad news concerning our dear Fr. Anthony J. Vader. Some allegations of wrongdoings had been lodged against an honest, trustworthy, caring, loving, kind and holy man. I cannot believe, for the life of me, this is happening.

I have known Fr. Vader for years. He went with us to our pilgrimages to the Holy Land, our Lady of Lourdes and our Lady of Fatima, as our spiritual director. He celebrated masses and novenas for our Filipino group a lot of times. In fact, we celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest last May 2002. He never took advantage of any of us or for that matter, of anybody as far as I know. Because of his impeccable character, I'm fully convinced that these allegations leveled to him are nothing but lies and his accusers

only want materialistic monetary reward from him. These two sisters did not even have the conscience that they are destroying the life of an apostle of Christ. Despite of what they did I am praying to our Lord that some where, sometime they will see the light and will tell the truth and nothing but the truth to absolve our beloved Fr. Vader. The late Cardinal Bernardin suffered under a similar circumstance and the court dropped the case against him.

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and it is fitting, in my mind, that Fr. Vader serves as the sacrificial lamb being crucified like our Lord Jesus Christ because of alleged sins committed against two sisters many years ago.

Hopefully this simple letter of mine might help Fr. Vader's case and I promise you that I will continue to pray for him, for the two sisters, and for you, Rev. Fr. James and Cardinal George and Rev. Fr. Goedert.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

cc: Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
Most Rev. Raymond Goedert

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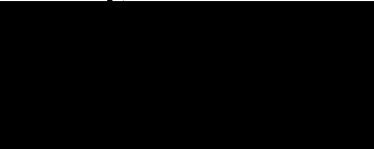


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Vader letter

March 5, 2013

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When we first arrived from the Philippines way back in 1978, the first religious American priest introduced to us was Father Anthony Vader. He was very kind and friendly.

We sense that he was very close and friendly to Filipinos. His closeness is due to the fact, that he had helped a lot of Filipino nurses especially in their fight of discrimination in their work as nurses with working visas. We learned that because of their working visas they were, were not treated very well in their work area, like working so many hours in different shifts. We also learned that their wages were not compensated with their qualifications as nurses, since they were treated as aides, so Father Vader helped them in their fight of discrimination by going to the proper government authorities. He fought for their rights. He was like Raymond Jesse Jackson of the Filipino nurses. The Filipino community in Illinois especially the nurses and their families thank him for the splendid and magnificent job in protecting their rights. A very protective and kind in nature, a quality that outshines

him is extended to all people that he had always dealt with. We honestly think that his kindness and fatherly protection to this young 2 girls ages 9 and 10, 45 years ago was his fatherly gesture as their parish priest.

We have known Father Vader for 33 years. He was our spiritual director in our "Filipino Spiritual and Cultural Association in America" (FISCA). It was in our religious gathering that we consider him a priest with dedication, love, compassion and understanding of his flock. We really admire him for his holiness and fully respected him as our spiritual director and a true friend. We are also a member of a devotional group "The Samarang Saints Kings of the Midwest". This is a weekly devotion which started in the year of 1980. Again with Father Vader as our spiritual director, he attends with us every week. When he is in session he gets his prayer, the devotion will continue. With his spiritual direction I was able to propagate the devotion with my husband and children to 33 states in U.S.A., 6 Cities in Canada, 2 Cities in England, and 1 in Israel. All these places are still doing the devotion of the Infant Jesus and Blessed Mother.

The most cherished and treasured gesture Father Vader had done to our family was sponsoring my husband [redacted]

[redacted] my husband is still with love and devotion [redacted] taught to him.

As Father Vader had shared & taught to him, Father Vader's devotion and love to our Lord and Blessed Mother is traced back as he served his parishes. It's just his love and holiness that he had guided, protected, and served his faith community.

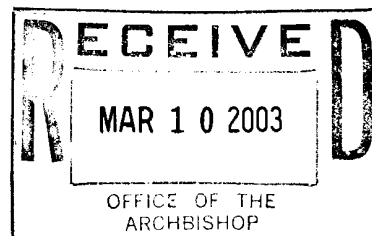
Your brother and sister in Christ,  
[redacted]

Copy for Cardinal George

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March 5, 2003

Rev. Fr. James J. Kaczorowski  
Vicar For Priest  
645 North Michigan Ave. - Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611



Dear Rev. Father,

We have known Fr. Anthony Vaden since we came to the States in 1974. At that time he was already very much involved in helping and counselling Filipino nurses and their families. He had renewed our 35<sup>th</sup> wedding vows in 1984 and con-celebrated and gave the homily on our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary <sup>MASS</sup> in 1999.

We had always <sup>known</sup> him to be a loving, kind and pious priest. He came to our prayer meetings & celebration of important events in our lives. We even had several opportunities of having him as our Spiritual Director on our pilgrimages. Although he was close to us like he was a member of our family he always acted like a true representative of Jesus. He gave us good advice and hugs us whenever he sees us - this made us feel we are God's children.

We are therefore deeply saddened and disturbed that such accusations were hurled against our beloved priest. We fully believe he is innocent and we pray that he be cleared soon so he could return to his ministry of loving and serving.

In Jesus Love.

Copies sent to:

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Rev. Raymond Goedert



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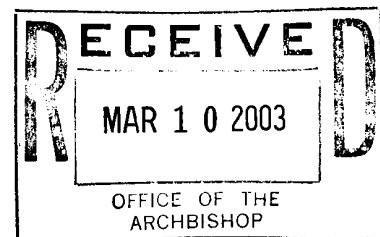
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**He has been a welcomed guest in our home many times and has always conducted himself appropriately. We believe that the truth will prevail and he will be returned to his priestly duties soon.**

**Sincerely, with love and prayers,**

**Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church**



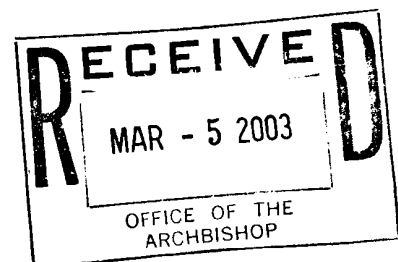
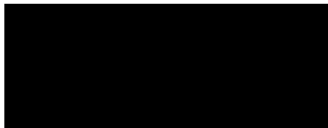
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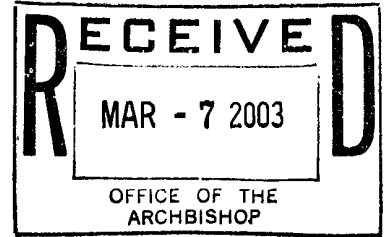
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Sincerely Yours



5 Mar 03 no address



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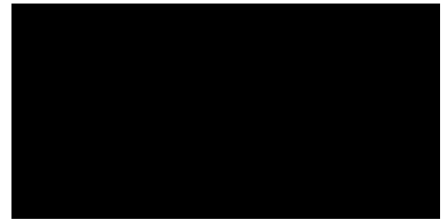
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best form letter 3/7/03

Dear Francis Cardinal George,

I am writing you today on behalf of my family to express our total support of Reverend Anthony Vade of Sacred Heart Parish.

We believe in his innocence and are troubled by the fact he has been removed from his parish. He is Sacred Heart Parish. We cannot imagine the toll this has taken on Fr. Vade both mentally and physically. We pray for him everyday.

We understand the Church is obligated to follow rules and regulations when faced with situations such as this. We are asking you to please resolve Fr. Vade's situation as quickly as possible so he may return to Sacred Heart and continue his wonderful work.

We will continue to pray



for Sr. Vader, that God give him the strength to weather this storm.

We pray for the accusers, that God give them the strength to recant their false statements.

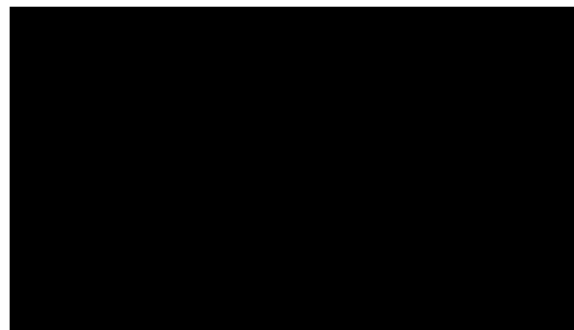
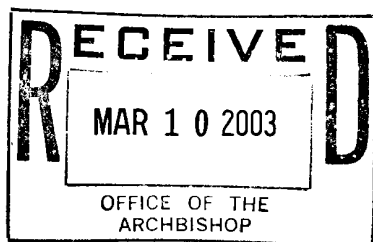
And we pray for those who make decisions in situations such as these, that God may give them strength to make the right decision quickly and return Sr. Vader home to Sacred Heart Parish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

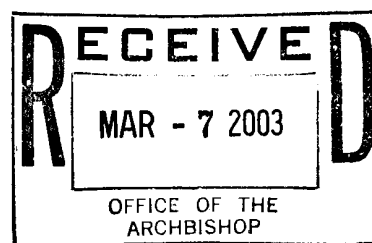
Sincerely,

The

Family



Francis Cardinal George  
 Archdiocese of Chicago  
 P.O. Box 1979  
 Chicago, Illinois 60690



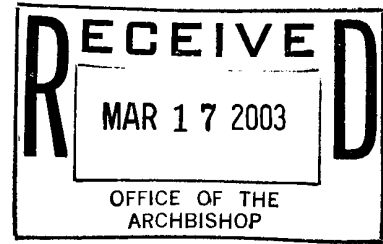
Dear Cardinal George,

On his behalf, I would like to support  
 Father Vader. What brought me to Sacred Heart  
 Church was a friend who told me how wonderful  
 the church and Father Vader are. What kept me  
 coming back was Father Vader. His love for God  
 is so sincere, respectful and holy. I put my  
 children in CCD there this year and my daughter  
 is making her Holy Communion this year. I have  
 prayed where to be led for her to make her Communion  
 so it would be very special. I thought how perfect  
 that we were led to Father Vader. I pray for his fast  
 return and that he may give my daughter her First Holy  
 Communion.

Sincerely &  
 Respectfully,  
 [Redacted Signature]



March 8, 2003



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60609

Dear Cardinal George,

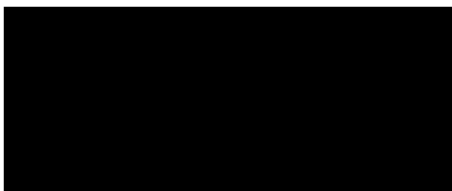
The only words to describe our reaction to the 40-year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. We know him to be a good priest and we cannot understand how anyone could charge him as they have. He is a kind and caring man who has most certainly been wrongly accused. Father Vader has always been there for us and we now owe him our support.

Our parish is made up of families from different locations on Chicago's Southside and surrounding suburbs, which makes it very unique. We happen to be drawn to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart as a family and Father Vader is our leader. Father Vader is a very meek man and has always been there for his parish family.

We have shared religious and social events with Father Vader and cherish the times we have spent with him. He married my daughter, baptized her children, and officiated over funerals of our family members. [REDACTED] and I are very active in the church, [REDACTED]. We know Father Vader very well and are very hurt by the allegations. We feel that he would serve the Catholic Church best if he were able to return home to his family at Sacred Heart.

We continue to pray for him and the other priests that have been wrongly accused.

Most sincerely,



March 8th 2003

Rev James Kaczorowski  
645 North Michigan Avenue Suite #543  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Jim,

Thank you for all you've done.

I have found out that I can get a copy of the proceedings of all the hearings against me which took place in your office. I would also like to have a copy of the hearings/meetings with my accusers and in addition, any meetings/hearings with the Review Board.

My attorneys and I want to get ready for the second hearing which you mentioned to me when I was in your office in February.

If you do not have this information, would you please let me know who I can contact to have this sent to me.

I need to know the following information -

The names of my accusers  
When they went to school at Holy Cross (years)  
Where they lived in the parish and who were  
their siblings

I appreciate hearing from you as quickly as possible.

Regards

cc: Francis Cardinal George OMI  
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Tony  
Rev Anthony Vader

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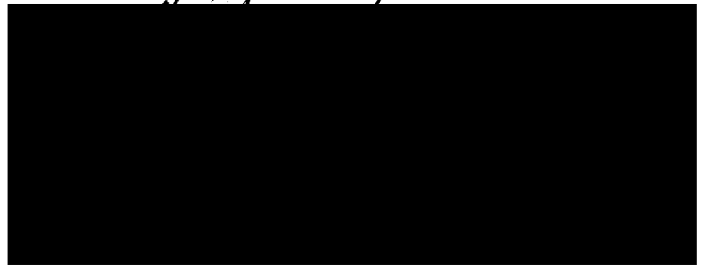
March 9, 2003

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Sincerely,



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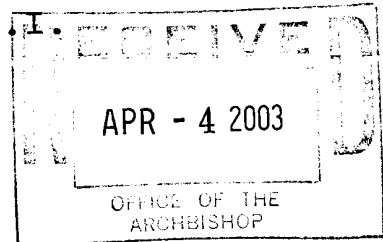
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*Vader letter*

March 10, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Our family is greatly saddened on hearing about the accusations against Fr. Anthony Vader. We have known Fr. Vader for over 15 years now.

Everything we have known and seen Fr. Vader all these years fully convince us that these accusations are nothing but lies, designed to destroy a good, honest and holy man.

We would like to share with you one of our personal experiences with Fr. Vader.

[REDACTED] the Quezon Association of the Midwest (QAM). One of the organizations activities is the Mayflower Celebration. I was looking for a church where we can have the celebration of the mass and the mayflower offering. With just one phone call with Fr. Vader, he agreed to be "host church" for our celebration.

With our prayers for Fr. Vader to have his name cleared so that he can return to his ministry soon.

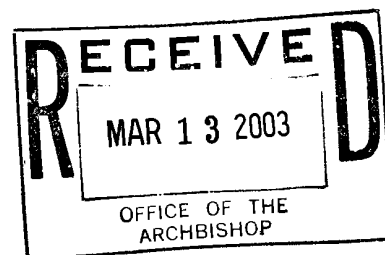
Sincerely,

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3-10-03

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This 'news' is a shock and unbelievable  
to everyone. We know him to be a  
good, kind and sincere priest, always.

Sincerely,





Eminence Cardinal George  
Chicago, Illinois

*From: [illegible]*  
*To: Vader Letter*

March 10, 2003

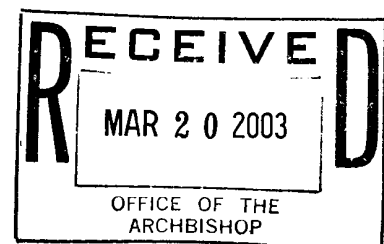
Dear Cardinal George:

We have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. These reportedly date back 40 plus years and as a result, we are told Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein for at least 30 days. This 'news' is a shock and unbelievable to everyone.

We've known Father for many years and cannot understand any of this. We know him as a kind person and wonderful priest.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]



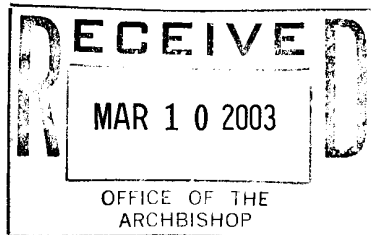
Dear Cardinal George,

We are writing to you on behalf of our pastor, Father Vades of Sacred Heart Church. We are shocked and greatly saddened by the allegations that have been brought against Father Vades. As parishioners, we have found Father Vades as a warm, compassionate, and guiding individual.

In light of all the recent allegations about priests, please keep in mind not all of them are true.

We are praying to God to give you the strength to make a fair decision and return Father Vades to us at Sacred Heart Church.

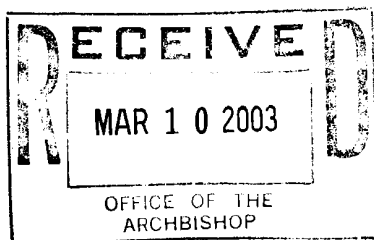
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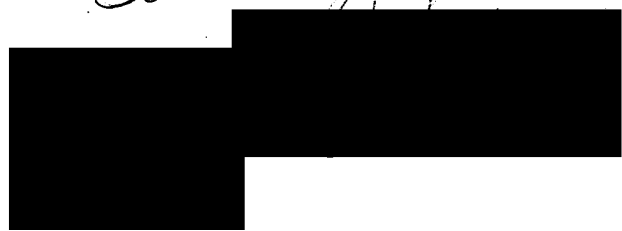
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We are very sad that Father Vader cannot celebrate Mass and must remain at the Retreat House in Mundelein. We know him as a kind and wonderful priest. We miss him at Sacred Heart Church.



Sincerely,




March 10, 03

Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski,

Our family heard about this heart  
breaking news about the accusations on  
Fr. Tadek. These are all fake accusations  
and we all firmly believe in his  
innocence. He is a very loving, caring  
honest + holy priest. He has been a  
great support and strength to my family  
for many years. Fr. Tadek is clean &  
to tarnish his name and reputation is  
a sin.

We ask for your support to relieve  
him of this burden. We believe that he  
is a victim of lies. Despite all these  
we pray for the "women" who make  
false accusations on Fr. Tadek to come forward  
and drop the charges. May the Holy Spirit  
clear their minds of this sinful accusation.  
In God we trust,



March 10, 03

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski,

In behalf of the Samahan  
sa Bangko, a Filipino American socio-civic  
organization with almost 200 family member  
I would like your support to believe Fr.  
Tadeo of this terrible burden. He is a  
very courageous, supportive and virtuous holy  
priest. This horrible accusation has truly  
saddened all of us. He has been a  
great source of inspiration and strength  
to all of us as our spiritual adviser.  
He has been there for all of us and  
it is unbelievable that after 45 years  
all these lies came about. He is a very  
honest man and we have no reason to  
believe any of these false accusations.  
Respectfully in Christ,  
[redacted]  
President of Samahan sa Bangko 200.

**From:** John Treanor  
**To:** Kaczorowski, James; Leonatti, Janet; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 3/10/03 10:36AM  
**Subject:** files in the Archives

Greetings all,

██████████ files are still her. He is scheduled again tomorrow afternoon. I doubt he will be done though. The legal team for Fr. Vader will also be in again on Tuesday afternoon. I will return the records of ██████████ to Legal Office later today.

Peace

Jac

John J. Treanor  
Vice Chancellor  
Archives & Records  
711 W. Monroe  
Chicago, IL 60661  
(312)831-0711 (ext. 873)  
jtreanor@archchicago.org

RE: A. Vader  
Archives  
March 10, 2003, 1:45 p.m.

PARTIAL List of Authors of Letters of Character Reference

[REDACTED]  
Morgan Park Baptist Church

knew A. Vader at Holy Cross since age 8 as new priest.

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Phillipine Consul General  
Vouches for character of A. Vader  
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12 petitions with 12 signatures each from Sacred Heart Church  
[REDACTED] Program Book For A. Vader's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The members of Samahong Santo Nino  
c/o [REDACTED] have known A. Vader since late 1950's and early 1960's - "highest  
ethical and respectful behavior and most inspiring spiritual  
integrity."

Signed by 24 people

[REDACTED]

St. Bernard Hospital

Additional Petitions 76 signatures - includes [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Graduated Holy Cross 1963

Knew him all through Grammar School (very positive)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Knew him since I was a little girl.  
Very strong letter - Social Worker & Prosecutor of  
sexual offenders.  
A. Vader married them in 1958 at Holy Cross. Met  
A. Vader in 1957

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Was abused by a 24 year old married man - herself.  
Very strong in favor of A. Vader.

[REDACTED]

Knew A. Vader from Holy Cross since age 13 (now  
64) strong

[REDACTED]

Anon

[REDACTED]

former seminary classmate

[REDACTED]

"He was spiritual advisor to Philippine Nurses  
Association of Chicago (PNAC). I knew since  
1969.



[REDACTED] Family of A. Vader - [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Our Lady of Fatima Family Rosary Crusade  
c/o [REDACTED]

Several of us have known A. Vader as far back as the late 50's and early 60's. His words and actions have conveyed nothing but the highest ethical and respectful behavior and the most inspiring spiritual integrity.

34 Signatures on letter.

[REDACTED]

2d letter from Samahang Santo Nino- c/o [REDACTED]  
69 Signatures

[REDACTED]

(good as to effects on others of these false accusations)

[REDACTED]

3-11-03

Dear Cardinal George,

I have just learned of the allegations made against our retired Pastor, Father Vader. This news is hard to believe for everyone. I know Father to be a devoted and caring priest. I pray Father Vader will overcome these allegations and return to Sacred Heart Church. I also pray that the accusers find the peace of mind they seek.

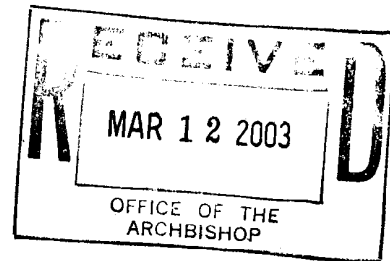
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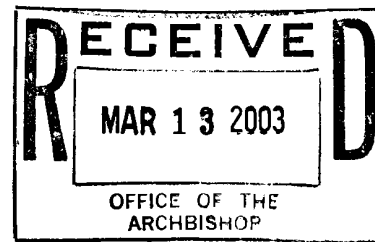
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*Send form letter*

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March 11, 2003



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
P.O. BOX 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

Thank you for responding to our letter of February 11, 2003, concerning the allegations made against our Pastor, Fr. Anthony Vader.

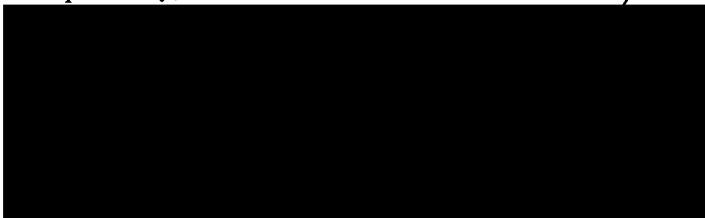
We are deeply disturbed, Your Eminence, regarding the second paragraph of your letter stating that "The Reviewing Board deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story."

It is incredible that the Reviewing Board could come to this conclusion! Based on the inconsistencies in the facts, we feel strongly that Fr. Vader is falsely accused. We hope soon that Fr. Vader will be restored to his Ministry at Sacred Heart Church.

Enclosed for your perusal is a copy of a news item from the Internet on a study made of **False Memories Easily Implanted**. Hopefully, the Reviewing Board has access to the same information.

Our prayers are with you, and our Church at this difficult time.

Respectfully,



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar of Priests

*Read from letter*

*Please read the letter of Father Vader*  
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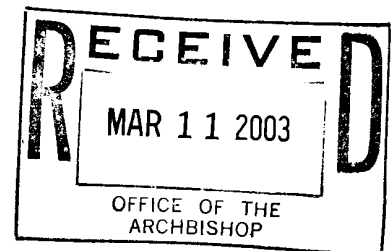


Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
PO Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George;

I am writing to you in reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader. It is shocking and unbelievable that a man with such faith, leadership, and compassion would be taken from us. It is my understanding that he must spend 30 days at the Retreat House upon further investigation of this matter. I ask you to please give this matter your personal and utmost attention. Father Vader has been a great source of faith and consolation to my family and myself. He has shown compassion with my family through the death of my mother and my aging father. I have the most respect for him and have never felt in anyway was he a threat to our parishioners. We miss him terribly and although we have a wonderful group of priests willing to step into Father Vader's shoes his will be difficult. It is very hard to fill the most comfortable, well worn, best fit ever. We love him, we miss him and most of all we support him until all allegations are settled.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you:



March 11, 2003

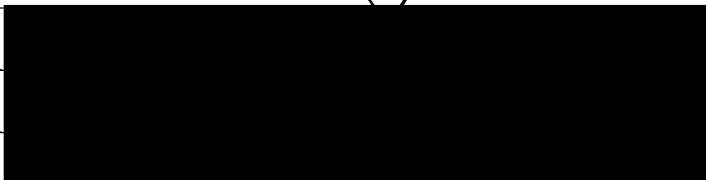
Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I am a devout Catholic who respects the laws of the Church and understands the need for procedure. I do not envy the position you hold because some of the laws and procedures are not popular by your flock. But at the same time your flock and your staff look to you for guidance.

That being said I write to you regarding Fr. Anthony Vacker. We are members of St. Basil's Parish but attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church. The reason is Father Vacker. My wife and I receive so much from this kind and gentle person. He gives us such a warm feeling being with him at mass. So much so I feel what it was like for the early Christians being with Jesus.

The only people who know the truth about Mr. Vader's allegations are the 2 women and Mr. Vader. What I do know is the truth will prevail.

My wife and I miss him tremendously. We will pray for the 2 women, Mr. Vader and yourself. I believe all things happen for a reason and believe good will come out of all this. I hope Mr. Vader will be back with us soon.

Thank you for listening,  


March 11, 2003


Dear Father Kazorowski,

When is Father Vader going to return to Sacred Heart? He always inspires us to do good, and always there to keep all in need. We miss him, and the people are all down.

It is now over 30 days and no word from the Cardinal.

I would appreciate some good news soon.





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March 12, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago


Dear Cardinal George:

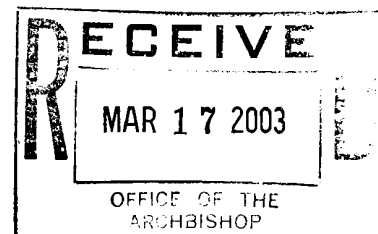
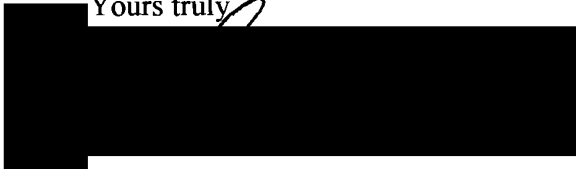
It has taken me some time to fully arrive at my focus in this letter to you. I will avoid any feelings of anger or comments stemming from misunderstanding. I will only express my love for Father Vader and ask only for you to help in the proper treatment of a fine man and a holy priest. Father Vader's close friendship has been a blessing to me for nearly forty years and my wife and we feel that we know and love him as a beloved member of our family.

Father Vader has been a living symbol of all the good the Roman Catholic Church can bring to the world and specifically to those multitudes in his personal care which is rooted in his faith and his God.

It is not possible to imagine any evil in this man who has shared so much love and has been a constant inspiration to four generations of my family. He has buried, married, baptized all of us. He has taught us respect and deep love of God and as well as love for each other. Have an unfailing love for Father Vader and a trust in his goodness that will never be changed. It has been proven by his life.

With respect for your integrity and compassion in helping Father Vader, I am,

Yours truly 



March 12, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Rev. Fr. Kaczorowski,

Our family is greatly saddened by the accusations placed upon Fr. Anthony J. Vader and his removal from the ministry due to allegations of sexual misconduct with minors.

In the forty (40) years our family has known Fr. Vader, we have not had one incident of misconduct and/or misrepresentation of his position as a priest to our family, friends, and the communities he has served.

Father Anthony J. Vader, Spiritual Advisor to Philippine Nurses Association of Chicago assisted in the change of immigration ruling for foreign educated nurses. He participated in the defeat of the resolution against foreign educated nurses which would have inhibited these nurses to come to the United States. He fought in the Legislative Halls of Springfield to change the requirements for licensure of foreign educated nurses.

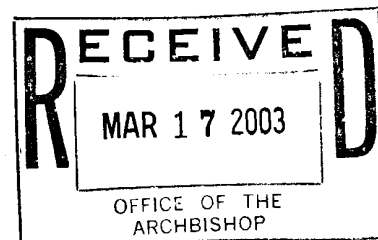
Through all these years he had made himself available for counseling families and members of PNA of Illinois.

We firmly believe that Fr. Vader is innocent of these allegations and hope that the investigation will clear his name.

We pray for an early exoneration of Fr. Vader, and that he will be able to minister to the parishioners of the Sacred Heart Mission.

Sincerely,

cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert



March 12, 2003

Francis Cardinal George  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

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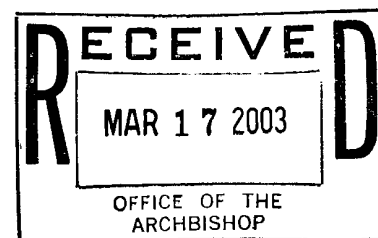
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You can see why we love him so very much. All during this time, this gracious, kind and generous man was in our lives, he brought nothing but joy and compassion. This loving priest deserves only our love and trust. God knows this and I know he will guide you in any decisions made about him.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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Dear [REDACTED]:

I deeply appreciated your recent letter concerning Father Vader. Your background as parishioner, social worker and attorney makes your defense of Father Vader all the more impressive. As a classmate and friend of his, I am most grateful for the support and affirmation you and so many others have given him.

As you know, Father Vader's case is in the hands of the Professional Fitness Review Board. Presuming your permission I am going to send a copy of your letter to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Review Board's administrator. I hope it will be of help to the Board in evaluating the allegations against Father Vader.

With prayers and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

+ A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Raymond E. Goedert".  
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Vicar General

cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

March 14, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Tony:

I realize you must have many questions about what is happening with regard to your situation. I have appreciated your patience and understanding, and I thank you again for agreeing not to exercise ministry while your case is pending. As you know, the Dallas Charter and Norms created a canonical difficulty. They required bishops to act immediately, but Church law prohibited us from taking any action under the Norms until they received the approval of the Holy See. I am very grateful to each of you for cooperating in the implementation of the Charter and Norms, even though that cooperation has taken a toll on you. I am writing the same letter to each of you so that you are clear as to what will be happening next.

The Holy See approved the revised Norms on December 8, 2002, and Bishop Gregory indicated they would go into effect March 1, 2003. I want you to be aware of the implications of this, so that at least you will understand how we will be proceeding in the Archdiocese of Chicago. There are still some aspects of the process that the USCCB Committee on Canonical Affairs is working on, so some part of the process are less clear than others.

In the near future, I will be submitting each of your cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as required by the Norms that Congregation issued in 2001. At that time, I will ask the Congregation for a dispensation from the statute of limitations so that we are free to conduct a trial according to the Code of Canon Law.

The reason for my request will be that the seriousness and the nature of the matter demand it. The sexual misconduct of clergy has caused great harm to the Church in the United States. Unless the Church appears to be taking these allegations seriously, we will lose the confidence of our faithful people and the Church in the United States will no longer have a credible voice.

Moreover, the nature of sexual abuse is such that those who are abused often repress the memory of these actions for many years. It has taken great courage on the part of many of them to come forward with these accusations. I can assure you that they did not make their decisions easily. Whether these actions took place, who was involved, and other such matters are things that are to be dealt with in a canonical trial. But I do not doubt for a moment the sincerity of those who have claimed to be victimized.

At the same time I submit the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will make formal what up to now has been simply an agreement between you and me. The Essential Norms for the United States require that at this time I issue a decree, in virtue of canon 1722, prohibiting you from exercising sacred ministry and directing where you are to reside.

If the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith dispenses from the statute of limitations and directs me to conduct a trial here in Chicago, I will then submit all the material from your case to Father Bill Woestman, the Promoter of Justice, who will then present a petition to the Metropolitan Tribunal. The petition will ask the Tribunal to decide two issues: Did you commit an act of sexual misconduct, as described in canon 1395? If the answer to that is affirmative, shall the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state be applied to you?

At this point, if you have not already engaged the services of a canonical advocate, you will be required to do so. Your advocate's job is to ensure the protection of your rights and to raise any issues with regard to the above questions.

According to the wishes of the USCCB, the judges for the trial will be chosen from a pool of judges who will be trained in Washington during the last two weeks of February. This will ensure that no Archdiocesan priest will be deciding your case.

The judges will use the information that has been gathered by the Fitness Review Board Administrator, the Vicar for Priests, the Victim Assistance Minister, and your own personnel file. They may also ask for additional information in the case, as they see fit. You or your advocate can also propose other questions to the judges that would assist them in their investigation.

After the judges have collected all the information in the case, you and your advocate will be allowed access to all of the information that the judges will be using in making their decision. You will also be allowed to comment on the information you review, and your advocate will be given an opportunity to present arguments in the case.

At the conclusion of the process, both the Promoter of Justice and you can appeal the decision of the Tribunal. The appeal can be based upon the procedures that were followed during the course of the trial or upon the merits of the decision that was handed down. According to the 2001 Norms of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, these appeals are to be directed to the Supreme Apostolic Tribunal of that Congregation.

I believe that this is the most effective way to ensure that justice is served in the Church. By using our legal system, the rights of all parties are guaranteed and decisions are made on the basis of correct jurisprudence. Regardless of the outcome, the decisions will not only *be* just, but they will also *appear* just in the eyes of our people. This will demonstrate that decisions are not made in an arbitrary manner in the Church, but are made in an orderly and well-reasoned manner.

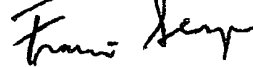
It is for this reason that I will not make any administrative decisions about the disposition of your case. I believe the judicial process will allow you and your advocate to present arguments concerning the substance of the case and the procedures that have been followed. The

judges will then be able to render a decision on this matter which is consistent with our jurisprudence and canonical practice.

I am very much aware of the pain that you have gone through during these months. While this has been personally painful for you, I believe this time has also given our people an opportunity to look at this issue more thoroughly and realize its complexity. Some of the stridency has lessened, and people seem to be reassured that the cases will be handled in a just and equitable manner.

You have been in my prayers each day, and I ask that you continue to keep me in yours

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*The letter supports all you have done & is  
a valuable testimony.*



Dear Cardinal George,

We have known Father Anthony Vader for a good many years. Father Vader has always been a kind and gentle man, and a wise and holy priest. When he gives his homily it is from the heart, w/o notes, and always on target. We attend masses that he officiates whenever possible for this very reason.

We do not know if you personally know Father Vader. If you do you are aware of his manner and of the holiness which surrounds him. If the eyes are the window to the soul then by looking into Father Vader's eyes you can tell that there is no duplicity there, only love and sweetness.

Father Vader has a great deal to do with the reasons we cling to the Church and obey her teachings. He makes us want to do good and to share our faith by our actions.

Needless to say in our job related duties we vitally interacted with all aspects of society from the infant only hours old, to the children who were victims or offenders and


sometimes both; as well as teenagers and adults right up to the geriatric set. The cared for, interviewed, assisted, and sometimes prosecuted these very people. In our personal experiences we learned that people do not always tell the truth, sometimes on purpose, and sometimes on accident.

We know from our experiences in the areas of Child Abuse investigations and sexual abuse investigations that memories are delicate and sometimes faulty, and sometimes accusations are made for personal gain or out of vengeance. Please bear this in mind. We know Father Vader and we observe him weekly - at church and socially. We also know and observe "perps." Our observations and knowledge tell us Father Vader isn't one of them - he is not a "perp".

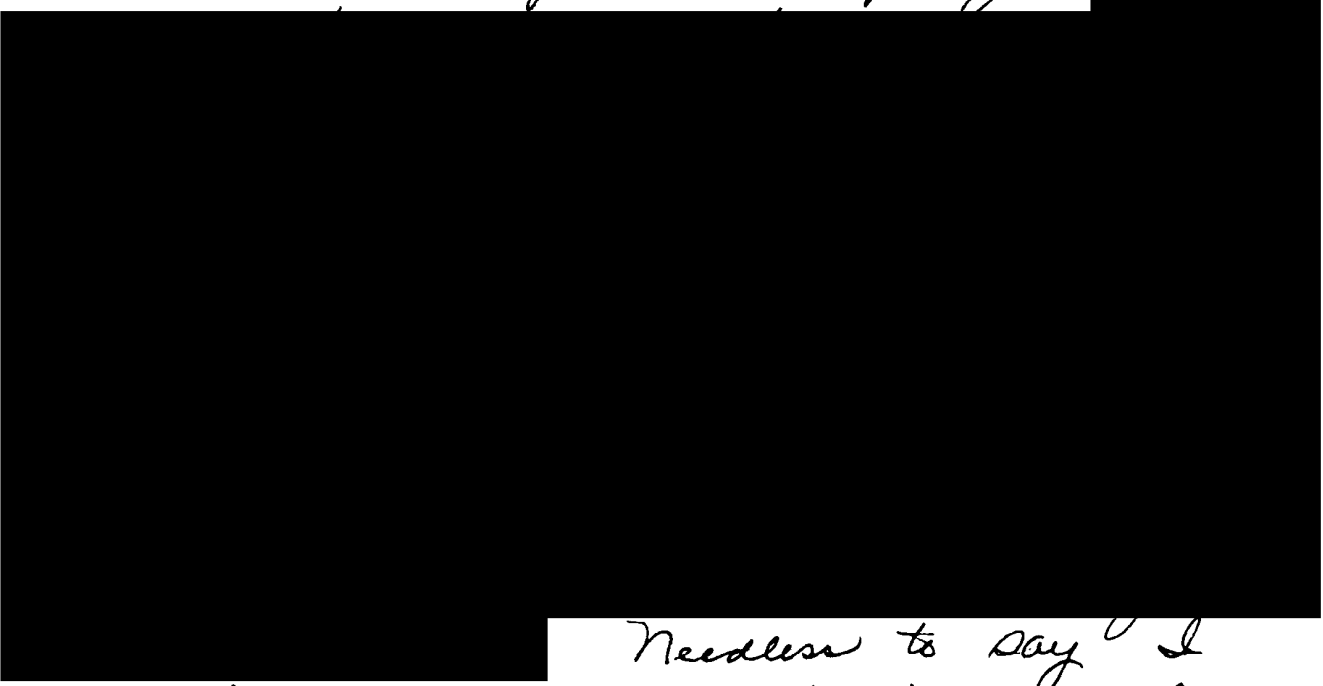
Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment and strength and to St. Michael the Archangel, Defender in battle for surely the devil Satan himself is afoot here.

In closing I would like to say that Father Vader guided us spiritually and soundly, marrying us and ministering to us. Being a part

of the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, known for its very spiritualness and many healings, I would like to add this testimony.



When Father Vader learned of my illness he came to the hospital and prayed with



Needless to say I am here to write this testimony. It is my belief that the Sacred Heart of Jesus, using Father Vader as his

instrument, performed another healing.

We saw the debacle and heard the recasting of the allegations against Joseph Cardinal Bernadine, another Holy soul. Please, Eminence error on the side of caution. Remember Satan and his duplicity. We are praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be with you. We love Father Vader, believing him to be a Holy man, innocent of any sinful allegations made against him.

Yours in Jesus' Sacred Heart,

C.C. Rev. James T. Kaczorowski

March 15, 2003

Dear Cardinal George,

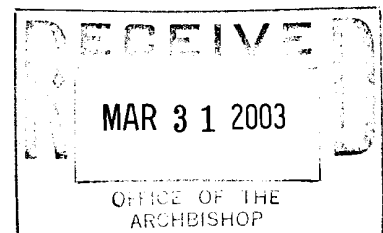
*I am writing this letter in response to the recent allegations against Father Vader. I have been a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church since my family moved to [REDACTED] back in 1976. The only reason I have stayed with the Catholic Church is because of Father Vader, he is a kind and compassionate man and the false allegations against are cruel and unjust.*

*It is ironic how all of a sudden this supposed incident has come to light and I know that God is testing my faith and that of my family to be good Catholics and to forgive these women of their cruel intent.*

*I hope you find out what many of us already know and that is that Father Vader is innocent of these allegations and is an asset to the community and people that he serves.*

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

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Dear Cardinal George,

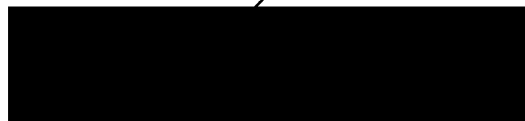
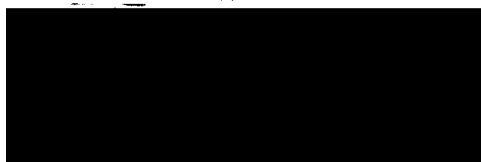
When I read about the allegations against Father Vader, I found it unbelievable!

I think when a person waits 40 years, it is only a way to improve their finances. I see no reason that their name is never published.

Father Vader is a gentle man who has only good things at Sacred Heart to his credit.

His sermons are inspiring & I truly enjoy going to his Masses. I hope this matter is resolved soon & in his favor.

Sincerely



from letter 022

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March 17. 2003

REV. FR. JAMES T. KACZOROWSKI  
VICAR FOR PRIESTS  
645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE- SUITE 543  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 50511

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

Our family has been deeply saddened upon receiving the unbelievable sad news regarding the accusations made against Fr. Anthony J. Vader.

To my recollection from several years past, Fr. Vader has been a very sincere, honest man and very holy indeed, if I may say so. We have had opportunities to meet and discuss with him in our religious and social meetings several aspects of human problems to which he had been deeply sympathetic. I venture to speak in behalf of my fellow country men (Filipinos) and for all people who know him personally that we all have the deepest respect for his sincerity and devotion to duties.

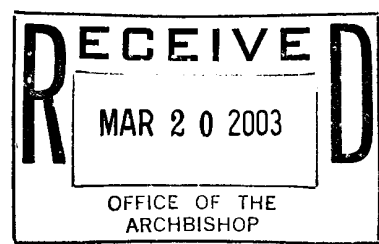
I am very confident that in the very near future and with God's help and his friends this holy person will soon find peace of mind and will soon be indeed exonerated. Most specially, he can count on our most fervent prayers for the speedy resolution of this delicate problem. We also pray for his continued good health and strength to weather all these shameful accusations.

We are also troubled by the Archdiocese's decision in not providing any legal support to accused priests. This attitude most probably stems to previous situations. There has to be a shining exception to every situation and I am very certain this is one of them.

Father Vader is innocent. May God bless him forever.

With my sincere best wishes and prayers,

[REDACTED]



3-17-2003

Dear Father,

I was very disturbed about the allegations against Father Voder. When a person waits 40 years, I must suspect their intentions. "It is an easy way to add to a bank account."

Father Voder must be very hurt - a gentle man, even a bit shy. He blesses each child coming out of Mass and I find this whole mess incredible. I hope it is resolved soon.

We miss him & need him back with us where he belongs

Sincerely





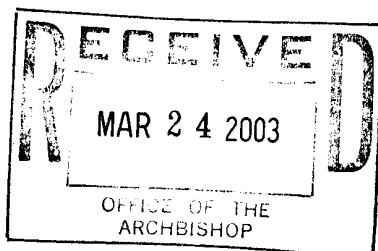
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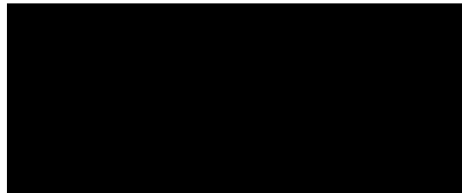
I don't know how to describe my reaction to the 40-yr. old allegation against Fr. Anthony Vade, I guess its heartbreak. Two women looking for an opportunity to collect unearned money from our Church, destroying a wonderful priest, a man we all admire, & respect.

For our Fr. Vade, we pray & support him now, he deserves it.

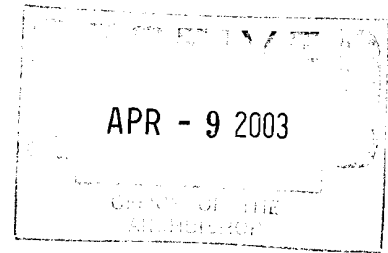
Respectfully yours



Vader letter



March 19, 2003



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George,

I know Father Anthony Vader through our association as members of the Maple Park/Morgan Park Ministerial Alliance. I have been a member of this organization for over a decade. I have listened to the words of wisdom, comfort and exhortation from Father Vader in our meetings and in sermons given by him in our Alliance worship services.

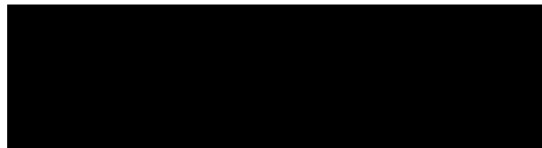
When I lived in Morgan Park, I would often see Father Vader as he jogged around Ada Park in his red jogging clothes, waving at people in the neighborhood.

I am saddened that accusations have been made concerning Father Vader's conduct from years past. I do not believe that the person I know and have known would be guilty of any conduct that would bring shame to the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today's climate makes it seem plausible that members of the clergy *might* have done things in the past that were hidden, and that some even now might be engaged in conduct offensive to God. Yet, the only persons who know the truth of the situations are those who might have done whatever was done, and those who were the targets of the deeds. Beyond that, there is a more faithful witness, and it is God. (Prov 15:3 KJV) "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

I am praying that the Lord will vindicate Father Vader, just as Cardinal Bernadine was.

Sincerely,



cc: Rev. J. T. Kaczorowski  
Sacred Heart Church :

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March 19, 2003

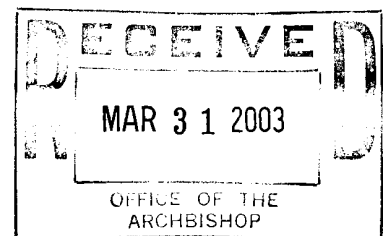
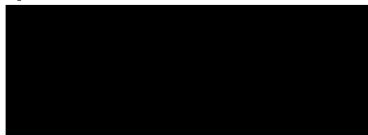
Dear Cardinal George,

*I am writing this letter as a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church. I am 14 years of age and have been attending mass at Sacred Heart for as far back as I can remember. My mother has explained to me the recent allegations against Father Vader and I feel he has been unjustly accused. With recent incidents of priest in the Catholic Church, I feel that these persons have decided to ruin an innocent man's life for their own personal gain.*

*I will stand behind Father Vader and I will not believe nor listen to these persons who are in it for the money.*

*I hope you find out what many already know and that is that Father Vader is innocent of these allegations and is an asset to the community and people that he serves.*

Sincerely,



March 30, 2003  
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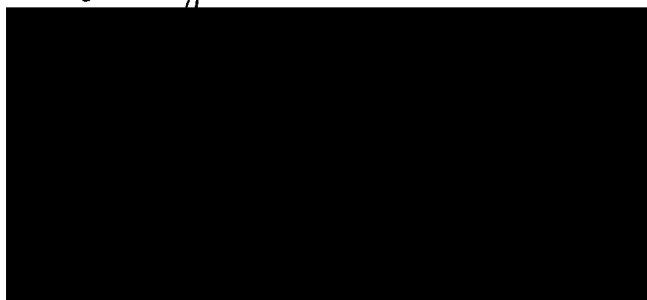
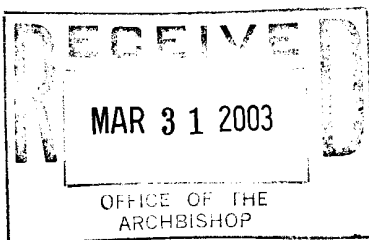
Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. I know him to be a good Priest, always. I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as the have.

We at Sacred Heart owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

Thank you.

Regards



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*March 23, 2003*



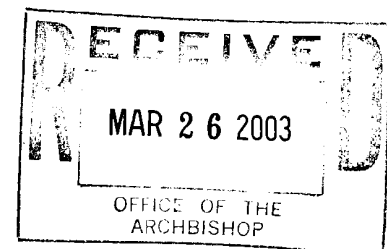
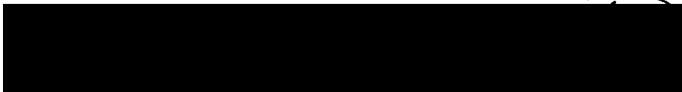
*Vader Deth*

*Dear Cardinal George,*

*It has come to our attention that certain allegations have been made against Father Vader of the Sacred Heart Church. We find this to be shocking and unbelievable in view of the fact that we have known Father Vader for many years. We have found him to be a kind and gentle man.*

*We feel he needs our support at this time and we hope that the church investigates these allegations, so that Father Vader's good name will be cleared and untarnished.*

*Sincerely,*



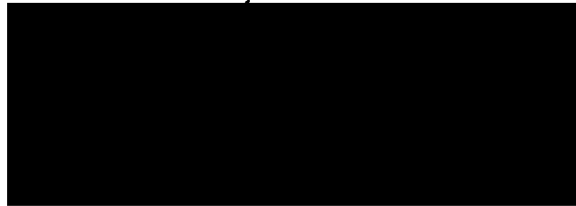
March 24, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I wanted like to know when Father Vadee is going to return to Sacred Heart? It has been taking so long?

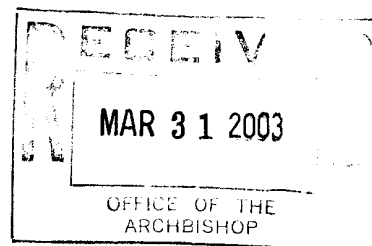
He miss Father and all the people are getting so depressed. He is such a good and Holy Priest. A Real Priest

Sincerely,



March 27, 2003

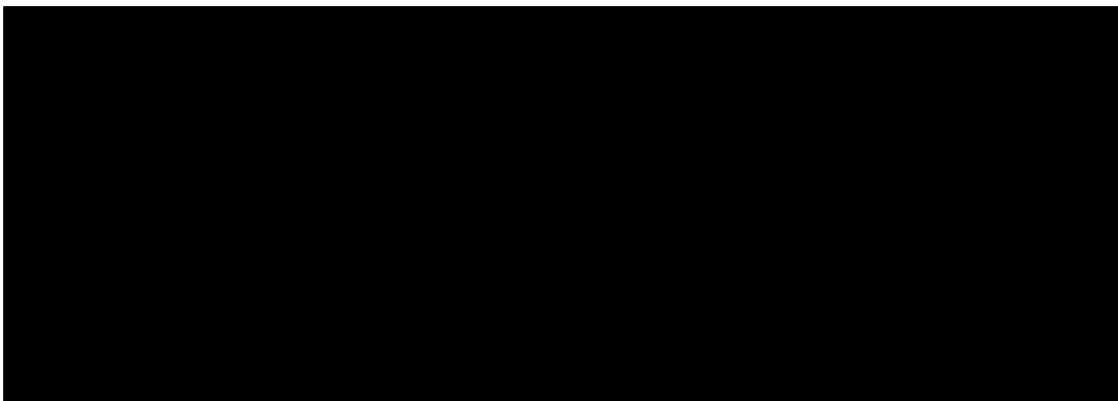
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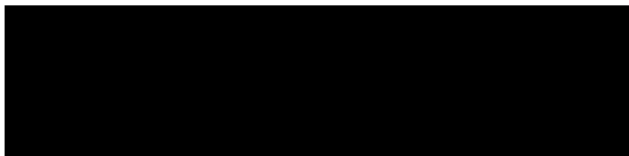
You have heard from most of my family regarding Father Anthony Vader. It is now my time to speak. I am saddened and angry with the Catholic Church for the treatment of this holy man.

Father Vader has done nothing that can be proven. Our ancestors came to this country to flee religious persecution. The treatment he is receiving is just that. People are innocent until proven guilty. He has had no trial, only accusations from many years ago. In our country even the worst men accused of crimes are out on bail. Father Vader is isolated and kept from his friends and flock. Nothing has been proven. If he is found "not guilty," how will you restore his good name and the days you have disgraced him? So many priests in the Catholic Church have been found guilty. Does that mean Father Vader is one of them by association?



If Father Vader is guilty then he should be punished. As of today, no stain on his name has been proven. I am justly angry and my eyes are ablaze with frustration and fear. Just as Jesus was angry at the "Cleansing of the Temple" in el Greco's masterpiece, I am angry at the church for the unjust treatment of an innocent priest. His is not in the best of health, old, with only one good eye. He has given his life to the Catholic Church and his punishment is isolation. Don't you fear, as Cardinal Brendan was falsely accused, that some woman might decide there is money to be made... and accuse you? How would the church handle Cardinal George in the same situation? What would you do then? You would remember, for the rest of your life, as I have done, remembering [REDACTED].

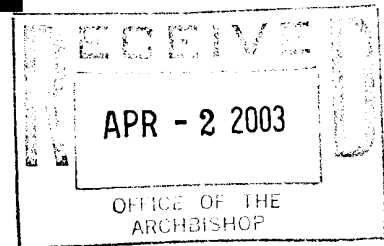
*Yours respectfully,*



*V. de Letter  
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Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue – Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611



Dear Rev. Fr. James Kaczorowski,

*It is with deep concern and disbelief to learn about the accusation of an alleged misconduct of Rev. Fr. Anthony J. Vader some 45 years ago. My family and I had close association with Fr. Vader since we came to the United States in 1973 when my late husband, [REDACTED] was assigned [REDACTED] at the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago. Because of this close association we had this rare opportunity to know him well and this experience was pleasant, gratifying and spiritually healthy.*

*Through all these years that we have known Fr. Vader, there has been no occasion at all that we knew of any wrong doing much less any immoral conduct that he has committed. On the contrary, he has always been very congenial, helpful and goes out of his way to be of assistance to those who sought his guidance which he did according to the morals of Catholic teaching. My late husband, [REDACTED] had been very much aware of this because of his close contact with the Filipino community during his term of office from 1973 up until 1982 when he retired. Even after his retirement we have known about the same support Fr. Vader has continuously given to the Filipino nationals in the way that he maintained his dignity and integrity as a minister of the church. It is very unlikely that he would have had done wrong knowing the consistency of the manner by which he conducts himself in his ministry.*

*It is unfortunate that the good deeds and honorable intentions of Fr. Vader in extending assistance have been regarded with great malice thus tarnishing the reputation of a man of unequalled integrity as a true representative of the church, a man who finds no obstacle along his way just to be of assistance, a man who sees in all human beings the image of God in them, regardless of creed or color of skin.*

*As a physician, I am aware that Fr. Vader always responds immediately to the spiritual needs of patients which enhances the healing process. In cases where it is God's Will that the patient returns to the Bosom of the Father, Fr. Vader gives spiritual solace and comfort to the grieving family. I have personally experienced this when my husband had [REDACTED] in 1978 and after that successful operation, Fr. Vader officiated a thanksgiving mass on our behalf. Again when my husband passed away in [REDACTED], Fr. Vader was instrumental in easing up the pain of our loss not only by his consoling expression of sympathy and prayers but by con-celebrating during the funeral*



*mass. We are truly grateful to Fr. Vader not only for his spiritual guidance to my family but also to the Filipino community in Chicago and his personal mission in the Philippines.*

*It is a shame that at this period of Fr. Vader's life when he is supposed to reap the fruit of his honorable deeds which he faithfully gave it all for 50 years of service to his ministry and now peacefully reflect in continued prayer and more service through his remaining years, he is subjected to stress, embarrassment and shame because of such petty and unfounded allegations which is presumably motivated by material gains, the statute of limitations for criminal charges having lapsed.*

*This letter expresses our support of Fr. Vader and our sincere plea for an enlightened guidance in the judgment process of this unfounded case. It is our prayer that this information be given due consideration and hopefully, may be of some help in clearing the name and reputation of Fr. Vader who truly deserves this fair judgment.*

*Thank you for your very kind attention to this letter and we pray for peace in our hearts.*

*Very truly yours,*

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*March 28, 2003*

*cc. His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert*

March 30. 2003

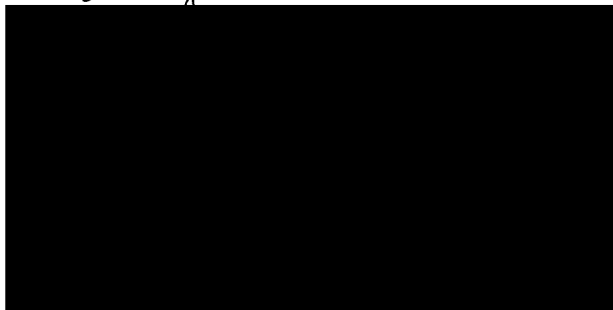
Dear Cardinal George,

The only words to describe my reaction to the 40 year old allegations against Father Vader are shock and disbelief. I know him to be a good Priest, always. I simply cannot understand how anyone could charge him as the have

We at Sacred Heart owe him much and he certainly deserves our support now.

Thank you,

Regards



Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,

Rev. Vador is not only my pastor but someone whom I trust completely. The allegations are incredible and totally unbelievable.

I cannot understand why anyone would believe this accusation that date back more than 40 years. The sound character and the wonderful, caring work that he has given to his various parishes and community throughout the years alone should vindicate him. We need our pastor back with us.


Sincerely,



Dear Father,

Father Vader is a wonderful priest and has been very helpful to our family over the years.

Any help from you would definitely be appreciated



Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

Our beloved pastor, Rev. Anthony Vader, has always and will continue in our hearts, to be the trusted spiritual leader of our parish and family. There has never been a single moment that our faith and belief in him has wavered.

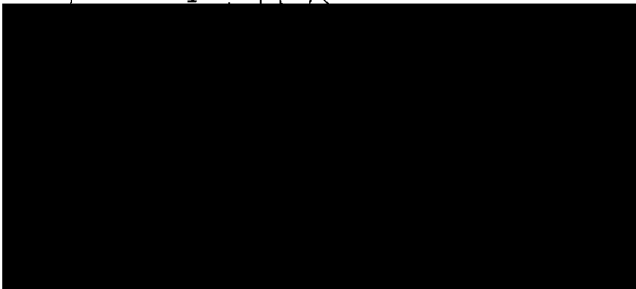
He is a worthy and outstanding priest, not only for our parish but for the community as well.

Our family has never wavered in our love and trust in him.

Please return our pastor, back to his parishoners.

He is always in our prayers and thoughts.

Thank you.




Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski

Please return to my family and our parish, our kind, loving and caring pastor, Rev. A. Vader.

We all miss him terribly. We know that this forced separation from his flock has made it difficult for him also.

Without reservation our family and his parishoners support him. We have never wavered in our belief in him and that he will be cleared of all charges.

Yours Truly,  
The [REDACTED] Family



Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,


I am writing again to plead for the return of our pastor, Rev. Anthony Vader.

Although we have had caring priests, during these difficult months, no one but our parish priest know us quite so well. Whenever we have needed him, he has been there for our family. He has presided over our family's baptisms, First Communion, weddings and funerals.

Father Vader has always lent his spiritual advice not only for our family but for any parishoner who needed him.

Please send our spiritual leader back to his parishoners. We need him!

Sincerely yours,



**MANDATE**

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I, the undersigned,

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**Reverend Anthony Vader**

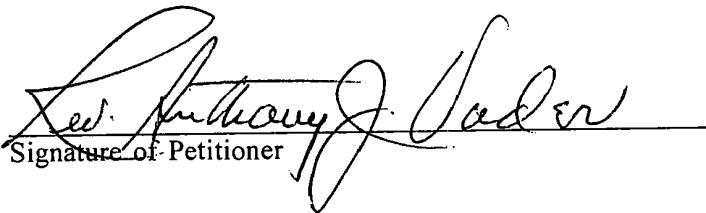
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

do name and establish

***Francine Quillin PBVM, JCL***

as my Procurator-Advocate for the purpose of my recourse against any administrative or hierarchical processes and/or decrees initiated against me within the Archdiocese of Chicago, and before any Tribunal which may be assigned to hear my cause.

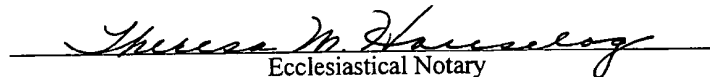
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Signature of Petitioner

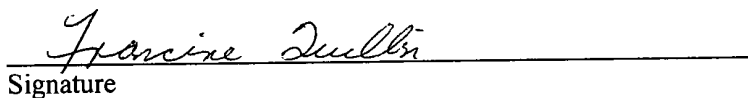
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This mandate was signed in my presence on

Date 4 April '03 at Metropolitan Tribunal Archdiocese of Dubuque

  
Ecclesiastical Notary

I hereby accept appointment as the Procurator-Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader.

  
Signature

4 April 03  
Date



April 7, 2003

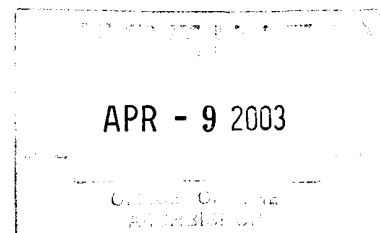
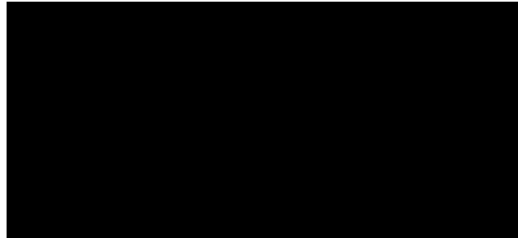
Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Dear Cardinal George:

Its been over two months since Fr. Vader was removed from Sacred Heart and sent into exile in Mundelein. In your response to my first letter, you mentioned a "canonical trial process". What, pray tell, is holding up the process? The faith community of Sacred Heart Mission deserves an answer to this question.

Also, I understand that Fr. Vader has requested permission to reside at Holy Name of Mary until whatever process exists to exonerate him is completed. I truly hope that you will agree to this request in light of his age and physical condition.

Sincerely,



AOC 021219

April 7, 2003

Fr. James R. Kacsorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave. – Ste. 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kacsorowski:

I wanted to send you this letter to voice my concerns about the false charges being leveled against Fr. Anthony Vader.

As a student, altar boy, and choir member of Holy Cross Parish, graduating in [REDACTED], I have nothing but fond memories of Fr. Vader. It is impossible to believe he would harm anyone, especially a child. I know him to be a kind, loving, and caring person.

Talking to other members of my family who also attended Holy Cross, they agree with me as to Fr. Vader's character. Fr. Vader was not only a priest in our parish but also a close family friend, staying in touch with members of our family through the years, performing marriages and baptizing some of our children.

My concern is how anyone can falsely make a claim about something that supposedly happened 45 years ago (in a girl scout troop that as far as I can find out never existed) and people will give their charges any credence at all!

Obviously I am a supporter of Fr. Vader. I would be willing to do what I can to help his defense. I am offering myself, if needed, as a character witness to attest to the kind of person Fr. Vader is.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Yours very truly, / s/

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cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

AOC 021220

4-8-'03

Dear Cardinal George,

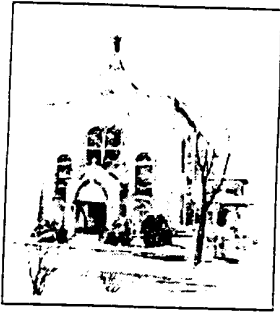
Father Vader was removed from his ministry two months ago and while I don't know much about the procedures in cases like Fr. Vader's, it seems to be alot longer than most of us at Sacred Heart would like.

One meeting with Fr. Kaczorowski?  
When will the second meeting take place?  
How soon will the Ecclesiastical Court be ready. Can there be an appeal to Rome?

In consideration of his age and some health problems could he be transferred farther south where his doctors are located? Driving from Mundelein and back must be taking on Fr. Vader given his health.

Please consider this your Eminence and I remain yours in Christ.

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## SACRED HEART CHURCH

11652 South Church Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60643-4838  
773-233-3955

April 2003

APR - 9 2003

*The Lord works in mysterious ways - and so does the Archdiocese of Chicago.*

*It's been two months since Father Vader was removed from his ministry and moved to the Retreat House at Mundelein. At that time we thought there was an actual process that would take place, resulting in Father Vader being cleared and returning to Sacred Heart.*

*Father Vader had one meeting with the Vicar, Father Kaczarowski. As far as a second meeting??? There is no information available about this.*

*Also mentioned is an Ecclesiastical Court - required in each Archdiocese. There is no court in Chicago; it is in the process of being set up. But, the procedure or process to appear before this Court??? We don't know.*

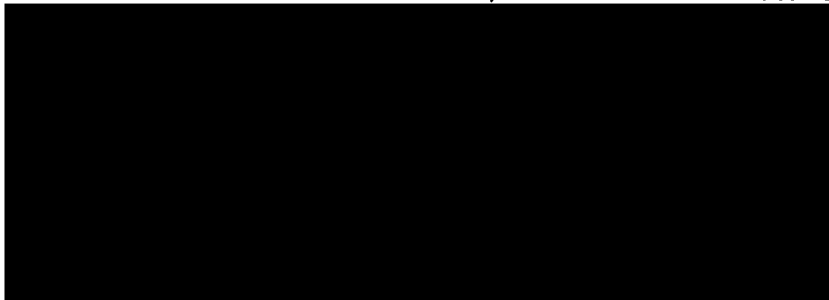
*Also available is an appeal to Rome. Again we have no information concerning this.*

*Father Vader does have a Canon lawyer as well as three other attorneys.*

*Unfortunately for Sacred Heart, 'waiting in the wings' for some answers is not what we do best, and even more unfortunately, there seems to be no answers. Despite this Sacred Heart will continue the search for information to give you.*

*This whole thing is incredibly strange. Father Vader is 76 years old, has some health problems and conditions. He is certainly no threat or danger to anyone, nor has he ever been. Because his current residency at Mundelein is inconvenient to say the least, Father Vader's personal physician has written the Cardinal, requesting that he be allowed to live at Holy Name of Mary/Sacred Heart because all of his doctors, as well as other personal matters, are located on the south side and south suburban area and driving back and forth to Mundelein is difficult for him, and not in his best interest healthwise. Hopefully the Cardinal will agree.*

*Please remember Father Vader in your prayers. Please also write another letter to Cardinal George concerning Father Vader and this 'case.' There are self addressed, stamped envelopes available at the rear of Church.*



# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

April 9, 2003

██████████  
The Quezon Association of the Midwest  
4875 N. Ashland  
Chicago, IL 60640

Dear ██████████,

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to support Father Vader, especially with your prayers. This is a tragic situation for all concerned, and it fills everyone with sadness. Thank you for writing and for your life of faith. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021223

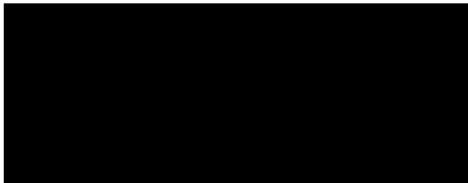
# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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April 11, 2003



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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

AOC 021224

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Archbishop of Chicago

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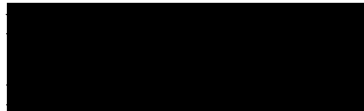
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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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April 14, 2003

Francis Cardinal George O.M.I.  
Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Dear Cardinal;

I just wanted to take a moment and speak on behalf of Father Anthony Vader. I've known Father my entire life. I was raised as a member of Holy Name of Mary parish, and as you know, Father was the pastor. I attended the school during the years of [REDACTED] Father was somewhat of a mentor to me, as well as a good family friend. In all of that time I've never known him to do anything improper. He never treated me with anything but respect, and I never heard of him mistreating any classmate in the seven years that I spent at the school all those years ago.

I was extremely disheartened to learn of his present misfortune. I will never believe that Father Vader is capable of doing what he is accused of. He is a good man who has dedicated his life to God, and I truly do not believe that he deserves to spend his retirement years with this sort of stigma on his record.

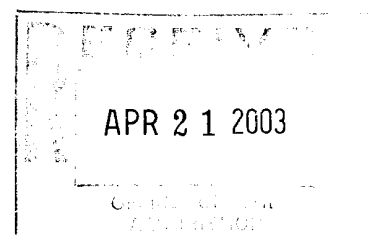
I am not sure if there is anything that you can do, but I thought that I would try just in case. I truly care about Father, and it hurts me to see him treated in this fashion.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



To P.J. Kyp -  
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April 16, 2003

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

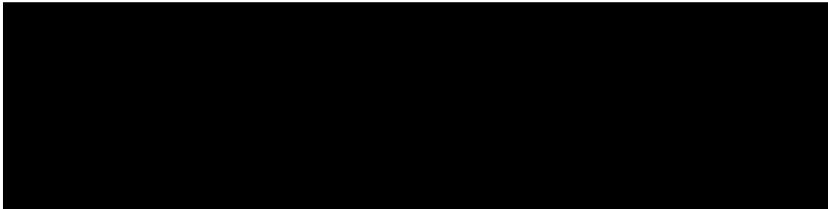
Dear Cardinal George:

It's been over two months since Father Vader was removed from Sacred Heart Church and we have hoped and prayed for some concrete news about his being cleared of the unbelievable charges and allowed to return to us by now.

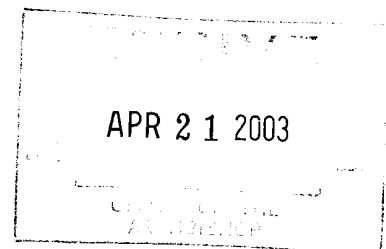
We all would certainly appreciate hearing what exactly has transpired with his case since he was removed. How is it proceeding or is it? When will he have his day in court? This month or next month? We pray that it will be soon as the stress he is under certainly cannot be good for this good, kind man.

We would hope that you would take into account Father Vader's age and health problems and allow him to return to us here at Sacred Heart. We do not believe that he is, or ever was, a threat to anyone. Considering his over 50 years of loving service to Our Lord, we pray that you will have some consideration for this fine person and priest and allow him to return to both Holy Name of Mary and Sacred Heart.

Wishing you a Holy Easter, we remain, respectfully yours,



cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski



AOC 021228

PATRICK G. REARDON  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
SUITE 1938  
221 NORTH LASALLE STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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372-5716

April 18, 2003

Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

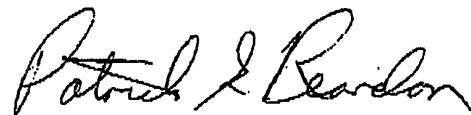
It has come to my attention that the accusations against Father Anthony Vader may be the subject of a Second Stage Review by the Professional Fitness Review Board during the meeting scheduled for April 26, 2003. I am formally requesting on behalf of Father Vader that the time for this review be extended.

I and others have spent many hours reviewing and investigating the accusations and will soon be in a position to provide a written response on behalf of Father Vader. Preparation of this response has been slowed by the fact that Father Vader is now at Mundelein making communication slow. Also the relevant personnel files are extensive. (As you know, any notes taken of these files must be handwritten, a tedious process.)

I do not make this request for the purpose of delay, but rather in the interest of providing the Board with the most complete information upon which to base a decision. There would seem to be no harm caused or risk to anyone, since Father Vader is not engaging in ministry at this time.

If any further information is needed, please contact me at any time. I will be out of my office until Friday, April 25, 2003. I will be able to return messages by telephone. I will attempt to call you during the week regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Reardon

April 21, 2003

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Rev. Fr. James I. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

I was in shock and devastated when I heard of women accusing Fr. Vader for molesting them 45 yrs. ago. I've known Fr. Vader since 1959 when I came to this country as an Exchange Visitor Student. He was active with the Filipinos, The Filipino Student Catholic Action Team and now Filipino Community Action. He is very kind and helpful to the spiritual needs and immigration problems. He is a very spiritual and high moral person. That the accusations are unthinkable. My two daughters, 1st a 36 yrs. old doctor & the second 34 with Masters in Theology believe that Fr. Vader is innocent. My daughters know Fr. Vader when they were growing up getting together every week - and with the Fr. Minister and other family and relatives' activities.

We are praying that these are going to be over as his health is being affected too. We love Fr. Vader so much like our own members of

our family.

cc: Cardinal George  
Bishop Jordan

God bless,

Rev Father James T. Kaczorowski,  
Vicar for Priests,  
645 North Michigan Avenue-Suite 543  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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April 21, 2003

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Dear Father Kaczorowski,

I want to tell you I have known Father Vader since the late Sixties and all this time, I have the greatest respect, and admiration, for him. It is too MUCH for me to believe in the accusation. Sure the Holy Oil on his head and palms was hardly dry when this allegation occurred. Father Vader Baptized our grandchildren and spiritually nourished our family through the years. That he has celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Priesthood sets him apart as one who was a Priest for the long haul. Perhaps the story of Susanna, in the ch-13 of Daniel, has something to say here.


Yours Truly

Copies to:

Francis Cardinal George, <sup>OMA</sup>  
Archbishop of Chicago

Many Seat of Wisdom Parish

Most Reverend Raymond Sedent  
Vicar General



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April 21, 2003

To: **Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski**  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue- Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

Dear Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski,

Father Vader was there to concelebrate my 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary at the Holy Name Cathedral.

He was there to commiserate with me during the death of my parents and parents in law.


He was there to celebrate mass in our two children's graduation party.

He was there to bless my children's cars before they drove on their own for the first time.


Father Vader was always there for me and for my family.

What can I do to repay him? I hope this feeble letter will convince you that Father Vader has nothing but regard for other people's happiness and well being.


Sincerely yours in Christ,



APR 23 2003



AOC 021232

  
April 21, 2003

To: **Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski**  
Vicar for Priests  
645 North Michigan Avenue- Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Most Reverend Raymond Goedert

Dear Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski,

Father Vader is a close personal and family friend for more than 25 years.

As a physician, I can commiserate with Father Vader. I, too, am consistently subjected to nuisance suits, without any absolute merit.

What gives people the right to malign and destroy other peoples' lives and reputation?

I read Father Vader's letter addressed to "My dear Filipino American Family: " where he wrote:

"...I want you to know that I am innocent, that I have never in my lifetime touched these two sisters who brought these accusations..."

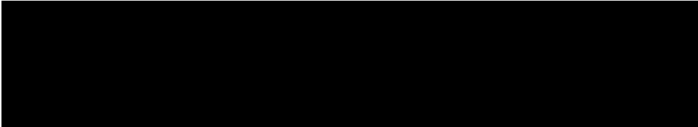
If I did not know Father Vader personally, I would have exclaimed "Oh, God! Another priest in a scandal."


But since I do know the man, my heart is filled with rancor for his accusers and pity for the accused. I remember Joseph Cardinal Bernadin, dying with pancreatic cancer, when he was falsely accused.

I am confident that the accusations against Father Vader are false and driven simply by monetary greed.

I would like to know the background of the accusers and compare it with the exemplary, unselfish life that Father Vader has spent serving his parishioners and his Church.

I beg you to provide Father Vader the peace and comfort that he deserves in his retirement years.

Sincerely with you in Christ,  


APR 23 2003  


AOC 021233

April 21st 2003

Rev James T Kaczorowski  
645 N Michigan Avenue  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

My greatest concern for Father Vader is his health - psysical and mental. He does have some health problems which I understand require that he see his physicians from time to time and since they are all located in the south suburbs, he must drive all the way from Mundelein and back.

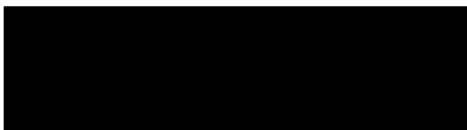
He is retired as a pastor of Holy Name of Mary and should be able to live his retirement years without having the stress these accusations must have caused. We know that he is not, and never has been, a threat to anyone. These last 2½ months have been a time of disbelief, sometime anger, and completely senseless to the people of Sacred Heart.

Please help however you are able to see that Father is found free of any accusation and allowed to return to his ministry.

Thank you,







April 21, 2003

Dear Father Kaczorowski:

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR  
REV. ANTHONY J. VADER

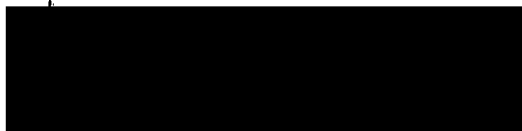
Father Vader is a wonderful priest and has been a friend to my family.

How much longer must he wait to be exonerated from these terrible and untrue allegations?

As you are aware he is not a young man and not a threat to anyone and he never has. It is unjust that he can no longer serve his community.

I ask that you give some consideration to him and allow him to return to the ministry.

Sincerely,



I am a member of the Catholic Church and I have known Father Vader for many years. He is a wonderful priest and has been a friend to my family. He is not a young man and not a threat to anyone and he never has. It is unjust that he can no longer serve his community. I ask that you give some consideration to him and allow him to return to the ministry.

April 21st, 2003

Dear Rev. James T. Kaczorowski,

Shortly after Rev. Vader became our pastor, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Rev. Vader not only came to the hospital numerous times but he came to our house. He wanted us to know that he would be available, whenever we needed him. He stressed that we should not hesitate to call him, day or night.

He carefully explained what the church teachings were in regard to extraordinary medical procedures. His explanation and compassion made the decision that had to be made, easier if not without pain.

This is just one example of his commitment to his parishoners. He can alwasys be depended upon being there when we need spiritual guidance and comfort.

Please help bring back out beloved pastor.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
I Hope to May Concern,

21 Apr 03

This letter is support of Father Anthony Vadev of Sacred Heart Church. I was shocked and dismayed to have - first of all - learned of the horrendous charges against him, and second of all - to learn that they are still pending against him - unproven & unfounded as of this date!

Cannot the accusers be evaluated by a psychiatrist and perhaps given Sodium pentothal or some like drug which will allow them & their memories to be examined more thoroughly? I wouldn't trust a lie detector test as I feel that perhaps they have convinced themselves that their perceptions are true.

I have known Father Vadev for many years. I am convinced that he is wholly innocent and that lies against him are without merit and made because of "false memory syndrome" or for personal gain!

Please resolve this matter as

soon as possible. I want our  
priest back!!!

Sincerely,



**LAW OFFICE OF  
PATRICK G. REARDON**

221 N. La Salle Street, Suite 1938

Chicago, IL 60601

Office: [REDACTED]

Telefax: [REDACTED]

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW**FAX - TRANSMISSION**DATE: 4-21-03FROM: Patrick G. ReardonSENDING OPERATOR: ArisTO: Paul McCluskey (312) 751-5279-JaxCOMPANY: Office of Professional Fitness ReviewCLIENT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ CLIENT NAME: Mr. Anthony VadevSUBJECT: See the following letterCOVER + NO. OF PAGES: 2

COMMENTS, IF ANY:

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THANK YOU.

[REDACTED]

April 22, 2003

Rev. Fr. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Avenue -- Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

**Subject: Fr. Anthony J. Vader**

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

We are very pleased to learn that Fr. Anthony J. Vader will have his hearing on April 26, 2003 before the Board of Fitness Review concerning the alleged sexual misconduct filed against him early this year.

As we wrote you earlier, we are convinced that Fr. Vader is innocent and we are confident that the Board's findings will bear out our belief. We continue to pray for Fr. Vader, for the Board and for the accusers. We likewise pray for Cardinal George and whole Church in these times of trial.

We are looking forward to a quick resolution of this case and hope to see Fr. Vader back in his wonderful ministry, especially to our Filipino community. As you know, Fr. Vader has been ministering to our community, here in the U.S. and in the Philippines, for the last 45 years and we want that to continue for a long, long time, God willing.

We wish to thank the members of Board of Fitness Review for scheduling Fr. Vader's hearing as early as possible. May God bless us all. If you have any questions please call us at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Cc: Fr. Vader

April 22, 2003

Rev. James Kaczorowski,

I have been informed that once again you are going to take the case against Father Anthony Vader to "the Committee" . My question is why? Why continue with this charade? Is this an exercise that makes Barbara Blaine happy? Is that why we are scheduling another "Committee" hearing? Is Father Vader going to be allowed to defend himself, or is your attorney going to defend him.

Father Anthony Vader is an innocent man, who is only guilty of doing the job God called him to do – minister to the people.

Send him back to what God choose him to do – he is an innocent man.

[REDACTED]

Parishioner of Sacred Heart

April 22, 2003

Fr. James Kaczorowski  
645 N. Michigan Ave  
Chicago IL 60611

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski,

I've known Father Vadel for more than 20 years,  
since he first came to Sacred Heart. He is a  
good priest & a good person. I don't believe he  
is guilty of the allegations.

There is no reason on earth he should be compelled  
to live at Mundelein and be deprived of his  
life long work — being a priest, currently to  
the people of Sacred Heart. He is not and never  
has been a danger to anyone. Please help bring  
Father Vadel back to Sacred Heart.

Sincerely





April 22nd 2003

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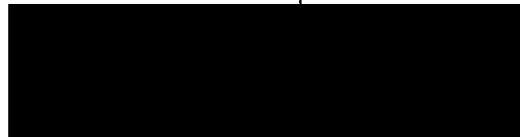
Dear Father Kaczorowski,

It is difficult and impossible to hear of accusations against Father Vader. He is not guilty of anything and being sent away from his Church, Sacred Heart, to live at Mundelein makes no sense.

Father Vader is 76 years old. He has celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest and should be able to live his remaining years with people who know and care about him. His health is not the best and the commute to and from Mundelein must be stressful.

Please do whatever you can to see to it that these allegations are dismissed, and Father Vader is allowed to return to his life as a priest, at Sacred Heart -and soon, please.

Sincerely,

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Respectfully,

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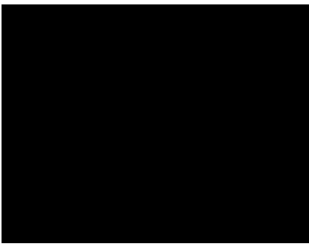
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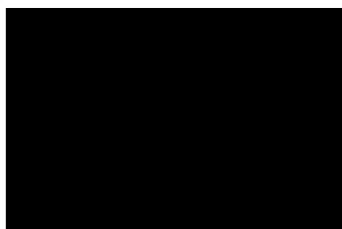
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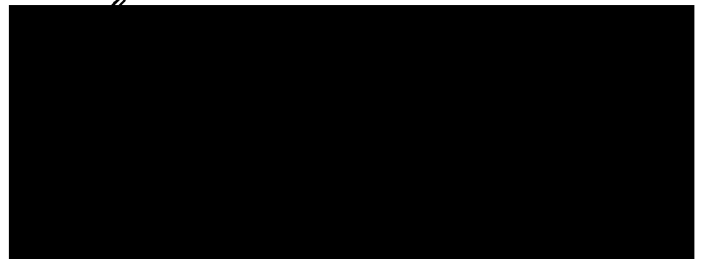
Dear Father

When is Father Vader going  
to return to Sacred Heart?  
Bishop Perry, promised us we  
would know in 30 day.

Father, does not deserve the  
allegations made against him.  
(Not True)

I have known Father for  
40 years, and was always  
there for our family. I  
cannot understand how anyone  
could charge him as they had.

Sincerely,



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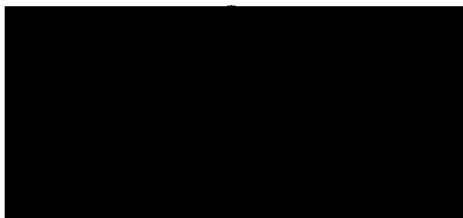
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Respectfully,



April 22.2003

Dear Cardinal George:

I have been a member of  
Sacred Heart Shrine all my life I am now  
[redacted] years old. I have known many Priest  
in my life time. Father Vaders, is  
one of the best. I can't understand this  
whole affair, all I want is to have  
Father Vaders back saying the Holy Mass.


Sincerely yours  
[redacted]

April 22, 2003

Dear Fr. Kaczorowski:

The purpose of my letter is to thank you for your response to my earlier letter of support for Fr. Anthony Vader and to follow-up with additional words of support for him. It has been many weeks since the allegations were made against Fr. Vader and I'm concerned for his health and well being during the emotional period of uncertainty that he is experiencing. As stated in my earlier letter I have known Fr. Vader for many years and he has been an integral piece to my "faith" life and I hope that as you analyze his situation you will become able to know him and the many lives he has touched. He is truly a special priest. I hope that you will review his situation soon. Because I know that then he will be able to return to what he is truly best at, actively serving his faith community.

Thanks for your time and consideration.





April 22, 2003

Dear Rev. Kaczorowski:

I am writing you again to show support for FATHER VADER.

It is my sincere hope that everything possible is being done to prove his innocence in regard to the 45 year old allegations.

I know Father Vader to be a good and holy priest. I ask that you help in anyway that you can.

Very truly yours,



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[Redacted]

April 22, 2003

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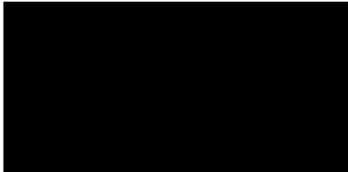
Thank you for answering my questions about Father Vader's hearing.

I just want to reiterate that he is a Good and Holy Man and I pray that he will once again be able to join the world again. He is not doing well at Mundelein.

Hundreds and hundreds of people surely would appreciate anything you can do to help.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely



April 22, 2003


Rev. Kaczmarek

I was told today there is a  
2nd hearing by some anonymous  
committee to determine the future  
of a dedicated parish priest -

He is an innocent man why must  
you & your committee fracture him?

I pray for your soul & that God will  
forgive you for what you are doing to His Church.


Please tell your Committee Fr. Vadez  
is innocent & send him back to his  
parish where he belongs.



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Please resolve the matter of Father Vader versus his enemies as soon as possible. He is dearly loved, absolutely believed, and sorely missed at our Church.

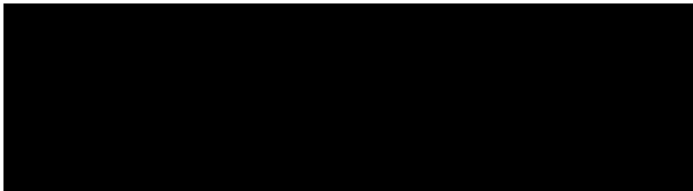
Father Vader is the reason I am a Catholic / practicing my faith religiously. He is very help & thus, very tested and persecuted.



[REDACTED]  
4/22/03

Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Av.  
Suite 543  
Chicago, Ill. 60611

Dear Rev. James Kaczorowski,  
I have been a regular parishioner  
of Sacred Heart Church for many,  
many, many years and I miss  
Father Vader very much. So does  
my entire family. I understand  
Father Vader has a court date on  
4/26/03. Couldn't Father Vader be  
allowed to spend their punishment  
in his Rectory ?? After all he is  
already retired. Please Father -  
We need him - Thank you,  
[REDACTED]




4/23/03

Dear Father Kaczorowski,

Just a quick note on Father  
Vader's behalf. I am in my  
forties - many of my generation,  
are lost in their faith. I have  
to tell you that if it wasn't  
for Father Vader, I probably  
would have forgotten my  
faith. When I see or think  
of him, I try and remember

his quiet intellectualism and  
humility and his unquestioning  
spirituality. I wish I could  
be more like him. He is so much  
an emulation of Jesus. I  
have already lost Father Bruchardt  
who passed away and I hope  
not to lose Father Vader too.  
Both have been responsible  
for saving a generation of  
young people now in their  
forties.

Sincerely,



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## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Sr. Francine Quilin

FROM: Leah McCluskey

DATE: 4/24/03

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RE:

Fr. Anthony Vader

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Sr. Francine,

Here are the reports you requested.

Leah

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

25 April, 2003

Ms. Leah McCloskey  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Fitness Review Board  
Chicago IL

Dear Ms. McCloskey:

I am the mandated Procurator-Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader, whose cause is scheduled to be considered at your Second Stage Review on Saturday, 26 April 2003.

On his behalf, I am writing to request a postponement of the Second Stage Review for Father Vader until your next scheduled hearing. He and I request this for the reason that I have just received the allegations made against him, and I have not had time to formulate a response to them, nor, in fact, to meet with Father Vader. We have talked several times on the phone, but I need, naturally, to have a more formal discussion with him about these matters.

Both Father Vader and I will be most grateful for your consideration of this request, Ms. McCloskey. I would also appreciate it if, when the date for the next Review is set, you or your secretary could so inform me.

Thank you for your service and for this consideration.

Sincerely,

Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
Procurator-Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader

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**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
**Saturday, April 26, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**



**Members absent:**



**Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board



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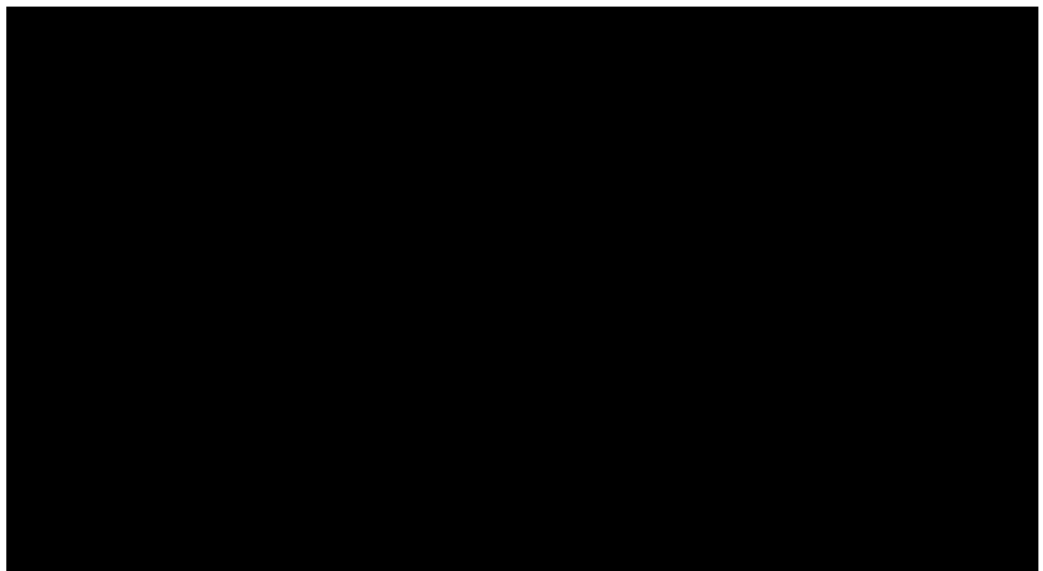
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**III. Other Matters**

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Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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**Professional Fitness Review Board**  
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**REVISION**

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- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

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## MEMORANDUM

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To: File -PFR-137

From: Professional Fitness Review Board Minutes

Re: **Vader, Anthony (Retired/Withdrawn)/** [REDACTED]

Date: April 26, 2003

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

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(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report

regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)  
against Anthony Vader (Active/Retired)  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
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(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
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(enter name of religious community)  
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(enter name of diocese or religious community)  
☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: fondling under the clothes;  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)  
instructed minor to expose herself to him

**Preliminary Review:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☐ the safety of children requires the immediate withdrawal of the accused from ministry.  
☐ the accused may remain in ministry with monitoring and restrictions pending inquiry.  
☐ the accused may remain in ministry without monitoring or restrictions pending inquiry.

**Review for Cause:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☐ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☐ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 7-0 postpone until RBoard  
meeting in May/03; write letter to civil  
cannon lawyer re: addressing RBoard; RBoard  
would like to see

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**Review for Cause:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

- (check one:) ☐ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

- (check one:) ☐ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 7-0 postpone until RBoard meeting in May/03; write letter to civil - canon lawyer re: addressing RBoard; RBoard would like to see

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April 28, 2003

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If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Review Board Administrator

*I am the President -  
F. George  
May 5, 2003*

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Neri-Palomino, Laura  
**Date:** 4/28/03 4:33PM  
**Subject:** Laura,

Laura,

Could you please format this letter? Also, could you please fax to Pat Reardon's office the following information?

1. [REDACTED]'s allegation against Fr. Vader
2. [REDACTED]
3. Vader's responses [REDACTED]
4. Memo re: phone call with [REDACTED]

Reardon's fax # is [REDACTED]

Thank you!

Leah

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*Vader* [REDACTED]

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221 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

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Mr. Reardon,			
Here are the reports you requested.			
Leah			

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*Please see letter to Father -  
TD R*

May, 2003

Reverend James T. Kaczarowski  
Vicar for Priests  
645 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 543  
Chicago, IL. 60611

MAY 23 2003

Re: Father Anthony Vader

Dear Father,

This letter is probably different from the others you have received on behalf of Father Vader. It is about a party celebrating Father Vader's Jubilee.

You would not believe the group that filled the Main Room of the Martinique Restaurant (all three levels). At least four languages were spoken by those assembled - clerics everywhere. All of the main religions were represented, and many of the not so main. Not sure which ethnic group or race was in the majority but I think African American might have been first and Hispanic second, Caucasians came in third and fourth was a combination of peoples from Lord knows where speaking God knows what language but the point is we were all there together celebrating the life and times of a man we all have come to know and love and depend on over the last 20, 30 40 or 50 years depending on when we met this exrodinary man of God. Father Vader has done more for the many people of color and ethnic diversity in the Chicago area than any other Priest I have ever known. Father Vader being accused of doing something wrong and against any of his people is very much in doubt. No one could fool the Hundreds of people who attended this party out of love and thankfulness for this beloved priest.

Please send our Priest back to all of us.

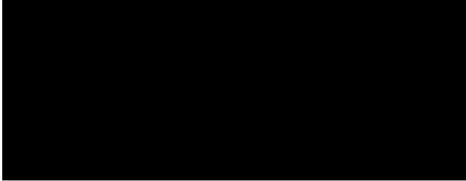
My non-Catholic Father who loved me and educated me in the best Catholic schools in the Archdiocese was buried by Father Vader, my Irish Catholic Mother, who Father Vader came to her deathbed to give her the last rites was 30 miles from Church. (We belong to [REDACTED] but Sacred Heart is our home). I was married there and my son's were baptized there. And my grandmother attended Sacred Heart as a young woman as did my Mom. Father Vader came to the people of Sacred Heart when no one else wanted us. He has kept our Parish Community alive.

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Keeping Father Vader from his people and his duties is a terrible disservice to this Priest who has dedicated his life to the many peoples of Chicago.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



CC: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
PO Box 1979  
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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Neri-Palomino, Laura  
**Date:** 5/2/03 9:29AM  
**Subject:** Laura,

Laura,

Could you please fax the following to Sr. Francine Quillin, canonical advocate for Fr. Vader:

1. Allegation by [REDACTED]
2. Vader's response to [REDACTED]

Her fax # is [REDACTED]

Thanks!

Leah

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Sr. Francine,

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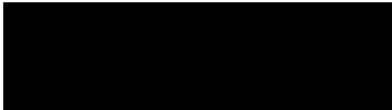
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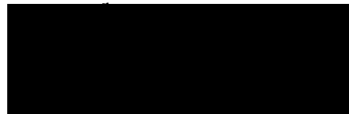
Dear Father Kaczkowski,

Enclosed you will  
find a picture of Father  
Voder, with the  
 family.

When will Father  
return to Sacred Heart?

Sincerely,







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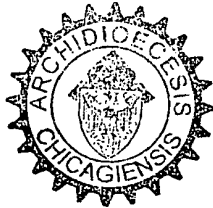
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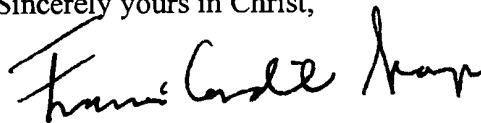
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*Rev. Richard Sauder*

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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Archbishop of Chicago

Ecclesiastical Notary

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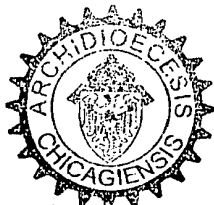
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4. [REDACTED]

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED]

10. [REDACTED]

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FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

[REDACTED]  
Rev. [REDACTED], Affiant

5-12-03  
Date

SIGNED AND AFFIRMED  
to before me on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2003

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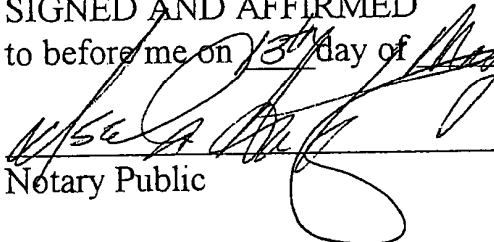
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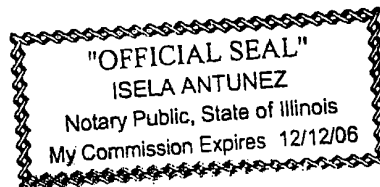


Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ Affiant

May 13, 2003 AD  
Date

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to before me on 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003

  
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Notary Public



**RESPONSE OF REVEREND ANTHONY VADER  
TO ALLEGATIONS OF**  
[REDACTED]

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On November 15, 2002, Father Anthony Vader met with Professional Fitness Review Administrator, Leah McCluskey, at the office of the Vicar for Priests. Also present for the meeting was Vicar for Priests, Father James Kaczorowski. Ms. McCluskey read notes of allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Father denies the allegations. He further affirms that he has never engaged in sexual misconduct with any minor at any time. Father Vader will make separate specific responses to each accusation. The following will specifically address the allegation made by [REDACTED]

**STATEMENT OF** [REDACTED]

On October 21, 2002, [REDACTED] spoke with Professional Fitness Review Administrator Leah McCluskey and Victim Assistance Minister Ralph Bonacorsi. She stated that on several occasions Father Vader [REDACTED] asked her to partially disrobe, exhibiting her breasts or vagina. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On a little less than ten occasions he came and felt her breasts under her clothing, then left. [REDACTED] stated that this conduct began in "either 1955 or 1956 and lasted for approximately one year. [REDACTED]

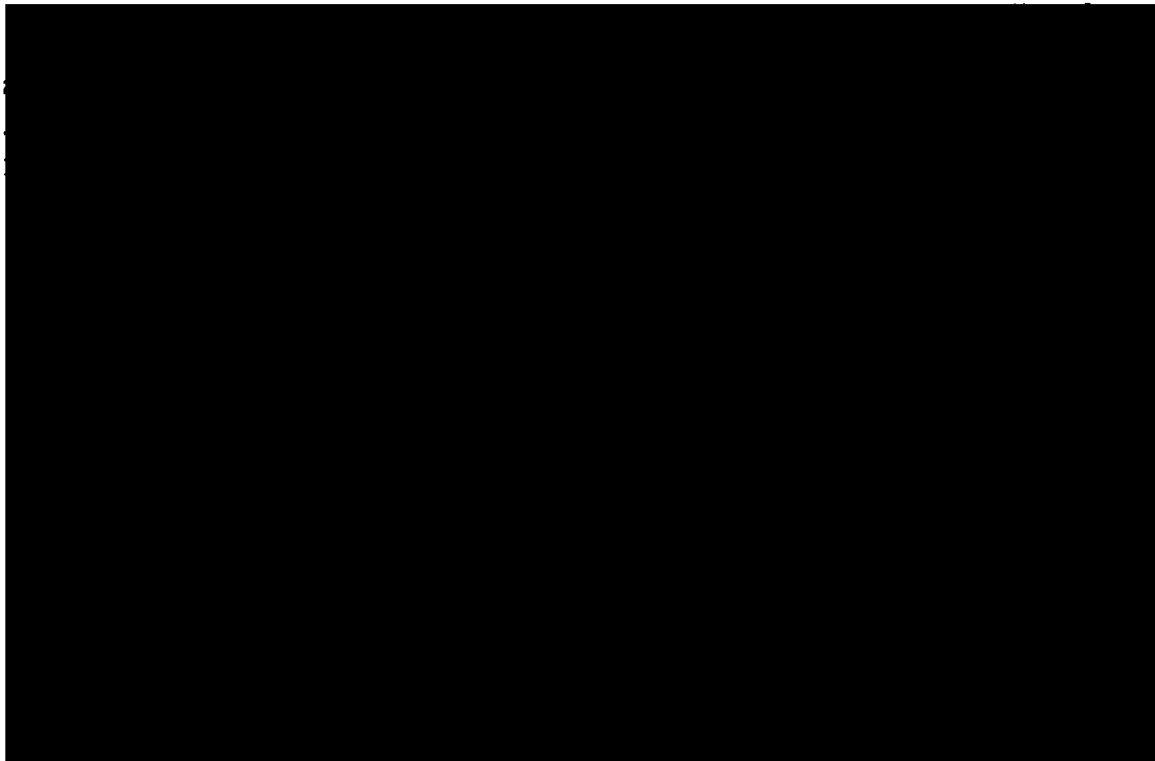
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**ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE**

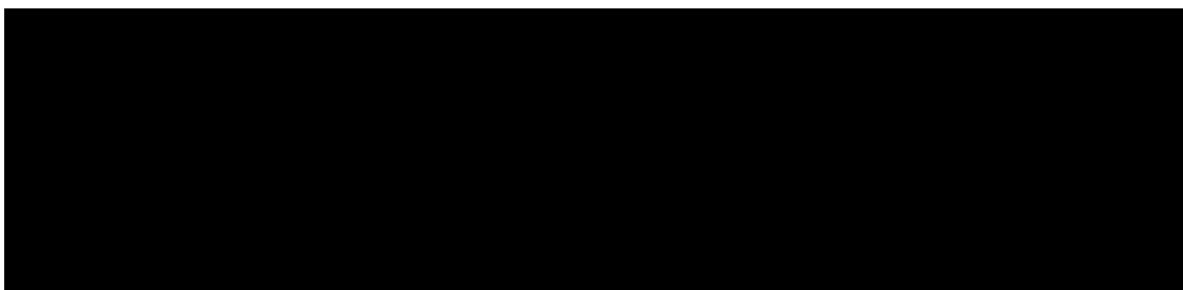
Father deplores the fact that he is accused of something so long in the past that it is impossible to marshal witnesses and proof to assist his defense and provide corroboration for his truthful response. Indeed, Holy Cross Parish has been closed for many years. Further he submits that the accusation is vague and suffers from

internal inconsistency. Father means no personal attack upon the accuser. However he must forcefully assert that the accusation is false and will discuss the inconsistencies here.



One could respond to such an analysis by saying that since these things happened so long ago, one should not be held to be accurate. But such a cavalier disregard of accuracy would deprive an accused the right to any cogent response, especially where the accusation is uncorroborated, internally inconsistent and reported to have occurred approximately 47 years ago. While the accuser is now 57 years old, the alleged observations would have originally been made by a 10 year old.

#### **FACTUAL ERRORS**





[REDACTED]

Father Vader states that he has no memory of a [REDACTED] in Holy Cross Parish during the years 1955 or 1956. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This information is corroborated by two other priests who served at Holy Cross Parish at the time, Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This information is also corroborated by Father [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED]. (See affidavits of Rev. [REDACTED] and Rev. [REDACTED])

Father Vader has previously stated that he is unaware of visiting the [REDACTED] home at any time. During his time at Holy Cross he made a practice of visiting all homes in the parish. So it is quite likely that he visited the [REDACTED] home if they were parishioners. His purpose in visiting was to maintain pastoral contact with members of the parish. He would not and did not visit or enter a home in the absence of an adult. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He never had any improper contact with [REDACTED] or any other person.

### EVIDENCE OF CHARACTER


Father Vader has attempted to examine each of the accusations of [REDACTED] and respond in humility and honesty. He realizes that he is being asked to "prove a negative." He is aware that, along with the limited corroboration available after so many years, his word must be his defense. Father humbly submits that he has demonstrated his credibility during 51 years of his priesthood. He calls to the attention of the Review Board the fact that over five hundred persons to date have written letters attesting to his integrity and credibility. (A partial list of authors of these letters is attached to this response.) Father submits that any evaluation of his

credibility by the Professional Fitness Review Board can only be made after reading the written testimony of these character witnesses in the letters which are contained in his personnel file.

Father Vader submits that he has spent his priesthood in the service of others. He has served God's people in many parishes. He has been a faithful chaplain and companion to the many Chicagoans from the Philippines. He has preached and worked for the human and civil rights of African Americans during his entire priesthood. He does not claim perfection; he does state unequivocally that he has never engaged in any act of sexual misconduct or impropriety with a minor. He is saddened that after over fifty years of faithful service he is now falsely accused of such misconduct. He prays for his accuser. He requests that the Professional Fitness Review Board find that he is fit to continue his priestly work to the end of his earthly life, as he promised on the day of his ordination over 50 years ago.

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Rev. Anthony Vader

  
Patrick G. Reardon, Attorney  
221 N. LaSalle - 1938  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
[REDACTED]

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May 14, 2003

Leah McCluskey  
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Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Re. Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I send with this fax a signed copy of the previously faxed affidavit of Rev. [REDACTED]. Father Vader was unable to find a way to get here from the Mundelein Retreat House to sign the copies of his submissions before Saturday. As I said earlier, he has completely reviewed and approved them. I trust that the Board will consider them as if he had been able to place his signature on them.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Patrick G. Reardon

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Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
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Re. Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

Enclosed are responses of Rev. Anthony Vader to accusations by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. You will note that these copies are not yet signed by Father Vader. He is living at the Mundelein Retreat House and has been unable to make the trip to Chicago to sign the documents. He has read and approved their submission.

You will note that the affidavit of Father [REDACTED] is not yet signed. Father [REDACTED] has read and approved the affidavit. He has been out of town and unable to give me a signed copy.

I am sending these documents now to allow time to review them before Saturday. I will deliver signed originals by Friday.

Father Vader's submissions make reference to the evidence of his veracity and character contained in over 500 letters. I believe these letters are contained in his personnel file, which is available to the Professional Fitness Review Board. If not, I will furnish copies to all Review Board members upon request.

Best wishes.

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**DATE:** 5/14/03

**FROM:** PATRICK G. REARDON

**TO:** LEAH MCCLUSKEY

**COMPANY:** PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW ADMIN.

**SUBJECT:** ANTHONY VADER

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PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW**RESPONSE OF REVEREND ANTHONY VADER  
TO ALLEGATION OF**  
[REDACTED]

On November 15, 2002, Father Anthony Vader ("Father Vader"), met with Professional Fitness Review Administrator, Leah McCluskey, at the office of the Vicar for Priests. Also present for the meeting was Vicar for the Priests, Father James Kaczorowski. Ms. McCluskey read notes of allegations made by [REDACTED]. Father Vader denied the allegations. He affirmed that he never inappropriately touched or fondled [REDACTED] as a minor at any time. On December 15, 2002, Father Vader met again with Ms. McCluskey and Father Kaczorowski at the office of the Vicar for Priests. Also present at the meeting was Patrick Reardon, attorney for Father Vader. At the December 15, 2002 meeting, Ms. McCluskey read the account of the telephone interview of [REDACTED]. Father Vader denied making the alleged incriminating statements attributed to him by [REDACTED]. The following will specifically address the allegations made by [REDACTED].

**REVIEW OF PAST STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] has made one statement with representatives of the Chicago Archdiocese on November 4, 2002. Present at that statement were Ms. McCluskey and victim assistance minister, Ralph Bonaccorsi.

**SUMMARY OF NOVEMBER 4, 2002, STATEMENT**

[REDACTED] claim of sexual misconduct against Father Vader is an account of an alleged isolated incident as a 12-year old [REDACTED] in 1959 [REDACTED] " [REDACTED] alleges no prior or subsequent sexual misconduct by Father Vader. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

According to [REDACTED], she told her friend, [REDACTED], about the alleged incident. [REDACTED] located and arranged for a meeting with Father Vader. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Father Vader denies making the statement and denies any inappropriate misconduct.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] perceptions of what happened [REDACTED] are uncertain without the indicia of credibility, and even if delivered with tears and sincerity, do not amount to a level of evidence sufficient to find Father Vader unfit for ministry.

Significantly, [REDACTED]'s telephone statement undermines [REDACTED] allegations. While it is apparent the two of them discussed [REDACTED] statement before [REDACTED] was available to give Ms. McCluskey her account ensuring some level of consistency (e.g., [REDACTED]), other exonerating evidence is readily apparent.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]'s recollection of and her experience with Father Vader from Holy Cross was entirely different from [REDACTED]. She stated that Father Vader was a "well-liked and favored priest" at Holy Cross.

[REDACTED] did not disclose the confrontational purpose of the visit when she called Father Vader ten years ago. Yet, she described Father Vader as calm throughout the visit, offering counseling to [REDACTED] even though she was "explosive."

Moreover, and significantly, she states that [REDACTED] accused Father Vader of fondling her after [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The inconsistency calls into question whether this 44-year old event even occurred.

In 1992 or 1993, [REDACTED] was [REDACTED] and went to great lengths to locate, contact and set up a meeting between [REDACTED] and Father Vader. Oddly, she did nothing else after the meeting. She admitted to Ms. McCluskey that she would "do anything for [REDACTED]," yet she was silent for ten years. Perhaps [REDACTED] had her doubts about the veracity of the allegations when she observed the explosive demeanor of [REDACTED] and Father Vader's concerned response.



## HISTORY

Father Vader was an Assistant Pastor at Holy Cross Church from 1952 through 1964 and at St. Lawrence Church from 1964 through 1968; Administrator at Holy Name of Mary from May 1968 through 1970, and Pastor at Holy Name of Mary from May of 1970 to his retirement in 1997. He was the chaplain for the Filipino Student Catholic Action from 1959 through 1965, and ministered to the Filipino community after the Richard Speck murders of Filipino nurses. He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Father Vader remembers some of his routine at Holy Cross, instructional classes on Saturday mornings, visiting the sick and parishioners on Saturday afternoons. He recalls [REDACTED] meeting ten years ago. He understandably does not recall [REDACTED]. He has visited hundreds of men, women and children who have been sick. He denies any sexual misconduct of minors at any time.

After 50 years of ministry, there has not been one hint of improper conduct by Father Vader, as he faithfully served the Chicago Archdiocese on the south side of Chicago. That reputation of integrity, humility, and love is demonstrated by the hundreds of people who have written on Father Vader's behalf, including former parishioners from Holy Cross. The only allegations now are from two sisters within the same house, each of which recall abuse [REDACTED]. Undoubtedly, those who suffer sexual abuse experience deep pain in their lives, which can cause them to strike out against other innocent people. Those who are falsely accused experience overwhelming pain as well. A retired pastor without substantial resources is forced to prove his innocence against mere allegations which are given unreasonable weight just by virtue of their utterance. One recalls the vigorous scrutiny that was necessarily given to what ultimately proved to be a false accusation against Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. The apostle, Paul, was fully aware of the potential damage a pastor could suffer from false, unverified allegations. Thus, he instructed Timothy that on each specific charge, "do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses." Timothy 5.19 (NIV). What of this charge by [REDACTED]?

An exacting analysis discloses that [REDACTED] has made a completely unverifiable isolated allegation where she "thinks" she was abused by a priest 44 years ago. [REDACTED]

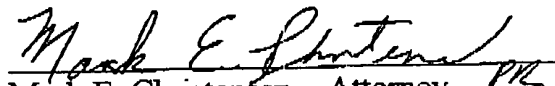
[REDACTED]

Father Vader is saddened that [REDACTED] has suffered abuse in her life. He bears no ill will against [REDACTED]. He can only respond that her characterization of his conduct is false and very disappointing to him.

Father Vader humbly submits that he has been and continues to be fit to practice the ministry and serve the Lord Jesus to whom he has devoted his life.

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Reverend Anthony Vader

  
Mark E. Christensen, Attorney  
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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** MAY 15, 2003  
**TO:** FILE  
**FROM:** BISHOP RAYMOND GOEDERT  
**RE:** [REDACTED]

A handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Bishop Raymond Goedert.

I wish to memorialize events of the last two days. Yesterday afternoon, as I was driving Father Tony Vader back to the retreat house, he was discussing his case and the allegations against him. He was still insistent that he never did any of the things about which he was accused. I asked him various questions, including who else was stationed at Holy Cross during that period. I wondered if there could be a question of mistaken identity.

Tony said that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both there as well as [REDACTED], ordained in 1950, who has since died. [REDACTED] left the active ministry in 1975. Tony mentioned that one of the parishioners told him that she had been abused by [REDACTED]. Tony thought she was a minor at the time. Tony had no proof of anything and never raised this issue at all even in connection with his own case. I told him that I thought that he should let his attorney, Pat Reardon, know about this, as it could very well be that the two women who are making the allegations may have been in error as to the priest involved. Tony promised to mention this to Pat the next day.

Pat Reardon called me this afternoon, Thursday, May 15. Tony had told him about [REDACTED]. Pat said that what is curious about all of this is that another one of the cases he is handling, that of John Hefferan, ordained in 1956, a similar charge was made about Father [REDACTED]. Pat said that John told him that it was known around the parish that [REDACTED] was a little loose with women. Since [REDACTED] is deceased, there is no way we can prove any of this. However, Pat wondered whether or not [REDACTED] was actually at Infant of Prague Parish while John Hefferan was there. There were two [REDACTED]s ordained for the Archdiocese. I checked the file of [REDACTED], class of 1950 and his file does state that he was at Infant Jesus of Prague in Flossmoor from June 5, 1970 to June 7, 1974. This file also states that he was at Holy Cross Parish from July 1, 1959 to July 7, 1962. That is where the allegations against Father Vader were made.

I gave this information to Pat. He said that he would prepare something for the review board, since Tony's second stage review is suppose to take place this coming Saturday, May 17.

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Memo to File

May 15, 2003

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While checking [REDACTED]'s file, I came across an envelope marked personal and confidential and because of the possibility of their being some connection between the contents of this envelope and either of the aforementioned allegations, I opened it. The envelope is stamped to be opened only by Bishop or Vicar General. There was nothing in the envelope that would have any bearing whatever on either of these cases.

There was another envelope, similarly marked, personal and confidential to be opened only by Archbishop or Vicar General. I opened that and it has nothing to do with either of these cases, in fact, I doubt if it has anything to do with [REDACTED]. It seems as though it might belong in Father [REDACTED], class of 1944 file. I will check it out and put it where it belongs.

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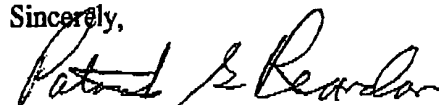
Additional information has come to my attention today in investigating two of the matters on the agenda of the Professional Fitness Review Board for Saturday, May 17, 2003.

In the course of independently investigating matters relating to accusations against Father Anthony Vader and Father John Hefferan, I have discovered that, along with the issues raised in the written submissions, there is a very real possibility of misidentification. Suspicion has arisen today about the behavior of a priest, who was assigned to both parishes, Holy Cross and Infant Jesus of Prague, at the times relevant to the allegations against each of the above priests. I will attempt to investigate this issue as quickly and fully as possible, as it affects the fact finding process as to each of the above priests.

It is my belief that the current submissions show sufficient problems with the accusations to require finding in favor of the fitness of each of the two priests. If there continues to be a question, I hope that I will be given an opportunity to submit any additional information as to this new potential issue.

Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

  
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## Professional Fitness Review Board

Saturday, May 17, 2003

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### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### I. Approval of Minutes – April 27, 2003

#### II.

[REDACTED]

**III. Case Reviews**

**Preliminary Review**

**A.**

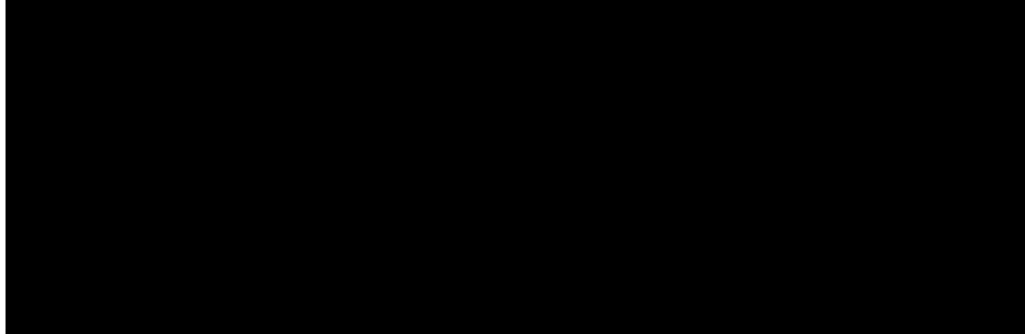


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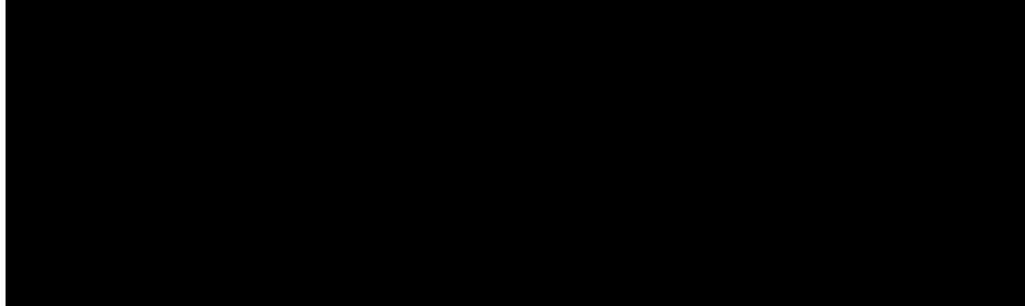


**Second Stage Review**

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D.



**E. In the Matter of Anthony Vader [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR-137**

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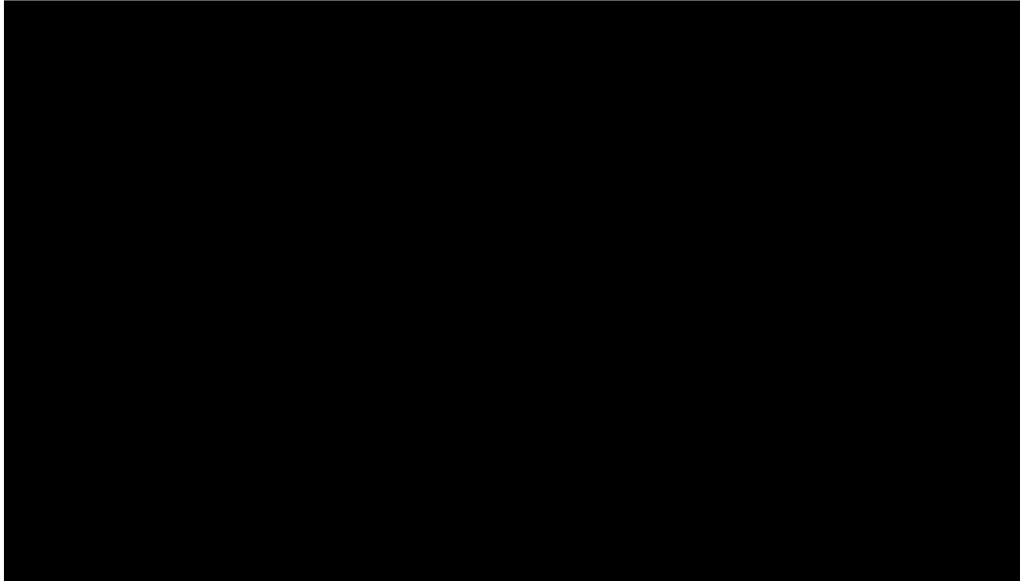
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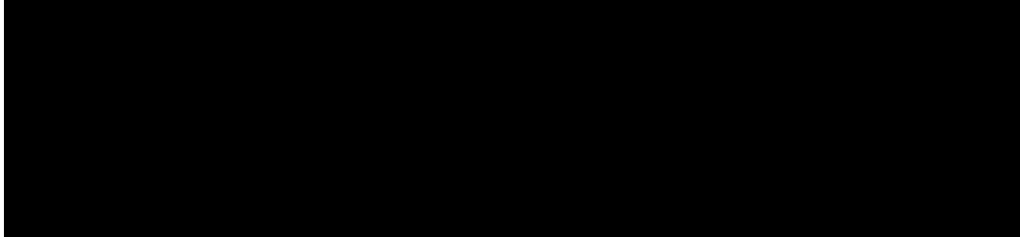
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**Review for Cause**

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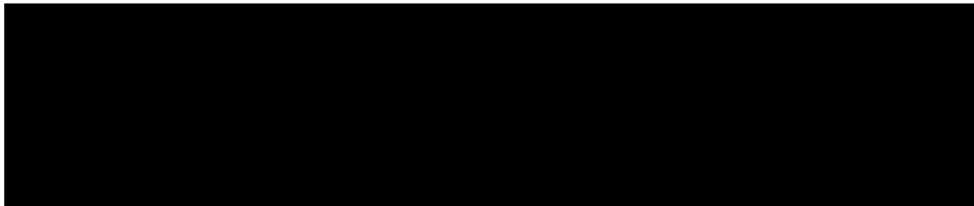


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**IV. Other Matters**

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**Next scheduled meeting is June 21, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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## **Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, May 17, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2003

II. Case Reviews

#### **Preliminary Review:**

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

#### **Second Stage Reviews:**

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

E. In the Matter of Anthony Vader (Retired) - PFR-137

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

#### **Review for Cause:**

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

[REDACTED]

**NOTE: Time of this Meeting has changed from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

***The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, June 21, 2003***

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## MEMORANDUM

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To: File -PFR-137  
From: Review Board Meeting  
Re: Anthony Vader (Retired/Withdrawn)  
Date: May 17, 2003

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### **A summary of the discussion from the Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting on May 17, 2003:**

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

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(enter name of alleged victim)  
against Anthony Vader  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

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re: possibility of misidentification of accused

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If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

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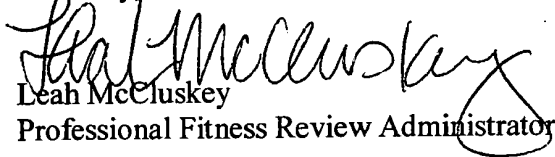
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Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

*I am the petitioner.  
F. Reardon  
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Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board that there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that **Reverend Anthony Vader** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Vader**.

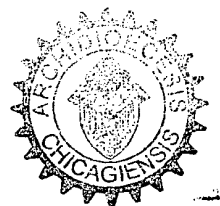
Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm **Father Vader's** name or to violate his right to protect his privacy. Nor may he be asked to do anything which violates his conscience or is morally unacceptable according to the Church's moral teachings.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written report to me, no later than thirty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on 23 May, 2003 at Chicago, Illinois.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



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## P R E C E P T

Bishops "have been designated by the Holy Spirit to take the place of the apostles as pastors of souls and, together with the Supreme Pontiff and subject to his authority, they are commissioned to perpetuate the work of Christ, the eternal Pastor." (*Christus dominus*, n.2b) However, since the pastors of the Church can never be expected to carry the burden of pastoral ministry alone (*Lumen gentium*, n. 30), they have been given the order of priests to cooperate in shepherding and guiding God's people. Indeed, bishops, "because of the gift of the Holy Spirit that has been given to priests at their ordination, will regard them as indispensable helpers and advisers in the ministry and in the task of teaching, sanctifying and shepherding the People of God." (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7)

Because of this common task, "bishops are to regard their priests as brothers and friends, and are to take the greatest interest they are capable of in their welfare, both temporal and spiritual. For on their shoulders particularly falls the burden of sanctifying their priests." (*Presbyterorum ordinis*, n. 7b)

Moreover, the *Directory on the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* states, "In the same way as Jesus showed his love for his disciples....so also a bishop....can hardly fail to realize that he should show his greatest love and chief concern for priests....Led by a sense of duty and sincere and invincible charity he gives willing assistance in every way to help priests to esteem the loftiness of their priestly vocation, to live serenely, to spread joy to those about them and to fulfill their duties faithfully." (n. 107a)

This same document urges bishops to do "everything possible to prevent the troubles his priests could have....To keep them safe from trouble he takes prompt and prudent measures." (n. 112)

The Code of Canon Law has described precepts as a means by which ecclesiastical authority "directly and legitimately enjoins a specific person or persons to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law" (c. 49).

Therefore, I issue this precept, in accordance with c. 49, to urge **Reverend Anthony Vader** to fulfill the obligations which were placed upon him at the time of his ordination. Because some suspicion has arisen about his fidelity to the sacred promises he made at his ordination, I urge him in particular to lead a life which is in keeping with the holiness of his vocation. Although he is not presently exercising public ministry in the Church, he ought to pursue holiness of life in the way that he lives. He is also still bound to the obligation to pray the liturgy of the hours daily, to set aside time for spiritual retreats, to engage in mental prayer, to approach the sacrament of penance frequently, to honor the Virgin Mother of God with particular veneration as Queen of Priests, and to use any other means of sanctification which he finds helpful (c. 276).

Because of the obligation to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, **Father Vader** is to act with due prudence toward persons who could endanger the obligation to observe continence (c. 277§1), and to observe the particulars of the attached Individual Specific Protocol (c. 277§3) which I have established in consultation with him.

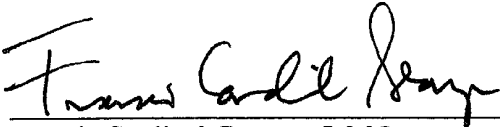
He is to avoid all those things which are unbecoming the clerical state, or those things which are foreign to the clerical state (c. 285), especially those things which are set forth in the attached Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.

**Father Vader** is hereby dispensed from his obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and is strongly urged not to do so until such time as the case against him can be resolved and more permanent determinations can be made. Although not removed from office, he is nonetheless urged not to exercise the rights of any ecclesiastical office, in accordance with the Individual Specific Protocol which I have established in consultation with him.


In order to ensure that these obligations are met, I have delegated **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to receive information regarding **Father Vader's** fulfillment of this precept and his Individual Specific Protocol. She is to submit a report to me no less than quarterly regarding this matter, and may report to the Professional Fitness Review Board more frequently as needed or requested.

I am establishing this precept in a spirit of fraternal charity, mindful of my responsibility to encourage my priests to remain faithful to the obligations of the clerical state. Because the attached Individual Specific Protocol has been established in dialog between **Father Vader** and the Vicar for Priests, I accept the provisions of this document, and urge **Father Vader** to fulfil them in accordance with the obedience he is to show to me as his ordinary (c. 273), and which he promised at his ordination.

Given in Chicago, Illinois on the 23rd day of May, 2003.

  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
676 North St. Clair  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Accompanying this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Rev. Anthony Vader**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

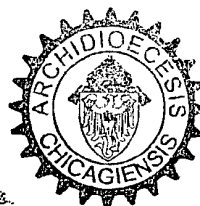
At the same time, I am designating you as the person who is to supervise the "monitoring protocol" which has been established for Father Vader. I ask that you report to me on a regular basis, but no less than quarterly, on Father Vader's compliance with this protocol. You may also wish to report more frequently to the Professional Fitness Review Board so that they can make further recommendations to me on this matter.

In order to ensure confidentiality in this matter, I ask that you perform this task personally and not designate anyone else for this purpose. Should there be periods of time when you will not be able to perform this task personally, please refer the matter to the Vicar for Priests.

Thank you for agreeing to take on these additional tasks.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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May 27, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Tony:

I am again writing to you to give you an update as to what is happening concerning the allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor which have been made against you. I am extremely grateful to you for your patience in this matter. As you know, the Dallas Charter required me to act quickly in cases involving allegations of clerical sexual misconduct with a minor to ensure that no priest with a credible accusation was engaged in public ministry. However, because the accompanying Norms had not been approved by the Holy See, I have not been able to act as quickly as I would have liked in getting your case resolved.

With the Norms having gone into effect on March 1, 2003, along with further instructions which came from the Holy See in February, we are now in a position to begin referring our cases to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Before I make such a referral, I will gather any additional information that seems necessary and review the matter once again. I will then send your advocate a copy of the letter I will be sending to the Holy See, and allow him or her the opportunity to offer an opinion as well. I anticipate this being done by the middle of July.

To that end, I have delegated Ms. Leah McCluskey to review each of the cases to see if more information needs to be gathered. I have asked her to report back to me within one month so that I can make a determination about referring the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. According to the recommendation of the Canonical Affairs Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, if the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith directs me to begin a penal trial, the judges to be used will not be priests serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will be chosen from a list of priests who have been trained to hear cases of clerical sexual misconduct.

In referring your case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, I will also consult with the Promoter of Justice and issue a decree which formalizes those things which I asked you to do for the good of the Church and under your promise of obedience to me. The imposition of this decree is required by Norm 6 of the Essential Norms established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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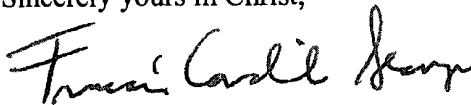


I have also designated Ms. McCluskey as the person to ensure that the "monitoring protocol" which you signed is being followed. She will report to me and to the Professional Fitness Review Board concerning your compliance with this protocol. I have asked that she perform this function personally, with the Vicar for Priests doing so in her absence. This will ensure the confidentiality and professionalism of this monitoring.

The protocols which you sign from time to time are not to be considered as penalties imposed on you. Instead, they are ways in which I exercise my responsibility to ensure that you fulfill the obligations which you received when you were ordained. I am establishing these protocols as individual precepts, which canon 49 describes as "a decree which directly and legitimately enjoins [you] to do or omit something, especially in order to urge the observance of law." You will receive a copy of my precept at the same time you receive a copy of your protocol.

I hope this clarifies the process somewhat for you. I am grateful that we can finally begin a process for the resolution of your case. I know this has been a very difficult period of time for you in your priesthood. You have always been in my prayers during this time. I ask that you continue to keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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Rev. Anthony Vader  
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Dear Fr. Vader,

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that your Vicar Fr. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at 312.642.1837.

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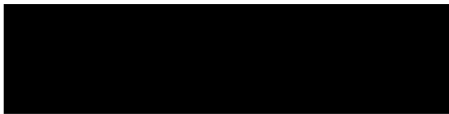
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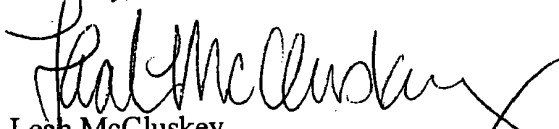
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Metropolitan Tribunal  
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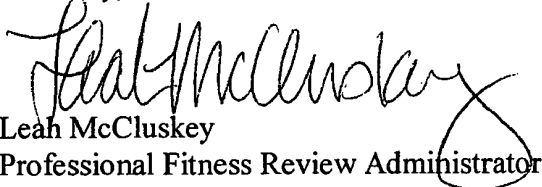
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Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry

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June 6, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader  
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle Street  
Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Vader,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on May 17, 2003 and was scheduled to conduct a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's recommendation to postpone the Second Stage Review until the scheduled June 21, 2003 Board meeting at the request of your attorney Patrick Reardon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at 312.751.5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that Rev. James Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at 312.642.1837.

Sincerely,

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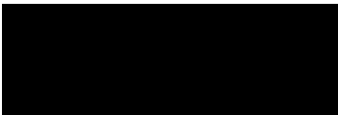
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June 7, 2003

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

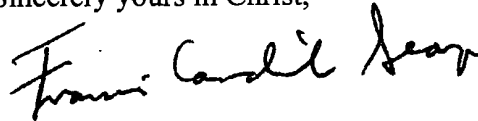
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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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*Rev. Richard Landis*

Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
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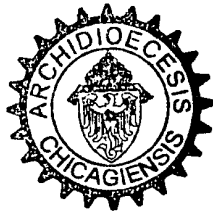
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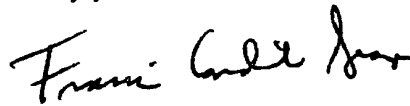
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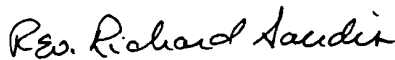
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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June 9, 2003



Dear [REDACTED],

I've received your letter, filled with dismay about the accusations against Father Tony Vader. I am grateful that you wrote to say how your life has been touched so deeply by Fr. Vader.

I share your dismay, because Father Vader has been a generous and exemplary priest. God has used him to do much good. However, there is always the possibility that even very good people can do something seriously wrong. The Review Board, which received the accusation, deliberated long and hard before judging that there is reasonable cause to believe the accuser's story. The accusation was not lightly made, and the Board's judgement on it has to be taken very seriously. The policy now is to remove a priest from active ministry while the accusation is submitted to the canonical trial process. I would like to believe that this next step will bring forth evidence to show that Fr. Vader can return to ministry.

In the meantime, I hope you will continue to support Father Vader, especially with your prayers. This is a tragic situation for all concerned, and it fills everyone with sadness. Thank you for writing and for your life of faith. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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PATRICK G. REARDON  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
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221 NORTH LASALLE STREET  
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PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW

June 10, 2003

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

As you know, I wrote to you on May 15, 2003 about my concerns that there may have been a serious misidentification in the matters of Father Vader and also Father Hefferan.

I have attempted to examine the files of Reverend [REDACTED] to determine when he was ordained, when he was assigned to certain parishes, particularly Holy Cross and Infant Jesus of Prague. I wish to determine whether there is any information relevant to his knowledge or interaction with young women at these or other parishes. I wish to learn of his relationships and interaction with other parish priests, who may now be interviewed as to whether they remember information relevant to my investigation. I wish to examine Father [REDACTED]'s relationship to the work of Domen Delacado (phonetic spelling) and Father [REDACTED]'s work with young children.

I wish to obtain photographs of Father [REDACTED], Father Anthony Vader and Father John Hefferan from the relevant times relating to the accusations, i.e. the mid 1950's to the mid 1960's.

I believe there is a very strong possibility that one priest may be mistaken for another in a parish setting, particularly by very young parishioners. I experienced this myself in my ministry at St. Agatha Church during the late 1960's. I followed a very popular priest in my assignment. For several years young (and not so young) parishioners referred to me as "Father Mallette." I am sure to this day many of them would still identify me by that name.

Despite my concerns, I have been unable to conduct my investigation. Officials of the Archdiocese have denied access to records of Father [REDACTED]. I believe due process requires a

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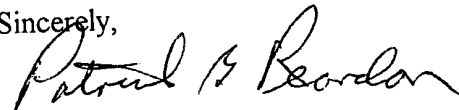
June 10, 2003  
Leah McCluskey  
Re: Vader & Hefferan  
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complete investigation of this matter. I have been assured by John O'Malley of the Archdiocese legal department that you will conduct an investigation and share all information with me. I will await your communication as soon as possible.

I call your attention to the fact that there are at least two priests named [REDACTED] who were ordained in the early 1950's. I am aware that one is deceased. I believe he is the subject of concern. However, I could not be certain of this without examining the files of both men.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Patrick G. Reardon

PGR/bi

Law Office of  
Patrick G. Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle, Suite 1938  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
[REDACTED]

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## FAX - TRANSMISSION

FROM: Patrick G. Reardon DATE: 6-10-03  
SENDING OPERATOR: [Signature]  
TO: Leah McCluskey (312) 751-5279  
COMPANY: Office of Professional Fitness Review  
SUBJECT: Re: Vade & Heffernan  
COVER + NO. OF PAGES: 3

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THANK YOU.

Antony J. Vader

Msgr. John I. Cardiff (resident) - St. Linus

1963-1964

Martin Farrell

Richard J. Valker

Anthony J. Vader

Msgr. John I. Cardiff (resident)

1965-1966

Martin Farrell

Richard J. Valker

Jerome J. DuCharme

Msgr. John I. Cardiff (resident)

1967-1968

Martin Farrell

Jerome J. DuCharme

Gregory J. Sulgit

Francis A. Nickels

1969-1970

James L. Mollohan

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jtreanor@archchicago.org

>>> Laura Neri-Palomino 06/17/03 03:25PM >>>

Jac, FYI - see below. Thanks for your help!

>>> Leah McCluskey 06/17/03 02:10PM >>>

Laura,

We are looking for the Holy Cross that was on 65th and Maryland--it is now closed.

Thanks.

Leah

Laura Neri-Palomino

Administrative Assistant

312-751-5206

Archdiocese of Chicago

Professional Fitness Review

5/31/50 - DOB

St. Luke's - last known address  
River Forest

5/16/75 - resigned

. no card  
. no info. in file

6/5/70 -  
6/7/74 Infant Jesus of Prague

From: John Treanor  
To: Neri-Palomino, Laura  
Date: 6/18/03 2:03PM  
Subject: Re: assignments

Laura and Leah,  
As per your request.  
The priests at Holy Cross (65th) were:

1950  
no directory

1951  
Robert Doyle  
Michael J. Conway  
Edward F. Myers  
Hugo Diers  
John I. Cardiff (resident)

1952  
Robert Doyle  
Edward F. Myers  
Leo T. Mahon  
James B. Kenny  
Hugo Diers  
John I. Cardiff (resident)

1953  
Robert Doyle  
James B. Kenny  
Leo T. Mahon  
Antony J. Vader  
John I. Cardiff (resident)

1954  
Robert Doyle  
Leo T. Mahon  
Anthony J. Vader  
George Kane  
John I. Cardiff (resident)

1955-1956  
Robert Doyle  
Leo T. Mahon  
Anthony J. Vader  
George Kane  
John I. Cardiff (resident)

1957-1959  
Martin Farrell  
George Kane  
Anthony J. Vader  
John I. Cardiff (resident)

1960-1962  
Martin Farrell

6/25/03  
Jac Treanor  
will check files  
to see if they  
have it for  
viewing - will  
call back

59-62



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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

Off: (312) 642-1837

Fax: (312) 642-4933

To: Sister Francine Quillin

From: Father Jim Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests

Date: June 19, 2003

Re: Father Anthony Vader

Attached is a document which will be the subject of our conference tomorrow, Friday, June 20, 2003, at 10:00 AM with Father Anthony Vader. He chose you to be his canonical advocate. It is not necessary that you be present for the conference. If you have any questions or observations to make, please contact me, Father Kaczorowski at 312-642-1837 or Father Dan Smilanec at 312-751-8206.

Thank you for your concerns and consideration.



To: Father Anthony Vader

From: Father Jim Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests

Date: June 19, 2003

Re: Protocol

Attached is the protocol which will be the subject of our conference tomorrow, Friday, June 20, 2003, at 10:00 AM. I faxed a copy to your canon lawyer. If you have any questions, please call me or Father Smilanic at 312-751-8206.

*Confidential*

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June 20, 2003

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Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
Archdiocese of Dubuque  
P.O. Box 479  
Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0479

Dear Sr. Francine,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the Monitoring Protocols that were presented to Fr. Anthony Vader in a meeting attended by Fr. Vader, Fr. James Kaczorowski [Vicar for Priests], Fr. Daniel Smilanic [Promoter of Justice and Delegate to the Cardinal], and myself.

Fr. Vader stated that he wished to discuss the protocols with you prior to providing his signature. I informed Fr. Vader that I would forward copies of the following forms to your attention: Monitoring Protocols, Fr. Vader's Individual Specific Protocol, the Clergy Daily Log, and the Travel/Vacation Agreement. Copies of these forms were also given to Fr. Vader at the aforementioned meeting. I requested that Fr. Vader speak with you and then contact me regarding the protocols presented to him within ten days of today's date.

I have also enclosed a copy of our policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns:

Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
312 751-5205, office  
312 751-5279, fax  
[lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org)

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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## Professional Fitness Review Board Saturday, June 21, 2003

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Fitness Review Administrator [PFRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### I. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2003

#### II. Case Reviews

##### Initial Review

A.

B.

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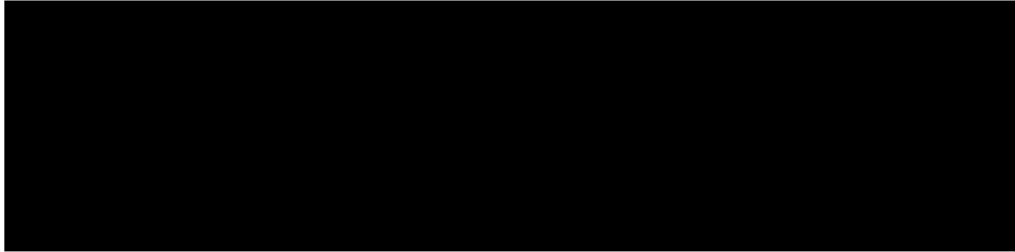
**Second Stage Review**

**C.**



**D.**

**E.**



**F. In the Matter of Anthony Vader [Retired/Withdrawn] – PFR-137**

The Review Board conducted a Second Stage Review regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: Fr. Vader spoke sexually inappropriately to [REDACTED]; Fr. Vader had [REDACTED] expose herself to him; Fr. Vader fondled [REDACTED]'s breasts while in her home.

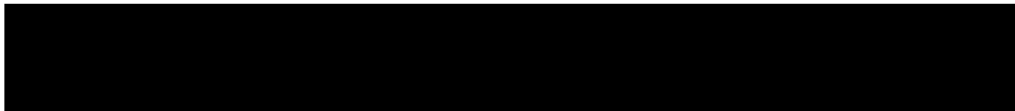
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**G.**



[REDACTED]

**III. Other Matters**

- [REDACTED]

**Next scheduled meeting is July 19, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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## **PROFESSIONAL FITNESS REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, June 21, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2003

II. Case Reviews

#### **Initial Reviews:**

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

#### **Second Stage Reviews:**

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. In the Matter of Anthony Vader (Retired/Withdrawn) - PFR-137

- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

[REDACTED]

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, July 19, 2003*

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Fitness Review Board met on June 21, 2003 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)  
(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)  
against Anthony Vader  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
☐ a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)  
☐ a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)  
☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)

which claims as follows: AV viewed [redacted]'s breasts & vaginal area -  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)  
AV had [redacted] expose herself to him; AV fondled  
[redacted]'s breasts

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☒ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 reasonable cause to suspect



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Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on June 21, 2003 and conducted a Second Stage Review regarding [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §110410 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board has recommended that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

*I would ask you to  
check again on the  
possibility of  
misconduct.*  
*F. J. J.*  
*June 25, 2003*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

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identity.*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-137  
From: Professional Fitness Review Board Meeting  
Re: Anthony Vader (Retired/Withdrawn)  
Date: June 25, 2003

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27 June, 2003



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Dear [REDACTED]:

Cardinal George received your letter of April 16 and has asked me to respond to your question about the situation involving Father Vader.

I can understand the pain you must feel over the accusations that were made against Father Vader. I have worked with Father Vader personally over the years, and I, too, was saddened to hear of what has transpired.

At the present time, the Archdiocese is still in the preliminary stage with regard to Father Vader's case. That is, an accusation was made which at least seems to warrant further investigation. The Archdiocese is in the process of conducting that investigation. Because the events took place so long ago, this takes longer than it might have taken if the accusation were about something which took place recently. Those who are doing the investigation need to make sure that they have looked into every possible area with regard to the accusation. The passage of time makes the investigation more difficult, but not impossible.

In my experience here in the Archdiocese and in dealing with this issue across the country, I have found that the people who have accused priests of sexual misconduct are very sincere, and often very troubled, people. They sincerely believe that such abuse took place, and they have presented evidence to the Archdiocesan Fitness Review Board that persuaded the nine members that the matter needs to be looked into further.

The Archdiocese is now in the process of doing that. However, we have to follow the Church's procedural laws in this matter. These laws require that a preliminary investigation take place to determine if the facts and circumstances warrant further action by the Cardinal. If so, he must report this to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome to ask permission to conduct a trial to see if the accusation is true. If the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith gives Cardinal George permission, a trial will take place according to the procedural laws in the Code of Canon Law. This will be handled by the Metropolitan Tribunal, although judges will be brought in from other dioceses so that no Archdiocesan priest will be sitting in judgement over another Archdiocesan priest.

In the meantime, until the issue is resolved, Father Vader has been asked to refrain from exercising public ministry. He has agreed to this and has also agreed to live in a monitored setting. While this is a very painful time for him – and also for the Archdiocese because of Father Vader's many years of service – it is something that the Archdiocese is required to do, according to the laws which have been approved for the United States by the Holy Father.

The Archdiocese will try to move Father Vader's case along as quickly as possible. However, we have to proceed deliberately and according to law in these matters. In my twenty-one years of experience as a tribunal judge, I have found that trials which are hastily done often overlook the weightier issues of justice and the right of defense.

If the accusations against Father Vader ultimately prove to be untrue, then he will be restored to ministry again. However much people may wish the accusations to be untrue, though, it is only by taking all parties seriously in these matters, and by following the procedural laws of the Church which are designed to get at the truth, that we can come to a decision which is truly just.

I can assure you that the Archdiocese does not like to ask priests to remove themselves from ministry. The needs of God's people are so great that we need all the priests we can get. However, if a priest is suspected of harming God's people in any way, we also have to take that seriously. If the accusations prove true, the priest must face the consequences of his actions.

I hope this clarifies things somewhat for you. I encourage you to continue to pray for Father Vader, for his accusers, and for all of us who have to administer the laws of the Church in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Patrick R. Lagges  
Judicial Vicar

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Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
Archbishop of Chicago

This is equally  
painful to the one I  
Fr. Vader, who has done  
so much good for so many  
people & the Archbishop of others.





## Holy Name of Mary Church

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1 July, 2003

Dear Jim and Leah:

I will leave for my vacation on July 8 and I plan to be gone for two weeks until July 22.

My vacation will be spent in [REDACTED], Colorado a small town in the Rockies where my grandfather homesteaded in 1881. Now the town is filled with Vaders.

I will stay with [REDACTED] whose telephone number is [REDACTED]. I can also be reached through St. Peter Church in [REDACTED] and whose phone number should be in the Catholic Directory.

There will be a family reunion for the Vader family as well as Cattlemens Days with the rodeo and stock show. The Vader family will be at the whole program and [REDACTED] will be the program directors.

Sorry to be late in informing you, but I had forgotten the days for my leaving. I had to call United Airlines and they told me it will be next week.

Hope to see you on my return and finish up this case.

Peace,

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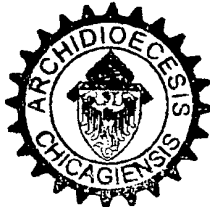
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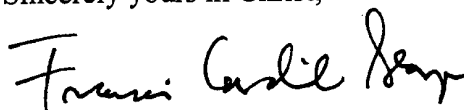
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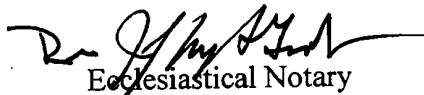
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: July 6, 2003

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PRA, Fr. James Kaczorowski [Vicar for Priests], and Fr. Daniel Smilanic [Promoter of Justice, Delegate to the Cardinal] met with Fr. Anthony Vader on June 20, 2003 to review Fr. Vader's new monitoring protocols. PRA also gave Fr. Vader a copy of the most recent *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

PRA informed Fr. Vader that copies of all of the monitoring information that he received today would be overnighted to his canonical advocate, Sr. Francine Quillin. PRA requested that Fr. Vader discuss the information with Sr. Quillin and then provide PRA with a signed copy indicating his agreement to abide by the aforementioned protocols within 10 days. Fr. Vader was extremely cooperative and agreed to PRA's request.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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**TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT**

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Permission to go on vacation to Colorado from/to July 8, 2003 - July 22, 2003  
(Destination) (Dates)  
this year has been granted to Fr. Anthony Vader provided the following conditions  
will be met by him and (cousins)  
(Companion/s)

(See attached correspondence)

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in N/A, to keep a daily log: proofs/  
(Frequency)  
tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for July 22, 2003, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s):

Sean McCloskey

Date:

7/7/03

\* Document read to Fr. Vader  
via phone on 7/7/03. Copy  
to be sent to Fr. Vader.

A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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July 8, 2003

Fr. Anthony Vader  
PO Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Fr. Vader,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Travel/Vacation Agreement that I filled out yesterday during our phone conversation regarding your vacation to [REDACTED] Colorado.

I appreciate you contacting me prior to your departure and wanted you to have a copy of the aforementioned agreement that will be placed in your file. As per our conversation, I do understand that your monitor Fr. Anthony Talarico is aware of your travel plans. I also do understand that your cousins [REDACTED] will act as your monitor from July 8, 2003 until your return on July 22, 2003.

Take care and I hope that you have a safe trip.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Review Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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## MEMORANDUM

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From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: July 8, 2003

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PRA contacted Fr. Anthony Vader via phone on July 7, 2003 regarding the monitoring protocols that were presented to him on June 20, 2003. Fr. Vader stated that he has attempted to reach his canonical advocate, Sr. Francine Quillin without success to discuss the protocols. PRA reminded Fr. Vader that he was asked to respond to PRA within 10 days of the aforementioned meeting, which would have been June 30, 2003. Fr. Vader was aware that the date had passed and stated that he would attempt to reach Sr. Francine again.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: July 8, 2003

PRA contacted Fr. Anthony Vader via phone on July 7, 2003 regarding the allegations of sexual misconduct of minors made against him. In regards to Fr. Vader's claim that there has been a case of mistaken identity in the aforementioned matters, PRA engaged Fr. Vader in a discussion regarding Fr. [REDACTED]. Fr. Vader was assigned to Holy Cross with Fr. [REDACTED] from 1960-1962. As per Fr. Vader, a former Holy Cross student by the name of [REDACTED] disclosed to Fr. Vader that Fr. [REDACTED] had taken her to a hotel in Indiana when she was a minor. When asked by PRA if anything had occurred between Fr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Fr. Vader stated that the two had "sexual relations." As per Fr. Vader, [REDACTED] disclosed this information to him either when he was assigned to Holy Cross [1952-1964] or St. Laurence [1964-1968].

As per Fr. Vader, [REDACTED] "and her girlfriends" would go to Holy Cross to visit with Fr. [REDACTED]. Fr. Vader inferred that he and his attorney Patrick Reardon have been searching for [REDACTED] as well as her "close friend" [REDACTED] in connection with this matter. In an attempt to locate [REDACTED], Fr. Vader stated that he and Mr. Reardon have learned that [REDACTED] has a brother by the name of [REDACTED] who is a [REDACTED]. However, Fr. Vader stated that there are several [more than 10] "[REDACTED]" who work for [REDACTED].

Fr. Vader was thanked for the information and had been informed earlier in the conversation that PRA and Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice, have been investigating the possibility of he [Fr. Vader] being mistaken for Fr. [REDACTED] by the alleged victims.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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Dear Cardinal George,

As the Auditor whom you appointed in accord with Canon 1717 to conduct a Preliminary Investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse of minors that have been made against the Rev. Anthony Vader, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I would like to inform you that the investigation has not yet been completed. Once the aforementioned investigation is completed I will forward my recommendations to you for your determination in this matter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Review Administrator

*Anthony Vader -  
JUL 15, 2003  
F. J. [unclear]*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: [REDACTED]

Date: July 16, 2003

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PRA received a phone call today from an attorney by the name of [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] informed PRA that he is now representing [REDACTED].

Mr. [REDACTED] specifically requested information regarding the Archdiocese's policy on [REDACTED]. PRA gave Mr. [REDACTED] the name and phone number for Dr. Michael Bland of Assistance Ministry.

Mr. [REDACTED] clarified that the review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Anthony Vader is "on hold" as a result of information presented to PRA by Fr. Vader's attorney.

Mr. [REDACTED] can be reached at the following address and phone number:

[REDACTED]

cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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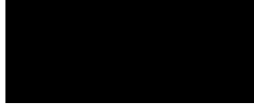
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July 17, 2003



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Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
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July 17, 2003

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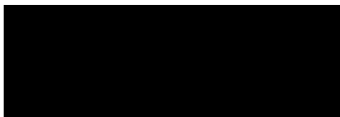
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Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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C/o Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
Archdiocese of Dubuque  
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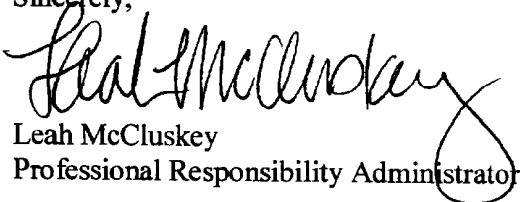
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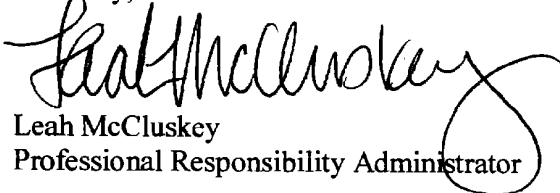
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony/ [REDACTED]

Date: July 18, 2003

PRA spoke with [REDACTED] via phone regarding the status of her allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Anthony Vader. [REDACTED] asked PRA if her attorney had contacted the office on her behalf. PRA informed [REDACTED] that her attorney had called earlier in the week and was given the requested information regarding [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] then asked about the postponement of the Second Stage Review of her allegation against Fr. Vader. She was informed that a letter was being sent to her today regarding the Board's recommendations from June 21, 2003 and the Cardinal's request that PRA investigate additional information that Fr. Vader and his attorney have presented. At her request, [REDACTED] was informed that the "additional information" was the possibility that she had mistaken Fr. Vader for another priest as her alleged abuser. [REDACTED] expressed her surprise and anger at the suggestion that she was not certain of Fr. Vader's identity. [REDACTED]

It was explained to [REDACTED] that PRA and the Promoter of Justice [Fr. Daniel Smilanic] have thoroughly investigated the additional information presented by Fr. Vader and his attorney regarding the possibility of "mistaken identity." PRA also informed [REDACTED] that this matter would be on the Review Board's agenda scheduled for August 16, 2003.

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██████████ thanked PRA for all of the work done in this office on her behalf. She also asked about Ralph Bonaccorsi from Assistance Ministry and asked that her greetings be extended to him.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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Sr. Francine,

The following letters are in regards to the above case concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Leah

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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

This letter is in response to the copies of letters sent by fax in care of this office to my clients, Father Anthony Vader and Father John Hefferan, dated July 17, 2003, and received here today. In those letters you make reference to "recently acquired information" which you will present to the Professional Fitness Review Board on July 19, 2003. I must remind you that neither I nor my clients have been advised of this new information or been given a chance to investigate or respond to it. I have no idea what new information has been acquired, but I strongly submit that even the appearance of due process would require that information relevant to an accusation be shared with the accused.

I remind you of the letter I sent on June 10, 2003, requesting information relevant to the files of Reverend [REDACTED], now deceased. I enclose a copy of that letter. (I note that it bears the address of the Archdiocese rather than your office; however it was faxed to you directly on June 10.) In that letter I indicated my deep concern over misidentification. Despite this concern, I and my clients have been denied access to the relevant file material. I was assured by the lawyer for the Archdiocese that you would conduct an investigation and share the results with me. You and I spoke of this assurance by telephone at the time I sent the letter. I requested answers to several specific questions so that I could conduct follow-up interviews and investigation. Your July 17<sup>th</sup> letter is the first communication I have received indicating that any information has been obtained.

I requested photos of the parties relevant to the Vader inquiry. I have heard and received nothing. In the interim, I have acquired some of these photos through other means. If you do not have them, I can provide them upon request.

Sincerely,

  
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Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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## **Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, July 19, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

#### **I. Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2003**

#### **II. Monitoring Protocol Update**

- Recommendation of Review Board that a statement be added to the Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols [ISP] that the accused's signature on the ISP does not imply an admission of guilt
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#### **III.**

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#### **IV. Case Reviews**

##### **Initial Review**

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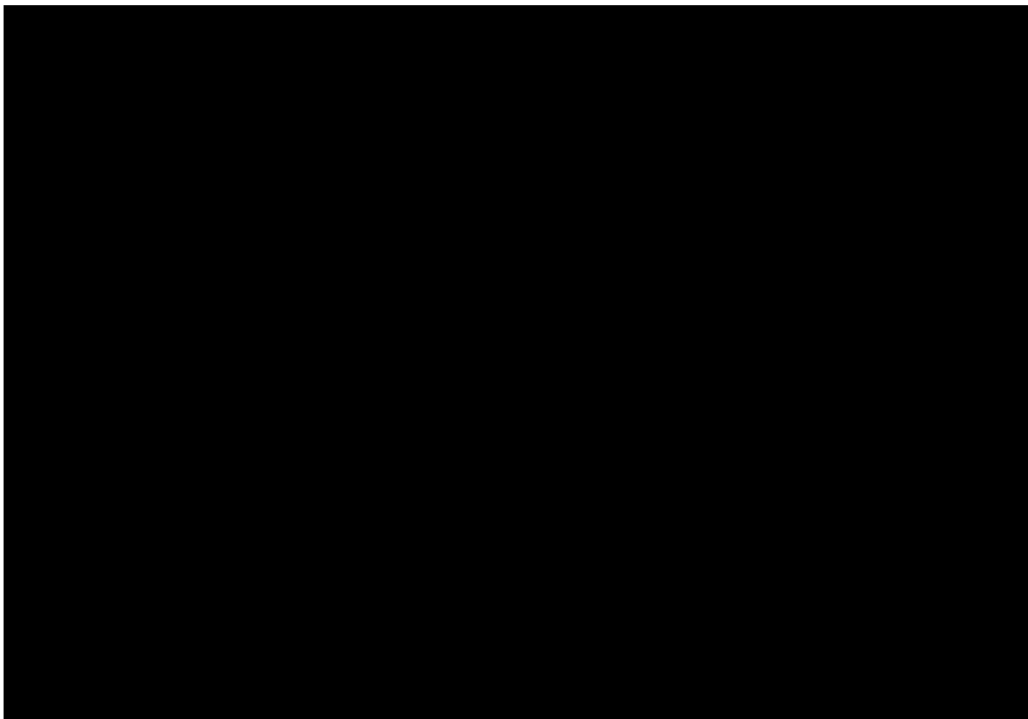
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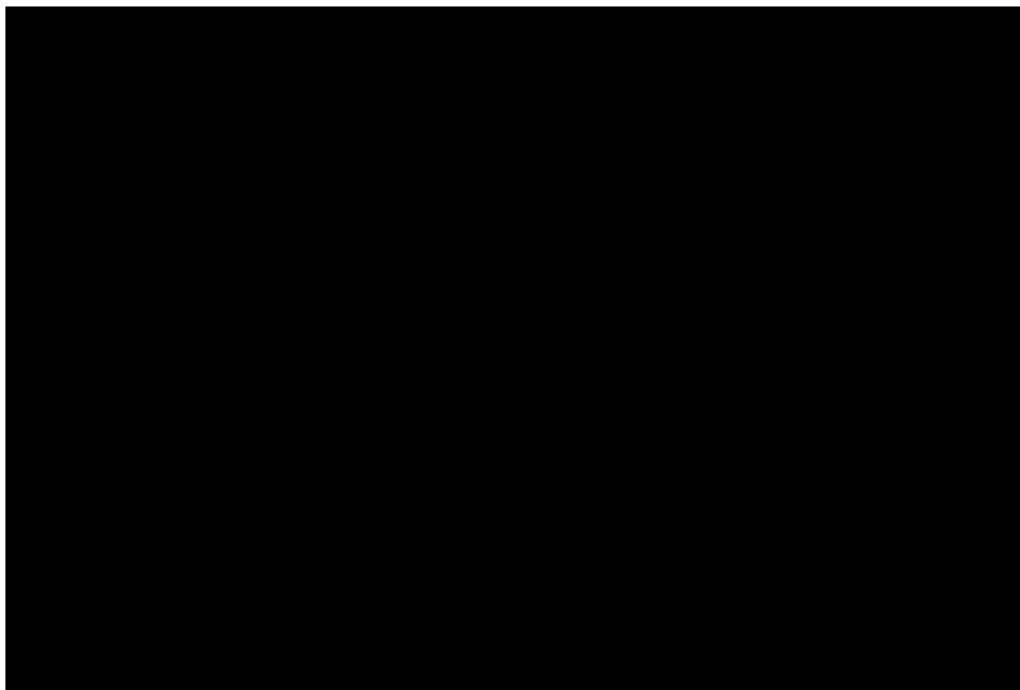
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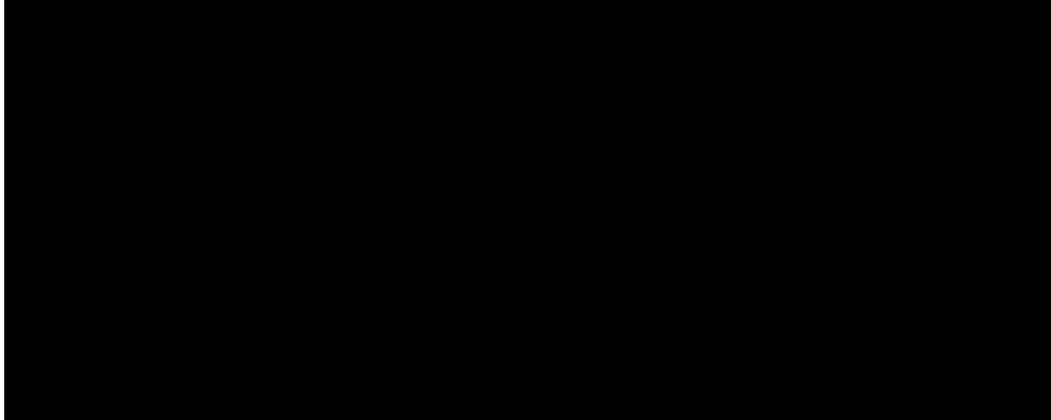


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**V. Other Matters**



**Next scheduled meeting is August 16, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
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Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-137  
From: Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting  
Re: **Anthony Vader**  
Date: July 19, 2003

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July 25, 2003

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Dear Mr. Reardon,

This letter is in response to your letter to me dated July 18, 2003. I received the fax in the evening of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The "recently acquired information" that you referenced from my letter to Fr. Anthony Vader dated July 17, 2003 was a direct reference to the information that you brought to my attention regarding the possibility that Fr. Vader was mistaken for another priest by his alleged victims. Contrary to your understanding, no "recently acquired information" was presented to the Review Board on July 19, 2003, as Fr. Vader's cases were not on the agenda. Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice and myself have not yet finished our investigation of the aforementioned matter, however, upon the completion of our investigation you will be notified as we had previously discussed. Only after the investigation is complete and the information has been shared with you and Fr. Vader will this matter be placed on a Review Board agenda, the date of which you will be notified by Fr. Vader's Vicar for Priests, Fr. James Kaczorowski.

I appreciate your offer of sharing your photographs "of the parties relevant to the Vader inquiry." However, I have obtained copies of relevant photographs through records kept by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

If you have any questions or concerns in the future, I appreciate written notification, however, I remind you to feel free to contact me via phone at [312] 751-5205 as well.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
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Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
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August 8, 2003

Mr. Patrick Reardon  
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VIA FAX AND MAIL

Dear Mr. Reardon,

This letter is in regards to the investigation of the possibility that your client Fr. Anthony Vader was wrongly identified by [REDACTED] as her alleged abuser when she was a minor.

The findings of the investigation conducted by Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice [as well as the Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board] and myself is enclosed. Please know that this matter will be on the Review Board's agenda scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2003.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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**REPORT:**

Investigation of the response of Rev. Anthony Vader to an allegation.

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In response to the allegation made against him, the accused has presented an explanation that he has been mistaken for another priest. In other words, the accused has stated that the one making the allegation has mistaken him for [REDACTED] '50 (deceased). The accused and [REDACTED] were assigned for a common period of time at Holy Cross parish (65<sup>th</sup> Street). Another accused and [REDACTED] were assigned for a common period of time at Infant Jesus of Prague (Flossmoor).

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[REDACTED]

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CONCLUSION: So far, other than Fr. Vader's statement about what someone else said to him, there does not seem to be any evidence of any sexual abuse of minors of the part of [REDACTED]. So far, the resemblance of [REDACTED] and Vader or the other accused priest is questionable. The recollections of the other accused priest do not skew with the details about [REDACTED] that have surfaced, and so it is hard to find much credibility in them.

All that remains is the photographic 'line up'.

Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic

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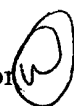


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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: August 8, 2003

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A phone message was received on August 1, 2003 from [REDACTED], an investigator whose services were obtained by PRA to locate individuals identified by Fr. Anthony Vader in a past phone conversation [refer to memo dated July 8, 2003 in Fr. Vader's file].

As per Fr. Vader, a woman by the name of [REDACTED] had confided in him sometime between 1952 and 1968 that she had "sexual relations" with Fr. [REDACTED]. Fr. Vader and his attorney Patrick Reardon have suggested that the individuals who allege sexual misconduct against Fr. Vader have mistaken him for Fr. [REDACTED]. Fr. Vader provided PRA with [REDACTED] name, along with that of a close childhood friend by the name of [REDACTED]. Fr. Vader informed PRA that "we [he and Mr. Reardon]" had been attempting to locate the women through [REDACTED] brother [REDACTED], who as per Fr. Vader is a [REDACTED].

Mr. [REDACTED]'s message to PRA stated that through his investigations, there is "no such person" by the name of [REDACTED] who is a [REDACTED]. Further, Mr. [REDACTED] determined that there is no civilian by the name of [REDACTED] who is employed by [REDACTED]. Also as a result of his investigation, Mr. [REDACTED] determined that there is no former [REDACTED] by the name of [REDACTED] who is a [REDACTED] employee.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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August 8, 2003

Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1938  
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VIA FAX AND MAIL

Dear Mr. Reardon,

This letter is in regards to the investigation of the possibility that your client Fr. Anthony Vader was wrongly identified by [REDACTED] as her alleged abuser when she was a minor.

The findings of the investigation conducted by Fr. Daniel Smilanic, Promoter of Justice [as well as the Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board] and myself is enclosed. Please know that this matter will be on the Review Board's agenda scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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Pat,

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: August 13, 2003

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PRA received a phone message from [REDACTED] on August 8, 2003 regarding a request to follow up with his report at the last Review Board meeting [July 19, 2003] that Fr. Anthony Vader had been the celebrant at a mass.

As per [REDACTED], he learned that Fr. Vader said a mass for his ill sister, for which [REDACTED] believes that Fr. Vader must have received permission from the Vicar for Priest's office.

PRA will follow up on the information provided by [REDACTED] with Fr. James Kaczorowski, Fr. Vader's Vicar for Priests.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, August 16, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

### Review Board Members Present:



### Members absent:

None

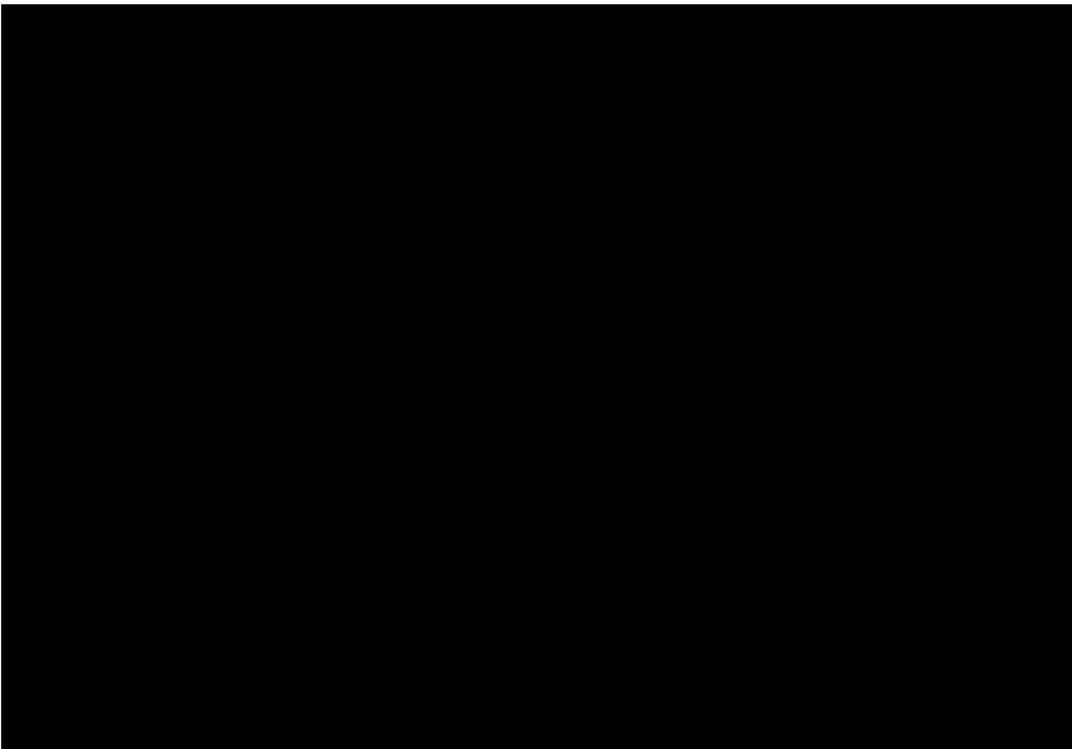
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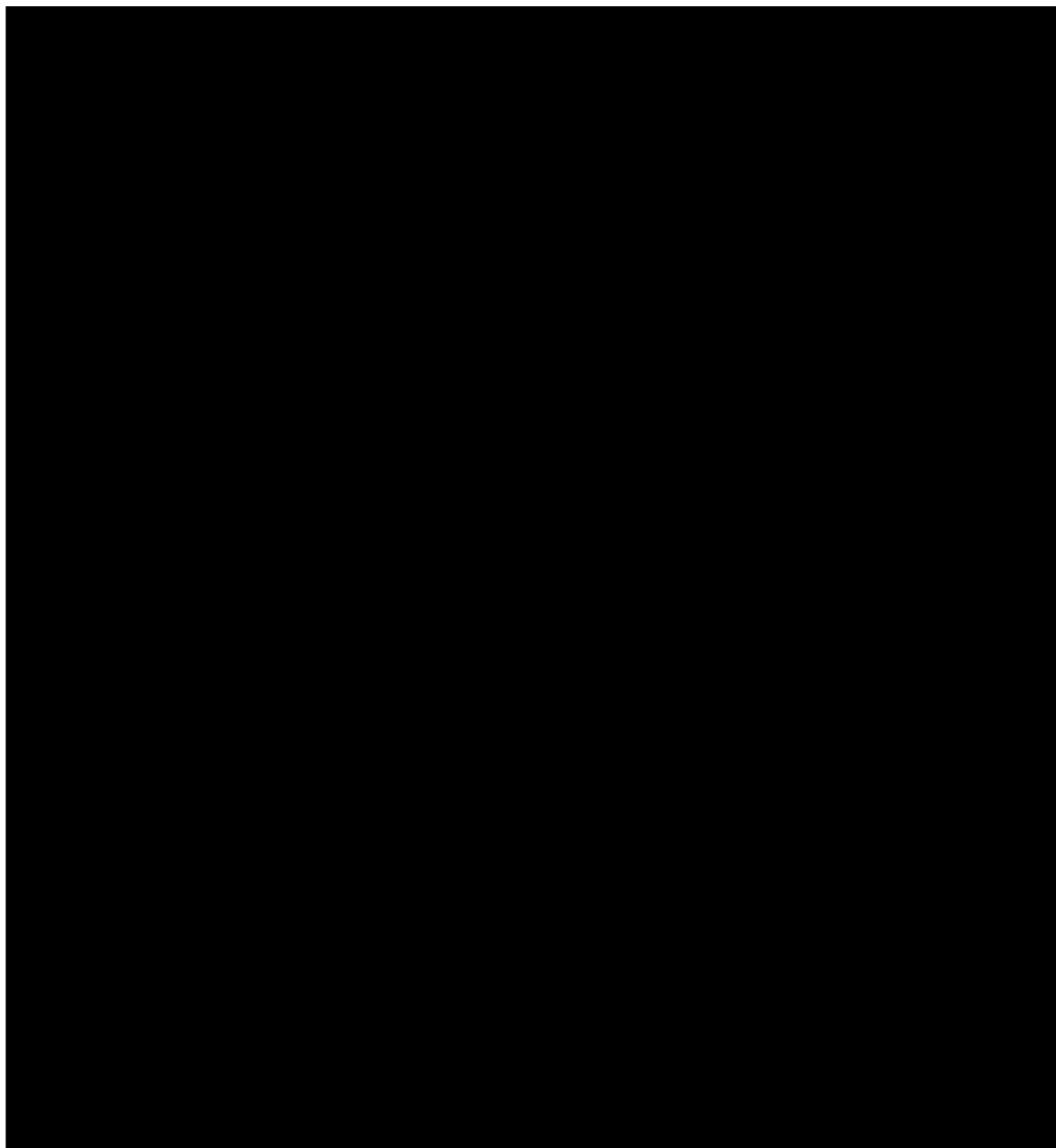
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### **I. Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2003**

### **II.**

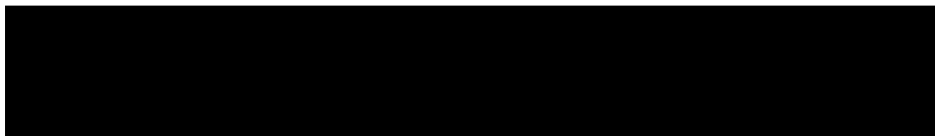




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**A.**





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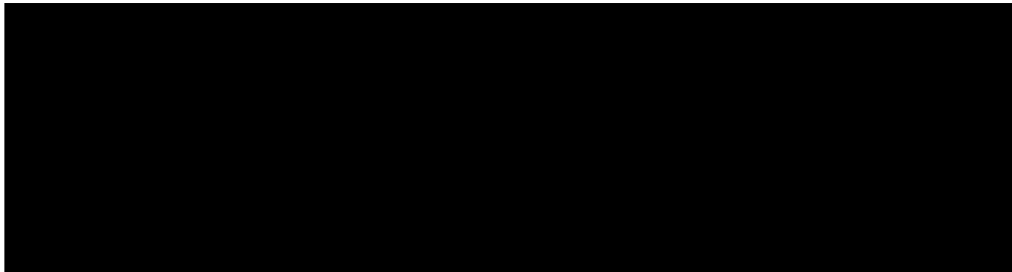
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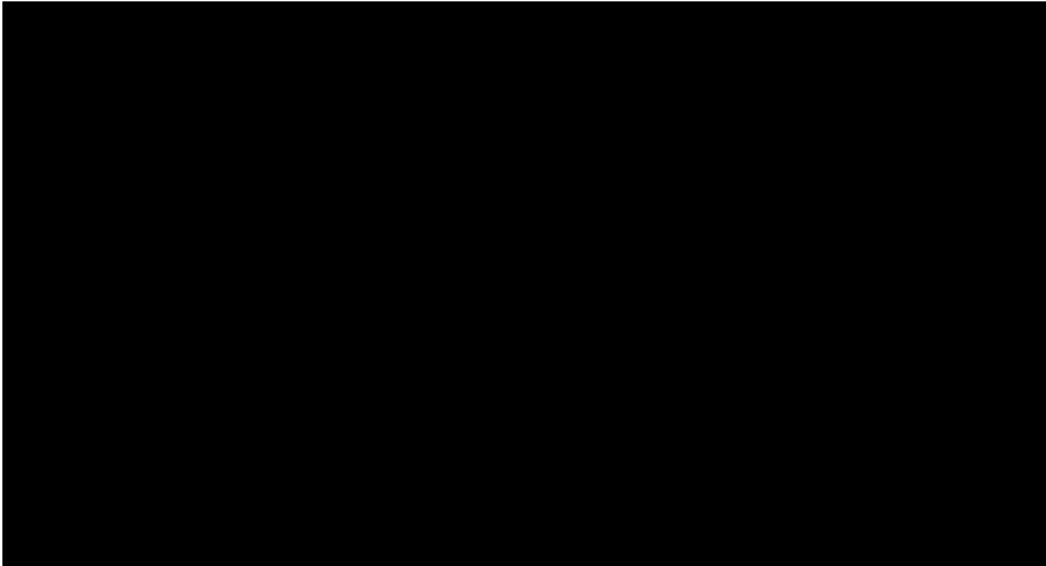
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**Next scheduled meeting is September 20, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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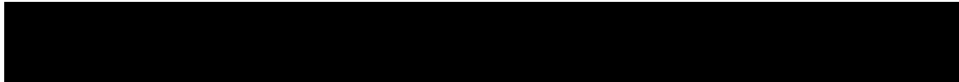
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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, August 16, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

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- Allegations made by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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FINAL REPORT:

Investigation of the response of Rev. Anthony Vader to an allegation.

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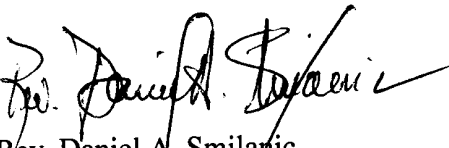
Fr. [REDACTED] was not contacted because of his age.

Pursuant to the 'photographic line-up', when the question of a mistaken identity was presented to the ones bringing the allegation, they were incredulous. They reminded the PFRA that they had confronted Vader ten years earlier about the abuse, and they knew very well what his physical appearance is.

A redacted copy of the Interim report was given to Vader's civil attorney; the names of the priests who were interviewed were removed so that their privacy would be respected. If his attorney is able to present new information, the Professional Responsibility Review Board could decide to conduct a Supplementary Review.

#### CONCLUSION:

Other than Fr. Vader's statement about what someone else said to him, there does not seem to be any evidence of any sexual abuse of minors of the part of [REDACTED]. So far, the resemblance of [REDACTED] and Vader or the other accused priest is questionable. The recollections of the other accused priest do not skew with the details about [REDACTED] that have surfaced, and so it is hard to find much credibility in them.



Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic  
August 16, 2003

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File -PFR-137

From: Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting

Re: **Anthony Vader**

Date: August 16, 2003

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on August 16, 2003 to conduct a  
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(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Anthony Vader  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
☐ a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)  
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minor to expose herself to him

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☒ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☒ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 7-0, uphold 1st + 2nd Stage  
review recommendations; no evidence to  
uphold mistaken identity possibility

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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on August 16, 2003 to conduct a  
(enter date: month/day/year)  
(check one:) ☐ First Stage Review ☒ Second Stage Review ☐ Supplementary Review ☐ Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)  
against Anthony Vader  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)  
(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)  
☐ a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)  
☐ a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)  
☐ a deceased priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of diocese or religious community)  
which claims as follows: AV fondled [redacted]'s breasts  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)

In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

(check one:) ☐ there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

(check one:) ☐ the priest or deacon be immediately withdrawn from ministry (or that his withdrawal from ministry continue) and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.  
☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 7-0 uphold 1st+2nd Stage  
Review recommendations; no evidence to  
uphold mistaken identity possibility

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August 18, 2003

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on August 16, 2003 and was presented additional information regarding [REDACTED] [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Anthony Vader pursuant to Article 1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommended to uphold their First and Second Stage Review recommendations that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Further, the Board recommended that there is no evidence to uphold the possibility that [REDACTED] did not correctly identify Anthony Vader as her alleged abuser.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*Accept this recommendation  
F. George  
Aug. 20, 2003*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept the  
recommendations.  
F. George  
August 25, 2003*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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**Metropolitan Tribunal  
Archdiocese of Chicago**



# Memo

**To:** Bishop Raymond Goedert  
**From:** Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic - *DS*  
**Date:** August 20, 2003  
**Re:** Final Report: Investigation of the response of Fr. Vader to an allegation.

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Attached please find the final version of the report.

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August 26, 2003

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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
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Dear Cardinal George,

As the Auditor whom you appointed in accord with Canon 1717 to conduct a Preliminary Investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse of minors that have been made against the Rev. Anthony Vader, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I would like to inform you that the investigation has been completed.

As required by Canon 1718, a sufficient amount of material is now present for you to make a determination. I have examined the files of the investigations of the allegations of sexual misconduct with minors by Fr. Vader, and I have found them to be complete.

There is at least one allegation that was submitted to the Archdiocesan Professional Fitness Review Board in which the Board recommended to you that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct did occur. Given the material gathered as the Board's instruction of the case, it is now necessary for you to determine if the elements meet the required standard of proof. The Board reported their finding to you after having discussed the evidence and the arguments in two formal sessions. As part of the procedure followed by the Board, Fr. Vader was read the allegations made against him and provided a response. With reference to his involvement in the instruction of the case, Fr. Vader had the advice of legal counsel.

I now submit this matter to your Eminence for a determination. It is my recommendation that the allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against the Rev. Anthony Vader has the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon 1717 and Article 13 of the Procedural Norms *de gravioribus delictis*, and consequently the case should be sent to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

There is at least one allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Vader. The Professional Fitness Review Board has been presented all allegations against Fr. Vader, and has reported to you the finding that the allegations provide reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged incidents of misconduct did occur. It is my recommendation that the

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aforementioned allegations have the semblance of truth (*notitiam saltem verisimilem*) as required by Canon Law. As a result, there is no additional information that needs to be gathered at this time regarding the allegations made against Fr. Vader.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 312 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

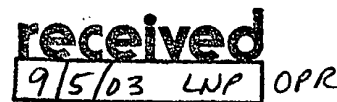
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155 E. Superior St.  
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29 August, 2003



Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Board  
676 North St. Clair St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

I received the report from your investigation of the matter of sexual misconduct with a minor on the part of **Reverend Anthony Vader**.

I accept your findings and have determined that there is a semblance of truth to the allegation that **Father Vader** engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

Therefore, by means of this letter, I am bringing the Preliminary Investigation of this matter to a close. Based upon the information you have provided, I have concluded that this case must be referred to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in accordance with Part II, Article 13 the motu proprio *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*.

Thank you for your diligent work, Ms. McCluskey. I appreciate the professional way in which you have handled these matters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



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cc: Revs. Kaczorowski, Lagges, and Smilanic, Mr. Jimmy Lago, Mr. John C. O'Malley

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: [REDACTED]

Date: September 2, 2003

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PRA received a phone message from [REDACTED] on August 28, 2003, stating that Dr. Michael Bland had referred him to PRA. PRA attempted to reach Mr. [REDACTED] on August 29, 2003 and left a message at the phone number provided by Mr. [REDACTED], requesting a return call.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: September 3, 2003

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PRA and Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Fr. Anthony Vader at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on July 29, 2003 regarding monitoring protocols.

It was explained to Fr. Vader that adjustments would be made to the Travel/Vacation Agreement form as well as the Daily Log form for clarification purposes. Adjusted forms will be provided to Fr. Vader and to his canonical advocate Sr. Francine Quillin. PRA also provided Fr. Vader with a copy of *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*, which was promulgated on July 15, 2003. Fr. Vader was informed that a copy of the newly promulgated policies and procedures would be mailed to Sr. Francine as well.

Fr. Vader informed PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski that Sr. Francine wrote comments on his behalf in response to the monitoring protocols, which PRA would receive by July 29, 2003. He stated that Sr. Francine is against the protocols and her reasons will be provided to PRA.

When asked if he had any specific concerns and/or comments regarding the Monitoring Protocols, Fr. Vader did have some feedback. Fr. Vader shared his concerns with the Daily Log forms, stating that they are unclear and spoke of their need to be amended. PRA informed Fr. Vader that amendments were to be made to all of the monitoring forms and that amended forms would be forwarded to him and Sr. Francine.

Fr. Vader verbally agreed to adhere to the amended monitoring protocols.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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## MEMORANDUM

## Revision

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
✓ Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
✓ Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, <sup>WP</sup>Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: September 4, 2003

RE: [PFR-97] Unidentified/████, female  
[PFR-137] Vader, Anthony/████, female

***The Office of Assistance Ministry has informed this office that the Unidentified Priest in the above mentioned allegation received on 8/28/03 has now been identified as Fr. Anthony Vader.***

We have opened a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with █████ female. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Unidentified/████, female.

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant <sup>LNP</sup>  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: September 4, 2003

RE: [PFR-97] Unidentified/[REDACTED], female

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 8/28/03. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Review Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED] female. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Unidentified/[REDACTED] female.

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Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: September 5, 2003

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PRA spoke with Fr. Anthony Vader's intended travel companion [another priest who is under monitoring protocols], after speaking with Fr. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests regarding Fr. Vader's intended travel to Yellowstone National Park from September 7-September 9, 2003. PRA informed Fr. Vader's intended travel companion that a third individual would need to accompany them on the trip to Yellowstone to act as their monitor. PRA specifically stated to Fr. Vader's intended travel companion that they may not act as each other's monitor due to the fact that both men have verbally agreed to monitoring protocols.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

TRAVEL / VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on vacation to Yellowstone National Park from September 7 to September 19, 2003, this year has been granted to Fr. John Keehan provided the following conditions will be met by him and Fr. Anthony Vader.

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities, Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. (not applicable)
4. If any of the above are violated both the client and the companion will be held accountable.
5. Date of return has been set for Sept. 19, 2003.

Signatures: *Fr. Anthony J. Vader*  
*Rev. John J. Keehan*

Date:

**received**  
9/3/03 DPR

As of 9/5/03, Fr. Vader &  
Fr. Keehan will not be traveling  
due to not having an  
identified monitor for this  
trip.

*Paul McCloskey*  
9/5/03

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: September 5, 2003



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PRA received a return phone call from Fr. Anthony Vader today regarding his Travel/Vacation Agreement received by this office on September 3, 2003.

PRA expressed appreciation for forwarding the information regarding his upcoming trip to Yellowstone National Park [September 7-September 19, 2003]. However, when PRA asked Fr. Vader who would be acting as his monitor while on the trip, Fr. Vader stated that he would be traveling with another priest [who is also under monitoring] and no one else. PRA informed Fr. Vader that he and the other priest whom he plans to travel with would need to have an adult with them to act as their monitor either while they are traveling or when they reach their destination.

Fr. Vader informed PRA that he would speak with the other priest who he has planned the trip with and will call again.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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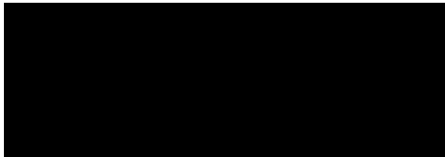
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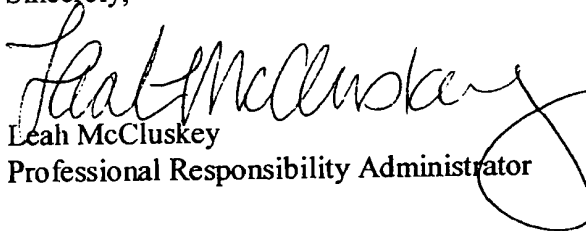
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 or via e-mail [lmccluskey@archchicago.org]. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

CC: [REDACTED]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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Rev. Anthony Vader  
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

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Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

CC: Rev. Anthony Vader  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL, Canonical Advocate

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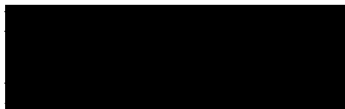
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Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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September 13, 2003

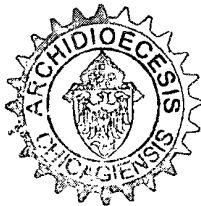
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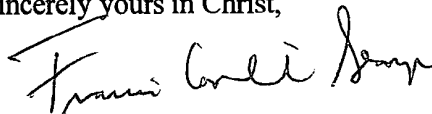
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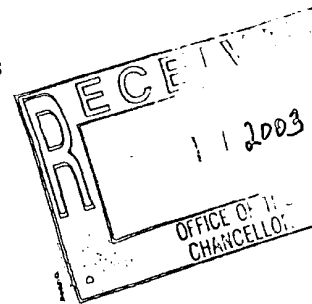
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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Rev. Richard Lander*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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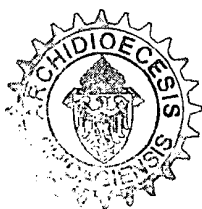
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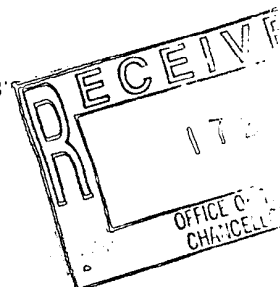
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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Leah McCluskey, Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated September 16, 2003, summarizing a meeting with Victim KE's attorney to inform him of the process of formalizing Victim KE's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KE's attorney alleged that Victim KE was abused by Fr. Vader at Holy Cross parish in the early 1960s, when Victim KE was approximately 10-11 years old, and that a classmate of Victim KE was also abused. Additionally, Victim KE's attorney requested that Fr. Vader be told not to contact Victim KE's elderly father.

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September 17, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Vader,

Enclosed you will find documentation regarding the monitoring protocols.

The monitoring protocols have been changed somewhat. This was done principally in order to put into a standard written form, arrangements that had been made orally and/or on an individual basis. It was felt that by committing as much as possible to a written form, misunderstandings could be reduced and communication would be facilitated. These changes reflect the feedback provided by all those involved in the monitoring program, including those who are subject to it. The enclosed forms contain the adjustments made to the monitoring forms that were provided to you in July of 2003. All those involved in monitoring will be receiving a copy of the new forms.

All of the information enclosed as well as a copy of this letter and a copy of the policies and procedures, *1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry* promulgated on July 15, 2003 has been forwarded to your canonical advocate, Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL.

As you agreed orally to comply with the earlier form of the monitoring protocols, I ask that you indicate to me your oral agreement to these.

In designing a form that addresses so many different, complex situations, one or another points may be unclear. If you have any question or concerns, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Kenneth R. Kauchek, J.C.D., Canonical Advocate

Enclosures

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Office of Professional Responsibility  
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INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOL  
For

Anthony Vader

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of protecting minors and the integrity of the Church. Additionally, the ISP serves as a safeguard for the individual priest/deacon with regard to the possibility of subsequent allegations. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA); please refer to protocol number 15.

This ISP for Anthony Vader is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. ☒ Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.

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4. ☒ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is to be intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested. The monitor will return the log forms at the end of each month to PRA.

5. ☒ Abide by the restriction of residence to Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

6. ☒ No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* will apply.
7. ☒ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement" to PRA prior to a scheduled departure.
8. ☒ Attendance at a recommended support group \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
9. ☒ No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. ☒ Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. ☒ The right of defense must not involve the public life of the Church.
12. ☒ On-site visits by PRA annually to include meeting with PRA and the cleric.
13. ☒ On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.
14. ☒ This ISP is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric.
15. Because the private celebration of the Eucharist is possible, during the course of each week one of the Masses celebrated is to be for the intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
16. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, and at the discretion of any of the parties, his legal and/or canonical counsel may be involved.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of PRA: [Signature] Date: 9/17/03

Signature of VP: [Signature] Date: 9/18/03

A copy of this Protocol will be kept on file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and on file in the Office of the Vicar for Priests.



# Holy Name of Mary Church

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19 September 2002

His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
Chicago, IL 60690

Your Eminence:

During this past week Father James Kaczorowski called me about two issues which he said you had asked him. I would like to go further into an explanation on these issues.

First of all, it was reported to you that I had molested a lady (who was then a teen-ager) and the name was [REDACTED]. I DENY the accusation. The [REDACTED] family was in my first parish (Holy Cross on 65th Street) and I knew the [REDACTED] family. They had a beautiful home on [REDACTED] and I visited there on my annual census calls. We were all friends.

Some years later I got a call from [REDACTED] that her daughter [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]. I revisited the girl there but I did not touch her.

[REDACTED] I left the girl after prayer and did not hear from the family again until the mother died and I was asked to come to her funeral. I obliged them but the principal celebrant was another priest who has since left the ministry.

[REDACTED] I have not seen nor heard from the family since. My first news about them was the telephone call from Father Kaczorowski.

I presume that the young lady (now a middle aged lady) is still [REDACTED]. While visiting her she told me of [REDACTED]. I presume that she allowed these thoughts to affect her and she associated them with me.

The second charge was that I had celebrated public Mass. I do not know if this means at Sacred Heart Mission or Holy Name of Mary Church. However, I did not celebrate public Mass at either Church. At Sacred Heart Joe Kinane celebrates the 4:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, and Father John Kret, O.S.A. celebrant at the 8:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Mass. After everyone has left the Church, then I would celebrate my private Mass. The only exception was when a long-time member of Sacred Heart told me she had sought her brother for years and had just learned that he died ten years ago. She wanted to have a Mass to terminate the relationship between them and have prayer for his soul. This Mass was held on a Saturday morning and about forty people were there. It was a private Mass for we had no music or other signs of a public Mass. This is the only ceremony that could be considered as a public Mass. I celebrated the Mass for the consolation of this woman who now knew that she would not see her brother again.



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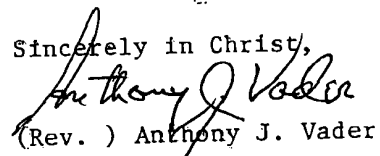
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If there are other charges, then I would like to be appraised of them. As you can tell from this letter, I am presuming what happened. ~~for~~ Father Kaczorowski did not have complete information.

I hope that this settles that issue. If not, then please let me know and I will try to give a further explanation. It might be better if someone with more information called.

I know that this is hard for you, for you have been so considerate of me. If you have more questions, then please have someone contact me.

Sincerely in Christ,



(Rev. ) Anthony J. Vader



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Review Board Minutes

Re: Anthony Vader (Withdrawn/Retired)

Date: September 20, 2003

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### **A Summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on September 20, 2003:**

- PRA informed Review Board of two new allegations made against Fr. Vader
- PRA informed Board of Fr. Kaczorowski's discovery of Fr. Vader celebrating masses [which Fr. Vader denies] and that Fr. Vader admitted to celebrating a funeral

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## Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, September 20, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]   
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

#### **I. Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2003**

• [REDACTED]

#### **II. Monitoring Protocols**

• [REDACTED]

- The Board expressed their concerns with the validity of the Individual Specific Protocol [ISP] forms when they are verbally agreed to and not signed
- In regards to the ISP, a suggestion that a line be added on the ISP, "A signature on this form does not indicate guilt. It indicates the agreement to comply with protocols." --or something similar
  - Board then recommended that all men be presented with ISPs again with aforementioned "disclaimer"
  - Also suggested men be notified of possible financial consequences that may result in not signing/complying with ISP

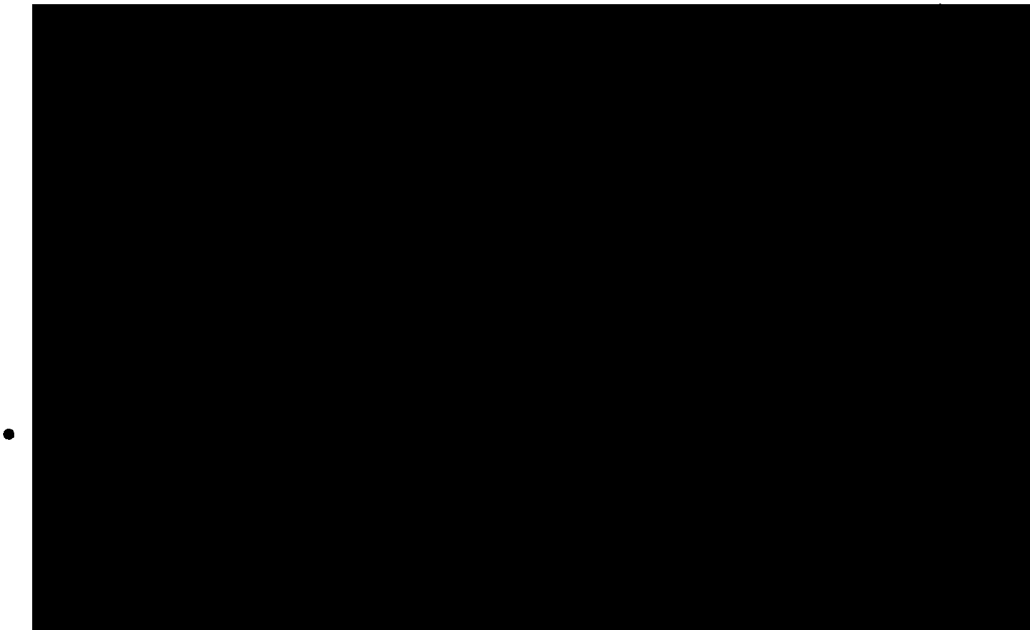
- The Board suggested the need for consequences for those men who are under the ISP and are not adhering to all requests [i.e. refuse to sign ISP or refusal to complete the Daily Log forms]
  - Suggested consequences
    - Reduction in monthly salary
    - Archdiocese would not pay for car insurance
- The Board expressed their concerns with the performance of Fr. Anthony Talarico as the monitor at Mundelein
- The Board expressed their great concern with the monitoring at Mundelein
  - Suggested that Pat O'Malley monitor
  - Suggested that Ted Jakubowski monitor
- The Board suggested to PRA that all monitoring information be brought to their attention for review on a quarterly basis
- Violations of monitoring protocols need to be brought to the Board as an agenda item
- Board is interested in information as to how Vicar for Priests initiate monitoring
- Board recommended that monitors be "trained" prior to providing monitoring of those removed from ministry [i.e. a checklist provided to monitors of things to be aware of]
- Board recommended that monitors have specific qualifications
- Board recommended that monitors participate in Safe Environment/Virtus training [as per Jan Slattery, training sessions are scheduled for November 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup>]

**III. Review of August 16, 2003 Board Meeting recommendations**

**IV. Informal update on matters in Office of Professional Responsibility**

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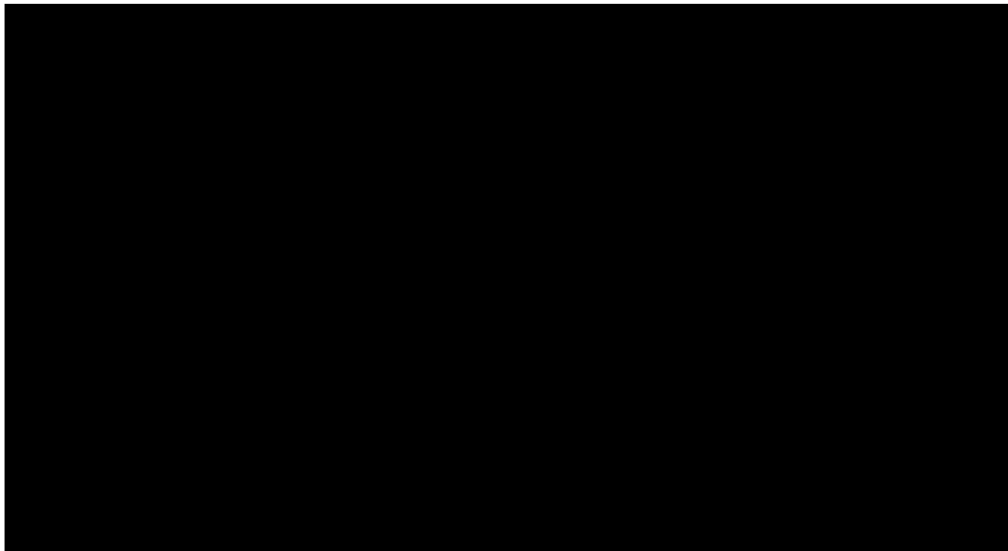




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**IV. Case Reviews**

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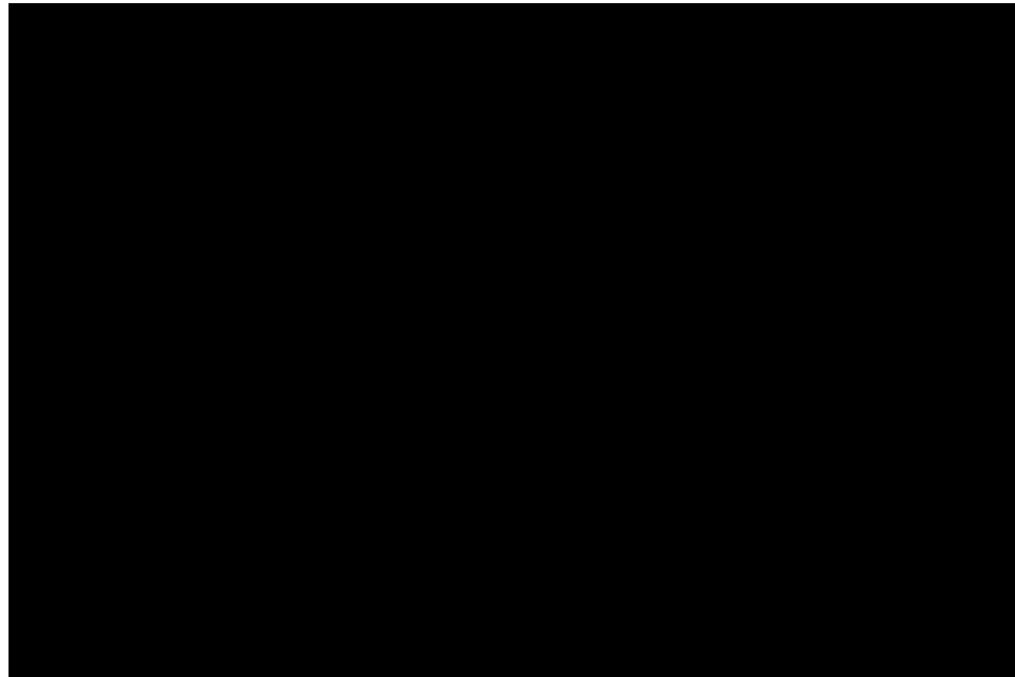
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**Second Stage Review**

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**Next scheduled meeting is October 18, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.**

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

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September 29, 2003

## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.  
Counsel to the State's Attorney  
Richard J. Daley Center  
69 West Washington Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: 1950 (approximately)  
Date of alleged abuse: 1960 or 1961

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED] that his sister was the victim of alleged sexual abuse by Rev. Anthony Vader, an archdiocesan priest. Fr. Vader was assigned to Holy Cross-Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in 1960 or 1961 when the alleged abuse occurred and the victim, [REDACTED] was 10 or 11 years of age. The parish is located in Cook County, Illinois.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John C. O'Malley".  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Mr. James A. Serritella  
Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Ms. Leah Mc Cluskey

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**TO:** Bishop Conway  
Father Smilanic  
Father Kaczorowski  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi  
Mr. Jimmy Lago  
Mr. John O'Malley

**FROM:** Father Lagges *PL*  
**RE:** Referral of case to Rome  
**DATE:** 3 October, 2003

This is to inform you that on **2 October, 2003** Cardinal George has forwarded the case of **Reverend Anthony Vader** to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, asking for permission to conduct a penal trial in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It is impossible to estimate when we will receive a response from the Holy See. Given the large number of cases that are being sent there from the United States, it will probably be at least several months before we hear anything.

If a penal trial is permitted, all the material in the case will be handed over the Promoter of Justice (Rev. William H. Woestman, O.M.I.), who will then petition the tribunal to hear the case. The judges assigned to the tribunal will be from outside the Archdiocese of Chicago. They will follow the normal judicial process specified in Book VII of the Code of Canon Law. (These are the same processes that are followed in marriage nullity cases.)

The two questions before the court will be: (1) Has the priest committed an act of sexual misconduct with a minor? (2) If so, in accordance with the Dallas Charter and Norms, shall he be dismissed from the clerical state?

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Anthony

Date: October 28, 2003

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PRA received a copy of the attached September 19, 2003 letter from Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests written by Rev. Anthony Vader to the attention of Cardinal George.

In regards to Fr. Vader's concern regarding [REDACTED] to date [REDACTED] has yet to formalize her allegation with the Office of Professional Responsibility. Therefore he has not been presented with a formal allegation by PRA and nor has he been asked for a formal response. During a meeting that took place between [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and acting attorney, and PRA on September 12, 2003 [see memo dated September 16, 2003] he requested that Fr. Vader have no contact with the [REDACTED] Family, [REDACTED]. As per [REDACTED] and Fr. Vader had been friends in the past. As a result of [REDACTED] recent disclosure of the alleged abuse by Fr. Vader to the family, [REDACTED] specifically requested that Fr. Vader be instructed to have no contact with [REDACTED]. PRA then contacted Fr. Kaczorowski after the September 12, 2003 meeting and it was agreed that he would contact Fr. Vader to express [REDACTED] wishes.

In regards to Fr. Vader's statement that he did not celebrate a public mass, the fact remains that a memorial mass is considered to be a public mass. Due to the fact that Fr. Vader's faculties have been restricted as a result of his removal from ministry, he is unable to perform/celebrate a public ministry. Therefore, Fr. Vader did violate his monitoring protocols by celebrating the memorial mass he references in his September 19, 2003 letter to Cardinal George.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Francis Cardinal George, OMI**

**From: Father Jim Kaczorowski** JTK

**Date: October 31, 2003**

**Re: Father Anthony Vader**

I am responding to Father Vader's communication to you dated September 19, 2003 regarding [REDACTED]. According to Leah McCluskey, [REDACTED] has yet to formalize her allegation with the Office of Professional Responsibility. Because of that, Father Vader has not been presented with a formal allegation by Leah McCluskey nor has he been asked for a formal response. During a meeting that took place between [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and acting attorney, and Leah McCluskey on September 12, 2003, [REDACTED] requested that Father Vader have no contact with the [REDACTED] Family, [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] and Father Vader had been friends in the past. Because of [REDACTED] recent disclosure of the alleged abuse by Father Vader to the family, [REDACTED] specifically requested that Father Vader be instructed to have no contact with [REDACTED]. After the September 12, 2003 meeting, Leah McCluskey informed me about the interaction of [REDACTED] and herself and it was agreed that I would contact Father Vader to express [REDACTED] wishes.

With respect to Father Vader's statement that he did not celebrate a public Mass, the fact remains that a memorial Mass is still considered a public service. Due to the fact that Father Vader's faculties have been restricted as a result of his removal from ministry, he is unable to perform or celebrate a public ministry. Consequently, Father Vader did violate his monitoring protocols by celebrating the memorial Mass to which he referred in his letter to you.

I trust the above account clarifies for you the situation regarding Father Vader. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me. God bless you in all you do.

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November 14, 2003

Rev. Anthony Vader  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Vader,

I appreciate the notification of your upcoming trip to the Western Caribbean. However, I have enclosed a copy of the newly revised Travel/Vacation Agreement form that has been provided to all. I ask you complete the enclosed form in its entirety and return to me prior to your departure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

# TRAVEL/VACATION AGREEMENT

Permission to go on vacation to Western Caribbean from/to November 30 to Dec 7  
 (Destination) (Dates)  
 this year has been granted to \_\_\_\_\_ provided the following conditions  
 (Client name)  
 will be met by him and cf. accompanying list  
 (Companion/s)

*(See attached correspondence)*

1. The designated companion agrees to accompany the client at all his activities. Client is not allowed to be by himself.
2. No contacts with minors are allowed unless companion is present.
3. Client is required to call in \_\_\_\_\_, to keep a daily log: proofs/  
 (Frequency)  
 tickets, receipts, etc., regarding resident's activities are to be submitted to PFR Administrator for verification.
4. If any of the above conditions are violated both the client and the travel companion(s) will be held accountable by the Archdiocese of Chicago.
5. The date of return to the residence has been set for \_\_\_\_\_, however due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date can be changed. Approval from the PFR Administrator must be granted for any changes in this statement.

Signature(s):

Rev. Anthony J. Vadea

Date:

12 November 12, 2003

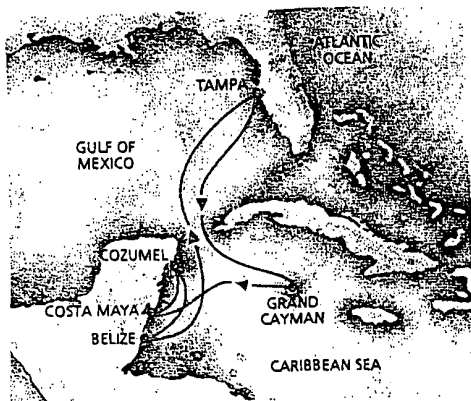
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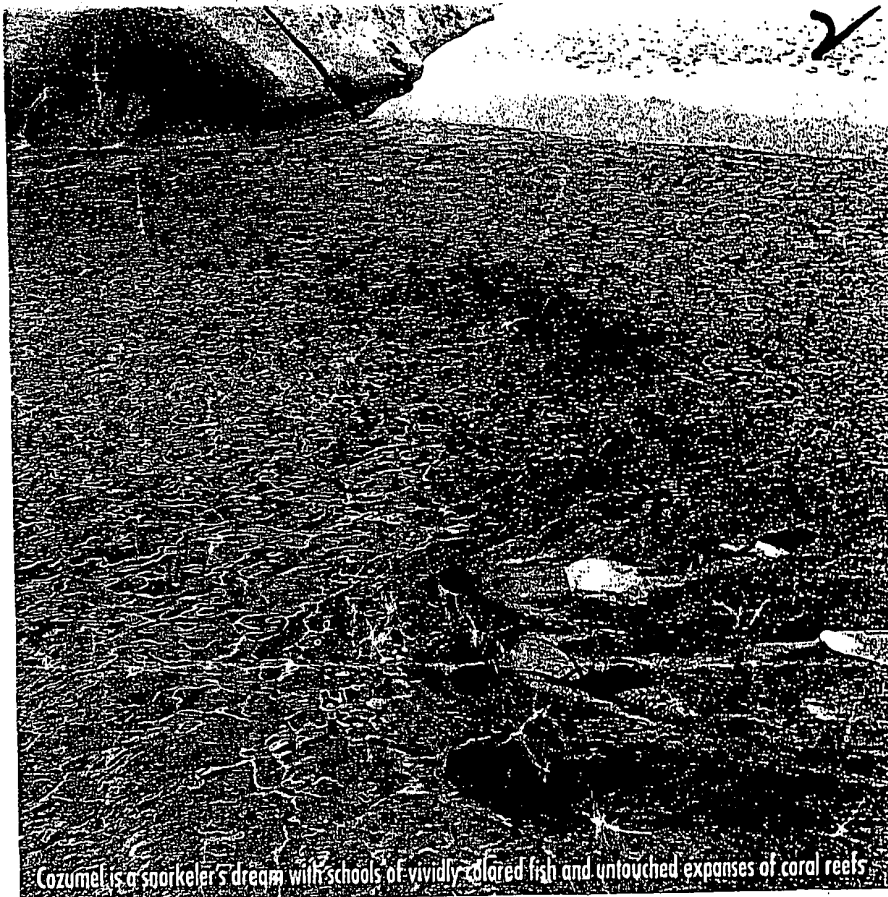
A copy of this agreement will be kept on file at Professional Fitness Review Board Administrator's Office and the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 6/6/03



**7 Day Exotic Western Caribbean itinerary**  
For departures starting May 4, 2003

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sun.	Tampa		4:00 P.M.
Mon.	"Fun Day" at Sea		
Tues.	Grand Cayman	7:00 A.M.	3:00 P.M.
Wed.	Costa Maya	10:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
Thurs.	Cozumel	7:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
Fri.	Belize	7:30 A.M.	4:30 P.M.
Sat.	"Fun Day" at Sea		
Sun.	Tampa	8:00 A.M.	



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**Meeting:** #9<sup>th</sup> - Twentieth Board  
**Date:** November 14, 2003  
**Place:** Priests' Placement Board

**Present:** Rev.: John W. Clemens, William T. Corcoran, James Donovan,  
Leonardo Gomez, Joseph P. Grembla, David A. Jones,  
Robert G. Mair, Daniel J. McCormack

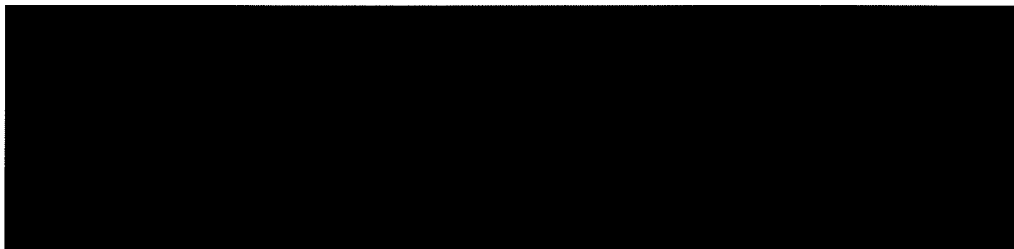
**Absent:** Rev. Thomas Hickey

**I Opening Prayer:** Bishop Joseph Perry \_\_\_\_\_ A M

**II Acceptance of Minutes:** *Vote* \_\_\_\_\_

**III Reports:**

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**IV Acceptance of Agenda:** *Vote* \_\_\_\_\_

**V Business:**

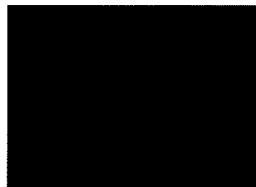
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**B. Bishop Joseph Perry Agenda:** 10:15 - 11:30

1. Priests:

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- c)
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g) Anthony Vader '52: There is no word on his case.

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

Fr. Anthony VADER [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
Belize, Central America [destination address and contact phone number] from  
Nov. 30, 2003 [departure date] through 7 Dec. 03 [return date].

VADER [name of cleric] will be monitored by  
[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] <sup>HAVE</sup> has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of  
VADER [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by VADER [name of cleric] must be in the presence of His MONITOR [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of VADER [cleric name] over 8 DAYS [aforementioned time frame].
3. As previously noted, the date of return to VADER 's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for Dec 7, 2003 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Fr. Anthony J. Vader Date: 18 Nov. 2003  
PRA Signature: Paul McCloskey Date: 11/25/03

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 8/28/03

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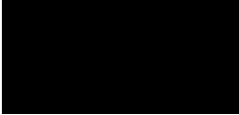
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December 12, 2003



Dear

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Policies and Procedures you requested per Leah McCluskey.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

AOC 021458



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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Neri-Palomino, Laura  
**Date:** 12/12/03 11:00AM  
**Subject:** policy and procedures

Laura,

Could you please send a copy of the policies and procedures to [REDACTED]? He is the attorney for [REDACTED]--his address is in the database. It is being sent to him at his request via a voicemail I received from him yesterday.

Thanks.

Leah

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, December 20, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

### Members absent:

[REDACTED]

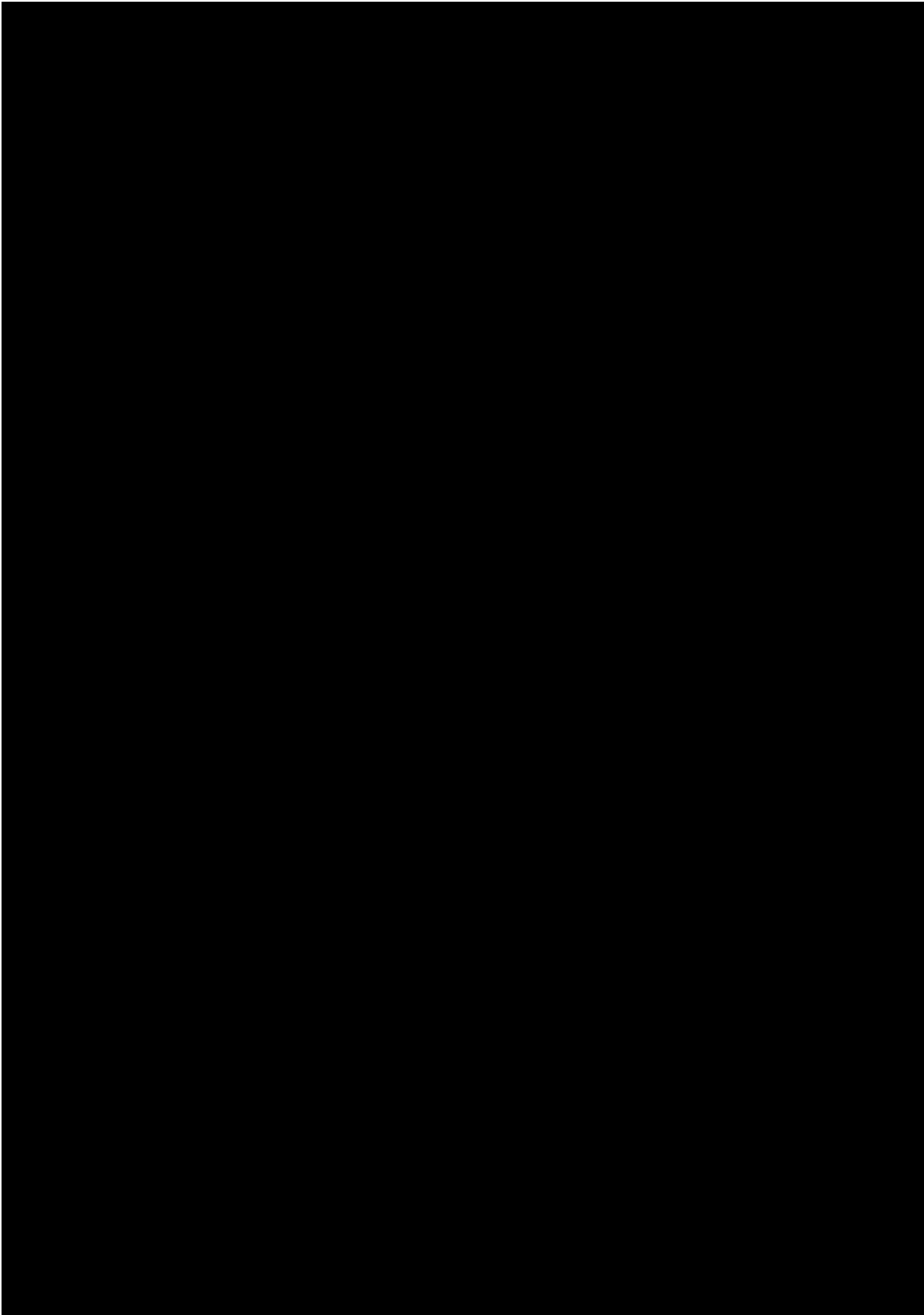
### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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### **I. Francis Cardinal George, OMI**

[REDACTED]



- Cardinal swore in new Board member, [REDACTED]

**II. Approval of Minutes – October 18, 2003**

**III. Update on Decisions Made by the Cardinal**

- PRA provided Board members with update on decisions made by Cardinal George based upon their recommendations from the October 18, 2003 agenda

**III. Case Reviews**

**Initial Reviews:**

**A.**

**B.**

**IV. Other Matters**

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• **Monitoring Protocols**

- The Board recommended that either the men removed either adhere to monitoring protocols or a decree will be imposed with the understanding that the Cardinal will impose a penal penalty
- The Board recommended that Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and PRA make a trip to Mundelein to present most recent revision of Individual Specific Protocol [ISP] forms

- Intent to point out to men adhering to monitoring that their signature on the forms is not an admission of guilt
- The Board recommended that all men removed are given until March 2004 to comply with all monitoring protocols
  - Men are to be notified in person and with a formal letter
    - Suggestion that a copy of the decree to be imposed in cases where the monitoring is not followed be attached to letter

**V. Informal update on matters in Office of Professional Responsibility**

- **New Cases**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- PRA has been contacted by [REDACTED] attorney and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] in order to schedule an interview so that [REDACTED] may formalize her allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader [Withdrawn]
- [REDACTED]

*Next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests



## Office of Professional Responsibility

### PFR-137 – Anthony Vader

July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2004

#### Monthly Schedule

Dates/Times	Event (Therapy, Spritual Direction, Vacation , etc.) Where, When, How Long	Therapist, Spritual Leader, Doctor, Monitor, etc. (Include names)
February 2-23., 2004	The Philippines	██████████ (Traveling companion)
May 30, 2004 to June 12, 2004	Royal Princess Cruise	██████████ (Travel Companions)
August 24, 2004 to September 3, 2004	██████████ Colorado	██████████ (Travel Monitors)
November 23, 2004 – December 1, 2004	██████████ San Diego, CA	██████████ (Monitors)

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## TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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A. Vader [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
the Philippines [destination address and contact phone number] from  
2 Feb 2004 [departure date] through 33 Feb 2004 [return date].

Vader [name of cleric] will be monitored by  
[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of  
travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of  
Vader [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by Vader [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of Vader [cleric name] over dates above [aforementioned time frame].
3. As previously noted, the date of return to Vader 's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 24 Feb 2004 [aforementioned return date].  
However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Anthony J. Vader Date: 16 Jan. 2004  
PRA Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 8/28/03

AOC 021465

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** <Immcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**Date:** 1/16/04 10:09AM  
**Subject:** Meeting Re: [REDACTED] /Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear Leah:

Again I apologize about having to cancel our meeting at the last minute, but I was not feeling very well. Perhaps you can put your calendar together with Mike Bland's and give me a couple of dates in the first two weeks of February that I can pass on to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

[REDACTED]



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January 27, 2004

Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
Archdiocese of Dubuque  
Post Office Box 479  
Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0479

Dear Sr. Francine,

Enclosed you will find monitoring information presented to your client, **Rev. Anthony Vader** on January 26, 2004. Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests and I met with Fr. Vader at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein on January 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the enclosed protocols. Fr. Vader was also informed of Cardinal George's acceptance of the Review Board's recommendation that he provide his signature to the enclosed protocols and return to me no later than March 31, 2004.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205. Fr. Kaczorowski may also be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosures

AOC 021467

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** dsmilanic@archchicago.org  
**Date:** 1/27/04 1:52PM  
**Subject:** Letters/decrees/other fun stuff

Fr. Smilanic,

I did speak with Kaz. He asked that you "check with" Bishop Conway to ensure that the decree re: Vader's presence at the churches and the check writing are still to be drawn up and signed by FEG. I expressed my opinion that the decree still be presented to Vader, to which Kaz agreed.

Also, I wanted to remind you about a follow up letter written by FEG backing up what Kaz and I met with the guys about yesterday:

1. new ISP, Daily Logs, and Travel forms presented to them on 1/26/04
2. Men are to sign ISP and return to me no later than 3/31/04
3. If men do not sign ISP and/or do not adhere to protocols, the consequence will be the following: no salary, FEG will only provide room and board, car and health insurance, small monthly stipend

Kaz did bring up the point that those retired and over 70 do not have a salary and therefore, would not be affected by a salary reduction--would there then just be specific decrees written to fit any violation in protocol?

As for Vader and his trip, as per Kaz and the meeting with Vader and FEG this morning [I'll fill you in on details later], Vader provided FEG with more of an itinerary to the Philippines--I told Kaz we'd need names of Bishops and fax numbers so that a letter could be faxed to them letting them know of Vader's status here and his presence in their respective diocese [is that what it is called in the Philippines?]. Vader is leaving on Thursday, 1/29--I hate to ask, but would you have to write such a letter? Also, now that I think about it, would there be any language translations of such a letter necessary?

Whew. Sorry about the overflow of information. Hope your mother is doing well. I'll talk to you later.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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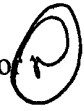


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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony

Date: January 31, 2004

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PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests met with Rev. Anthony Vader on January 26, 2004 at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Fr. Kaczorowski had arranged the meeting with Fr. Vader so that the current monitoring protocols could be discussed.

PRA provided Fr. Vader with the current Individual Specific Monitoring Protocols, a Daily Log form, and a Travel/Vacation Agreement form. Fr. Vader was also informed that copies of the aforementioned forms would be forwarded to his canonical advocate, Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM.

Fr. Vader informed PRA that his departure date for the Philippines has been moved up to Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2004 and he will not return until February 22, 2004. PRA referenced Fr. Vader's Travel/Vacation Agreement form received by the Office of Professional Responsibility the week of January 19 2004. Specifically, PRA requested the name of his travel monitor, as well as where he will be staying while in the Philippines and contact information. Fr. Vader informed PRA that he would be traveling throughout the Philippines and that he did not know where he would be staying. As for his monitor, Fr. Vader identified [REDACTED] as his travel monitor. In terms of contact information, Fr. Vader provided PRA with [REDACTED]'s phone number [REDACTED] and suggested that PRA contact her in the event that he needed to be reached. PRA asked Fr. Vader for a travel itinerary prior to his departure, to which he stated that he was "going on a medical mission" and that he did not know where he would be staying. PRA again requested that he provide an itinerary due to the fact that Cardinal George would be sending letters to the appropriate Bishops in the Philippines informing them of Fr. Vader's presence in their respective dioceses and of Fr. Vader's status in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Vader then informed PRA that he would be traveling to the following areas in the Philippines: Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Polangui Albay, and Ilo Ilo. He specified that when he is in Ilo Ilo, he will be staying at St. Vincent' Seminary. Fr. Kaczorowski then informed Fr. Vader that

he would not be able to perform any public ministry while he is in Philippines. Fr. Vader challenged that he would be able to perform "private ministry" while he was on the trip. Fr. Kaczorowski suggested that Fr. Vader discuss with Cardinal George the difference between public ministry and private ministry prior to his departure.

Fr. Kaczorowski then initiated conversation regarding Fr. Vader's frequent presence at Holy Name of Mary parish and Sacred Heart Mission. Fr. Vader agreed that he has been at both places, and spoke as if he were still in active ministry at both. As per Cardinal George, Fr. Kaczorowski asked Fr. Vader to cease going to the parish and the mission, where he [Fr. Vader] has been greeting people outside of the church and signing parish checks. Fr. Vader shared his concerns that he is doing nothing wrong by being there and that he certainly is able to sign "about 50 checks per month." He also expressed his feeling that it would be "inhumane" to forbid him from continuing such practices. PRA referenced the Individual Specific Protocols and explained to Fr. Vader that he is not to be presenting himself as a priest [while withdrawn], and that his presence and involvement at the aforementioned parishes most likely identifies himself as a priest to the parishioners. As the discussion continued, Fr. Vader compared his being assigned to African American parishes to Rev. John Calicott's assignment to Holy Angels and the media attention he had received over the past week. In referencing the ethnic make-up of his and Fr. Calicott's past parishes, Fr. Vader used the word "nigger" on more than one occasion. PRA finally asked Fr. Vader to not use the word again, due to it being offensive. Fr. Vader then explained, "Well, that is what black people call other black people who turn each other in." He continued, "No black person has ever made a [negative] call on me." PRA then reminded Fr. Vader that two African American women came forward to formalize their allegations of sexual misconduct against him, which has resulted in his subsequent withdrawal from public ministry until the completion of a canonical trial. Fr. Vader responded, "Okay. No *sane* black people have made calls on me."

As Fr. Vader continued to express his feelings that it is "inhumane" to forbid him to be present at Holy Name of Mary and Sacred Heart Mission, Fr. Kaczorowski assured him that he would bring such concerns to Cardinal George's attention.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

**From:** Daniel Smilanic  
**To:** Suzette Cash  
**Date:** 2/2/04 1:43PM  
**Subject:** LETTER

Suzie -

Here it is with the FAX number in the Phillipines. After it is signed, do you want me to FAX it or do you want to. The number on the letter should be preceeded by the international dialing access number and then the country code for the Phillipines.

Fr. Smilanic

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February 5, 2004

Most Rev. Archbishop Orlando B. Quevedo, O.M.I.  
President  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines  
Manila

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FAX: [02] 527-4063

Your Excellency,

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By means of a precept (Canon 49), until the canonical processes have been completed, I have directed Fr. Vader not to engage in any ministerial activity, not to wear any garb which would identify him as a priest (e.g., the 'clergy shirt', the Roman Collar), and not to celebrate or concelebrate a public Mass. I would ask you to share this warning with the bishops of your national Episcopal Conference and to inform the diocesan clergy of this prohibition.

If you or any Ordinary of your National Episcopal Conference have any questions about the status or situation of Fr. Vader, please contact one of the following persons. So that contact can be made quickly and immediately, I have provided their direct office telephone number.

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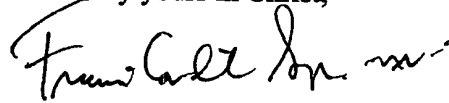
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This is a most grave matter. Please be assured of my prayers as together we shepherd the people of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY. AMEN.

a) Considering that on October 21, 2002 and on November 4, 2002 I received allegations of sexual misconduct against the Rev. Anthony J. Vader, ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago and incardinated as a cleric of the Archdiocese of Chicago, involving two females who were under sixteen years of age at the time of the alleged incidents;

b) Considering that on November 11, 2003, the Professional Responsibility Board of the Archdiocese of Chicago in a First Stage Review had found that the allegations of sexual misconduct with two minors against the Rev. Anthony J. Vader were credible, and that on January 23, 2003 I had accepted that finding;

c) Considering that after further investigation, on June 21, 2003, the Professional Responsibility Board in a Second Stage Review had found that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred, and that on July 3, 2003 I had accepted those determinations;

d) Considering that on August 16, 2003, the Professional Responsibility Board conducted a Supplementary Review of the allegations at my request and found that there was no evidence of mistaken identification and thus the earlier determination of the Board remains unchanged, which finding I accepted on September 13, 2003;

e) Given that on May 23, 2003 in accord with Canon 1717, I decreed the instruction of a canonical Preliminary Investigation of all the allegations of sexual abuse against minors which have been made against the Rev. Anthony J. Vader, given that on August 29, 2003 I accepted the findings of the Preliminary Investigation that the allegations did have the required semblance of truth, and given that on September 30, 2003 the matter was commended to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith as required by US Norm 6 and Article 13 of the Procedural Norms of *Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela*;

f) Given that also on May 23, 2003 in accord with Canon 49, I issued a precept which enjoined the Rev. Anthony J. Vader, among other things, not to exercise the rights of any ecclesiastical office and to observe the Individual Specific Protocol which in the practice of this Archdiocese secures his refraining from ministry until the canonical processes are completed;

g) Given that once the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has been notified, the US Norm 6 enjoins the Ordinary to apply the precautionary measures mentioned in Canon 1722, which are to exclude the accused from the sacred ministry, from ecclesiastical office and function, to impose or forbid residence in some place or territory, and to prohibit public participation in the Most Holy Eucharist in order to prevent scandals, to protect the freedom of witnesses and to guard the course of justice;

h) Troubled by the credible reports that I have received concerning the continued presence of the Rev. Anthony J. Vader at Eucharistic celebrations at both Sacred Heart Mission and Holy Name of Mary parish, in the ecclesiastical residences associated with the mission and the parish and at other parish functions, and concerned about the credible reports that I have received about his presence at other pastoral, ecclesiastical and liturgical celebrations beyond Sacred Heart Mission and Holy Name of Mary parish;



i) Gravely concerned about the disruption of the pastoral care of the parishioners of Holy Name of Mary parish and the faithful who associate themselves with Sacred Heart Mission, about the scandal caused to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago, about the diminishment of the credibility of the Church before the general population of this metropolitan area,

j) Heedful that the Rev. Anthony J. Vader has been admonished about his deportment which implies ministry, as well as about his questionable compliance with the Individual Specific Protocols, by my Vicar for Clergy, the Rev. James Kaczorowski, and by the Professional Responsibility Review Board Administrator, Ms. Leah McCluskey MSW, LCSW, and thus the Rev. Anthony J. Vader has been lawfully cited;

k) Observing that I have consulted the Promoter of Justice, the Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic JCD in this matter;

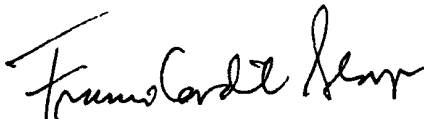
l) Having come to the determination that it is of a pressing necessity to prevent scandal, as well as for his own security, that the Rev. Anthony J. Vader not be physically present in Holy Name of Mary parish or at Sacred Heart Mission, or involve himself in any activity which might have any appearance of public ministry;

m) Conscious that I have provided for the canonical maintenance and sustenance of the Rev. Anthony J. Vader at Koenig Hall of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois in accord with Canons 281 and 1350;

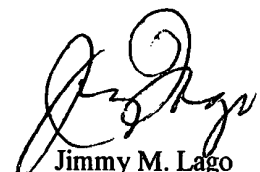
I, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Archbishop of Chicago, invoke Canon 1722 and

do hereby forbid the Rev. Anthony J. Vader, a priest ordained for and incardinated as a cleric of the Archdiocese of Chicago, from being present in any way at any time on the property of Sacred Heart Mission in Chicago, from being present in any way at any time within the canonical territorial boundaries of Holy Name of Mary parish in Chicago, from attending any Eucharist celebrated in the Sacred Heart Mission or in the Holy Name of Mary Church, and I further forbid him from engaging in any behavior which might imply, suggest, infer or simulate sacred ministry in any ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and I further forbid him from presiding or concelebrating at the public celebration of the Eucharist, as well as providing pastoral care in any form to the faithful until the canonical processes directed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith are completed.

This decree is effective immediately. I direct that this decree be communicated without delay to the Rev. Anthony J. Vader, to his Canonical Advocate and to his Civil Legal Counsel.

  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

February 5, 2004

  
Jimmy M. Lago  
Chancellor

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Residence.*

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*From Smilanic*

*This is a draft of the letter. Will be back in office on Fri @ 1:00. If it is OK, will get it signed.*

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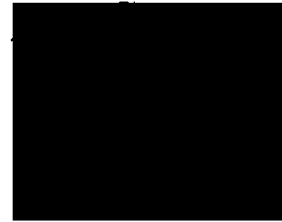
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LAW OFFICES  
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February 13, 2004

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Professional Fitness Review Administrator  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Office of Professional Fitness Review  
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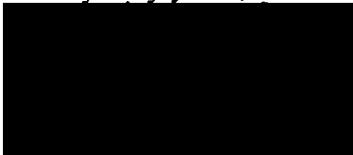
Dear Ms. McClusky:

Please be advised that my office has been retained by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], who were victims of sexual abuse at the hands of Reverend  
Anthony Vader.

Further, this letter will advise you that this office maintains an attorney's lien upon any  
amount due [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as a result of the  
injuries sustained due to the abuse. Obviously, you are aware of this incident in full  
detail because of the client's prior representation by the [REDACTED] law firm.

Please forward this notice to your insurance carrier and have them acknowledge  
acceptance of this lien letter with my office. If you would like to discuss this matter, feel  
free to telephone me upon your receipt. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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Attorneys at Law

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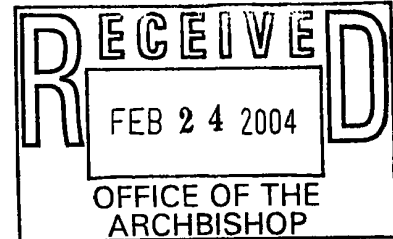
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
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Cardinal Francis Eugene George, O.M.I.

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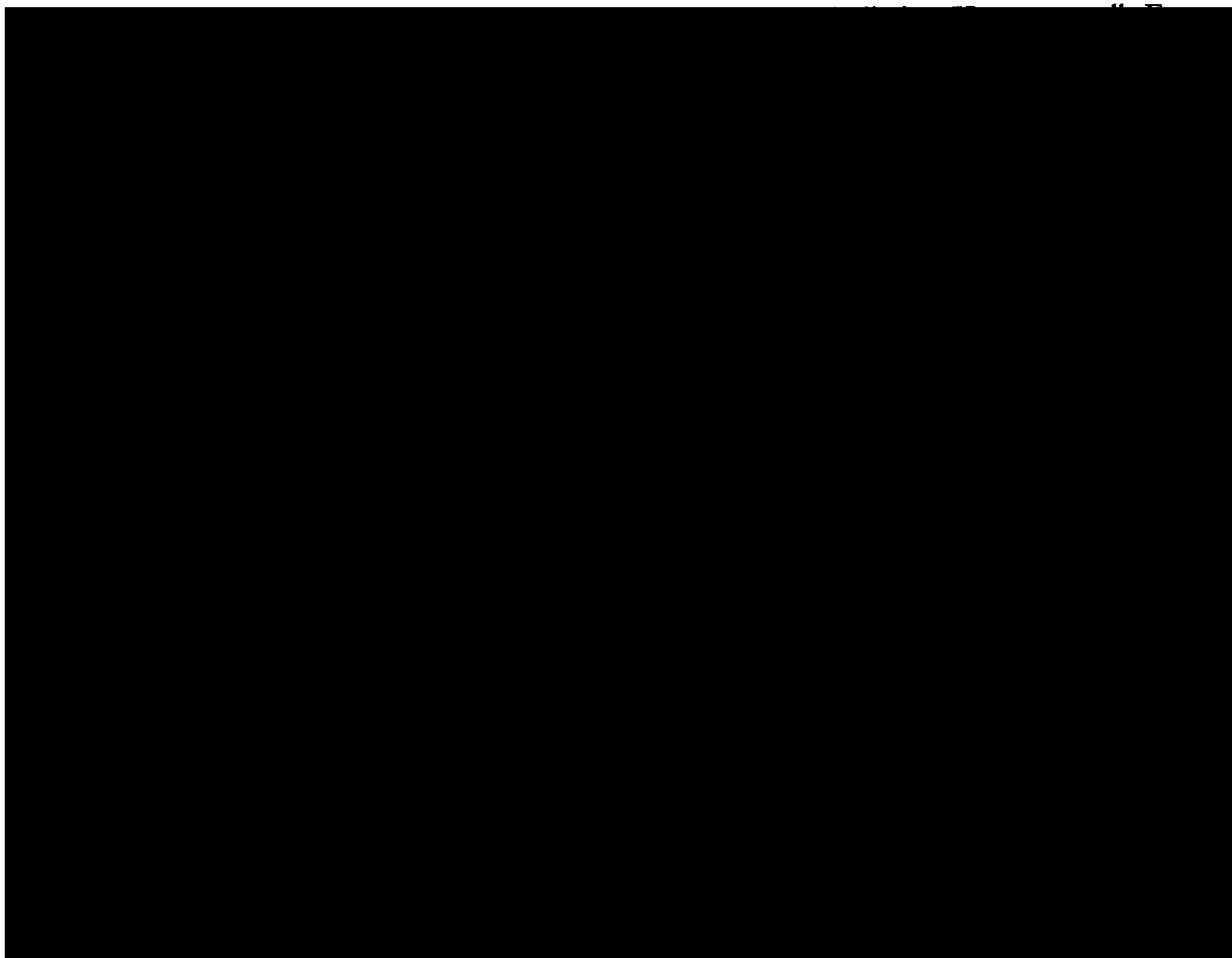
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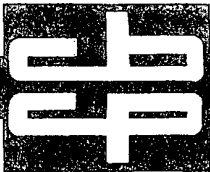
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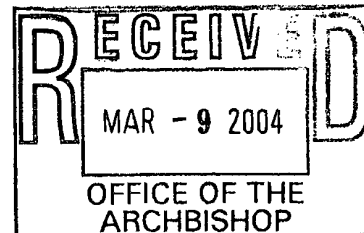


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February 18, 2004

**His Eminence**  
**FRANCIS CARDINAL GEORGE, O.M.I., D.D.**  
Archbishop of Chicago  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979  
USA



Your Eminence,

*Greeting of Peace!*

I gratefully received your letter dated February 5, 2004.

Thank you for giving us advisory concerning Rev. Anthony J. Vader of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I have written a circular to the bishops of the Philippines concerning the presence of the said priest in our country.

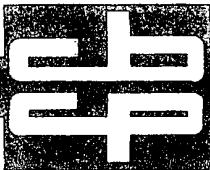
Your pastoral solicitude on the matter is most appreciated.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Fernando R. Capalla*  
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President, Catholic Bishops'  
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Your Eminence/ Excellencies:


*Greetings of peace!*

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Kindly be guided accordingly.

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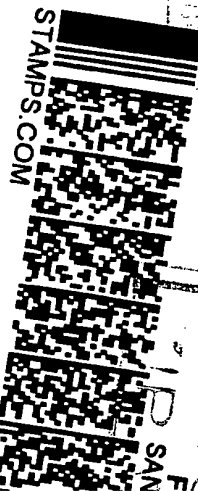
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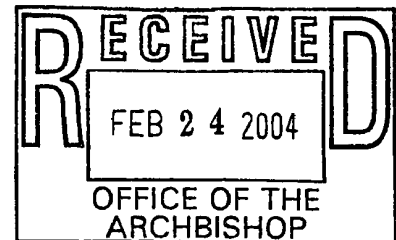
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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, February 21, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

I. Approval of Minutes – January 10, 2004

II. Case Reviews

#### **Preliminary Review:**

A. [REDACTED]

III. **Case Updates:**

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

IV. **Monitoring Meetings/Monitoring Update**

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

E. Anthony Vader (Withdrawn 1/11/2003) - PFR-137

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

H. [REDACTED]

V. [REDACTED]

VI. **Update on New Allegations Received**

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, March 20, 2004*

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February 26, 2004

Dear Brother Priests,

Attached is a copy of the letter which the Cardinal sent to all priests in the Archdiocese. This is being sent to you to keep you informed about the communication that is being sent at this time. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Leah McCluskey, Tom Tivy or myself.

Be assured of my prayers and support for you. The beginning of the season of Lent reminds us of the One who sustains us through the difficult times of our lives. May this Jesus be with each of you, now and always.

God bless you.

Sincerely, in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kacz" or similar.

Rev. Jim T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests

Cc: Leah McCluskey  
Rev. Thomas A. Tivy



## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



February 26, 2004

Dear Brothers in Christ:

First, thanks to all of you who shared with your parishioners a copy of my February 15 letter concerning the John Jay study in advance of that report's official release tomorrow. You will remember that there are actually two reports to be released tomorrow, both commissioned by the Bishops. The John Jay social science study will contain national statistics regarding both those abused and accused, as well as dollar amounts spent to respond to the crisis. The National Review Board report will provide a context for the John Jay data.

We have been asked to wait until the reports are officially released tomorrow to offer comment on them, when real figures and perspective become public. I am told that both reports will be available to be viewed by 10 a.m. Friday on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), linked to our website at [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org)). I will meet with media tomorrow to respond to the reports in their entirety and at that time offer our own up-to-date figures for the Archdiocese of Chicago about allegations made against clergy because of sexual abuse of children and youth since 1950.

I am including in this fax an advance copy of a letter and attachment I would like you to share with your parishioners this weekend about the reports. *(A clean copy of this letter will be available to you to download on Friday morning from the archdiocesan website, [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org), in English, Spanish, and Polish.)* We will share this same letter with news media at tomorrow's news conference.

We will also be initiating a new service to access information for the protection of minors and to assist those who may have been sexually abused by a priest. The service will allow self-identified individuals, upon request, to receive appropriate information, already made public in another forum, regarding whether there has been reason to suspect that a past or present priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago may have abused a minor. All those inquiring will receive a written response. For inquiries on 98% of archdiocesan priests, the information provided will simply include an ordination date and a description of a current assignment. It is likely that we will be asked to describe this service at the news conference.

I was grateful to learn that some parishes are planning prayer services to coincide with the release of the John Jay report, because surely the issues raised by it are matters to be brought to prayer. I understand, too, that other parishes are planning discussions in which the report can be further evaluated. Because the release of this study could reopen some wounds among our people -- particularly among those who may have been abused -- I encourage you to have on hand contact information about how allegations of clergy sexual abuse can be reported.

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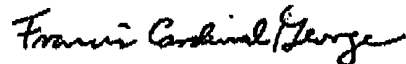
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No other group has faced the scrutiny involved in this type of study, and I know that this cannot be an easy time for you amidst the attention focused on the data that this report will contain. Yet, you are the "face" of the Church within your parish communities, in times both easy and hard. So many of you have told me of the kindness of your parishioners who have expressed their personal support for your priestly ministry – and, like you, I take great comfort from this support.

My prayer for you today is the same one I pray for myself: that in our intentions and in our actions, we might be worthy of the trust placed in us by Jesus Christ and by those whom we serve in his name and with his authority. Thank you for your life and ministry as priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please keep me in your prayers.

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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To: Leah McCluskey

From: Mary Ann

Fax Number:

Date: 2/27/04

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## MESSAGE:

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR YOUR REVIEW ☐ REPLY ASAP ☐ COMMENT

Leah,

This is material faxed to priests  
at Koenig Hall last night. Ray  
listed you as contact. Together with  
Tom and himself, if there are calls  
from there at Koenig Hall.

Blessings on this day!

Mary Ann

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop

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February 27, 2004

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Today the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City released a nationwide social science research study, commissioned by the U.S. Bishops, on clerical sexual abuse of minors. The John Jay Study is a quantitative analysis based on confidential data gathered from almost every diocese, eparchy, and religious order in the U.S. on sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy from 1950 to 2002. The data will be crucial in searching for the causes of clerical sexual abuse and in preventing it in the future. This is the study's purpose. A report by the National Review Board providing context for the John Jay data will also be released today.

Officials of the Archdiocese have already published basic data in two reports covering the periods 1950 to 1992 and 1993 to 2002. This information has been updated through December 31, 2003, and is shown on the attached information sheet.

Archdiocesan records reflect that 2,513 archdiocesan priests served in the Archdiocese of Chicago between 1950 and 2003. The Archdiocese has found reason to suspect that, during these 53 years, sexual misconduct with a minor occurred in 142 cases involving 55 Archdiocesan priests, about 2 percent of archdiocesan priests. Of the 55 priests, 13 are deceased, 22 have resigned from the priesthood and 20 are withdrawn from ministry. None is engaged in any public ministry. All cases have been reported to the public authorities.

Money spent because of clerical sexual abuse includes \$26.9 million for victim assistance, settlements and support in the period 1950-2003. Beginning in 1992, the year the Bernardin Commission established procedures for dealing with clerical sexual misconduct, through December 21, 2003, \$5.9 million was spent for treatment and monitoring of priests, and \$5.9 million for legal expenses. Of the \$5.9 million spent on legal fees, \$1.3 million was spent to defend a priest and a school principal judged to be innocent by a civil jury.

The Archdiocese of Chicago, complying with the definition of "allegation" supplied by the John Jay Study, reported for the study all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

Since 1992, the Archdiocese of Chicago has addressed allegations of abuse of minors and promoted healing of victims through an Assistance Ministry office, an independent Review Board, and a regular process for reporting abuse allegations to the civil authorities and the public. More recently, the Archdiocese created an Office for the Protection of Children and Youth. It oversees child abuse training programs and background screenings of over

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50,000 employees and volunteers. These measures have allowed us to reach out to victims and parish communities, to create safe environments for children and to remove from ministry any priest for whom there was reasonable cause to suspect that sexual misconduct with a minor had occurred. All of these initiatives will continue in our seminaries, schools, parishes and ministry offices.

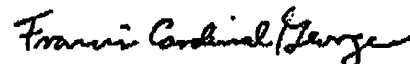
The bishops of the United States have kept the promises they made during and following their June, 2002, Dallas meeting. All offending priests have been removed from ministry; an independent study was undertaken to understand the extent and causes of clerical misconduct; and policies and procedures have been put in place in every diocese in the United States to deal with abuse allegations, to insure the safety of children and to communicate openly with the public. Most important of all, the care of victims has been formalized and will remain high on the agenda of the Church.

The publication of these results reminds us that some priests betrayed the trust placed in them by Christ, by the children He loves, and by families. Church leaders who failed to act on their behalf only added to the harm done. I again sincerely apologize to the victims and to their families for the anguish they have endured. I offer once again an invitation to anyone who has experienced sexual abuse by a priest or deacon to bring this information to our attention by contacting the Office of Professional Responsibility at 1-800-994-6200.

The consequences of these failures have deeply affected the entire Catholic community. I know that many of you are angered and embarrassed, as am I. We can learn from the transgressions of the past, however, and make as sure as we can that no other child or young person goes through what those who have been victims continue to suffer.

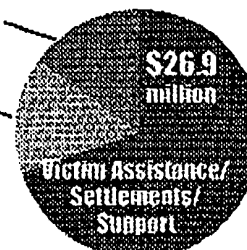
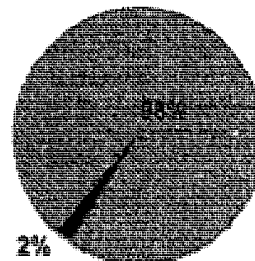
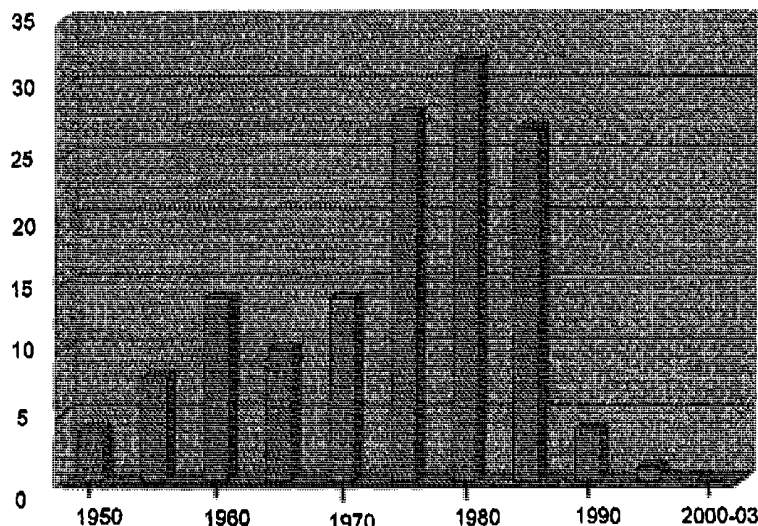
You are always in my prayers. Please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

Attachment



**Lake County State's Attorney**  
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**COMPLETE INFORMATION  
ON OUR WEB SITE**

As a general rule, one should not use a variable as a function argument if it is modified in the function. This is because the function will be called with the new value of the variable, and the function will not be able to find the original value. This is a common mistake, and it is easy to avoid by using a local variable instead.

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Here are copies of interview reports for your clients mentioned above.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Laura

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant<sup>LN?</sup>  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: March 1 2004

RE: [PFR-137]Vader, Anthony (Withdrawn) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 3/1/04. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Vader, Anthony/[REDACTED].

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Most Rev. Edwin M. Conway

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#### Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file from Laura Neri-Palomino of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated March 1, 2004, summarizing a phone call with Victim KI concerning her allegation of abuse against Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KI alleged that she was abused by Fr. Vader at St. Laurence parish in the mid-1960s, when Victim KI was 10 or 11 years old and in the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Victim KI also gave Ms. Neri-Palomino her contact information.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**Date:** 3/8/04 10:28AM  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

Leah:

I almost forgot to tell you that we did track down [REDACTED] she is living in NY and does recall [REDACTED] talking to her about this issue. Also, one of [REDACTED]'s life-long friends, [REDACTED] has confirmed to us that [REDACTED] confided in her about the assaults 20-25 years ago. [REDACTED] is in Chicago.

[REDACTED]

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 3/10/04 8:41AM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Sorry it has taken a couple of days to get back to you. I plan on having [REDACTED]'s report finished no later than next Friday--most likely earlier. I will e-mail you to let you know when it is on its way.

As for [REDACTED] no I did not have him call you. Due to the fact that I am not involved in any legal, I do not practice having attorneys contact other attorneys.

Thank you for your consistent contact. I hope that your sister is well--please send her my best.

Peace,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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>>> [REDACTED] 03/08/04 10:14AM >>>

Leah:

[REDACTED] is asking when we can expect your report. Also, I have had some problems with my voicemail lately so this could be an old message, but did you have Mr. [REDACTED] call me?

[REDACTED]

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Withdrawn]

Date: March 14, 2004



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On March 8, 2004, PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests spoke with Rev. James E. Flynn, pastor of Holy Name of Mary regarding Rev. Anthony Vader.

Fr. Kaczorowski informed Fr. Flynn of the existing Decree forbidding Fr. Vader's presence at either Holy Name of Mary or Sacred Heart mission. Fr. Flynn was also informed of Cardinal George's decision that Fr. Vader is not allowed to write any checks and that he is taken off of the books at the aforementioned parish and mission.

Fr. Flynn informed Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA that he would take Fr. Vader off of the books as per the Cardinal. When asked by Fr. Flynn, he was informed that Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA were to meet with Fr. Vader on March 12, 2004 to discuss these violations of his monitoring protocol and decree. Fr. Flynn informed Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA that he would speak with Fr. Vader on Friday evening to reiterate that he [Fr. Vader] is not allowed at Holy Name of Mary or Sacred Heart and that he is not allowed to write checks on behalf of the parish and/or mission.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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Fr. Kaczorowski informed Bishop Perry that if Fr. Vader continues to disregard the decree, Cardinal George might choose to exercise his right to pursue civil legal action and have Fr. Vader arrested for trespassing. Bishop Perry thanked Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA for the information and stated that he would contact Rev. James E. Flynn, pastor of Holy Name of Mary. As per Bishop Perry, he stated that he would inform Fr. Flynn that Fr. Vader is not to be present at either Holy Name of Mary or Sacred Heart and that Fr. Vader is also not allowed to write any checks for either the parish or the mission. Fr. Kaczorowski requested that Bishop Perry have Fr. Vader's name taken off of the books so that he [Fr. Vader] may not write any further checks on behalf of Holy Name of Mary or Sacred Heart.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Withdrawn]

Date: March 14, 2004

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On March 8, 2004, PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests spoke with Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Promoter of Justice, regarding Rev. Anthony Vader.

Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA informed Fr. Smilanic of the phone conversations had with Bishop Joseph Perry and Rev. James E. Flynn Fr. Flynn regarding Fr. Vader's continual violation of monitoring protocols and of the existing Decree forbidding Fr. Vader's presence at either Holy Name of Mary or Sacred Heart mission.

It was agreed that Fr. Smilanic would contact Sr. Francine Quillin, Fr. Vader's canonical advocate, and inform her of the aforementioned violations. Fr. Smilanic stated that he would inform Sr. Francine of Cardinal George's ability to pursue civil action if Fr. Vader violates the decree forbidding his presence on the property of Holy Name of Mary parish and/or Sacred Heart mission.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA informed Mr. Reardon of Fr. Vader's continual violation of monitoring protocols and of the existing Decree forbidding Fr. Vader's presence at either Holy Name of Mary or Sacred Heart mission. Fr. Kaczorowski also informed Mr. Reardon of Cardinal George's ability to pursue civil action if Fr. Vader violates the decree forbidding his presence on the property of Holy Name of Mary parish and/or Sacred Heart mission.

Despite the fact that Mr. Reardon accused Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA of "threatening" him with such information regarding Fr. Vader, he stated that he would contact Fr. Vader regarding today's phone call.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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**MEMO**

**To:** Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway  
Mr. Jimmy Lago  
Dr. Carol Fowler  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Reverend Thomas A. Tivy  
Reverend Daniel A. Smilanic  
Reverend Anthony Talarico  
Reverend Edmund J. Siedlecki

**From:** Reverend James T. Kaczorowski

**Date:** March 15, 2004

**Re:** Residents at Koenig Hall

Attached is a copy of the letter sent by Francis Cardinal George to each of the residents at Koenig Hall, Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

March 15, 2004

Rev. Anthony J. Vader  
P O Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Father Vader,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that the Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert will assume the responsibilities of interim monitor at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House, Koenig Hall, effective Tuesday, March 16, 2004. While he serves in this capacity, Bishop Goedert will reside at the retreat house. I am deeply grateful to him for accepting this responsibility at the present time. As this transition occurs, I also wish to thank Father Anthony Talarico for having served in the capacity of monitor for the past two or more years while, at the same time, performing his primary duties of administrator at the retreat house.

Sometime within the next two weeks, Bishop Goedert, Father Jim Kaczorowski, my Vicar for Priests, and Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator, will meet with the residents at Koenig Hall as a group and review the contents of the protocol. We are also inviting Father Talarico and Father Siedlecki to be present for this meeting since there will be occasions when they will function as monitor in Bishop Goedert's absence.

I am sorry this process is taking so much longer than I believed and expected it would. I want to assure you of my prayers for you. Likewise, I ask that you pray for me. May this season of Lent be a time of special blessing for you.

Sincerely, yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George  
Archbishop of Chicago

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Cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway  
Mr. Jimmy Lago  
Dr. Carol Fowler  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
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## MESSAGE:

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Attached you will find a copy of the letter being sent to you by Cardinal George.

The original will reach you by mail. Be assured of my prayers for you.

Fraternally,



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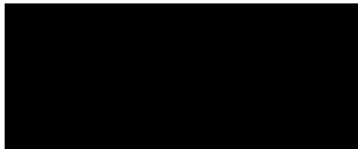
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March 19, 2004



Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on February 12, 2004.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you and to [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your changes by April 2, 2004. Please know that you may also respond by April 2<sup>nd</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by April 16, 2004. In the event that I do not receive a response from you by April 2<sup>nd</sup>, I will assume that the draft report is accurate and I will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Vader, Anthony (Withdrawn)

Date: March 20, 2004

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### **A summary of the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on March 20, 2004:**

- PRA and Fr. Smilanic provided an update on Fr. Vader
- Fr. Vader's disregard for the Decree forbidding him to be present at Sacred Heart/Holy Name of Mary Parish
- Fr. Vader's disregard for the instruction to not wear his collar

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## **Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, March 20, 2004- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

### **Revision**

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- PRA will have copies of the revised January 10, 2004 Meeting Minutes sent to all Board members in the packets for the April 17, 2004 Review Board meeting.

#### **I. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2004**

- The Board approved the meeting minutes in a unanimous 5-0 vote.

#### **II.**

[REDACTED]

#### **III. Case Reviews**

##### **Initial Review:**

##### **A.**

[REDACTED]

B.



C.

Second Stage Review

D.





**IV. Other Matters**

- [REDACTED]
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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

*Next scheduled meeting is April 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Thomas Tivy, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, March 20, 2004 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- I. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2004
- II. Update on decisions made by FEG from 2/21/04
- III. Case Reviews

#### **Initial Reviews:**

A. [REDACTED]

#### **Preliminary Review:**

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

#### **Second Stage Reviews:**

B. [REDACTED]

### III. Other Matters

- [REDACTED]
- Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) - PFR-137
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, April 17, 2004*

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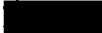


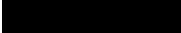
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Jim Serritella, Esq.  
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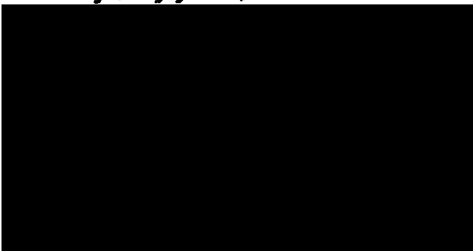
Dear Mr. Serritella;


As per our telephone conversation of March 25, 2004, I am informing you that this office represents the above referenced individuals with respect to their claims against the Chicago Archdiocese for the abuse sustained at the hands of Fr. Vader. This office has informed   that both  and  have elected to remain with our firm for representation.

I await the tolling agreement that we have spoken about with respect to my five clients which you have already received documentation on. Within the next few days I will be forwarding to you our letter of introduction with respect to our sixth client, .

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,



  
April 7, 2004  
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bcc: Reverend James Kaczorowski (via facsimile)  
Reverend Thomas Tivy (via facsimile)  
John O'Malley (via facsimile)

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Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.  
Counsel to the State's Attorney  
Richard J. Daley Center  
69 West Washington Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: 1953 approximately  
Date of alleged abuse: 1963 or 1964

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED] currently 51 years of age, that an archdiocesan priest, Rev. Anthony Vader, sexually abused her at St. Laurence School when she was in the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 1963 or 1964. Fr. Vader was assigned to the parish as an associate pastor from January 25, 1964 to January 30, 1968. The parish was located at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dorchester in Chicago. The priest is retired and withdrawn from ministry. The alleged abuse took place in Cook County Illinois. There is no other information available at this time.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of John C. O'Malley in cursive.  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Ms. Leah Mc Cluskey  
Mr. James A. Serritella

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## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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**VIA FACSIMILE**

**Leah McCluskey**  
**Professional Responsibility Administrator**  
**Archdiocese Of Chicago**  
**P.O. Box 1979**  
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**Re:** [REDACTED]

**Dear Ms. McCluskey:**

We are in receipt of your draft report. [REDACTED] has instructed me to write and inform you that she will need a two-week extension to complete her review of the draft report. Accordingly, pursuant to the directives in your correspondence dated March 19, 2004, you will receive her written comments on your draft report no later than April 16, 2004. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and assistance.

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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# Beth Eden Baptist Church

*"Mother Church of Morgan Park"*

11121 South Loomis Street (Dr. Robert E. Wooten, Sr. St.)

Chicago, Illinois 60643

773-233-6953

*Pastor*  
Rev. Dr. Craig M. Jenkins

April 5, 2004

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Marilyn Austin

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Fr. Anthony Vader  
Holy Name of Mary R. C. Church  
11159 South Loomis  
Chicago, IL 60643

Dear Father. Vader:

Greetings in the name of our matchless Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, from whom all blessings come. The family of Beth Eden Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Craig M. Jenkins, is excited about celebrating our Pastor's Anniversary. On Sunday, May 2, 2004 at 11:00 a.m., we will honor our Pastor who has served Beth Eden and the Morgan Park community for 18 years.

We invite you to share with us in celebration. We are welcoming the Holy Spirit to come in and have its' way. Our theme for this year's anniversary will be **"Walking In Faith."**

It is our prayer that a message or a song, will bring souls closer to Christ. We pray that hearts will be touched and lives will be saved as we celebrate our Pastor on this special day.

Please contact [REDACTED] to confirm your attendance for this spirit filled occasion.

God bless you. [REDACTED]

Pastor's Anniversary Chairpersons

Your Eminence:

Am I permitted to be at this ervice? Before answering I should tell you that I am expected to be in cassock and surplice (but not stole) and be on the platform. I will be the only Catho.ic priest invited, since Rev. Jenkins has invited me to other ceremonies and he and I have become friends. I should respond before the end of April. Thank you.



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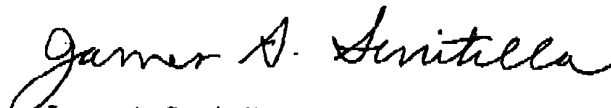
Re: [REDACTED] /Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of March 26, 2004 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has been in contact with your client about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist.

Please direct any correspondence about the claim you are pursuing to me.

Very truly yours,

  
James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)  
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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Mr. Michael H. Zimmer  
April 7, 2004  
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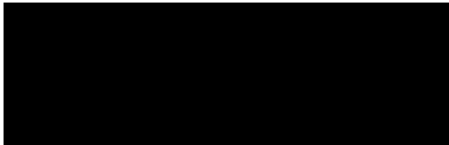
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April 7, 2004

## VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

We represent the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole ("the Catholic Bishop"). I am writing to confirm that the Catholic Bishop agrees that the running of any statute of limitations applicable to [REDACTED] claim against the Catholic Bishop arising out of the allegations against Rev. Anthony Vader, which has not already been barred by the statute of limitations applicable to [REDACTED] claim, shall be tolled as of March 15, 2004, which is the date that you first requested such tolling. This tolling agreement shall last until December 15, 2004 (the period from March 15, 2004 until December 15, 2004 is the "Tolling Period"). Please be sure to understand that we only represent the Catholic Bishop and that we do not speak for or represent the accused priest.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination of this Agreement to the other party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The termination of this Agreement shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date the written notice is deposited with the United States Postal Service by the notifying party.

The Tolling Period shall not be asserted or relied on in any way (whether in computing the running of the time under any applicable statute of limitations or by way of laches or otherwise) by any party in defense of any such claim, which may at any time hereafter be asserted against any party by any other party. Apart from this specific tolling, the Catholic Bishop reserves all of its defenses, including that of the statute of limitations, against any claims [REDACTED] may have against the Catholic Bishop.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed, construed or otherwise interpreted as an admission by any Party of the existence or validity of any claim by either party against the other party. You agree, for your part, that [REDACTED] will not commence litigation against the Catholic Bishop while this agreement remains in effect. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.

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[REDACTED]  
April 7, 2004

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If you agree with the terms expressed in this letter, please sign it at the place indicated and return it to me.


Very truly yours,

*Patricia B. Carlson*

Patricia B. Carlson

Agreed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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VIA FACSIMILE ( [REDACTED] ) & U.S. MAIL



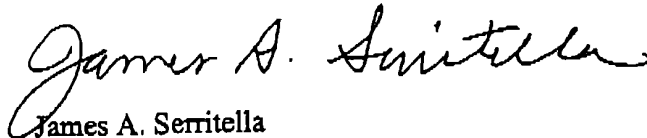
Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of March 26, 2004 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Fitness Review Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that she has been in contact with your client about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8293), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist.

Please direct any correspondence about the claim you are pursuing to me.

Very truly yours,

  
James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)  
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

ATTORNEY

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TO: LEAH MCCLUSKEY  
FROM: [REDACTED]  
COMPANY: ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
DATE: 16 APRIL 2004  
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Office of the Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus  
Most Rev. Raymond E. Goedert



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Cardinal George  
**FROM:** Bishop Goedert *RG*  
**RE:** Father Vader  
**DATE:** April 20, 2004

You had asked me to speak to Tony Vader about the report you received that he had been celebrating Masses on the occasion of his meetings on Sundays with members of the Filipino community. Tony acknowledged without hesitation that he did occasionally offer Mass as part of the Holy Hour. He said the Masses were always celebrated in peoples' homes, never in churches. He considered that to be "private" celebration, not "public".

I told Tony that I would consider such Masses to be public and, therefore, in violation of the directives he had received. I asked him to write up the matter for your consideration. Enclosed is his letter.

I also asked Tony about his wearing the collar. Kaz had told me that he received reports that Tony was wearing the collar at the opera, etc. Kaz asked me to question Tony on this matter. Tony's letter to you covers that point as well.

I am sending Kaz a copy of Tony's letter and this memo, as it might be necessary to spell out for Tony exactly what is expected of him regarding these two issues.

Cc Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

P.S. I am enclosing Tony's letter on another issue-namely, whether or not he can go to the Beth Eden Baptist Church for the pastor's anniversary celebration. He would be expected to be garbed in cassock and surplice. I presume you or Kaz will respond to Tony's request.

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VICAR FOR PRIESTS

645 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 543

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## MEMO

**To:** Francis Cardinal George, OMI  
**From:** Rev. James T. Kaczorowski JK  
**Date:** April 21, 2004  
**Re:** Rev. Anthony Vader

Your Eminence, you requested my opinion regarding Father Tony Vader's invitation to attend Rev. Dr. Craig M. Jenkins' anniversary celebration at Beth Eden Baptist Church on May 2, 2004. Since three misconduct allegations in the black community have been received concerning Father Vader, two of which were accepted as having reasonable cause to suspect their occurrence, I have grave reservations of Tony attending the aforementioned public celebration. He is expected to be attired in cassock and surplice which would certainly identify him as a cleric. From my perspective, it would point Tony out as a clerical participant in the celebration. Furthermore, it is possible that this event may be written up in the parish newsletter, or in a neighborhood newspaper, accompanied by pictures of the event mentioning names of clerics present for the celebration.

I spoke with Leah McCluskey who agrees with the above rationale for Father Vader not appearing in clerical garb. I sense that if Tony is given the least bit of leeway, he has a tendency to extend it far beyond the limits.

Your Eminence, thank you for your consideration in this matter. God bless you in all you do for us and the Archdiocese.

JK/maz

**Cc:** Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway  
Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert  
Ms Leah McCluskey

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April 26, 2004

Rev. Anthony Vader  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
PO Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Fr. Vader,

I am writing this letter in regards to your Daily Log Forms that were forwarded to me by Bishop Goedert and received on April 20, 2004.

While reviewing your logs, I noted that you were at Sacred Heart and Holy Name of Mary on April 11, 2004 to pick up your mail. As both Fr. Kaczorowski and I have discussed with you in the recent past, the Decree signed by Cardinal George forbids you to be present at either of the aforementioned parishes. If you are in need of assistance to determine how to have your mail from Sacred Heart and Holy Name of Mary forwarded to you, I suggest that you contact either Fr. Kaczorowski or myself so that we may identify a solution.

As you know, I may be reached at [312] 751-5205 and Fr. Kaczorowski may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Cc: Bishop Raymond Goedert, Interim Monitor  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Attorney  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Sr. Francine Quillin, P.B.V.M., J.C.L., Canonical Advocate

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#### Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file prepared by Leah McCluskey, Administrator for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Professional Responsibility, dated April 27, 2004, summarizing Victim KE's allegation of sexual abuse by Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KE alleged that she was abused by Fr. Vader at Holy Cross parish in the early 1960s, when Victim KE was approximately 10-11 years old. The abuse occurred multiple times over a period of approximately six months to a year and consisted of kissing and fondling over and under the clothes. Victim KE also alleged that she witnessed Fr. Vader abusing another girl at the time of Victim KE's abuse and that she was told by a third party in approximately 1990 that Fr. Vader had engaged in sexual intercourse with a minor. Victim KE alleged that she told Fr. [REDACTED] in 1993 about her abuse by Fr. Vader, but did not follow his advice and report the abuse.

Victim KE also provided an addendum to the summary with additional details of Victim KE's interactions with Fr. Vader and Victim KE's disclosure of her abuse to a friend at a family event in the early 1980s.

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April 29, 2004



Dear [REDACTED],

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader. The report is based upon your revisions to the draft forwarded to you on March 19, 2004. Thank you so much for your additions and changes.

Upon your review of the report, please provide your signature and date and return it to me in the envelope provided.

[REDACTED], in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report by May 13, 2004. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by May 13<sup>th</sup>, I will assume that the final report is accurate and I will proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: [REDACTED], Attorney

5/4/04  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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# CLERGY DAILY LOG

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The Office for Professional Fitness Review, pursuant to Article §1104.4.3, is responsible to "monitor programs for treatment, rehabilitation or supervision of clerics..."

The Individual Specific Protocol for: Fr. Anthony Vader

(Clergy Name)

requires that you keep a "log" of your daily activities. The "Log" is completed daily and submitted to the Administrator at the end of each month for review.

Please fill in all time slots. Include place, phone, purpose of visit/trip/activity (i.e. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and attach restaurant receipts, theater stubs, hotel receipts, etc.

*April 11, 2004*

TIME	PLACE	TELEPHONE (If applicable)	PURPOSE
7:00 - 8:00 A.M.			
8:00 - 9:00			
9:00 - 10:00	Dance Korean Home		
10:00 - 11:00			
11:00 - 12:00			
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Pick up mail @ Sacred Heart & Holy Comm. of Nov		
1:00 - 2:00	Dinner with [redacted] family		
2:00 - 3:00			
3:00 - 4:00	Visit with [redacted] - Russian & [redacted] families		
4:00 - 5:00			
5:00 - 6:00	[redacted]		
6:00 - 7:00			
7:00 - 8:00	[redacted]		
8:00 - 9:00			
9:00 - 10:00			
10:00 - 11:00			
11:00 - 7:00 A.M.			

Client Signature: *Anthony Vader*

Date:

Monitor Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: *4/13/04*

Date Received:

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Administrative Signature: *[Signature]*

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\* Letter sent to  
Fr. Vader on 4/26/04

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May 13, 2004

VIA FACSIMILE

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator  
Archdiocese Of Chicago  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

We are in receipt of the revised draft report. The corrected version appears to be in order with the exception of the noted changes. As we discussed, please do not communicate directly with [REDACTED]. All correspondence should be directed to the undersigned. Finally, the addendum prepared by [REDACTED] is to be attached to the report. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and assistance.

Cc: [REDACTED]

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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Anthony J. Vaden [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to Royal Princes # 194 (2) [destination address and contact phone number] from May 30 [departure date] through June 12 [return date].

Anthony J. Vaden [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[name of travel monitor].

[name of travel monitor].

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

Vaden [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by Vaden [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of Vaden [cleric name] over May 28 - June 12 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to Vaden's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for June 12, 2004 [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be

substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Anthony J. Vaden Date: 9 May, 2004

PRA Signature: Paul McCloskey Date: 5/14/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File - PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: **REV. ANTHONY VADER'S [WITHDRAWN] RESPONSE TO  
ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT OF A MINOR MADE  
BY [REDACTED]**

Date: May 24, 2004

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Date of Meeting: May 24, 2004      Time of Meeting: 2:30pm

### Present at Meeting

Rev. Anthony Vader  
Mr. Patrick Reardon, civil attorney for Fr. Vader  
Sr. Francine Quillin, canonical advocate for Fr. Vader  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

### Face to Face Meeting

Mr. Patrick Reardon and Rev. Anthony Vader were in the waiting area of the Vicar for Priests office upon PRA's arrival. Rev. James T. Kaczorowski invited all into the conference room in the Vicar for Priests office, where Sr. Francine Quillin was available for the meeting via speakerphone.

Prior to beginning the meeting, PRA presented Fr. Vader and Mr. Reardon with copies of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Vader. It was agreed that PRA would forward a copy of the allegation to Sr. Francine.

After introductions were made, Fr. Vader and Sr. Francine accepted PRA's offer to explain the responsibilities of PRA and the Office of Professional Responsibility. PRA also provided both with a brief explanation concerning the Review Board process regarding matters of allegations of sexual misconduct. PRA agreed to forward Sr. Francine a copy of *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*.

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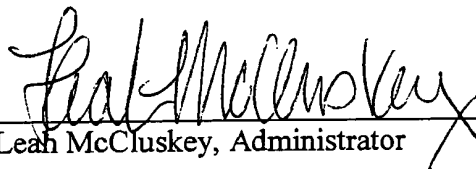
PRA then read to Fr. Vader the entire allegation made against him by [REDACTED]. Upon the conclusion of the allegation being read, Mr. Reardon asked that he, Fr. Vader, and Sr. Francine be able to talk without PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski present in the room. PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski left the conference room until invited back in by Mr. Reardon after approximately 10 minutes.

Mr. Reardon offered a "general, absolute denial" on behalf of Fr. Vader in response to [REDACTED] allegation. He added that if there were any additional information obtained that there would be a written response forwarded to PRA. When prompted by Mr. Reardon, Fr. Vader then responded to [REDACTED] allegation by stating that he "denies everything [in the allegation] that has to do with sex." Fr. Vader denied any fondling, touching, or any sexual relations as alleged by [REDACTED].

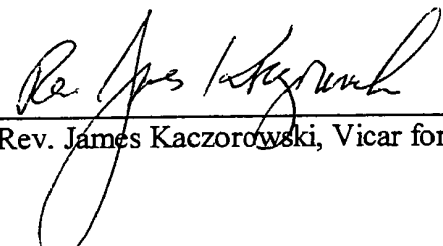
Fr. Vader reviewed this report and his signature is a statement of agreement of the accuracy of what he said is documented in this report. PRA and Fr. Kaczorowski met with Fr. Vader, Mr. Reardon, and Sr. Francine [via speakerphone] at the Vicar for Priests Office for approximately 45 minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. Anthony Vader

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Leah McCluskey, Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
9/8/04  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

\_\_\_\_\_  
10-7-04  
Date

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney  
Sr. Francine Quillin, Canonical Advocate

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May 25, 2004

Rev. Anthony Vader  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Vader,

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of [REDACTED] allegation dated April 27, 2004. A copy of the report has also been sent to your attorney, Mr. Patrick Reardon and your canonical advocate, Sr. Francine Quillin.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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May 25, 2004

Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle Street  
Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Reardon,

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of [REDACTED] allegation against Fr. Anthony Vader.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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May 25, 2004

Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
4300 Asbury Road  
Dubuque, Iowa 52002-0497

Dear Sr. Francine,

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of [REDACTED] allegation against Fr. Anthony Vader. A copy of our policies and procedures is also enclosed for your convenience.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
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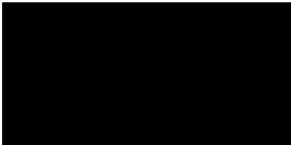
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May 25, 2004



Dear [REDACTED],

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of the report with all of the necessary signatures.  
A copy of the report is also enclosed for your attorney.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
From: Laura A. Neri-Palomino *LNP*  
Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony (Withdrawn)/[REDACTED]  
Date: May 27, 2004

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Please sign and return report to this office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Enclosure

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May 27, 2004

Rev. Anthony Vader  
C/o Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle Street  
Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Fr. Vader,

I want to thank you for taking the time to meet with Rev. James T. Kaczorowski and myself last Friday.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the draft report written based upon our meeting that took place on May 21, 2004, concerning [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you. Please make any changes necessary to ensure the accuracy of the report and return it in the enclosed envelope. If you feel that the report is accurate as written, please sign and date the report on the appropriate lines and return it to me in the same manner.

Fr. Vader, I ask that you return the report to me by June 9, 2004 so that I may continue to move this matter forward. Once I have a final copy of the report as indicated by the appropriate signatures, I will return a copy to you for your records.

Please know that you may contact me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions or concerns. Also know that your Vicar for Priests, Fr. Kaczorowski continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Sr. Francine Quillin, P.B.V.M., J.C.L., Canonical Advocate

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## **Professional Responsibility Review Board Saturday, June 19, 2004 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Members absent:**

[REDACTED]

#### **Non-members present:**

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

I. Approval of Minutes - May 15, 2004

II. Case Reviews

#### **Initial Review**

A. [REDACTED]

B.



**C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader [Retired/Withdrawn] - PFR - 137**

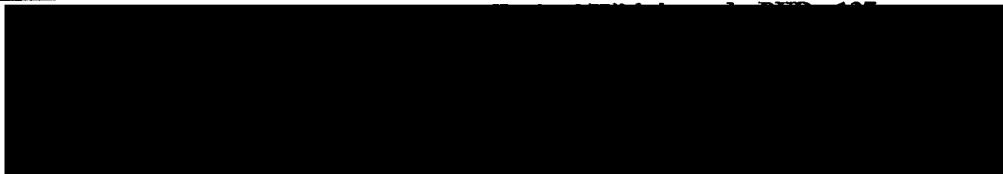
The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: rubbing [REDACTED] around the outside of vaginal area - fondling over and under clothing.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, in light of the information presented the Board determined that the information at least seems to be true of an offense.

The Board also requested that PRA attempt to speak with [REDACTED], the friend mentioned by [REDACTED] in her allegation.

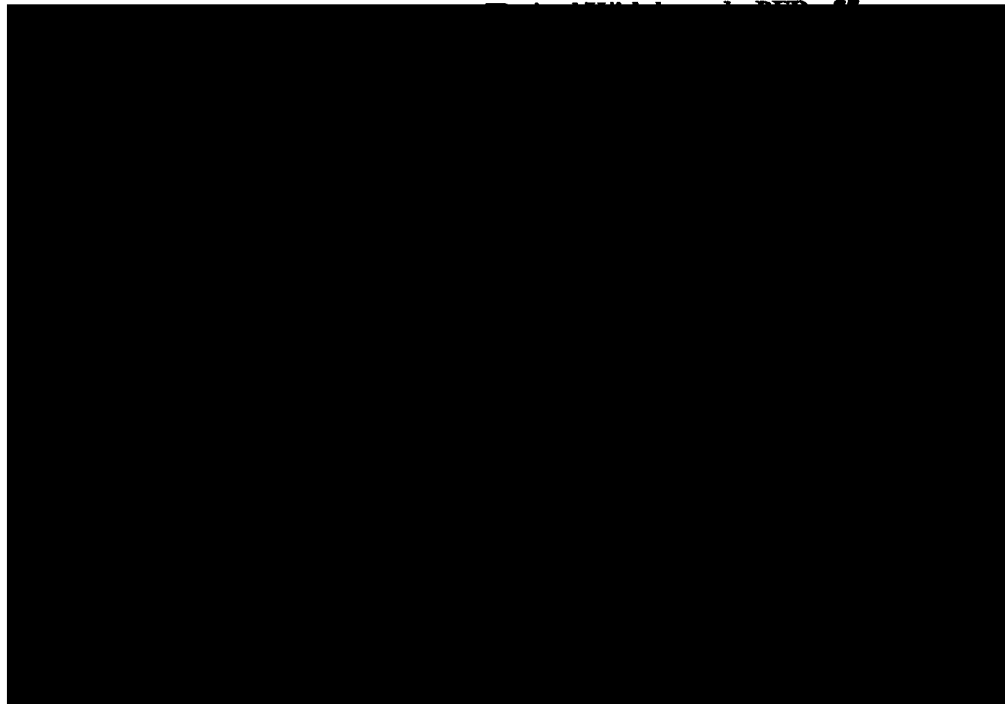
**Discussion with Cardinal Francis George, O.M.L.**

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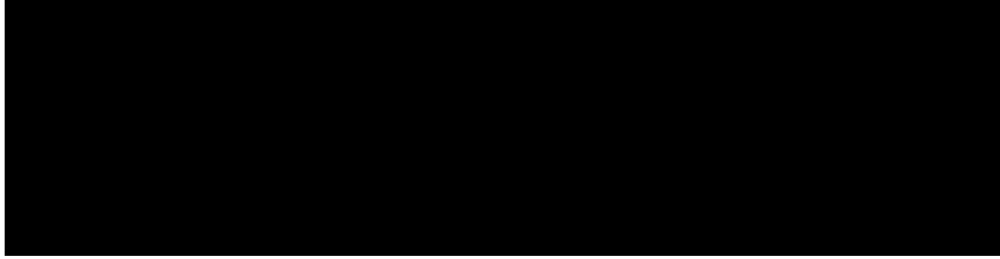
**Review for Cause**

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F.

G.



*Next scheduled meeting is July 17, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

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## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, June 19, 2004 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – May 15, 2004

II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Reviews:

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

- C. In the Matter of Anthony Joseph Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) - PFR-137
- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

#### Discussion with Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.

D. [REDACTED]

#### Review for Cause:

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

III. Other Matters

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, July 17, 2004*

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Review Board Meeting

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony (Retired/Withdrawn)/[REDACTED]

Date: June 19, 2004

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A summary of the discussion from the Review Board Meeting on June 19, 2004.

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: rubbing [REDACTED] around the outside of vaginal area - fondling over and under clothing.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, in light of the information presented the Board determined that the information at least seems to be true of an offense.

The Board also requested that PRA attempt to speak with [REDACTED], the friend mentioned by [REDACTED] in her allegation.



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## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 to conduct a(n)  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☒ Initial Review ☐ Preliminary Review ☐ Review for Cause ☐ Supplementary Review  
☐ Status Report

regarding the allegation of [REDACTED]  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Rev. ~~Anthony Vade~~ Anthony Vader  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon) retired/withdrawn

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Initial Review:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

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☐ the information does not seem to be true of an offense and the file should be closed.

If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

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☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
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If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

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☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 6-0 seems to be true

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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board that information at least seems to be true that Reverend Anthony Vader engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to Reverend Anthony Vader.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint Ms. Leah McCluskey to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Father Vader's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

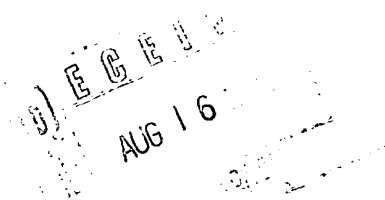
After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to me and to the Professional Responsibility Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on June 21, 2004 at Chicago, Illinois.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



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June 21, 2004

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In light of the information presented, the Review Board unanimously determined that the information at least seems to be true of an offense.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

*Leah McCluskey* <sup>enr</sup>  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept this  
determination.  
Fr. J. J. [unclear]  
June 26, 2004*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar

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June 24, 2004

Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
Archdiocese of Dubuque  
P.O.Box 479  
Dubuque, Iowa 52004-0479

Dear Sr. Francine,

It has come to my attention that you might not have received copies of the interview reports for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] regarding allegations of sexual misconduct of a minor against Fr. Anthony Vader.

I am also enclosing copies of Fr. Vader's responses to these allegations against him.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosures

Cc: Rev. Anthony Vader

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Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
676 N. St. Clair St.  
Chicago, IL 60611

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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of June 21, 2004, regarding the matter of **Reverend Anthony Vader**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is retired and withdrawn from public ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on June 19, 2004.

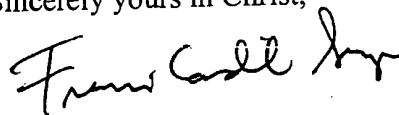
In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that the information they received at least seems to be true that **Father Vader** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

With this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Father Vader**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Rev. Richard J. Sanders*  
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cc: Most Reverend Edwin M. Conway, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
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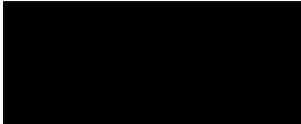
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July 2, 2004



Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Professional Responsibility Review Board regarding your client [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader.

As per the Review Board, I am requesting to speak with [REDACTED], friend of [REDACTED] as referenced in her formal allegation against Fr. Vader. I ask that you discuss this request with [REDACTED] and if she agrees, I also ask for [REDACTED] contact information.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation with this process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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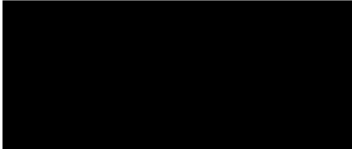
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July 2, 2004



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination, in light of the information presented that the information at least seems to be true of an offense.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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July 2, 2004

Rev. Anthony Vader  
C/o Mr. Patrick G. Reardon  
221 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

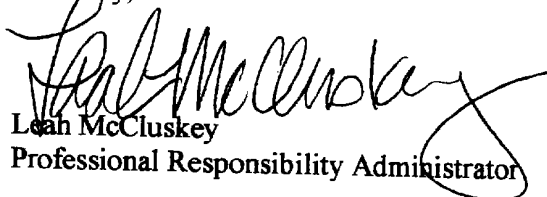
Dear Fr. Vader,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on June 19, 2004 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Cardinal has accepted the Board's determination, in light of the information presented that the information at least seems to be true of an offense. If you have any additional information regarding this matter, I ask that you forward it to my attention as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you. He may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Anthony Vader  
Sr. Francine Quillin, P.B.V.M., J.C.L., Canonical Advocate

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn]/[REDACTED]

Date: July 13, 2004

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PRA received a phone message left on July 12, 2004 from [REDACTED], attorney [REDACTED] of [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] was calling in response to PRA's July 2, 2004 letter requesting contact information for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had referred to [REDACTED] in her allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader as another alleged victim of the cleric.

In the aforementioned phone message, [REDACTED] stated that neither he nor [REDACTED] have any contact information for [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] apologized to PRA for possibly indicating in the past that he did have [REDACTED] contact information.

[REDACTED] asked PRA to contact him with any additional questions.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**Date:** 7/26/04 2:22PM  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

One last request! I need a clean copy of the final report with signatures, and the addendum prepared by [REDACTED]. I believe you sent it and I gave it to her. I did not keep a copy and she can't locate hers-- [REDACTED] so I don't want to ask her again. Please mail it to me at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Thanks again.  
[REDACTED]

*Sent  
7/26/04  
LNP*

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 7/28/04 11:18AM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sorry for the delay in responding to your requests. I have forwarded your request to schedule a meeting between [REDACTED] and the Cardinal to Assistance Ministry [Mayra Flores, Ralph Bonaccorsi, Michael Bland]. They are the correct people to assist you with that matter.

As for our legal counsel, here is the information:

John O'Malley  
Director, Legal Services  
155 E. Superior  
Chicago, IL 60611

James Serritella  
Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella  
330 North Wabash Avenue  
22nd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60611-3607

Take care and my best to [REDACTED]

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Professional Responsibility Administrator  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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676 N. St. Clair, Suite 1910  
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>>> [REDACTED] 07/26/04 09:17AM >>>

Leah:

I hope all is OK with you. Just two quick questions. 1. What about [REDACTED] meeting with Cardinal George or receiving a letter from him? 2. Please send me the names, telephone numbers and addresses of the General Counsel and your outside counsel. Thanks.

[REDACTED]

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

AUG 18 2004

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~~Rev. Anthony Vader~~ [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
[redacted] Colorado [destination address and contact phone number] from  
Aug. 24, 2004 [departure date] through Sept. 3, 2004 [return date].

~~Rev. Anthony Vader~~ [name of cleric] will be monitored by  
[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of  
travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of  
~~Rev. Anthony Vader~~ [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

*[see attached correspondence]*

1. Contacts with minors by ~~Rev. A.J. Vader~~ [name of cleric] must be in the  
presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations  
and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

[redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the  
activities and whereabouts of ~~Rev. A. Vader~~ [cleric name] over  
~~August~~ Sept 24, thru ~~Sept 3~~ Sept 3, 2004 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to ~~Rev. AJ Vader~~ [cleric name]  
residence has been scheduled for Sept. 3, 2004 [aforementioned return date].  
However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be  
changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be  
substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: [Signature] Date: 14 August, . 2004

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/16/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file  
in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar  
for Priests' Office.

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**Professional Responsibility Review Board**  
**Saturday, September 18, 2004 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

## MINUTES

Corrected

### Review Board Members Present:



### Members absent:

None

### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator [PRA]  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

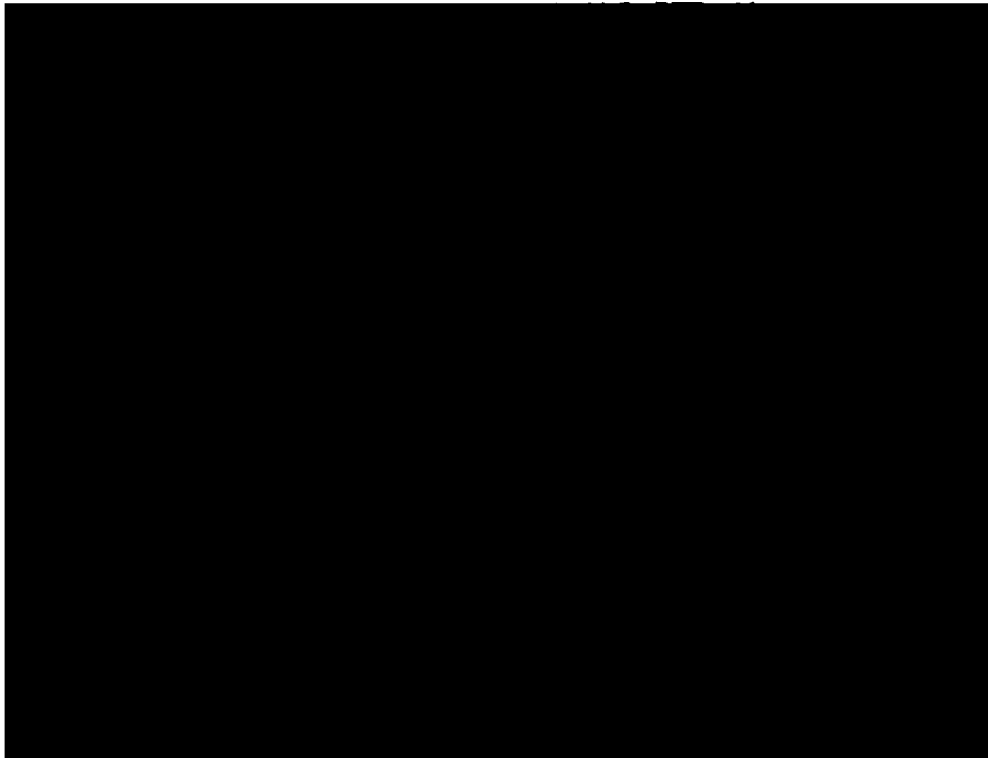


**I. Approval of Minutes - July 17, 2004**

**II. Case Reviews**

### Initial Review

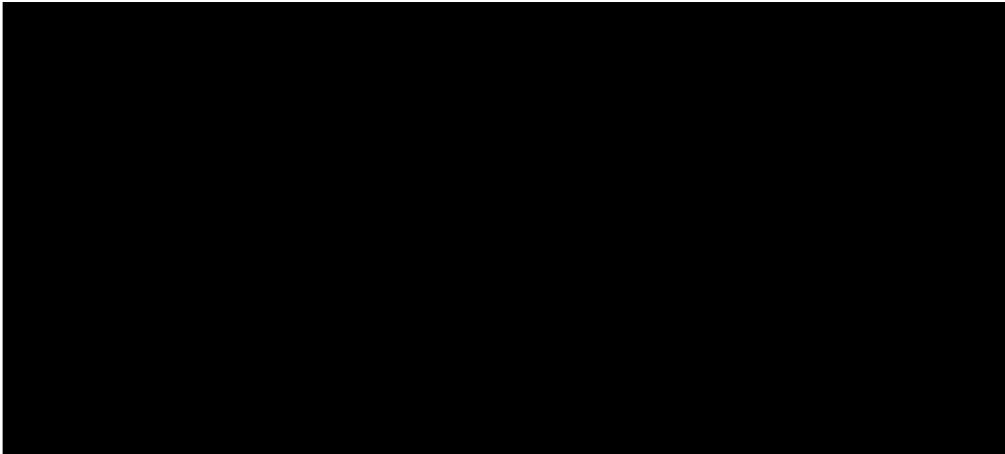
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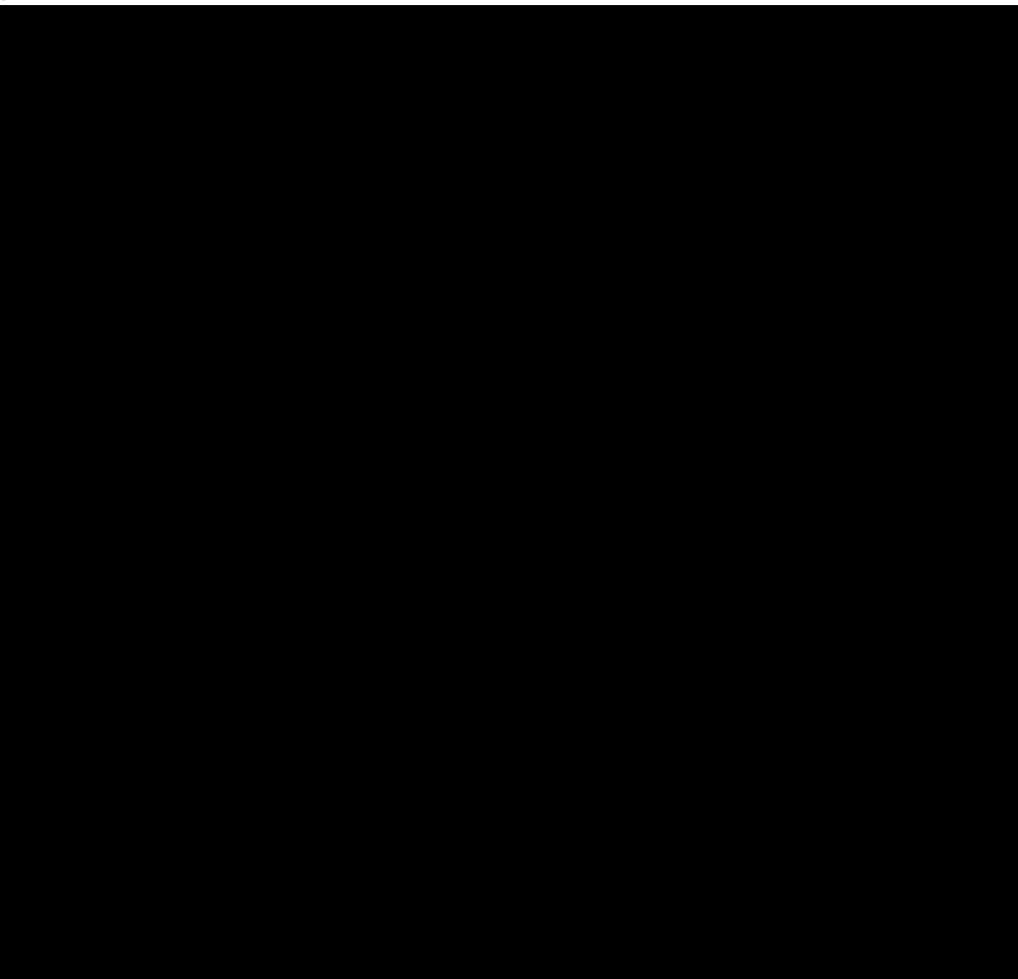


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Review for Cause

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**C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader [Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003]**

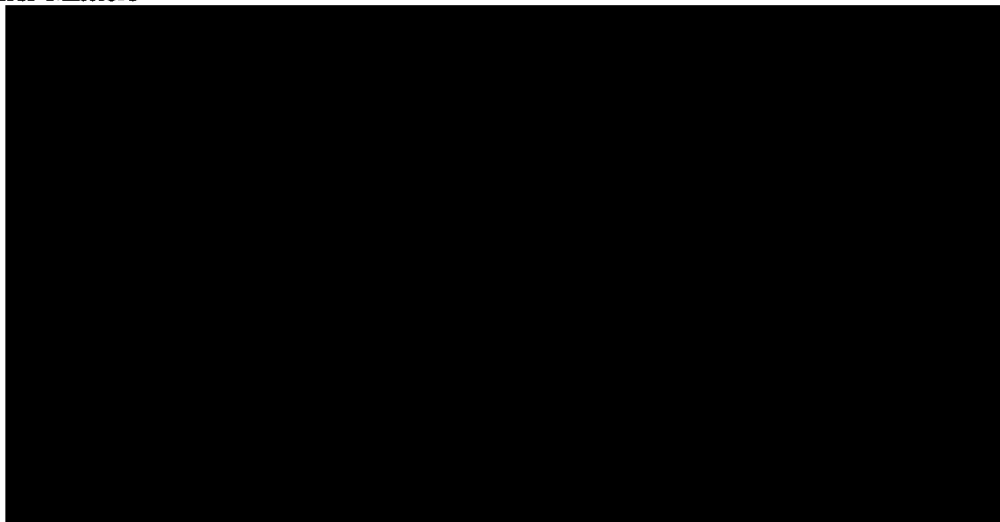
The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: rubbing [REDACTED] around the outside of vaginal area - fondling over and under clothing.

In an 8-0 vote, in light of the information presented the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

**III. Other Matters**

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- This was the final Board meeting for members [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], as their terms ended in September 2004. There will be a luncheon after the November 20, 2004 meeting for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to be attended by all Board members, Fr. Smilanic, and PRA.

*Next scheduled meeting is October 16, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.



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## **PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY REVIEW BOARD MEETING** **Saturday, September 18, 2004**

### **AGENDA**

#### **I. Approval of Minutes – July 17, 2004**

#### **II. Case Reviews**

##### **Initial Review:**

A.

B.

C.

##### **Review for Cause:**

A.

B.

- C. In the Matter of Anthony Joseph Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) – PFR-137
- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

#### **III. Other Matters**

*The next scheduled Board Meeting is for Saturday, October 16, 2004*

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Hotline: 1-800-994-6200

## RECORD OF CASE DISPOSITION

The Professional Responsibility Review Board met on 9/18/04 to conduct a(n)  
(enter date: month/day/year)

(check one:) ☐ Initial Review ☐ Preliminary Review ☒ Review for Cause ☐ Supplementary Review  
☐ Status Report  
regarding the allegation of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of alleged victim)

against Anthony Joseph Vader  
(enter name of accused priest or deacon)

(check one:) ☒ a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago ☐ a deacon of the Archdiocese of Chicago  
☐ an extern priest or deacon of the (Arch)diocese of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of [Arch]diocese)

☐ a religious priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter name of religious community)

☐ a resigned priest or deacon of \_\_\_\_\_  
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which claims as follows: rubbing  
(enter brief description of the alleged misconduct or inappropriate behavior)  
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**Initial Review:** In light of the information presented, the Review Board determined that

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If the information at least seems to be true of an offense, the Board recommends that

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☐ there is not reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.  
☐ there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause.

If there is a finding of reasonable cause to suspect, the Board recommends that

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☐ no further action be taken because the accused priest is resigned or deceased, except to provide appropriate outreach to those affected by the alleged misconduct.

The Board further recommends: 8-0 unanimous

**From:** Leah McCluskey

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Date:** 9/22/04 9:07AM

**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I did get your message--sorry I was not able to write to you yesterday. The Board met this past Saturday [9/18], where [REDACTED] allegation against Fr. Vader was presented for a final [Review for Cause] review. Once I receive a decision from the Cardinal, you will be receiving a letter from my office regarding the Cardinal's final decision.

Take care,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Professional Responsibility Administrator  
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lmclluskey@archchicago.org

>>> <[REDACTED]> 09/21/04 10:06PM >>>

Dear Ms. McClusky:

Please get back to me regarding the voicemail I left for you on Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, regarding a letter from, or meeting with Cardinal George. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

[REDACTED]

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September 23, 2004

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
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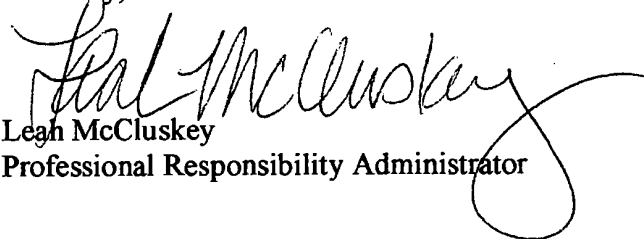
Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on September 18, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board determined that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. It is also recommended that Fr. Vader's withdrawal from ministry continues and that his restrictions and monitoring continue to be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept the  
recommendations*  
*F. J. J.*  
*Sept 30, 2004*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests

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October 6, 2004

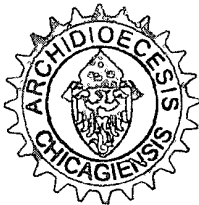
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
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Dear Ms. McCluskey,

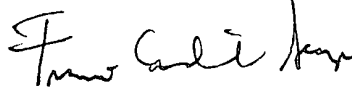
I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of September 30, 2004 in response to your letter of September 23, 2004, regarding the matter of **Reverend Anthony Vader**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is withdrawn from public ministry, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on at their regular meeting of September 18, 2004.

I accept the Review Board's determination that there is reasonable cause to suspect that Father Vader engaged in acts of sexual misconduct with a minor. I agree that he should continue to be prohibited from exercising public ministry and that his monitoring protocols should remain as stated.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of Francis Cardinal George.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Rev. Richard Lueder*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Most Reverend Raymond E. Goedert, Vicar General  
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October 11, 2004

Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
4300 Asbury Road  
Dubuque, Iowa 52002-0497

Dear Sr. Francine,

Enclosed you will find a copy of Rev. Anthony Vader's response to allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

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October 14, 2004

Rev. Anthony Vader  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455

Dear Fr. Vader,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on September 18, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. James T. Kaczorowski continues to be available to you. He may be reached at the Vicar for Priests office at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Patrick Reardon, Attorney  
Sr. Francine Quillin, P.B.V.M., J.C.L., Canonical Advocate

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October 14, 2004



Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on September 18, 2004 and conducted a Review for Cause regarding your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader, a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you. They may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137  
From: Review Board Meeting Minutes  
Re: Vader, Anthony (Retired/Withdrawn)/[REDACTED]  
Date: October 18, 2004

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A summary of the discussion from the Professional Responsibility Review Board Meeting on September 18, 2004:

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause regarding the allegation of sexual misconduct made by [REDACTED]. The claim is as follows: rubbing [REDACTED] around the outside of vaginal area - fondling over and under clothing.

In an 8-0 vote, in light of the information presented the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

**CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
Archdiocesan, Religious and Extern Priests

Parish/School/Agency RETIRED

DATE 25 October, 2004

I have received a copy of the CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHURCH PERSONNEL. I have read and understand the Code of Conduct, and I agree to abide by it. I have also read and understand the "Measures to Aid Observance of the Code of Conduct" and the "Practical Suggestions" and will employ them to help me observe the code of conduct. A violation of this code can result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination and/or removal from ministry.

Signature Rev. Jeremiah Boland

Print Name Jeremiah Boland

Position Retired

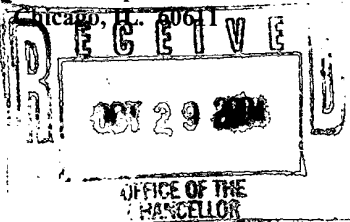
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☐ Religious Community \_\_\_\_\_

The signed Code of Conduct Acknowledgement Form shall be kept in personnel files at the Pastoral Center. Please return the acknowledgement form to:

Archdiocesan Priests:  
Office of the Chancellor  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
155 E. Superior  
Chicago, IL. 60611

Religious/Extern Priests:  
Rev. Jeremiah Boland  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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## Resurrection Parish

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26 October 2004

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
PO Box 1979  
Chicago IL 60690-1979

Dear Leah:

I apologize for the fact that I have just come across these signed mandates, and realized that evidently I never sent them to you. I don't know how many copies you need for the various files there, but I had three originals done at the time.

Hopefully it helps to senate the files!

Thank you for all the work you do, and for your gracious efforts at keeping all of us informed about these cases as things arise. It is a very big responsibility, but you shoulder it well.

Sincerely,

*Sister Francine Quillin*

Francine Quillin, PBVM

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Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
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October 27, 2004



Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for sharing your good memories and experiences of Father Anthony Vader. I am sure you are aware that over the last few years the Church clearly stated that our children should never be at risk regarding sexual misconduct. Father Vader has been withdrawn from active ministry due to the fact that there is at least one substantial allegation of sexual misconduct leveled against him. Until the canonical process is completed, I cannot share with you Father Vader's future status and possible return to active ministry.

Let us please pray for all victims who were abused by our clergy as children, as well as their families, so that healing may continue to occur. I regret that I am not able to relay better news to you concerning Father Vader. In the meantime, let us remember him in prayer.

God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

Cc: Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

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**MANDATE**

I, the undersigned,

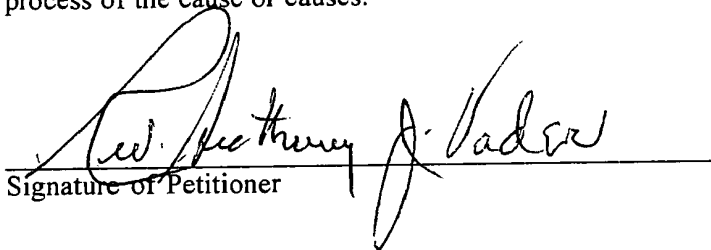
**Reverend Anthony Vader**

do name and establish

***Francine Quillin PBVM, JCL***

as my Procurator-Advocate for the purpose of my recourse against any administrative or hierarchical processes and/or decrees initiated against me within the Archdiocese of Chicago, and before any Tribunal which may be assigned to hear my cause.

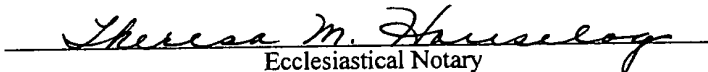
I give her the power to act and discharge in her own name all the necessary and useful acts for the process of the cause or causes.

  
Signature of Petitioner

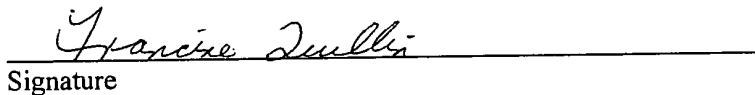
Date 4-4-03

This mandate was signed in my presence on

Date 4 April '03 at Metropolitan Tribunal, Archd. of Dubuque

  
Ecclesiastical Notary

I hereby accept appointment as the Procurator-Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader.

  
Signature

4 April 03  
Date

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TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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Rev. J. J. Voder [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to San Diego, CA to home [destination address and contact phone number] from San Diego, CA

Nov. 23, 2004 [departure date] through Dec. 1, 2004 [return date].

Voder [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

Voder [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by Voder [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.

2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of Voder [cleric name] over 23/11/04 - 1/12/04 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to Chicago's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 12/1/04 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be

substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/11/04

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 11/4/04

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Legal Services

John C. O'Malley  
Director



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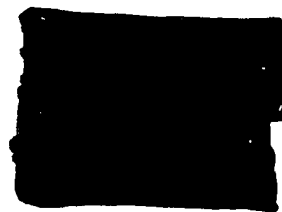
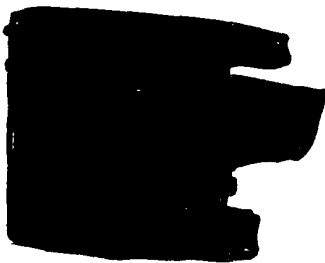
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Mr. Michael J. Howlett, Jr.  
Counsel to the State's Attorney  
Richard J. Daley Center  
69 West Washington Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60602

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Dear Mr. Howlett:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed are copies of Individual Specific Protocols applicable to priests of the Archdiocese for whom the Archbishop has determined there is reason to suspect that the individual priest may have engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. The priests are:



Rev. Anthony Vader

Please note I have deleted information related to therapy and spiritual direction for the reason of confidentiality. Further, [redacted] Vader have not signed the protocol, upon advice of canonical counsel, but I am advised by Leah McCluskey that they comply with the restrictions.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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Enclosures

cc: Rev. Edward D. Grace  
Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Ms. Leah McCluskey

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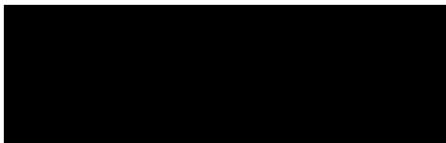
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PATRICIA B. CARLSON  
DIRECT DIAL NUMBER  
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pcarlson@burkelaw.com

November 17, 2004

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

Pursuant to your November 10, 2004 letter, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole ("the Catholic Bishop") agrees to extend the tolling agreement set forth in its April 7, 2004 letter to you until March 15, 2005 (the period from March 15, 2004 until March 15, 2005 will now be called the "Tolling Period"). The other terms set forth in the April 7, 2004 letter remain in place.

Please call if you have any questions about this.


Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia B. Carlson".

Patricia B. Carlson



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November 17, 2004

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bcc    John C. O'Malley, Esq.  
         Rev. James Kaczorowski  
         Matthew Kaminski  
         Christopher Spala  
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         James A. Serritella, Esq.

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Patricia B. Carlson

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November 17, 2004

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bcc John C. O'Malley, Esq.  
Rev. James Kaczorowski  
Matthew Kaminski  
Christopher Spala  
Christopher Weiner  
James A. Serritella, Esq.

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**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY** (312) 751-5205  
**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**  
 This is a red ink stamp. **INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS**  
**DO NOT COPY** For  
Rev. Anthony Vader

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of protecting minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA); please refer to protocol number 15. The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for Anthony Vader is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):


1. ☒ Restricted from being alone with minors (anyone under the age of 18) without the presence of another responsible adult.

2.

3.

4. ☒ The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the priest/deacon, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it lists all time periods, it is intended to provide an accurate record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-campus activity, please include the place, the general purpose of the visit/trip/activity (e.g. Spiritual Direction, therapy), and the telephone number only if it is a private residence. (For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping rather than the name, location and telephone number of each individual store.) If your self-description is challenged, some documentation/verification may be requested.

5. ☒ Abide by the assignment of residence to Cardinal Stritch  
Retreat House

6. ☒ No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* will apply.
7. ☒ Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure.
8. 
9. ☒ No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. ☒ Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. ☒ The right of defense must not involve the public life of the Church.
12. ☒ On-site visits by PRA annually to include meeting with PRA and the cleric.
13. ☒ On-site visits by Vicar for Priests (VP) annually to include a meeting with VP and the cleric.
14. ☒ This ISP is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric.
15. Because the private celebration of the Eucharist is possible, during the course of each week one of the Masses celebrated is to be for the intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.
16. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, and at the discretion of any of the parties, his legal and/or canonical counsel may be involved.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of PRA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VP: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Monitoring

Date: November 30, 2004

PRA and Rev. James T. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests traveled to the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House on November 29, 2004 and met with Rev. Edward Siedlecki. Fr. Siedlecki resides at the Retreat House.

Due to the fact that Rev. Anthony Talarico will be on vacation from November 29, 2004 through December 10, 2004, he will be unable to fulfill his duties as on-site monitor for those men who have been withdrawn from active ministry as a result of allegations of sexual misconduct. Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA met with Fr. Siedlecki to ask if he would agree to act as on-sit monitor while Fr. Talarico is on vacation.

Fr. Siedlecki stated that he would act as monitor in Fr. Talarico's absence. PRA then went over the duties of on-site monitor with Fr. Siedlecki at his own request. Fr. Siedlecki was also agreeable to contacting Fr. Kaczorowski and/or PRA in the event of any of his awareness of any clear disregard/violation of the stated monitoring protocols.

Fr. Siedlecki shared with Fr. Kaczorowski and PRA his own current medical issues. It was agreed that in the event that Fr. Siedlecki would not be able to fulfill the role as monitor due to a medical emergency, he will contact either Fr. Kaczorowski or PRA.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests

# TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Fr. Anthony J. Vader [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to the Philippines [destination address and contact phone number] from 1 Jan. 05 [departure date] through April 05 [return date].  
Vader [name of cleric] will be monitored by [redacted] [name of travel monitor] [redacted] [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of Vader [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by Vader [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of Vader [cleric name] over 3 months [aforementioned time frame].
3. As previously noted, the date of return to Vader 's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for April 2005 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Fr. Anthony J. Vader Date: 7 December 2004  
PRA Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Fr. Vader - I will be unable to sign off on this notification until we have in writing the exact dates of your trip, the towns you will be staying in, where you will be staying and contact info for you!

your monitor.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Responsibility



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December 17, 2004

Rev. Anthony Vader  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, Illinois 60060

Dear Fr. Vader,

I am writing this letter in regards to the Travel/Vacation Notification form that you sent to my attention and that I received on December 10, 2004.

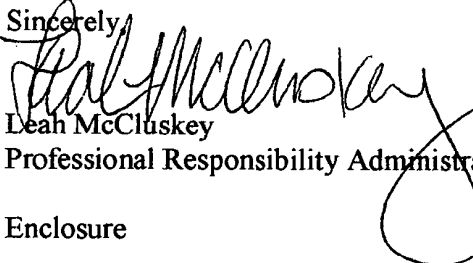
As you may recall from your trip last year to the Philippines, I am unable to sign off on the enclosed notification until you have been able to provide the following:

1. The exact dates of your trip.
2. The locations/towns that you will be staying in throughout the duration of your trip and the corresponding dates.
3. The names of the rectories/hotels/etc. that you will be staying in with the appropriate contact information for them, such as the phone numbers and/or addresses.
4. The contact information for your identified monitors [REDACTED], such as a phone number.

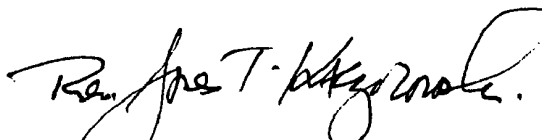
Once you have been able to provide us with the requested information, letters will be sent from the Archdiocese of Chicago to the appropriate bishops in the Philippines and to the President of the National Episcopal Conference of the Philippines to notify each of your status as a retired and withdrawn priest in this diocese, as well as to notify them that you are unable to present yourself as a cleric and/or celebrate mass publicly. This action is required of us by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter and Norms.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Rev. James T. Kaczorowski  
Vicar for Priests

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## Holy Name of Mary Church

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20 Decemver, 2004

Dear Ms. Leah McCluskey:

With regard to my travel/vacation notification, I filled it out as the form requested. Now I find out that you want more information, which I will try to give you.

[REDACTED] live at [REDACTED] in Makati City, Philippines. The telephone numbers are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The fax is [REDACTED].

If you did not know, Makati is a suburb of Manila. When I first went to the Philippines, Makati was a series of rice fields. Now it is the Business center of the nation.

I will be with the [REDACTED] family on both my travel to the Philippines. We will fly together both ways. We will leave Chicago on January 1, 2005 and return to Chicago on March 31, 2005.. They have accepted the responsibility for me while in the Philippines.

I do not plan to travel in the Philippines at this time. I may go to Real, in the Quezon Province to bring some of the money the Filipino community has given me to assist all those families who lost homes, family members, possessions, etc. during the recent land slides as noted in the US newspapers. Other than that I will enjoy the warmth of Manila until we return to Chicago on March 31, 2005. The trip to Real is a one day trip. [REDACTED] will be with me or know where I am on such a trip.

I answered all the questions on the travel/vacations form, but apparently these did not satisfy. If more information is needed, then perhaps I can assist you in rewriting the Travel Notification. Please let me know what help you need.

Blessed and Merry Christmas.

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Fr. Smilanic,

Leah asked that I forward you a copy of this letter ASAP.

Laura

Attachment

12/27/04  
 copy of letter  
 forwarded to  
 Fr. Kaczorowski

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 1/12/2005 7:34:55 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]/Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail-- [REDACTED] Mr. O'Malley's direct phone number is [312] 751-5379.

Please send my best to [REDACTED] as I wish and pray for her continued healing.

Peace,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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Archdiocese of Chicago  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
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>>> <[REDACTED]> 01/12/05 3:00 AM >>>

Leah:

Here is the letter I sent to Mr. O'Malley. When my AOL was down I tried to send you an e-mail, but I'm not sure you received it. Please send me his telephone #. What ever happened to the apology letter from, and meeting with the Cardinal? (I know the settlement demand is a bit on the high side given other resolutions, but she is upset that the apology didn't happen. It would help her tremendously with achieving closure! Please pass this to Mr. O'Malley and ask him to RSVP to me ASAP. [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] I personally appreciate all you've done--thank you sincerely. Yours in Christ, [REDACTED]

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS



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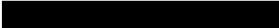
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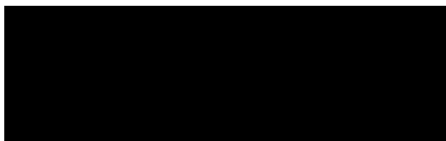
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Responsibility



P.O. Box 1979  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator (P)

Re: Department of Children and Family Services [DCFS] Investigations

Date: July 9, 2005

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PRA spoke with Ms. Yvonne Gillie-Wallace, DCFS investigator via phone on June 22, 2006. The phone call began discussion a different matter. Ms. Gillie-Wallace then expressed her need to speak with PRA about "other pending cases."

Ms. Gillie-Wallace referred to DCFS investigator Artis Cook and their need to go out to "Mundelein." PRA informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace of her [PRA's] June 16<sup>th</sup> phone conversation with Ms. Gailyn Thomas of DCFS regarding the needs of the investigators. Ms. Gillie-Wallace was able to clarify that she was interested in the location of where the clerics withdrawn from the priesthood [for substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct] reside. PRA informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace that "Mundelein" is the location of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and that the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House is on the seminary grounds. Ms. Gillie-Wallace was informed that the clerics she has spoken of reside at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. PRA spent much time attempting to explain the set up of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in relation to the location of the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Ms. Gillie-Wallace did eventually express her understanding of the campus.

Ms. Gillie-Wallace then requested clarification for the addresses of the following clerics [which PRA provided]:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] [PRA also informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace that [REDACTED] is a registered sex offender]
- [REDACTED] [when asked, PRA clarified that the Cicero address is for [REDACTED] family home]
- Rev. Anthony Vader [PRA clarified that Fr. Vader moved to Holy Family Villa nursing facility within the last two months]

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- [REDACTED] [PRA clarified that [REDACTED] resides at Resurrection Life Center on a skilled nursing floor]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Ms. Gillie-Wallace also asked about the former [REDACTED] PRA informed Ms. Gillie-Wallace that all three men have resigned from the priesthood and therefore, the Archdiocese of Chicago does not have any control over where they reside.

When asked, PRA agreed to fax Ms. Gillie-Wallace a list of all clerics who have been withdrawn from ministry and residing at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Ms. Gillie-Wallace provided the fax number of [708] 210-3546.

Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: July 13, 2005

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PRA received the attached Travel/Vacation Notification today from Rev. Anthony Vader regarding his upcoming trip to [REDACTED] Colorado. Fr. Vader did not indicate an address and/or phone number of where he will be staying while in Colorado from July 14 through July 19, 2005.

PRA attempted to reach Fr. Vader today at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in order to obtain the aforementioned contact information for his trip to Colorado. The secretary [Eva] informed PRA that Fr. Vader was out and did not know when he would return. As Fr. Vader's scheduled departure is July 14<sup>th</sup>, PRA asked Eva to take a message for the cleric, asking him to contact PRA with the address and phone number of where he will be staying while in Colorado. Eva informed PRA that if she did not see Fr. Vader prior to her departure from the Retreat House for the evening, that she would leave the message and the request for information with Rev. Anthony Talarico, monitor at the Retreat House.

The attached Travel/Vacation Notification form will not be signed by PRA until Fr. Vader is able to provide the requested information.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priest

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# TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

RECEIVED

JUL 13 2005

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Anthony J. Vader [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to Colorado [destination address and contact phone number] from July 14, 2005 [departure date] through July 29, 2005 [return date].

Father Vader [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[redacted] [name of travel monitor]. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of Father Vader [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

1. Contacts with minors by Father Vader [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [redacted] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. [redacted] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of Father Vader [cleric name] over July 14 - 29, 2005 [aforementioned time frame].

3. As previously noted, the date of return to Father Vader's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for July 29th [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: [Signature]

Date: 11 July, 2005

PRA Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

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**CARDINAL STRITCH RETREAT HOUSE**

P.O. Box 455  
1300 Stritch Drive  
Mundelein, IL 60060-0455  
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FAX (847) 566-6082

**TO:** Leah

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**FROM:** Eva

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**DATE:** 7/14/05

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**FAX NUMBER:** 312/751-5279

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Fr. Voder [REDACTED]  
Please leave your  
contact phone # and  
address for Leah,  
before you leave.

[REDACTED] Thanks  
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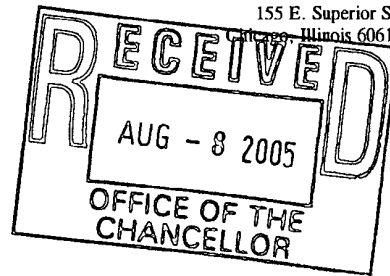
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# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611



July 22, 2005

Rev. Anthony Vader  
Cardinal Stritch Retreat House  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Tony:

I have completed my review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against you. My decision is contained in the enclosed decree.

I have also sent a copy of this decree to your advocate, so you might want to discuss this with her.

Should you wish to appeal this decree, you may do so to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith within the prescribed period of time. However, you will be expected to bear any of the expenses associated with that appeal.

I hope this will bring some conclusion to this matter which has been most difficult for both of us. Please be assured that you remain in my prayers; I ask that you keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

cc: Sister Francine Quillin, PBVM, Advocate  
Rev. George J. Rassas, Vicar General  
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
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Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Minister  
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## D E C R E E

### THE FACTS.

**Reverend Anthony Vader** is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who was ordained in 1952. He has served the Archdiocese in the following assignments: Parochial Vicar at Holy Cross Parish (1952-1964), St. Lawrence Parish (1964-1968) and Holy Name of Mary Parish (1968-1970); then as pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish from 1970 until his retirement in 1997. At the present time, he is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, residing at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.

There are three accusations of sexual misconduct against Father Vader. All three involve young women who accuse Father Vader of fondling them both above and underneath their clothing. Father Vader has denied all these accusations.

The matter was brought before the Professional Responsibility Review Board on two separate occasions for each allegation. Both times, the Review Board advised me that there was enough evidence present for further action to be taken. After the second recommendation, they advised me that they believed the matter ought to be referred to the Holy See, in accordance with the motu proprio *Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela*. I referred this matter to the Holy See on 30 September, 2003, receiving a reply on 13 July, 2004 (P.N. 387/03 - 19660), dispensing from canonical prescription and instructing me to conduct an administrative penal process. I initiated this process on 26 August, 2004, entrusting its instruction to Reverend Patrick R. Lagges. All the evidence and proofs have been gathered. This consists of:

- o The allegations of [REDACTED]
- o The response of Father Vader to each of the accusations
- o The results of the Preliminary Investigation for each allegation
- o The results of the deliberation of the Review Board and my responses

Father Vader has been cited according to the norm of law. I had already accepted his previous mandate for Sister Francine Quillin to act as his advocate, with a dispensation from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Sister Francine has reviewed the acts of this case and has been allowed to comment on them.

I have appointed two assessors in this case, in accordance with the prescriptions of the law and the directives of the Holy See. They have reviewed all the acts of the case and have presented me with their opinions.

I have carefully reviewed all the acts of the case and listened to the opinions of the Assessors. Having prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I have now come to a decision on the following matter:

Is **Father Anthony Vader** guilty of the delict described in c. 1395§2 (c. 2359§2 of the 1917 Code); namely sexual misconduct with a minor under the age of sixteen?  
and  
insofar as this is true, what penalty ought to be imposed?

#### **THE LAW.**

Every society which is organized in the world must establish rules that govern how its members are to behave and what to do when its members don't behave in that way. This is no less true of the Church. It is for this reason that c. 1311 states, "The Church has the innate and proper right to coerce offending members of the Christian faithful with penal sanctions."

However, the present Code, following upon the principle established by the bishops of the world that the number of automatic penalties should be reduced and only inflicted for the most serious reasons, recognized the wisdom of the Fathers of the Council of Trent who wrote, "Let Bishops and other Ordinaries bear in mind that they are pastors and not prosecutors and that they ought to preside over those subject to them so as not to lord it over them, but to love them as children and brethren and to strive by exhortation and admonition to deter them from what is unlawful, that they may not be obliged should [their subjects] transgress, to coerce them by due punishments. ....But if on account of the gravity of the offense there is need of the rod, then its rigor is to be tempered with gentleness, judgement with mercy, and severity with clemency, that discipline, so salutary and necessary for the people, may be preserved without harshness and they who are chastised may be corrected...." This was also enshrined in the 1917 Code of Canon Law as c. 2214§2.

The present Code also emphasized that the imposition of penalties is to come only as a last resort. Canon 1341 admonishes bishops and other ordinaries not to begin penal proceedings until they have exhausted all other means of repairing scandal, restoring justice, and reforming the offender.

There are some crimes, however, that are so heinous that their effects reverberate through the whole Church. In such cases, the Holy See intervenes to issue particular legislation to ensure the unity of the Church is not harmed by the action of individual.

Such is the case with clerical sexual abuse of minors. Canon 1395§2 states, "A cleric who in another way has committed an offense against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue, if the delict was committed by force or threats or publicly or with a minor below the age of sixteen years, is to be punished with just penalties, not excluding dismissal from the clerical state if the case so warrants." Recognizing the gravity of this offense, and the long term effects that this has upon the victim, the Holy See issued particular legislation for the United States in 1994, defining the offense as applicable to any person under the age of eighteen who was abused by a cleric. In 2001, this became the universal law of the Church with the promulgation of the *motu proprio*, *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*. Further particular legislation in the United States, namely the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons* has established dismissal from the clerical state as the

normal penalty to be imposed in cases where clerics have been found guilty of the delict of sexual abuse of minors.

Since c. 1342§2 prohibits the imposition of perpetual penalties by means of a decree, this would mean that normally a judicial trial would have to take place in order to impose the penalty prescribed by the *Essential Norms*. However, on 7 February, 2003, the Holy Father issued further legislation which granted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith the faculty to issue decrees of dismissal from the clerical state. It allowed the Particular Congress of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in cases which are “grave and clear”, to allow some cases to “be treated under the summary process of can. 1720 by the Ordinary who, in case he is of the opinion that the accused should be dismissed from the clerical state, will ask the CDF to impose dismissal by decree.” This was a derogation from Article 17 of *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, which states, “The more grave delicts reserved to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith may only be tried in a judicial process.”

In this particular case, the Particular Congress of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in permitting this case to be handled according to the summary judicial process, also included the provision that the Particular Congress would also consider imposing “some other perpetual penalty” recommended by the Ordinary. The Congregation has also granted a dispensation from prescription in this matter (see P.N. 387/03 – 19660) so that the action has not been extinguished.

In determining whether a delict has been committed and a penalty ought to be imposed, the bishop must make three distinct decisions, according to cc. 1717-1720. First, he must decide whether there is some semblance of truth to the accusation (c. 1717). According to the *Essential Norms*, he is to seek the advice of a diocesan review board which is to be established as a consultative body in each diocese to assist the bishop in making determinations in various stages of the process.

Having made the decision that there is some semblance of truth to an accusation, the bishop must then conduct an inquiry either personally or through another in order to decide whether a further penal process is warranted in a case. In weighing the evidence presented from this investigation, the bishop must then decide whether further action is necessary in order to determine whether a delict has been committed and what penalty ought to be imposed.

According to *Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, if he determines that further action is necessary, the bishop must refer the case to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (see Article 13), seeking further direction as to how to proceed. The Congregation will then direct the bishop to initiate a judicial trial, to initiate an administrative process, or to provide for a resolution of the case in some other administrative manner. In the most egregious cases, the Congregation has been granted the faculty to refer the case directly to the Holy Father for an *ex officio* dismissal from the clerical state.

In this particular case, the Congregation has directed me to proceed with an administrative penal process, according to c. 1720, and, if the case warrants the imposition of a perpetual penalty, to refer the matter back to the Congregation for its consideration of my decision and the imposition of a perpetual penalty if the Congregation feels it is so warranted.

Having taken the above into consideration,  
having carefully weighed the evidence and the proofs,  
having afforded the accused the right of defense through his legitimately mandated  
Advocate,



having listened to the Reverend Promoter of Justice, and  
having consulted two experts in the law who have served as Assessors,  
I, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago,  
having only God before my eyes,  
and invoking the name of the Most Holy Trinity,  
do hereby **declare, pronounce, and decree:**

Reverend **Anthony Vader** has been found guilty of the delict described in c. 1395§2 of the present Code; namely a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue with a minor under the age of sixteen years of age. I have reached moral certitude that Father Vader has committed this delict by carefully weighing the evidence that has been presented, as well as the opinions of Father Vader's advocate and the two assessors. The difficulty in the case is that the accusers and the accused are trying to remember things that happened many years ago. It is to be expected that some of these memories may be inexact. But it has also been shown that in cases of childhood sexual abuse, although the details are often not precise, the fact that the child was abused is accurate. I find this to be the case with Father Vader's accusers.

Because of the seriousness of the offense, taking into account the circumstances of persons and things, and keeping foremost in my mind my obligation, enunciated by the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, to provide for the protection of children and young people in my diocese, I have determined that some canonical penalty is warranted in this case. I do not believe that the actions of Father Vader warrant dismissal from the clerical state.

However, because of the seriousness of the offense and the scandal that has resulted among the Christian faithful, I make the following provisions in this case:

Father Anthony Vader's faculties to minister as a priest of the Archdiocese are removed for a period of five years. At the end of that period of time, this decree will be reviewed to see if it must be renewed or can be revised. However, Father Vader is permitted to celebrate Mass alone in his room, with no one else present. He may also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick in danger of death only. Requests for other liturgical services must be directed to the Vicar for Priests.

Father Vader is enjoined from being present in any way at any time on the property of Sacred Heart Mission in Chicago and Holy Name of Mary parish in Chicago. He may not exercise any pastoral ministry for the faithful of either place and should not visit or stay within the territorial boundaries of Holy Name of Mary parish or among the faithful who attend Sacred Heart Mission. He must consult with the Vicar for Priests before traveling outside the Archdiocese of Chicago.

With regard to where Father Vader shall live, I hereby designate the Vicar for Priests and the Professional Responsibility Administrator to determine this matter in consultation with Father Vader.

Because he is a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Father Vader will receive the normal benefits which are accorded to retired priests.

I also direct the Vicar for Priests, in conjunction with the Professional Responsibility Administrator, to work with Father Vader in determining a monitoring protocol which ought to include periodic meetings with the Vicar for Priests.

I also dispense Father Vader from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c. 284), and strongly urge that he not wear such attire. Furthermore, he is not to represent himself as a priest to those unknown to him nor to act as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I further urge Father Vader to observe the prescriptions of canons 273 to 289 concerning the rights and obligations of clerics. That is, he is to show reverence and obedience to the Supreme Pontiff and to his Ordinary (c. 273); to unite himself with the presbyterate of Chicago and promote the mission of the laity (c. 275); to pursue holiness of life, especially by availing himself of daily prayer, monthly spiritual direction and an annual retreat; to pursue opportunities for continuing education (c. 279); to foster simplicity of life (c. 282); and to foster peace and harmony based on justice (c. 287).

I further urge Father Vader to refrain completely from all things which are unbecoming or foreign to the clerical state (c. 285) and which could bring further scandal upon the Church.

Most especially, because of his actions in the past, I remind Father Vader of his obligation to observe perfect and perpetual continence for the sake of the kingdom and to behave with due prudence toward persons who could endanger this obligation (c. 277).

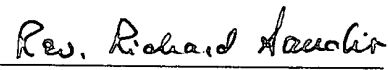
This decision shall be made known to Father Vader and to his Advocate at the earliest possible moment, as well as their right to appeal any decision of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to the *feria quarta* of that same Congregation.

Given at Chicago, Illinois on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2005.



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



  
Ecclesiastical Notary

To: File

From: Sister Pat

Date: August 18, 2005

Re: Request for Father Vader to concelebrate

A call came into the office on August 17 from [REDACTED] requesting permission to have Father Tony Vader concelebrate at the wedding of her son [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had been told to call this office.

Sister Pat referred the request to Father Costello. She then returned a call to [REDACTED] leaving a message on her machine (as requested) indicating that Father Vader did not have permission to concelebrate.

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July 20, 2005



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed for your files is a fully executed Settlement Agreement and General Release of all Claims. The settlement checks were delivered to you on July 14, 2005. Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia B. Carlson*

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[REDACTED] Esq.

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bcc: (w/enclosure)  
Reverend Edward Grace  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn]

Date: September 20, 2005

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Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar, Revs. Edward Grace and Vincent Costello Vicars for Priests, and PRA traveled to the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House to meet with Rev. Anthony Vader on August 3, 2005. The meeting had been scheduled at the request of Cardinal George so that he could speak with Fr. Vader about the administrative penal process he was instructed to conduct by the Holy See (P.N. 387/03 – 19660)."

Cardinal George began the meeting with a prayer and then provided Fr. Vader with a copy of the aforementioned decree [see file].

Cardinal George informed Fr. Vader that this matter was referred to the Holy See on September 30, 2003 and that the response was received from the Holy See on July 13, 2004. The Cardinal also informed Fr. Vader that he has completed his review of the case of sexual misconduct with minors that has been pending against him. Cardinal George read over and summarized the decree and imposed penalties for Fr. Vader.

Cardinal George clarified for Fr. Vader that his Vicar for Priests is now Fr. Costello. The Cardinal also informed Fr. Vader that any requests for public ministry must be made to his Vicar for Priests. Further, Cardinal George informed Fr. Vader that he must consult with his Vicar for Priests when traveling outside of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Fr. Vader stated his "argument" that he is not guilty of the allegations made against him. He then told Cardinal George that he wants to go to Sacred Heart [parish] on the weekends and function there as he had as a retired priest. Cardinal George directly told Fr. Vader that would not be possible and that he will not reside/function at Sacred Heart or any other parish. Both Cardinal George and Fr. Lagges advised Fr. Vader to speak with his canonical advocate, Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL and send his appeal directly to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF].

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Fr. Lagges directed Fr. Vader to write "received on August 3, 2005" on the copy of the decree that he received at the meeting. Fr. Vader was also informed that a copy of the decree would be sent to Sr. Francine. Fr. Lagges informed Fr. Vader that if he wishes, he must appeal [the decision contained in the decree] within 30 days of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Fr. Costello clarified for Fr. Vader that he is not to celebrate any masses at Holy Name of Mary or at Sacred Heart. PRA informed Fr. Vader that he is expected to continue to adhere to his current monitoring protocols.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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September 23, 2005

Rev. James Flynn  
Holy Name of Mary Parish  
1159 South Loomis St.  
Chicago, IL 60643

Dear Father Flynn:

As you know, Cardinal George has resolved eleven cases of priests heretofore temporarily removed from public ministry as a result of an allegation of abuse of a minor. In accord with our policies and practices, victims and the affected parish communities will be informed about the resolution of the cases. With that in mind, I ask that you share the enclosed letter with your parishioners at Masses this weekend.

I suggest you do so in a manner that, in your judgment, best suits your particular parish situation: pulpit announcement (experience has demonstrated that such announcements are best made after Communion), bulletin announcement/insert, copies distributed after weekend Masses, or a combination of these.

Thank you for your cooperation in fulfilling this request, even though it is with short notice.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. George Rassas".

Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Most Rev. Joseph Perry

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September 23, 2005

To the Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Parish:

As you know, some time ago Father Anthony Joseph Vader was temporarily withdrawn from ministry following Cardinal George's acceptance of the advice of the Independent Review Board that there was reason to suspect that Father Vader engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor. According to Canon Law, this determination by the Review Board was forwarded to the Holy See for its review. This is to report to you that this process has been concluded.

Specifically, the Holy See reviewed and confirmed Cardinal George's acceptance of the advice of the Review Board and authorized Cardinal George to resolve the matter administratively. Pursuant to that instruction, Cardinal George reviewed all of the information collected, listened to the opinions of canonical advocates, and sought advice from his own canonical advisors as well as from assessors who are canon lawyers independent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Cardinal George has determined based upon the information presented that sexual misconduct did occur with a minor, and he has prohibited Father Vader from engaging in any public ministry, presenting himself as a priest, or acting as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

It is my hope and prayer that while this announcement is yet one more reminder of a sad reality, it may also bring a measure of finality and peace to the people of Holy Name of Mary Parish.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by the sin of abuse. They and all of you are daily in my prayer.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. George Rassas".

Reverend George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

cc: Most Rev. Joseph Perry

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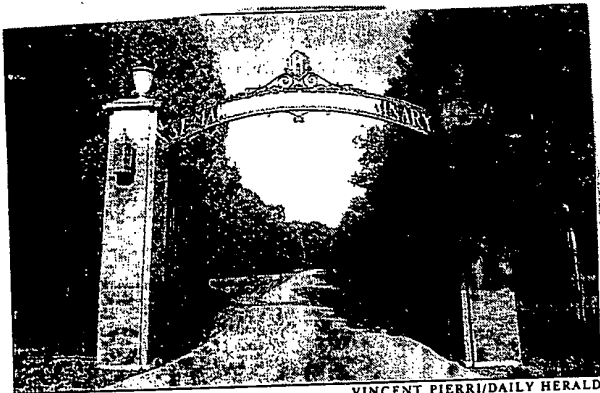
TO: Father Ed Grace  
Ms. Mayra Flores  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
FROM: Father Lagges *PL*  
RE: [REDACTED] appeal of Cardinal George's decree  
DATE: 23 September, 2005

[REDACTED]

For those who had their cases settle by the administrative penal process [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Vader), their appeal would have to go directly to Rome within thirty days. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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VINCENT PIERRI/DAILY HERALD

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BY MADHU  
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*Daily Herald Staff Writers*

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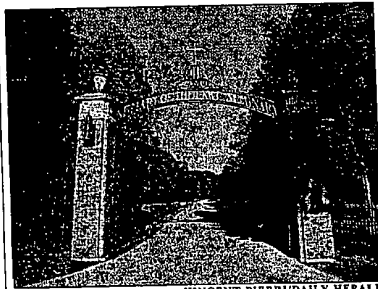
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Still others are calling for that information to be made public.

Veteran Lake County Children's Advocacy Center investigator Mark Pleasant said the public should know whether the priests undergo counseling and the severity of their supposed offenses.

"The whole problem here is the lack of information that is available," said Pleasant, who works for an arm of the Lake County state's attorney's office. "These people exist (under) a veil of secrecy."

Dolan said the priests are not under house arrest but must check in with a monitor before leaving university grounds. At times, they may be accompanied by a chaperone. They are allowed to drive cars. They are forbidden from being alone with minors.

Their living quarters were once a retreat house now used solely as a home for removed priests. It is separated by a lake from the seminary campus.

"They are not mixed in with the seminarians, and they definitely should not make plans to go where there are children," Dolan said. "Each one of them, in order to maintain this process, have signed a document to the cardinal saying that they will abide by these rules."

The priests are required to "lead a life of prayer and penance." They should also

receive regular counseling, Dolan said. The priests also can move out of the seminary and leave the priesthood at any time, she said.

But critics say the archdiocese's monitoring system does not work. One such priest accused of sexual misconduct, the Rev. John Callicott of Chicago, slipped under the radar.

Callicott was removed as pastor of Holy Angels parish on Chicago's South Side in 2002 amid accusations he engaged in sexual misconduct with two teenage boys in the 1970s at another church. He was sent to the University of St. Mary of the Lake.

In January 2004, controversy arose when archdiocese officials learned Callicott was traveling from Mundelein, at the invitation of Holy Angels officials, to talk to grade-school students about sex.

"What they call monitoring leaves a lot to be desired," said Barbara Blaine, president of Chicago-based Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "There is no way to monitor these guys 24 hours a day."

The cardinal has ordered a church trial for Callicott's case.

Dolan said there won't be a repeat of that case because all

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parishes have been informed of the 11 priests' removal. "Every priest in the diocese

received a letter from the cardinal," she said. "The priests that are up in Mundelein know that

they are in a restricted setting. They don't belong in any parish, functioning."

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Cardinal Stritch Retreat House Residents

Date: October 7, 2005

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Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests, Mr. John O'Malley, Director of Legal Services, and PRA traveled to the Mundelein Police Department today to meet with Mr. Raymond Rose, Chief of Police and Mr. Cameron Eugenis, Deputy Chief. The meeting was arranged to discuss those archdiocesan priests who have been withdrawn as a result of a substantiated allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor and currently reside at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House located in Mundelein, Illinois. Chief Rose made it clear throughout the meeting that the discussion was not to include any withdrawn priest living in Mundelein who is already a registered sex offender.

After preliminary discussion surrounding the process of a priest being withdrawn from ministry and the Review Board process, Mr. O'Malley informed Chief Rose and Deputy Chief Eugenis of the information that Francis Cardinal George had wished to share with the Mundelein police concerning the aforementioned priests.

Chief Rose stated that basic information they would like to be provided on any priest removed from ministry and living at the Retreat House would be their date of birth, a picture of each man, and a picture of each man's car. Through further discussion, the following information was also requested on each aforementioned priest: height, weight, eye color, hair color, social security number, driver's license number and expiration date, employment information, vehicle information [make, model, year, color, license plate number].

It was also agreed that PRA would contact Chief Rose and Deputy Chief Eugenis via phone in the event that one of the aforementioned priests moves into or out of the Retreat House.

PRA then verbally provided the following information on each withdrawn priest residing at the Retreat House, which was recorded by Chief Rose's secretary: name, date of birth,

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date removed from ministry, and the date of the last substantiated allegation. PRA also verbally provided a basic summary of the monitoring protocol that each withdrawn priest has been asked to follow.

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
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TO: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Vince Costello, Vicar for Priests  
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Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
✓ Leah McCluskey, Office of Professional Responsibility  
John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Office of Professional Responsibility

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, <sup>LNf</sup>Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: October 11, 2005

RE: [PFR-137] Vader, Rev. Anthony (Retired/Withdrawn)/[REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 10/11/05. We are opening a file and Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator will begin the Review Process by attempting to arrange an interview with [REDACTED]. Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Vader, Rev. Anthony/[REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Rev. George Rassas, Vicar General

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** lneri@archchicago.org  
**Date:** 10/11/2005 12:47:57 PM  
**Subject:** New allegation

Laura,

I spoke with a woman today who called to report an allegation against Vader. Her name is [REDACTED]  
DOB is [REDACTED] she was 14 or 15 y/o at the time of the abuse. School/parish was Holy Cross; her # is [REDACTED]

I have scheduled a meeting with her for Monday, 10/17 at 1:30p.

Could you please open a file?

Thanks.

Leah



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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn]/[REDACTED]

Date: October 15, 2005

PRA spoke with [REDACTED] via phone on October 10, 2005 regarding her alleged abuse as a minor by Rev. Anthony Vader.

[REDACTED] stated that two weeks ago she was watching WGN News and saw her alleged abuser on a list of men who had been removed as priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. She saw that Fr. Vader was on the list of men removed and wanted to ensure that it was the same Fr. Vader who was at Holy Cross parish. PRA informed [REDACTED] that Fr. Vader was assigned to Holy Cross in the past. According to Archdiocesan Archives, Fr. Vader was assigned to Holy Cross from July 8, 1952 through June 25, 1964.

[REDACTED] As per [REDACTED] the abuse took place when she was either 14 or 15 years old. [REDACTED] stated that she met Fr. Vader through Holy Cross and that he had sexually touched her. [REDACTED]

When asked, [REDACTED] accepted PRA's offer to provide her with information regarding the Office of Professional Responsibility.

[REDACTED] indicated her interest in formalizing her allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Vader. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would meet with PRA and a representative from the Office of Assistance Ministry on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 1:30pm. [REDACTED] provided PRA with her birth date of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may be reached at [REDACTED]

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR-137

From: Leah McCluskey, Professional Responsibility Administrator 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn]/[REDACTED]

Date: October 17, 2005

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PRA received a voice mail message this morning from [REDACTED] regarding today's scheduled 1:30pm appointment where she would formalize her allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader.

[REDACTED] stated in her message that "something came up" and that she needed to cancel today's appointment. She stated that she would contact PRA again to reschedule.

Cc: Ralph Bonaccorsi, Assistance Ministry

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Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County (2)  
2650 South California  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [REDACTED] 05 SC 085 [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]  
Date of alleged abuse: 1967 or 1968

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received an allegation from [REDACTED], currently 62 years of age, that in 1967 or 1968 when she was 14 or 15 years of age, Fr. Anthony Vader sexually abused her at Holy Cross Parish. Fr. Vader has been removed from public ministry. There is no other information available at this time.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John C. O'Malley".  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Mr. James A. Serritella

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November 14, 2005

Anthony Vader  
P.O. Box 455  
Mundelein, IL 60060

Dear Tony,

Tuesday, November 8, 2005 I noticed you at Don Mulstoffs funeral. You were wearing a clergy shirt. As you are well aware, your monitoring protocol (#10) states that you are to refrain from wearing "any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the clerical shirt)". Moreover, Cardinal George in his decree on your matter dated July 22, 2005 dispensed you from the obligation of wearing ecclesiastical garb and "strongly urged" that you not wear such attire.

These statements should be sufficient to obtain your compliance. Your fellow residents at the Retreat House were compliant with the prohibition against clerical garb. You should have been.

A repetition of your failure to observe your monitoring protocol and decree may result in disciplinary action. That would be unfortunate.

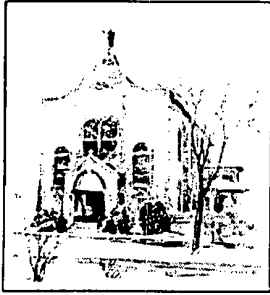
If you wish to discuss this matter with me, feel free to contact me at 312-642-1837.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward D. Grace".

Rev. Edward D. Grace  
Vicar for Priests

c.c. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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17 November, 2005

Reev. Edward Grace:

Dear Ed:

Your letter of November 14 was given to me today. Thank you for writing, for it gives both of us to present our positions.

Maybe you do not know it, but other priests positioned here at the Retreat House have died. Nothing was mentioned of their being priests, even though at least in one case the parishioners were present. Many of them were African-Americans. I am sure these black Catholic were scandalized, because THEIR PRIEST COULD NOT wear any sign of the deceased being a priest. It embarrassed me. I am sure many in the congregation in that Black Church were scandalized.

I apologize for my actions, It will not be repeated.

The good effect of this situation is that now you know who I am.

Sincerely in Christ

  
Anthony J. Vader

# Cardinal Stritch Retreat House

December 9, 2005

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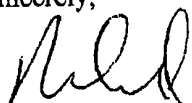
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Dear Fr. Vader:

The Vicar for Priests and Leah McCluskey have requested that I ask you to meet with them on December 16 at 10:30 am. I am told they would like to meet with you for thirty minutes.

I suggest you all meet in the retreat master's room, number 100.

Sincerely,



Deacon Richard F. Hudzik

Cc: Leah McCloskey

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December 29, 2005

VIA FACSIMILE  
and U.S. MAIL



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader  
[REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

As we discussed, on February 13, 2004 [REDACTED] sent us a Notice of Attorney's Lien in the above matters, a copy of which is enclosed. Instead of having us notify [REDACTED] of the settlements and obtaining the releases of his liens, you have informed us that you would like to do this yourself. Therefore, we will send you the settlement checks in the above matters as soon as you send us [REDACTED]'s releases.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia B. Carlson".

Patricia B. Carlson

PBC:skb

cc: [REDACTED]

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December 29, 2005

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bcc: John C. O'Malley  
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January 9, 2006

**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

[REDACTED]

Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed are an executed settlement agreement and release in the above matter and a copy of [REDACTED] in the above matter. Also enclosed is the settlement check for [REDACTED] made payable to "[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED], as attorney for [REDACTED]"

[REDACTED] Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

*Patricia B. Carlson*

Patricia B. Carlson

Enclosures

cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
January 9, 2006

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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**



Re: [REDACTED] / Rev. Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

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[REDACTED] Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


Patricia B. Carlson

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cc [REDACTED]

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John O'Malley  
Matthew Kaminski  
Christopher Spala  
John Smith  
James A. Serritella

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Rassas, George  
**Date:** 1/18/2006 1:19:56 PM  
**Subject:** Anthony Vader

Dear Fr. Rassas,

Deacon Richard Hudzik provided me with the travel information for Rev. Anthony Vader to leave for Makati, Philippines at 1am on 1/19/06 and returning on 3/29/06. Dick was able to obtain the requested monitor and travel information from Fr. Vader.

Due to the fact that Fr. Vader will be in Makati, Philippines for three months, could you please write a letter to send and fax to the appropriate Bishop/Archbishop to notify him of Fr. Vader's presence, status, and length of stay?

The following is Fr. Vader's travel information:

Monitor: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Where Fr. Vader indicated he would be traveling to:  
[REDACTED] Makati, Philippines

Departure: 1/19/06  
Return: 3/29/06

Fr. Rassas, could I also ask for a copy of the letter that is sent to the Philippines regarding Fr. Vader's visit?

Thank you,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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Archdiocese of Chicago  
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**CC:** Grace, Edward; Hudzik, Richard

## CARDINAL STRITCH RETREAT HOUSE

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## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO:	FROM:
Leah McCluskey	Richard F. Hudzik
COMPANY:	DATE:
	1.18.06
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PHONE NUMBER:	SENDER'S REFERENCE NUMBER:
RE:	YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER:
Anthony Vader	

☐ URGENT ☐ FOR REVIEW ☐ PLEASE COMMENT ☐ PLEASE REPLY ☐ PLEASE RECYCLE

## NOTES/COMMENTS:

Leah: Anthony Vader dictated the following to me. His travel commences this evening at 1:00AM.

Let me know if you need anything else or if this is not sufficient.

Richard

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## TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION

JAN 18 2006

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ANTHONY VADOL [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
 [REDACTED] MAKATI, PHILIPPINES [destination address and contact phone number] from  
1/18/06 [departure date] through 3/29/06 [return date].

ANTHONY VADOL [name of cleric] will be monitored by

[REDACTED] [name of travel monitor]. [REDACTED] [name of

travel monitor] has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and activities of

ANTHONY VADOL [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time frame.

[see attached correspondence]

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

This is a red ink stamp!

DO NOT COPY

1. Contacts with minors by ANTHONY VADOL [name of cleric] must be in the presence of [REDACTED] [name of travel monitor]. Inappropriate situations and locations incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. [REDACTED] [name of travel monitor] may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of ANTHONY VADOL [cleric name] over 1/18/06 to 3/29/06 [aforementioned time frame].
3. As previously noted, the date of return to ANTHONY VADOL's [cleric name] residence has been scheduled for 3/29/06 [aforementioned return date]. However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/18/06

PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/18/06

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar for Priests' Office.

Revised 8/28/03

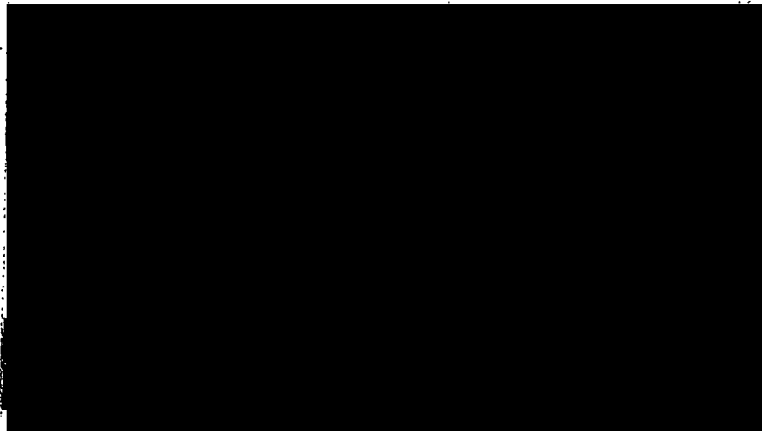
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ATTACHMENT FOR FR. VADER'S  
TRAVEL NOTIFICATION

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per Fr. Vader, the address on the card will be his  
headquarters. He has no present plans to  
travel from that site.

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*ATTACHMENT PR  
PR-VADOL'S  
TRAVEL NOTIFICATION*

**U.S. Address:**



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Vicar General



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January 19, 2006

His Excellency  
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Your Excellency:

Reverend Anthony Vader, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been withdrawn from ministry, will be visiting Makati, Philippines from January 19, 2006 to March 29, 2006. Father Vader will be staying at [REDACTED] Makati.

Due to allegations of sexual misconduct that have been substantiated by our Archdiocesan process and accepted by Cardinal George, Fr. Vader cannot engage in any public ministry.

During his visit to the Philippines, Father Vader will be supervised by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Makati City. [REDACTED] may be reached by phone [REDACTED] and fax [REDACTED]

I am grateful for your kindness and consideration. Should you need further information, please contact me.

With fraternal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George J. Rassas".

Most Rev. George J. Rassas  
Vicar General

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March 28, 2006

Mr. Patrick Reardon  
221 N. LaSalle St.  
Suite 1938  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Reardon,

Enclosed you will find a packet of information released by the Archdiocese of Chicago on Monday, March 21, 2006. This information was also provided your clients at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House. Here are the names of your clients:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. Rev. Anthony Vader ✓
5. [REDACTED]

If you have any questions please direct them directly to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

AOC 021653

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March 29, 2006

Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
4300 Asbury Road  
Dubuque, Iowa 52002-0497

Dear Sr. Francine,

Enclosed you will find a packet of information released by the Archdiocese of Chicago on Monday, March 21, 2006. This information was also provided your clients, Fr. Anthony Vade [REDACTED] at Cardinal Stritch Retreat House.

If you have any questions please direct them directly to Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A. Neri-Palomino".

Laura A. Neri-Palomino  
Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

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Vince

4/5/06

Jim Flynn ? Called

Tony Voda Returned from Philippines  
Seemed disoriented

Taken to South Suburban  
3/4 days ago —

← Catherine from Arial Services  
← South Suburban Hospital

She seemed to be saying  
more supervision than Petros House

OK.

His Doctor at South Suburban

— We may be looking for a placement

— Hudgill has been informed.

Room 315 Bed 2

708-799-8000

**From:** Carol Fowler  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Hudzik, Richard  
**Date:** 4/5/2006 8:55:55 AM  
**Subject:** Re: monitoring

I am not far enough along in my thinking on this position to know where he will be. We need to discuss all of this in the fairly near future. Right now, we don't even have such a person approved in the budget process. I think we need to do this.

Carol Fowler  
Department of Personnel Services  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
312-751-8349

>>> Richard Hudzik 04/03/06 4:46 PM >>>

His car still sits with some minor bruises since the last time he drove off the road before the trip to the Philippines. The car was brought home via tow truck. I don't think the car has been out since he's been back. Let me see how he's doing over the next week or so. I haven't had much contact with him since he came home. I am dubious however about his driving skills.

Also, is it your understanding that the Arch is going forward with the additional person to serve as monitor co-ordinator or some such title? I assume this person would be down at the Pastoral Center. I ask so as to work with the Arch IT people and this camera system. Apparently, it requires some measure of work to make sure the camera system can be viewed downtown in addition to out here. If it worked only here, no big techie issues. For it to work downtown, need adequate "bandwidth." Before things are redesigned on the network, is this the direction currently planned? **I send a copy of this to Carol for her input as to this second paragraph.**

Dick

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>>> Vincent Costello 04/03/06 4:34 PM >>>

Dick,

I don't know what to do with Tony Vader. Should we consider getting him tested to see if he can still drive? Marion Joy apparently has a program to test the capacity of people to operate a car. If Tony's really slipping we may need to move him to another facility.

Vince Costello

>>> Richard Hudzik 04/03/06 10:43 AM >>>

Fr. Vader did resurface a few days ago. I will speak with him about the sign out forms. I am not always sure how much he absorbs. He is sometimes very vague--forgetting names, faces, where the dishes in the kitchen are, what day of the week it is.

Dick

>>> Vincent Costello 04/03/06 9:54 AM >>>

Cool! I'm glad we don't have to fight another battle wit Frs. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Let's see what happnes when Fr. Vader returns.

Vince Costello

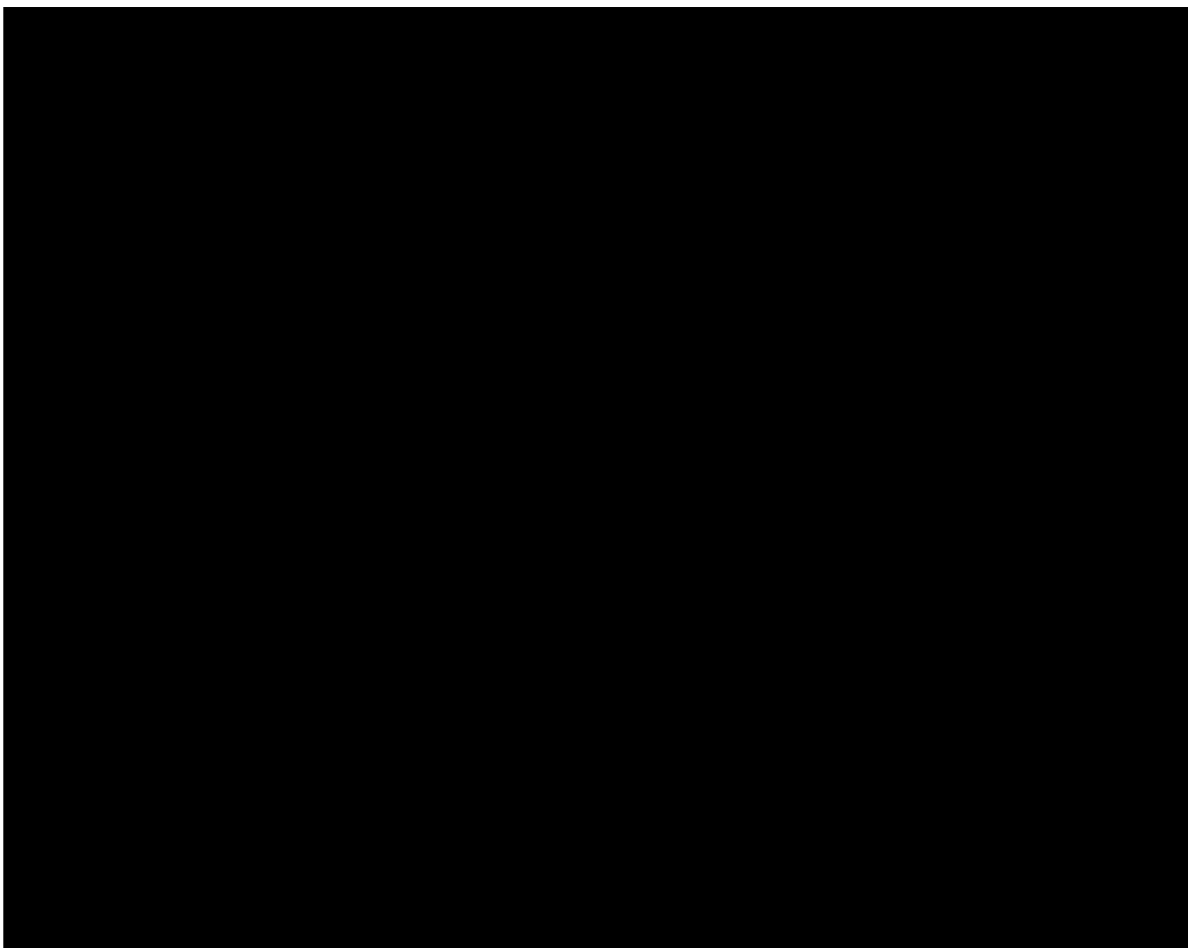
>>> Richard Hudzik 04/03/06 9:07 AM >>>

Vince: I am advised by Leah's office that there are some travel forms out for both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which were not forwarded to me. False alarm from me.

Now to get Fr. Vader to sign in and out!

Dick

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Memo regarding Tony Vader

From: Ed Grace

EG

April 5, 2006

Catherine, social worker from South Suburban Hospital called. ([REDACTED])

Medical evaluation:

Admitted yesterday (4/4/06)

[REDACTED]

Consultation would be on going

[REDACTED]

April 6, 2006

Jim Flynn called again.

Dr. called him

Tony needs skilled care

South side better placement

Deteriorating condition (physical – [REDACTED]?)

I called Bobbi Magurany at Holy Family to inquire about possibility of Tony there.

- I informed her of Tony's removal and monitored status.
- She felt they would accept. She would speak to her Catholic Charities supervisor today.
- I mentioned some staff person would have to be monitor – so as to be present lest Tony was in contact with minors visiting other patients.

[REDACTED]

He has been deteriorating – losing balance

[REDACTED]

Mundelein is no longer doable – needs skilled care type of facility.

[REDACTED]



Tony Vader: Illness (4/5/06)

Holy Family in Lemont would be preferable.

- They can more easily bring him to physicians
- Can more readily visit him

[REDACTED]

Family in Colorado (Jim Flynn knows family.)

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] - 1<sup>st</sup> cousin, dec.
- Only his nieces left

We need to look for executor, wills, papers.

To: Vince  
From: Pat  
Re: Tony Vader  
Date: April 6, 2006

Alex Becker called. Tony Vader is in South Suburban Hospital. (You already have that information.) When discharged he will have to go to a skilled care facility (rehab or long term not known). It seems Tony wants a south side placement.

Alex says Holy Family is possibility. However, there are some issues. By December Holy Family and Bishop Lyne will have to deal with some water and sewer problems. Palos would like to incorporate the places and also offer half million to help with the water problem. In return they (Palos) want to build a park on the property. This would cause a problem if there are priests who have been accused of child abuse living there.

More immediate questions: Where will Tony go when released? Is placement for rehab or long term? There is also a question as to Tony's driving ability.

4/7/06 5:30 PM

Vince:

I spoke with Mr [REDACTED]

They are confirming the need for skilled  
care.

I suggest you confirm with Bobbi  
there is a place for Vodka at  
Holy Family so ~~the~~ we'll be ready  
when they want to discharge Tony.  
which could be any day

- Question: How is this funded?

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Grace, Edward; Hudzik, Richard  
**Date:** 4/7/2006 8:45:14 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Tony Vader

Dick,

Thank you very much for the background. I'll touch base with Fr. Grace this morning...

Leah

>>> Richard Hudzik 04/06/06 8:44 PM >>>

Leah: I spoke with a woman a few days ago who described herself as an old friend who was concerned. She got in touch with someone from the Filipino community who got in touch with Vader's doctor, also in that same community. [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] All of this was evidenced to one degree or another when he got back here but was also observed by his traveling companion in the Philippines who is also a physician.

Dick

>>> Leah McCluskey 04/06/06 6:46 PM >>>

Thank you all for keeping me in the loop with Fr. Vader. Could someone tell me what prompted his hospital stay? Also, I did get Fr. Grace's voicemail today--is the definite plan to discharge from South Suburban to a skilled facility [Holy Family]?

Thank you all!

Leah

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>>> Richard Hudzik 04/05/06 5:17 PM >>>

Frs.--Let me know if you don't hear from Catherine, social worker at South Suburban Hospital. I talked with her around 5PM. Ed, since you were the last one I talked to on this, I steered her in your direction.

She is wondering about a more protected environment for Anthony, at least temporarily--to watch his meds etc. I was not able to tell her what resources might be available to him.

Dick

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**From:** Richard Hudzik  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Grace, Edward; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 4/11/2006 3:21:51 PM  
**Subject:** Anthony Vader

Edward:

I just received a call from [REDACTED] who is said to be a friend of Fr. Vader's and also in touch with Fr. Flynn at Sacred Heart. The request has come to pick up some of Tony's clothing and personal effects next week. I understand that today he is back in the hospital but will be returning to Holy Family. He fell last night at the nursing home; nothing is broken, I am told.

Protocol on the release of the personal property?

Dick

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Grace, Edward  
**Date:** 4/13/2006 7:59:46 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Vader

Fr. Costello,

Great--how about Monday the 24th. We could do morning or afternoon--whatever works best for you.

Thanks.

Leah

>>> Vincent Costello 04/12/06 5:41 PM >>>

Dear Leah,

Fr. Vader is one of my guys. Monday the 24th or Friday the 28th work for me. Let me know what's best for you.

Fr. Costello

>>> Edward Grace 04/12/06 5:40 PM >>>

April 12, 2006

Leah,

Vader is one of Vince's boys so you should set it up with hm. If there is any problem arranging a time with him I can certainly go with you.

Ed

>>> Leah McCluskey 4/12/2006 8:18 AM >>>

Fr. Grace,

Thank you for the information--and yes, you are correct. We will have to meet with Vader and whoever is identified as a "monitor." Since he was in the Philippines when we were out at the Retreat House to go over the protocols with all of the men, we would have to meet with Vader anyway. But it would probably be good to speak with a doctor or social worker [?] at Holy Family to determine his mental capacity at this point in time--which I would think would have an effect on the "monitoring protocols" themselves.

Can we look at the week of April 24th? I would be free Monday and Friday to go out there.

Thanks,

Leah

>>> Edward Grace 04/11/06 1:25 PM >>>

April 11, 2006

Leah,

It is my understanding that as of yesterday P.M. Tony Vader is in Holy Family Villa. I presume this means that there will have to be a staff monitor at that facility.

Ed

**From:** Richard Hudzik  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Grace, Edward; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 4/18/2006 2:13:52 PM  
**Subject:** Anthony Vader

Folks:

I will be calling Fr. Jim Flynn to let him know that, after a fairly quick inventory of Anthony's room, I did not find a power of attorney for Fr. Vader nor was his car title evident. I will have someone check the basement to see what, if anything, is stored down there.

I did see some envelopes of cash--I am guessing not more than a few hundred dollars' worth. Also, there are a number of uncashed pension checks. There are many envelopes with greeting cards. I suspect that some of these contain additional cash.

I also saw that Fr. Vader's car was deemed "totaled" by the insurance company. I imagine there is still some value in the car, nevertheless. As I type this, it occurs to me that I have the key. I will check the car and see if the title is there. I will let you know.

I send this info to you to alert you to the fact that I will be handing this material over to Fr. Flynn or his designee-- [REDACTED] whose character is attested to by both Frs. Flynn and Calicot. You will let me know soon if there is any difficulty with my method of proceeding?

Dick

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
COUNTY DEPARTMENT- CHANCERY DIVISION

Mother Doe 100, individually and as  
representative of the minor John Doe 100,  
on behalf of themselves and all others  
similarly situated, [REDACTED]

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Plaintiffs,

vs.

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The Archdiocese of Chicago d/b/a The Catholic  
Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole,

Defendant.

**CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

NOW COMES the Plaintiffs, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, by and through their attorneys, JEFF ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES and KERNS, PITROF, FROST & PEARLMAN, to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief against Defendant, states as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

1. This Complaint seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief against the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Archdiocese of Chicago has established a policy of harboring and protecting suspected child molesting agents, thereby endangering numerous children in Illinois. The Archdiocese has information about a number of suspected child molesting agents that it has never disclosed to law enforcement or the public at large, thereby causing children such as John Doe 100 to be harmed. Further, on information and belief, the Archdiocese has a policy and



practice of document destruction. This declaratory relief and injunction action seeks to have the Archdiocese produce all documents regarding the molestation of children by its agents for court supervision, to release the names of all agents accused of molesting children to the court and to the public, and to enjoin the Archdiocese from destroying any documents regarding suspected childhood sexual abuse by its agents.

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has jurisdiction over this action because it seeks to redress violations of the plaintiffs' rights and to protect children in Illinois that are in imminent danger. Venue is proper because the Archdiocese resides in Cook County and the majority of the allegations herein involve occurrences in Cook County.

### PARTIES

3. Plaintiff John Doe 100 is a minor. Mother Doe 100 is John Doe 100's mother and legal guardian. At all times material, Plaintiff John Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois. At all times material, Mother Doe 100 was a resident of the State of Illinois.

4. The identities of all Doe Plaintiffs are made known to Defendants through separate cover letter.

5. Plaintiff [REDACTED] is a thirty five year old Chicago resident. [REDACTED] was sexually molested as a child by [REDACTED] a religious order priest who was serving at a parish within the Archdiocese at the time of the abuse.

6. At all times material, the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole (hereinafter "Archdiocese of Chicago") was and is an Illinois corporation. Defendant has approximately eight hundred fifty four Diocesan priests serving in two counties in the State of

Illinois. At all times material to the complaint, Defendant Archdiocese was conducting business in the State of Illinois.

### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

7. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-801, as the representatives of the class of persons who have been molested as children by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago and on behalf of those children who have not yet been abused, but who are in imminent danger of abuse because the Archdiocese has not released the names and files of agents that have been accused of molesting children or accused of inappropriate sexual behavior with children to either the public or to the court.

8. The Plaintiff class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. In its own self report, the Archdiocese asserted that there were 142 cases where they had reason to suspect that an agent had sexually molested a child. These numbers only include information that was reported to the Archdiocese. The underlying data for the results was not disclosed to the public.

9. There are questions of fact or law common to the class, which predominate over questions affecting only individual members. The common questions of law or fact include, but are not limited to: whether the Archdiocese of Chicago has failed to protect children by not releasing the names of its agents who have been accused of molesting children to the public and law enforcement and whether the Archdiocese has or is destructing documents in order to cover up or conceal crimes against children by clergy serving in and/or employed by the Archdiocese.

10. The Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class. The interests of the plaintiffs are the same as those of all class members because they have all been

sexually abused by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago or are in danger of being molested by an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago because the Archdiocese's information is not public. All have an interest in preventing the sexual abuse of any further children by agents of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

11. A class action is an appropriate method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy alleged in this complaint. The expense and burden of individual litigation would make it difficult or impossible for individual members of the class to redress the wrongs done to them. The cost to the court system of adjudication of such individualized litigation would be substantial. Individualized litigation would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory judgments and would magnify the delay and expense to all parties and the court system. By contrast, the conduct of this action as a class action presents far fewer management difficulties, conserves the resources of the parties and court system, and protects the rights of each class member. In addition, the prosecution of separate actions by the individual members of the class would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the defendant.

#### ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

12. [REDACTED] (hereinafter "[REDACTED]") was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in approximately 1994.

13. At all times material, [REDACTED] was employed by the Archdiocese.

[REDACTED] was an ordained Roman Catholic Priest educated, trained and ordained by, and under the direct supervision, employ, agency and control of the Archdiocese. Among [REDACTED] duties in his employment was to provide pastoral care and counseling for

members of his denomination.

14. In approximately the winter of 2000, a nun at Holy Family Church in Chicago reported to the Archdiocese of Chicago that [REDACTED] asked a fourth-grade boy to pull down his pants in the sacristy at Holy Family.

15. The nun reported this numerous times to the Archdiocese.

16. On information and belief, on one occasion when the nun reported it to the Archdiocese, an official told her that "if the parents aren't pushing it, let it go."

17. After these reports, the nun made a final report to the Archdiocese, this one a written report of [REDACTED] behavior.

18. On information and belief, in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report [REDACTED] to law enforcement, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes [REDACTED] worked at in the past about the report, did not tell any of the parishioners at any of the parishes where [REDACTED] worked after these reports, and did not tell any other children or parents about the report.

19. On information and belief, after the nun reported the abuse to the Archdiocese, the Archdiocese transferred [REDACTED] to another parish, St. Agatha's in Chicago.

20. On information and belief, despite the report, the Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to teach at an Archdiocesan school and coach a boys basketball team.

21. In response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops passed the Dallas Charter.

22. On information and belief the Bishops passed the Dallas Charter in 2002. The Charter was only enforced, if at all, from within. There was no meaningful external non church

oversight over its enforcement.

23. Cardinal Francis George represented to the public that the Charter was a "zero tolerance" policy that committed them to removal of priests in childhood sexual abuse cases. He also represented to the public that a priest with even one act of sexual misconduct with a child should not be allowed in public ministry in order to protect children.

24. In January of 2003, the Archdiocese released a "Ten Year Report" that purported to give information about the Archdiocese's efforts to stop childhood sexual abuse by clerics in the previous ten years.

25. On information and belief, the Ten Year Report purports to give the current status of priests that were accused of molesting a child anytime from 1993 to 2003. The report indicates that no priest accused of abuse during that time period is in any form of ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

26. The Ten Year Report also states that officials of the Archdiocese have reported all allegations, including those not deemed credible, to the appropriate public authorities.

27. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the Ten Year Report.

28. Also in response to the clergy abuse scandal, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops agreed to participate in a self report survey conducted by the John Jay College.

29. As part of the John Jay survey, each Diocese submitted the number of priests that had allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor within the particular Diocese.

30. On information and belief there was no oversight over the information that was

given to the John Jay College. It was completely up to the particular Diocese to respond honestly.

31. The John Jay College defined "allegation," as all recorded notifications of clerical sexual misconduct with minors, whether or not they resulted in any investigation or whether there was reasonable cause to suspect abuse had occurred.

32. In 2004, the Archdiocese reported that it had reason to believe that 55 priests had sexual misconduct with a minor.

33. In 2004, Cardinal George and the Archdiocese represented to the public that there were no priests that were accused of childhood sexual abuse that were in public ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

34. On information and belief, the Archdiocese did not include [REDACTED] in the 2004 John Jay numbers.

35. On information and belief in August of 2005, the Archdiocese learned that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

36. On information and belief, in August of 2005, the Archdiocese did not inform the law enforcement that a nun had reported that [REDACTED] had acted in a sexually inappropriate manner with a child in 2000.

37. On information and belief, just as it did in 2000, the Archdiocese did not report or warn any of the parishioners, the public, or the parents at St. Agatha parish that law enforcement was investigating [REDACTED] for childhood sexual abuse.

38. On information and belief, the Archdiocese elevated [REDACTED] to a position of authority in the Archdiocese on September 1, 2005. It appointed him as Dean of a Deanery of

the Archdiocese. This is an honored, respected, and supervisory position within the Archdiocese. This meant that [REDACTED] was still at St. Agathas, but also had some supervisory authority over roughly 20 parishes in the Archdiocese.

39. The Archdiocese allowed [REDACTED] to remain at St. Agathas and in the position of Dean until at least January of 2006, more four months after the Archdiocese received at least its second report of sexual misconduct against a minor by [REDACTED]

40. In January of 2006, Chicago law enforcement arrested [REDACTED] and charged him with sexually molesting two boys on multiple occasions.

41. On information and belief, the nun who reported the abuse to the Archdiocese in 2000 was contacted by the Archdiocese the day before [REDACTED] was arrested. The Archdiocese indicated to the nun that it did not have the nun's letter.

42. On information and belief, the Archdiocese also stated publicly that it has no written record of the nun's reports or the actual letter.

43. On information and belief, the Archdioceses and Dioceses across the United States, including the Archdiocese of Chicago, have been instructed to destroy documentation of sexual misconduct by priests and/or to send any of this material to the Holy See in order to claim it is immune from public discovery or disclosure.

44. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has not released the names of the 55 priests that it deemed as having reason to suspect committed sexual misconduct with children.

45. On information and belief, the Archdiocese has also not released the names of any of the other clerics, like [REDACTED] who were accused of sexual misconduct and are still in parishes, but not included in the Ten Year Report or the John Jay Survey.

46. Although the Archdiocese had not released the names of offenders, some names of Archdiocesan clerics accused of sexual misconduct have been released during the course of litigation. These names were released in 2005:

- 1) Richard "Doc" Bartz
- 2) Robert Becker
- 3) R. Peter Bowman
- 4) Daniel Buck
- 5) Eugene Burns
- 6) John Callicott
- 7) William Cloutier
- 8) Robert D. Craig
- 9) John Curran
- 10) Walter DeRoeck
- 11) Jeremiah Duggan
- 12) Richard Fassbinder
- 13) Joseph Fitzharris
- 14) Robert Friese
- 15) James Hagan
- 16) Daniel Mark Holihan
- 17) Walter Huppenbauer
- 18) Thomas Job
- 19) Robert Kealy



- 20) John Keehan
- 21) Thomas Kelly
- 22) John "Jack" Keough
- 23) Joseph Kissane
- 24) Leonard Kmak
- 25) William Lupo
- 26) Norbert Maday
- 27) Robert Mayer
- 28) Vincent McCaffrey
- 29) Donald Mulsoff
- 30) Thomas O'Gorman
- 31) James Ray
- 32) John Robinson
- 33) Kenneth Ruge
- 34) Raymond Skriba
- 35) Marion Snieg
- 36) Victor Stewart
- 37) Ralph Strand
- 38) Thomas Swade
- 39) Anthony Vader

47. Names that have not previously been released but who, on information and belief, have been accused of sexual misconduct with a minor:

1) James Flosi

48. There are also a number of religious order priests who worked in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese had control and/or supervision over these clerics while they were working in the Archdiocese. On information and belief, the Archdiocese knows about these clerics' misconduct. On information and belief, those religious order clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct are:

- 1) Robert Berlet (Christian Brothers)
- 2) Robert Brouillette (Christian Brothers)
- 3) Vincent Bryce (Dominicans)
- 4) George Dyer (Dominicans)
- 5) Terrence Fitzmaurice (Benedictines)
- 6) John Huels (Servite)
- 7) Augustine Jones (Benedictines)
- 8) Donald McGuire (Jesuits)
- 9) John Murphy (Augustinians)
- 10) Robert Murphy (Camelites)
- 11) Michael O'Connor (Augustinians)
- 12) Jean Baptiste (J.B.) Ormechea (Passionists)
- 13) Eusebio Pantoja (Claretians)
- 14) Thomas Paramo (Claretians)
- 15) Carlos Peralta (Salesians)
- 16) John Powell (Jesuits)

17) Andrew Ronan (Servites)

18) Wilton Skiffington (Jesuits)

19) Patrick Strong (Augustinians)

49. [REDACTED] sexually molested John Doe 100 at some point between approximately 2000 and 2005, when John Doe 100 was a minor child.

50. Neither John Doe 100 nor Mother Doe 100 knew that the Archdiocese had received reports about [REDACTED] sexual abuse of children.

**COUNT I**  
**(Injunction - Release of Names)**

51. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count I.

52. Plaintiffs bring Count I on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

53. The practices of the Archdiocese of Chicago have endangered numerous children in the past and these practices will continue to put children at risk in the future.

54. Plaintiffs and the class have the right to not be sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

55. The Archdiocese owes a duty to warn all children and their parents that come into contact with its clerics of allegations of sexual misconduct by the clerics because these children and their parents hold clerics in an esteemed position, which gives clerics virtually unlimited access to children.

56. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics against whom the Archdiocese has deemed to have credible allegations of

sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

57. The Archdiocese also owes a duty to children and their parents to release all of the names of clerics that have been accused of sexual misconduct with children to the court and to the public at large.

58. Unless injunctive relief is granted numerous children in Illinois are at risk of being sexually molested by clerics of the Archdiocese.

59. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Release the names of all 55 of the priests that it reported to the John Jay Survey to the court and to the public.
- b) Release the names of all other clerics, like [REDACTED], that were not included in the John Jay Survey, but against whom the Archdiocese has received allegations of sexual misconduct by the cleric with children to the court and to the public.

**COUNT II**  
**(Injunction - Documents)**

60. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count II.

61. Plaintiffs bring Count II on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

62. On information and belief, the Archdiocese still has documents that are evidence of crimes committed by clerics against children.

63. The Archdiocese has a duty to the public at large and to law enforcement to not

destroy any documents that evidence a crime.

64. The Archdiocese has a duty to children that were abused by clerics to not destroy any documents relating to the sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct of any cleric at anytime in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

65. On information and belief the Archdiocese has destroyed documents and/or concealed documents and/or failed to give documents to law enforcement relating to sexual misconduct or alleged sexual misconduct by clerics of the Archdiocese.

66. Unless injunctive relief is granted, children will be at imminent risk of being molested by clerics of the Archdiocese, law enforcement will be prevented from doing its job, and those children that have already been molested by clerics will have their rights negatively affected.

67. In order to ensure that children are protected and free from sexual molestation by clerics, the plaintiffs and the members of the class are entitled to an injunction ordering that the Archdiocese do the following:

- a) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to the Illinois Courts for supervision of these documents.
- b) Turn over any document with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child to law enforcement.
- c) Cease in the destruction or spoliation of any documents with any connection to any allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.
- d) Cease to conceal or misplace any documents with any connection to any

allegation of sexual misconduct by a cleric against a child.

**COUNT III**  
**(Declaratory Judgment)**

68. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege every paragraph of this complaint as if set forth in Count III.

69. Plaintiffs bring Count III on their own behalf and on behalf of the class of similarly situated persons described in paragraph 7 of this Complaint.

70. There is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of not releasing the names of those clerics that have been accused of molesting children.

71. There is also an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practice of not removing a cleric that is accused of molesting a child from any position where the cleric has any contact with children.

72. Finally, there is an actual controversy between the plaintiffs and the members of the plaintiff class, on the one hand, and the Archdiocese, on the other hand, concerning whether the Archdiocese is adequately protecting children through its practices of destroying and/or concealing documents evidencing allegations of sexual misconduct by clerics.

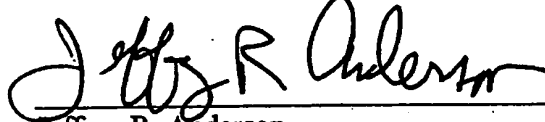
73. The plaintiffs and members of the plaintiff class are entitled to a declaration that the Archdiocesan practices of not releasing the names of clerics accused of sexual misconduct with minors, not removing clerics that are accused of sexual misconduct with children from positions where they have access to children, and by destroying and/or concealing documents, is

not adequate to protect children.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant the relief requested within this complaint or any other relief the Court deems just in order to protect children.

Dated: January 31, 2006

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**From:** Jimmy Lago  
**To:** Hudzik, Richard  
**Date:** 4/19/2006 3:59:53 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fr. Anthony Vader

Unfortunately, we don't have anything in Fr. Vader's file that clarifies his intentions re: executor. Bishop Lyne asked for this as well as the Vicar a few weeks ago and we looked through his file. Nothing on record. Bishop Goedert, his classmate I believe, was not aware of any instructions either. I gave the last known addresses of his nephews to Bishop Lyne I believe. I'll ask Maryann fox, my assistant to verify this with you. Sorry.

jim lago

>>> Richard Hudzik 4/19/2006 10:18:39 AM >>>

Jimmy:

As you may have heard, Anthony Vader is now at a nursing home due to a decline in his health. I suspect this will be a long-term arrangement for him. However, with his relocation, a question has arisen regarding his estate planning documents--powers of attorney and will. Fr. Costello advises me that priests are asked to file copies of these documents with your office. Would Fr. Vader have done such? The nursing home, as well as his physicians and friends are asking about these items. A search of his effects here has provided no clues as yet.

Hoping you are well,

Dick

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April 27, 2006

Ms. Roberta Magurany  
Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Magurany,

I want to thank you again for taking your time and agreeing to meet with Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests and me on April 24th in regards to Rev. Anthony Vader. I also want to thank you again for your agreement to serve as Fr. Vader's on-sit "monitor," now that he is a resident of Holy Family Villa. As you know, Fr. Vader is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago with at least one substantiated allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor against him.

I am writing as a follow up to our meeting this morning where we discussed Fr. Vader's Individual Specific Protocols and his restrictions as a withdrawn priest of this diocese. Please contact me at any time if you have any questions regarding the materials that I provided you today, including the Travel/Vacation Form and the "Summary Time Line" of substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct with minors against Fr. Vader received by the Archdiocese of Chicago to date.

Thank you again Ms. Magurany for your agreement to assist both my office and the Vicar for Priests office with this matter. Please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837 at any time with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
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Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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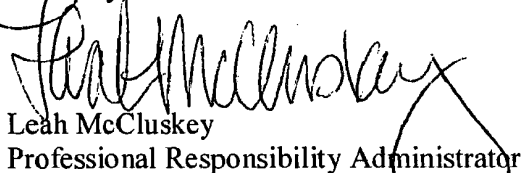
Dear Fr. Vader,

I want to thank you again for meeting with Rev. Vincent Costello and myself at Holy Family Villa on April 24, 2006 to review the enclosed Individual Specific Protocols [ISP].

As we discussed on April 24<sup>th</sup>, I am returning the ISP and the related Travel/Vacation Agreement Form that we reviewed to you and have forwarded copies to your canonical advocate and civil attorney as well. Please note that after our conversation with you and a subsequent conversation with your on-site monitor Ms. Roberta Magurany, you will not be asked to complete any Daily Log Forms. As per Ms. Magurany, it is a policy of Holy Family Villa that all residents are signed out and in upon any outing. Fr. Costello and I agreed that this was sufficient documentation for any time you might spend outside of Holy Family Villa. Ms. Magurany offered to forward such documentation to my attention on the occasions when you leave the residence. I ask that you review and discuss the ISP with your counsel and then return the signed protocol to me no later than May 9, 2006.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205 or Fr. Costello at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Patrick Reardon, Civil Attorney  
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**From:** Ralph Bonaccorsi  
**To:** Leah McCluskey  
**Date:** 5/12/2006 5:06:12 PM  
**Subject:** vader

Bobbie Magurany called to ask if it is OK that A. Vader be a member of a group that will travel to Culver Ind. on an overnite trip. Bobbie will be present as supervisor /chaperone  
The trip is May23 /24. Give bobbie a call---[REDACTED]  
Ralph

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FAX MEMORANDUM

TO: Roberta Magurany  
[REDACTED]

FROM: Leah McCluskey 

RE: Fr. Vader

DATE: May 15, 2006

Message: Dear Bobbie,

I spoke with your assistant Kathy today and let her know that I would be faxing this form to you. Thank you for your phone call on Friday regarding Fr. Vader and the planned overnight trip. Could you please fill out this form and fax back to me so that I may place it in Fr. Vader's file? Please call me at [312] 751-5205 with any questions.

Thank you,

Leah McCluskey

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May 18, 2006


Rev. Anthony Vader  
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Dear Fr. Vader,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of your current completed and signed Individual Specific Protocol. Please note that copies of this document have also been sent to your canonical advocate, civil attorney, Vicar for Priests, and to your on-site monitor Ms. Roberta Magurany.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests ✓  
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This form must be submitted to PRA three weeks prior to planned departure  
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Rev. Anthony Vader [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to  
[destination address and contact phone number] Culver, Ind. - Adm. cell phone

[redacted] from May 23, 2006 [departure date]

through May 25, 2006 [return date]. Rev. Anthony Vader [name of cleric]

will be chaperoned by Robert J. Magurny [name of chaperone]. PRA may contact

the chaperone at the following phone number prior to departure [redacted]

Adm. Cell phone  
The

identified chaperone has accepted the responsibility of verifying the location and

activities of Rev. Anthony Vader [name of cleric] during the aforementioned time  
frame.

1. Contacts with minors by Rev. Anthony Vader [name of cleric] must be in the  
presence of the identified chaperone. Inappropriate situations and locations  
incompatible with a priestly lifestyle are to be avoided.
2. The identified chaperone may be asked to attest to the activities and whereabouts of  
Rev. Anthony Vader [cleric name] over the aforementioned time period of travel.
3. As previously noted, the date of return to Rev. Anthony Vader's [cleric name]  
residence has been scheduled for May 25, 2006 [aforementioned return date].

However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be  
changed. In the event of such a circumstance, should the original plans be  
substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

Cleric Signature: Rev. Anthony Vader

Date: 5-19-06

PRA Signature: Robert J. Magurny

Date: 5-19-06

A copy of this document will be provided to the cleric. The original will be placed in the cleric's file  
in the Office of Professional Responsibility and a copy will be placed in the cleric's file in the Vicar  
for Priests' Office.

Paul McClellan

5/30/06

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Rev. Anthony VADER [name of cleric] has informed this office that he will be traveling to

[destination address and contact phone number] Culver, Indiana

CELL PHONE  
OF ADM. [REDACTED]

from 8/8/06 [departure date]

through 8/10/06 [return date]. Rev. Anthony VADER [name of cleric]

will be chaperoned by Robert Magermy [name of chaperone]. PRA may contact

the chaperone at the following phone number prior to departure [REDACTED] The

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However, due to weather conditions or emergencies that may arise, the date may be  
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substantially changed, please contact PRA at [312] 751-5205.

X Cleric Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/7/06  
PRA Signature: [Signature] Date: 8/7/06

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RR: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Serritella:

Please be advised that [REDACTED] has retained my services to represent her in her claim against Father Anthony Vader and the Chicago Archdiocese for sexual abuse.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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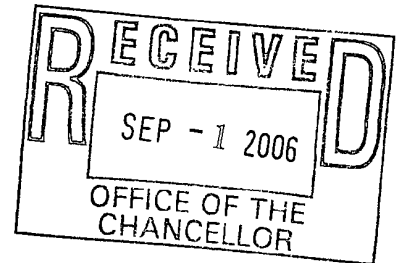
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## MEMORANDUM

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LNP

FROM: Laura Neri-Palomino, Administrative Assistant  
Office of Professional Responsibility

DATE: August 31, 2006

RE: [PFR-137] Vader, Rev. Anthony (Retired/Withdrawn) [REDACTED]

Attached is a copy of a new allegation received by this office on 8/31/06.

Please advise this office of any information you may have in your files regarding Vader, Rev. Anthony [REDACTED]

It is extremely important that you forward copies of any and all documentation pertinent to this case to this office within 5 business days of receipt of this memo to ensure that the investigation of this matter be properly handled.

Thank you.

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Cc: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Very Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
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September 6, 2006



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing this letter in regards to your client [REDACTED] and her allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader.

I attempted to reach you via phone on September 5, 2006 to follow up with your August 23, 2006 letter regarding [REDACTED]. I would like to speak with you in order to determine if [REDACTED] is interested in scheduling a time to meet so that she could formalize her allegation against Fr. Vader.

Please contact me at [312] 751-5205 so that we may discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Ms. Shauna Boliker  
Assistant State's Attorney  
State's Attorney of Cook County (2)  
2650 South California  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

RE: [REDACTED] 06 SC 140 [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of alleged abuse: Unknown

Dear Ms. Boliker:

Please be advised the Archdiocese of Chicago has received a claim from attorney [REDACTED], on behalf of [REDACTED] that an Archdiocesan priest, Fr. Anthony Vader sexually abused her as a minor. At this time, we do not know when or where the molestation occurred. The priest is retired and withdrawn from ministry.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Mr. James A. Serritella  
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RE: [REDACTED] 06 SC 141 [REDACTED]  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of alleged abuse: Unknown

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December 19, 2006

**VIA FACSIMILE & U.S. MAIL**

Re: [REDACTED] Father Anthony Vader

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am following up on your letter of August 23, 2006 regarding the above matter. I have passed your correspondence on to Ms. Leah McCluskey, the Professional Responsibility Administrator of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is my understanding that someone from her office has been or will be in contact with you about this matter. As you know, either you or your client can contact Mr. Ralph Bonaccorsi (312-751-8267), Assistance Minister of the Archdiocese, for pastoral assistance or therapy at the Archdiocese's expense from a licensed therapist of your client's choice.

Please direct your communications about this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

James A. Serritella

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cc: Leah McCluskey (via facsimile)  
Ralph Bonaccorsi (via facsimile)

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Mr. Phillip Aaron  
December 19, 2006  
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## Memorandum

To: File – PFR-137

From: Patricia Zacharias, Professional Responsibility Assistant Administrator (PZ)

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony (Withdrawn)/[REDACTED]

Date: January 8, 2007

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[REDACTED] had scheduled and then cancelled an appointment with PRA to formalize her allegation against Fr. Vader on 10/17/05. She had indicated she would call PRA back to reschedule her appointment.

There has been no further contact with [REDACTED] as of today's date. PRAA is making this case inactive at this time.

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Leonatti, Janet  
**Date:** 1/8/2007 5:03:25 PM  
**Subject:** Allegation against Vader

All,

Just wanted to let you know that I am in the midst of writing up the allegation, but [REDACTED]'s alleged abuse by Fr. Vader took place when she was over the age of 18. Therefore, this matter needs to be taken out of RADAR--if Jan or Laura could take care of that. Also Fr. Costello, [REDACTED] is represented by [REDACTED].

Leah

**CC:** Grace, Edward; Neri-Palomino, Laura

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January 19, 2007

Rev. Anthony Vader  
Holy Family Villa  
12220 S. Will-Cook Rd.  
Lemont, Illinois 60439

Dear Fr. Vader,

I am writing to you in regards to the **TRAVEL/VACATION NOTIFICATION** form that you have agreed to fill out and return to me three weeks prior to any planned overnight absence from your residence of Holy Family Villa. Upon filling out the form, please provide a copy to Ms. Roberta Magurany prior to sending it to my office. This is to ensure that Ms. Magurany is aware of your planned overnight absence in the event that she does not receive a copy of the notification form from my office prior to any planned departure. I have enclosed a blank copy of the notification form with this letter.

Rev. Vincent Costello and I will be in contact with you regarding any future additional changes to your Individual Specific Protocol, Daily Log, and/or Travel/Vacation notification forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Ms. Roberta Magurany  
Patrick Reardon, civil attorney  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
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January 23, 2007




Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing in response to your January 17, 2007 letter regarding your client [REDACTED] and her allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader.

I am in the process of finishing the draft report of the December 15, 2006 meeting when [REDACTED] formalized her allegation against Fr. Vader. When I have completed the draft, I will send it to [REDACTED] in the care of your office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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January 23, 2007



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing in response to your January 17, 2007 letter regarding your client [REDACTED] and her allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader.

As I informed [REDACTED] and your associate [REDACTED], due to the fact that your client was over the age of 18 and adult at the time of the alleged abuse by Fr. Vader, this matter will not be presented to the Review Board. I explained during our November 30, 2006 meeting that the Review Board is only presented matters of the alleged sexual abuse of children by clerics and the Vicar for Priests' Office addresses matters of such misconduct involving adults. Therefore, I will forward this matter to Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests for his attention.

I am in the process of finishing the draft report of our November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting when [REDACTED] formalized her allegation against Fr. Vader. When I have completed the draft, I will send it to [REDACTED] in the care of your office. As I clarified during the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, once [REDACTED] has made changes to the draft report, the entire matter will be forwarded to Fr. Costello.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [312] 751-5205. If you wish to contact Fr. Costello, he may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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Dear [REDACTED]:

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.


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I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be forwarded to you through [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your changes as near to as you are able or on February 13, 2007. Please know that you may also respond by February 13<sup>th</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by February 27, 2007. I have noted this time frame in light of presenting this matter to the Review Board as soon as possible so that this matter may continue forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

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☐ SEE ATTACHED   ☐ PLEASE PROVIDE COPY   ☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION   ☐ PLEASE SIGN/RETURN

[REDACTED]:

Here is [REDACTED] draft report of her allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader dated December 15, 2006.

The original report is being mailed today.

Laura

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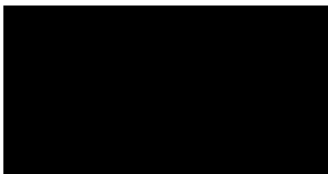
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February 6, 2007

VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL



Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you doing well and I apologize for getting this report to you at such a late date.


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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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## MEMORANDUM





To: File – PFR-137


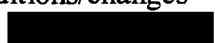
From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn] 

Date: February 13, 2007

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This Director received a voice mail message this morning from   
 regarding the draft report of her allegation against Rev. Anthony Vader.   
 acknowledged that it had been requested that her additions/changes to  
the draft were returned to this office by today.

 stated that it has been difficult for her to read the draft and that  
she was requesting the additional two weeks offered to have her additions/changes  
returned to this office. She asked to be called with any questions at 

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a memorandum to file prepared by Leah McCluskey of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated March 8, 2007, summarizing Victim KH's allegations of abuse against Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KH alleged that she was abused by Fr. Vader at St. Laurence parish in the late 1960s, when Victim KH was in the sixth through eighth grades. The abuse occurred approximately once a week and consisted of Fr. Vader fondling Victim KH's breasts and buttocks.

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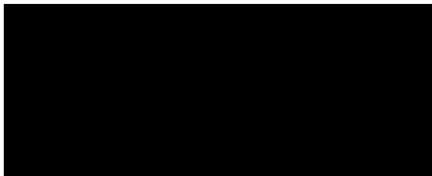
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March 9, 2007

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Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader. The report is based upon your revisions that you returned to me. Thank you so much for your additions and changes.

[REDACTED] in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 23, 2007. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 23<sup>rd</sup>, I will assume that the final report is accurate and I will continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

AOC 021712

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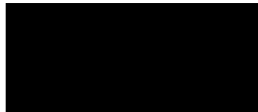
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FAX MEMORANDUM

TO:



FROM:

Leah McCluskey

RE:

Vader/



DATE:

March 9, 2007

Message:



I am sending the original report to you in the mail today. Please call me at [312]  
751-5205 with any questions.

Thank you,

AOC 021713

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract supplements a memorandum to file from Leah McCluskey of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated March 9, 2007, summarizing Victim KL's allegation of sexual abuse against Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KL alleged that she was abused by Fr. Vader in approximately 1970, when Victim KL was approximately 19 years old. The abuse consisted of once incident of Fr. Vader touching Victim KL's genitals under her clothes. Ms. McCluskey informed Victim KL that her allegation would be given to the Vicar for Priests' Office for further processing since Victim KL alleged that the abuse occurred when she was over the age of 18.



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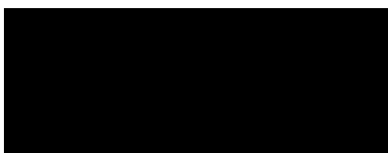
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April 10, 2007

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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed you will find a finalized copy of your report with all of the necessary signatures.

If you have any questions please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carolyn Perz".

Carolyn Perz

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

Enclosures

AOC 021715

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent  
**Date:** 4/10/2007 12:41:14 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Allegation

Sounds good to me Fr. Costello. I will bring a copy of the allegation with me--a copy was sent over to you today via interoffice mail.

Leah

>>> Vincent Costello 4/10/2007 11:35 AM >>>

That's great question. I suggest you bring it along and once we assess the situation we can decide what we want to do with the allegation. How does that sound?

Fr. Vince Costello

>>> Leah McCluskey 04/10/07 9:19 AM >>>

Fr. Costello,

I just received in the mail late yesterday a signed allegation against Fr. Vader. I'm not certain what his mental health status is at this point--dependent upon that, I would like to read him the allegation when we meet with him on 4/24. What do you think?

Leah

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## OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

### REVIEW BOARD MEETING

Saturday, April 14, 2007

### AGENDA

I. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2007

II. Case Reviews

#### Initial Review:

A. [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) – PFR-137

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

III. Review for Cause:

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

IV. Other Matters:

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The next Review Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2007

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## REVISED

### Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

#### Review Board

Saturday, April 14, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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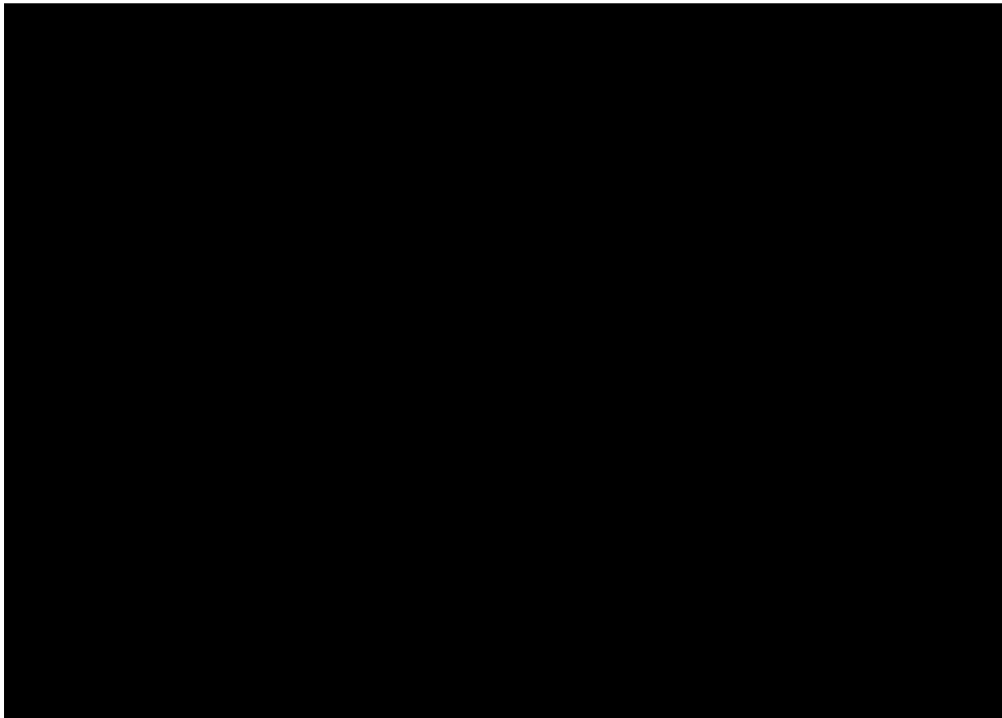
#### I. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2007

- Requested changes will be made as directed; Revised March 17, 2007 minutes will be sent out in the packets for the next scheduled Review Board meeting for members' approval
- [REDACTED] began by leading a brief discussion of the status of the proposed "Supervision Program [formerly known as the 'Monitoring Program']" and the process of updating the *§1100 Sexual Abuse of Minors: Policies for Education, Prevention, Assistance to Victims and Procedures for Determination of Fitness for Ministry*

#### II. Case Reviews Initial Review

A.

[REDACTED]



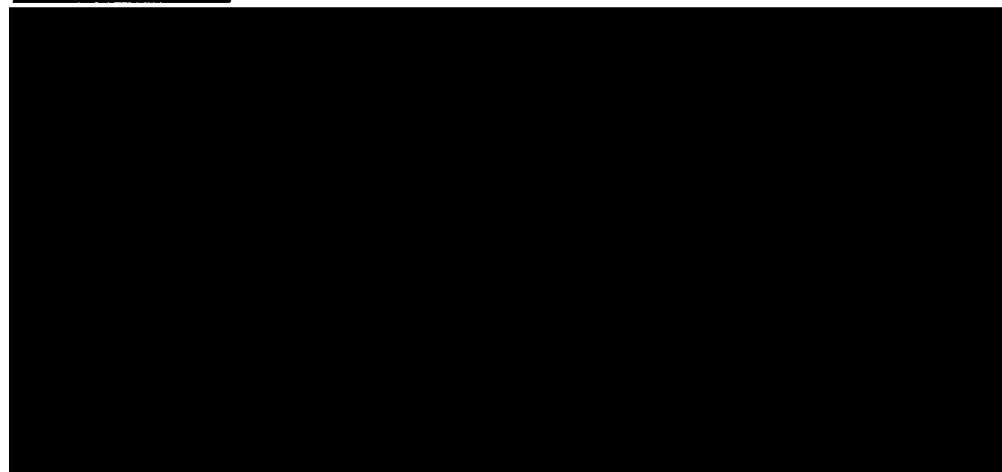
**B. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader [Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003] – PFR 137**

The Review Board was to conduct an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader. A summary of the allegation is as follows: touching breasts and buttocks over clothing; inappropriate conversations [REDACTED]

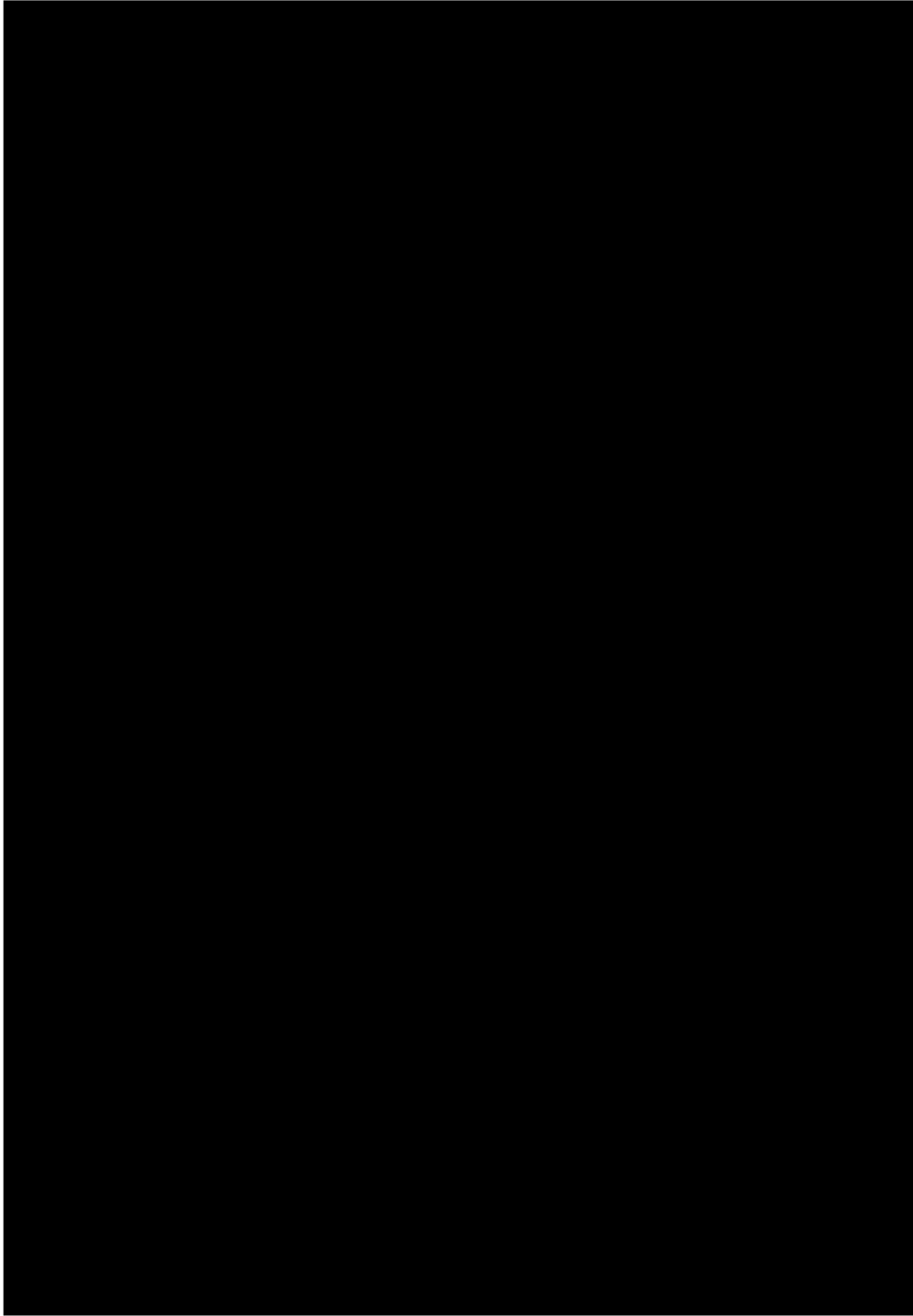
Due to a lack of time, the Board was unable to review this matter. Therefore, this matter was continued to the scheduled May 19, 2007 Review Board meeting.

**III. Review for Cause**

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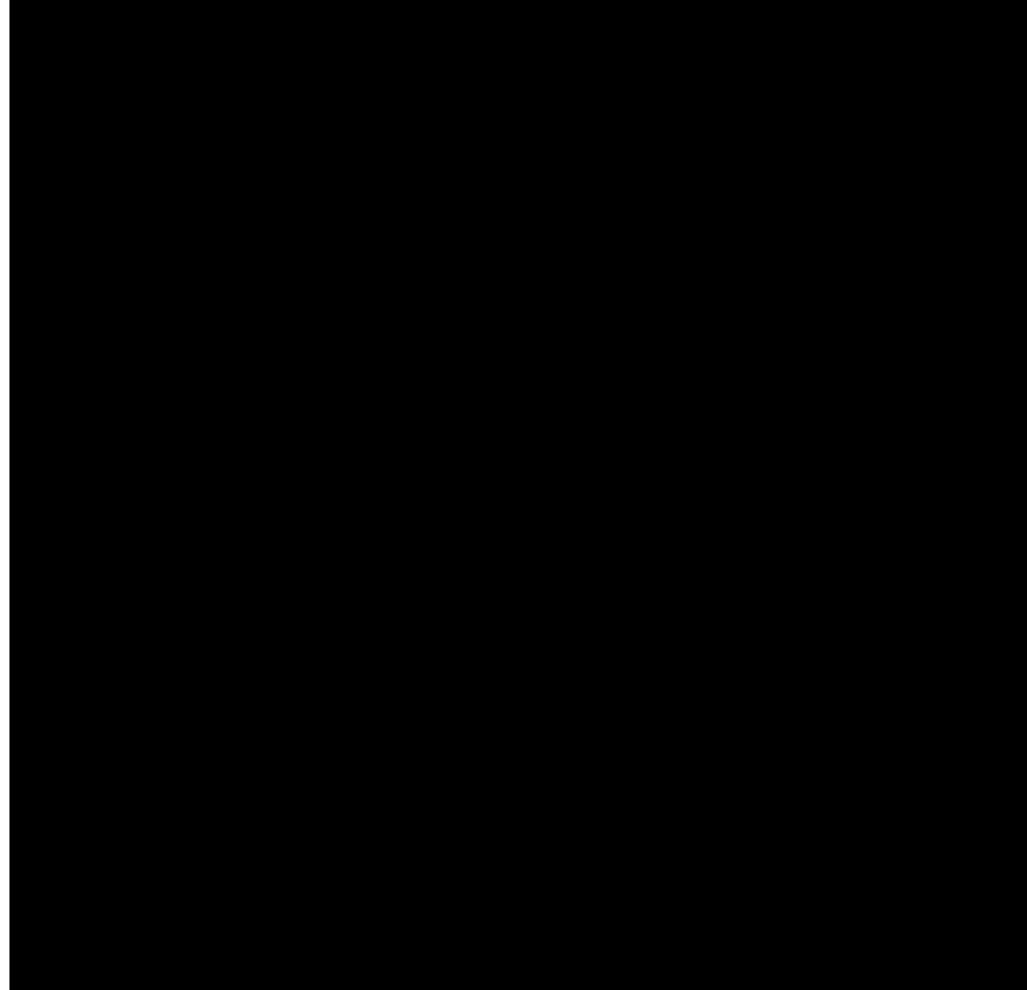


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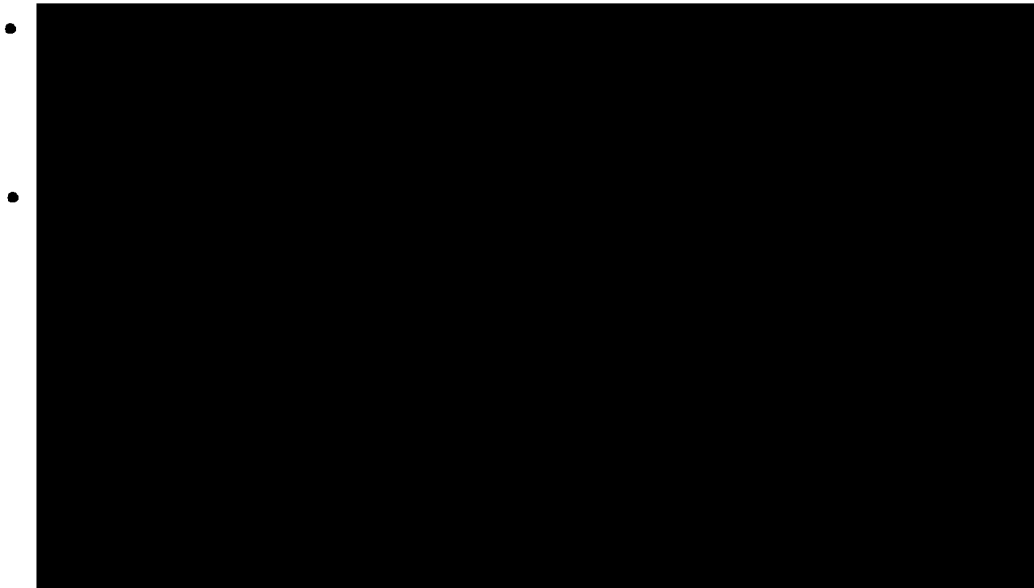


**IV. Other Matters**

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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Rev. Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Review Board Members  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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**HAND DELIVERED**

April 24, 2007

Ms. Roberta Magurany  
Holy Family Villa  
12220 S. Will-Cook Road  
Palos Park, Illinois 60464

Dear Ms. Magurany,

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the summary of allegations of the sexual abuse of minors against Rev. Anthony Vader that have been received by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review to date. You will also find copies of the most recent "Clergy Daily Log" and "Travel/Vacation Notification" forms that Fr. Vader will be directed to use as a client of this office.

As you know, one of our Vicars for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello and myself are scheduled to meet with Fr. Vader today to review with him his updated Individual Specific Protocol [ISP]. I have also enclosed with this letter a blank copy of the ISP that Fr. Vader will be asked to follow.

Ms. Magurany, I want to thank you again for your continued assistance with the matter of Fr. Vader's relation to this office. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

**AOC 021725**

### SUMMARY TIME LINE OF ALLEGATION

	ACCUSED	ACCUSER
<b>Name:</b>	Rev. Anthony Vader	[REDACTED]
<b>Address:</b>	Holy Family Villa	[REDACTED]
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Current age:</b>	80	55
<b>Name of civil attorney:</b>	Patrick Reardon	[REDACTED]

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**Date of Ordination [of accused]:** 5/1/52

**Location:** Mundelein

**Age at ordination:** 25

**Assignment location of accused:** N/A

**Status of accused:** Retired/Withdrawn

**Name of canonical advocate:** Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL

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**Date allegation received:** 8/24/06

**Date allegation formalized:** 12/15/06

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1963

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1966

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** abuse took place from 6-8th grade; touching breasts and buttocks over clothing; inappropriate conversations [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** has not been presented to Fr. Vader for a response to date; tentative date to meet with Fr. Vader scheduled for April 24, 2007

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** Initial Review

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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## ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 61

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 9/30/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 10/21/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1955

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1955/1966

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** several over the course of approximately one year

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** 10 years old; abuse lasted approximately 1 year; alleges that Fr. Vader viewed her breasts [lifted and unbuttoned blouse] and vaginal area [REDACTED] occasionally. Fr. Vader visited [REDACTED]'s home and fondled breasts

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 11/15/02; Fr. Vader denied the allegation

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 8/03; reasonable cause to suspect [at then First Stage Review (now known as Initial Review), withdrawn from ministry with "monitoring"]

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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## ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 60

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED]

**Date allegation received:** 10/02

**Date allegation formalized:** 11/4/02

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1958

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1958

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** alleges Fr. Vader fondled her breasts when she was 12 years old [REDACTED] alleges he admitted to this to her approximately 10 years ago when she confronted him

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 11/15/02; Fr. Vader denied the allegation

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 8/03; reasonable cause to suspect [at then First Stage Review (now known as Initial Review), withdrawn from ministry with "monitoring"]

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** No

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## ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 57

**Name of civil attorney:** [REDACTED] [brother]

**Date allegation received:** 8/28/03

**Date allegation formalized:** 2/12/04

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:** 1960

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:** 1961

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:** more than one

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** rubbing pubic area [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] - fondling over and under clothing

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** 5/24/04; Fr. Vader denied the allegation

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** 10/04; reasonable cause to suspect

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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## ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:**

**Current age:**

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 3/1/04

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:**

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:**

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:**

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** in initial phone conversations, [REDACTED] only identified Fr. Vader as the accused and that the alleged abuse took place at St. Laurence; Fr. Vader was assigned to the parish from 6/25/64 - 1/30/68; [REDACTED] stated that she was 10 years old at the time of the abuse; [REDACTED] never followed up to schedule a meeting to formalize her allegation

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** not presented to Fr. Vader, as [REDACTED] has not followed up to provide additional information and/or schedule time to formalize allegation

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** not presented to the Review Board; this matter is Inactive

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**ADDITIONAL ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ACCUSED**

**Name of accuser:** [REDACTED]

**Date of Birth:** [REDACTED]

**Current age:** 63

**Name of civil attorney:** N/A

**Date allegation received:** 10/11/05

**Date allegation formalized:**

**Date of initial incident of alleged abuse:**

**Date of last incident of alleged abuse:**

**Approximate number of incidents of alleged abuse:**

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**Brief summary of alleged abuse:** in initial phone conversations, [REDACTED] only identified Fr. Vader as the accused [REDACTED]; Fr. Vader fondled [REDACTED] over her clothing; [REDACTED] stated that the alleged abuse took place at Holy Cross School; Fr. Vader was assigned to the parish from 7/8/52 - 6/25/64

**Brief summary and date of response from accused:** not presented to Fr. Vader, as [REDACTED] has not followed up to provide additional information and/or schedule time to formalize allegation

**Stage of disposition by Review Board:** not presented to the Review Board; this matter is Inactive

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**Additional allegations made by accuser:** None

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**Signature of PRA:**

*Dr. [REDACTED]*  
*Paul McCandless*

**Date:**

*4/24/07*

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Perz, Carolyn  
**Date:** 4/24/2007 10:50:12 AM  
**Subject:** Request to send information

Carolyn,

Could you please do me a favor and send a copy of [REDACTED] allegation against Vader to his civil attorney and canonical advocate [the info. is in RADAR and the Monitor/Advocate List]?

Thanks.

Leah

Done 4-24-07  
CP

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## MEMORANDUM

To: File – PFR – 137

Cc: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review LM/AR

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn] [REDACTED]

Date: May 2, 2007

On April 24, 2007, Vicar for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello and Rev. Edward Grace and I traveled to Holy Family Villa to meet with Rev. Anthony Vader. Prior to meeting with Fr. Vader we met with the Administrator of Holy Family Villa, Ms. Roberta Magurany. When asked, Ms. Magurany informed us that physically Fr. Vader [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ms. Magurany stated that Fr. Vader never leaves the facility without another adult. [REDACTED]

Frs. Costello, Grace, and I agreed prior to meeting with Fr. Vader that we would observe his mental status and then assess if he would comprehend being read [REDACTED] allegation for a response.

Fr. Vader was wheeled into the office in a wheelchair where Frs. Costello, Grace, and I were waiting to meet with him. He was extremely pleasant when we greeted him, but was immediately clear that he did not know who any of us were. When Frs. Costello, Grace, and I individually introduced ourselves to Fr. Vader, he did not make any indications that he knew any of us, nor the Archdiocesan offices with which we were associated. Fr. Vader did participate in general conversation with Frs. Costello, Grace, and me about how he was feeling and the positive care that he was receiving at Holy Family Villa. When I suggested to Fr. Vader that we last saw each other about one year ago, he made no indication that he recalled the meeting or me.

Due to Fr. Vader's described behavior, both Vicar for Priests and I decided against reading [REDACTED] allegation to him.

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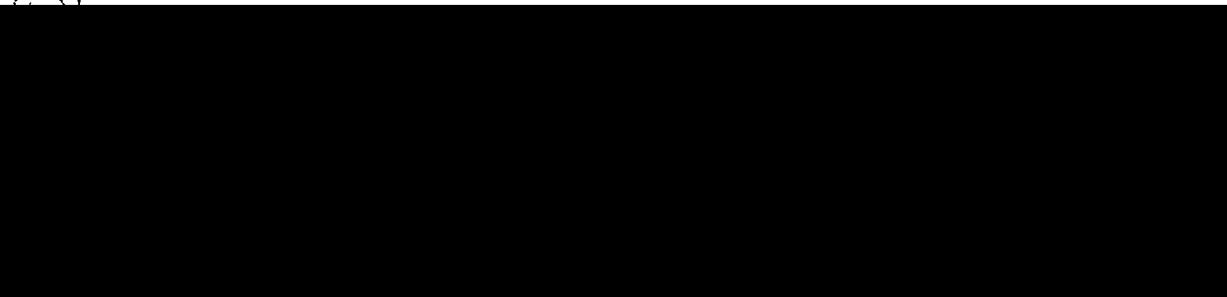



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**INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS**  
For  
Rev. Anthony Vader

The Individual Specific Protocols (ISP) implement the primary goal of promoting the safety of minors. Additionally, the ISP protects the integrity of the Church and serves as a safeguard for individual priest or deacon. As long as the cleric is a client of the Office of Professional Responsibility, he will be subject to appropriate protocols, restrictions and monitoring under the authority of the Vicar for Priests and supervised by the Professional Responsibility Administrator (PRA). The agreement of a priest or deacon to abide by these protocols is not understood to prove the truth of any allegation and is not intended to be an admission of guilt for any delict or crime, whether in Canon Law, or State and Federal Law. This agreement represents the cooperation of the cleric with his bishop as he exercises his pastoral office (e.g., Canons 369 and 392).

This ISP for Rev. Anthony Vader is as follows (PRA to initial all that apply):

1. The client is restricted from being alone with a minor or minors, that is anyone under the age of 18, without the presence of another responsible adult.
2. 
3. 
4.  The "Clergy Daily Log" to be completed on a daily basis and co-signed by the monitor. The log is a tool that is used for the protection of minors, the cleric, the monitor and the Archdiocese. Although it identifies time periods, it is intended to provide a general record of the day rather than a detailed clock. If you are describing an off-site activity, please include your destination and the general purpose of the visit or activity. For example, it is enough to indicate that you did personal shopping at a given Shopping Center rather than the details of each individual store. However, if your self-description is challenged or a complaint is lodged with the Archdiocese, some documentation and verification may be necessary to sufficiently address the situation.
5.  Abide by the assignment of residence to Holy Family Villa in Lemont, IL.

6. (W) Must complete and submit the "Travel/Vacation Agreement", and obtain concurrence with the Agreement, prior to a scheduled departure. In the event of a prolonged stay in a particular location, the Archdiocese is required to notify the Ordinary of that place of your presence there.
7. N/A Attendance at a recommended support group \_\_\_\_\_ (please indicate specific support group). Recommended frequency of \_\_\_\_\_ times per week/month (please circle one). Attendance at a recommended support group is to be reflected on "Clergy Daily Log" forms.
8. No inappropriate use of computers, software, Internet capabilities, communications tools or video technology. The standards articulated in the *Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago* and the *Handbook For Archdiocesan Employees* apply as they do to all Archdiocesan personnel. NO computer in Fr. Vader's room.
9. No ministerial participation in the public celebration of the Eucharist or any other Sacrament or Sacramental without the prior, written permission of the Vicar for Priests.
10. Refrain from wearing any garb that would give the appearance of, or seem to infer, a priest/deacon who has canonical faculties and is currently assigned to some ministry (e.g., the 'clerical shirt').
11. On-site visits by the PRA and the VP annually to include a meeting with the cleric.

This Individual Specific Protocol is to be reviewed annually with PRA, VP, and the cleric. Also, there can be additional, written notations tailored to the needs of a specific situation which are signed by all parties and appended to this document. Any change or alteration to this agreement will involve consultation with the cleric, his monitor, the PRA, and the VP. The cleric, his monitor, the PRA, or the VP can initiate the discussion for change or alteration, or request that this Individual Specific Protocol be reviewed by the Professional Responsibility Review Board. At the discretion of any of the parties, the legal and/or canonical counsel of the cleric may be involved in the discussions.

I have reviewed, understand, and agree to all of these individual specific Protocols.

Signed: Rev. Anthony J. Vader Date: 5/7/07

Printed Name: ANTHONY J. VADER

Signature of PRA: [Signature] Date: 5/11/06

Signature of VP: [Signature] Date: 5/15/06

Additional, written notations appended to this document? yes ☐ no ☒

(Revised 1/XII/04)

To: The File  
From: V. Costello  
Re: Tony Vader  
Date: May 8, 2007

On April 24, 2007 Leah McCluskey, Ed Grace, and I had our regular yearly meeting to over the protocols with Tony Vader. To that meeting I brought along an allegation against Tony that was made by [REDACTED] However, when we met with Tony and saw his condition I decided against sharing the contents of the allegation with him. I had serious questions as to whether he would fully understand the seriousness of the allegation.



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## OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

### REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, May 19, 2007

#### AGENDA

I. **Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2007**

II. **Case Reviews**

#### Initial Review

A. [REDACTED]

B. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) – PFR-137

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

#### Review for Cause

C. [REDACTED]

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

G. [REDACTED]

H. [REDACTED]

III. For Discussion

• [REDACTED]

The next Review Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2007

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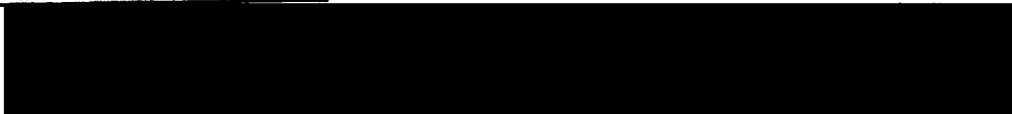
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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board  
Saturday, June 16, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:



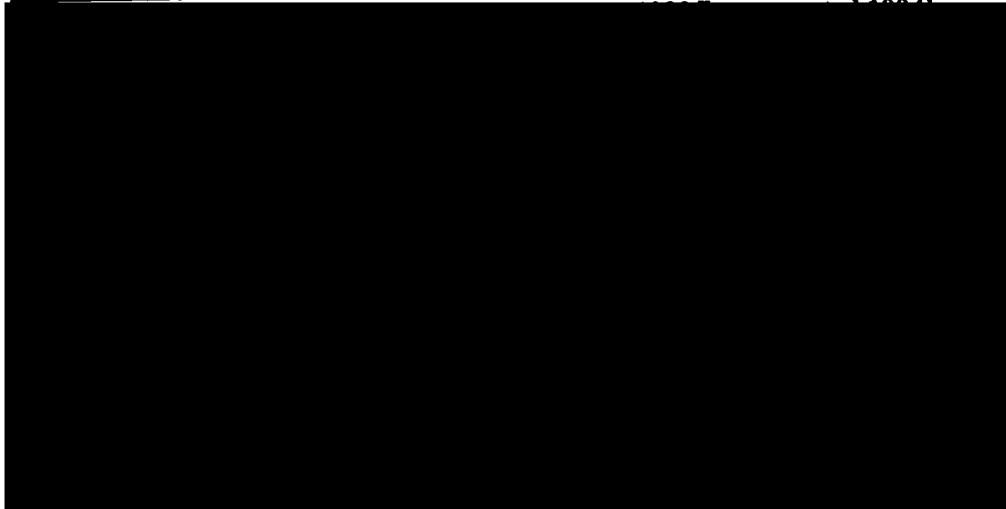
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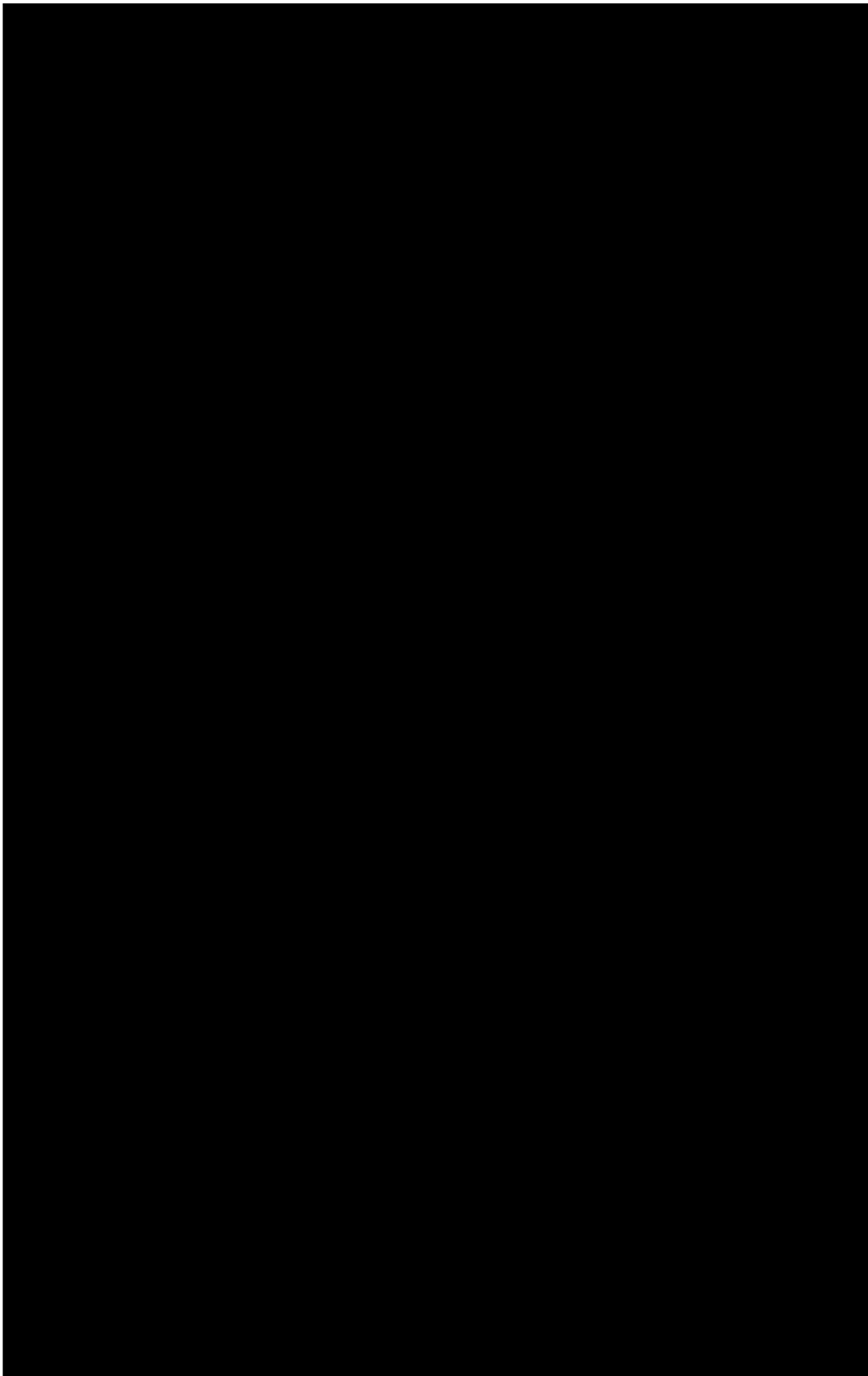


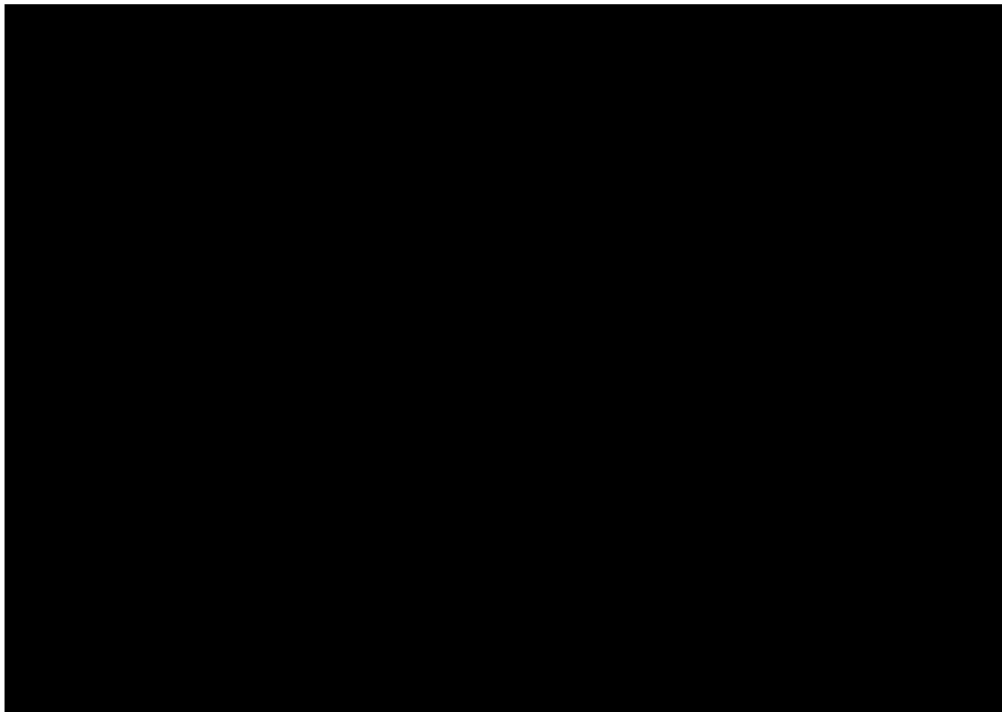
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  - Initial Review

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**C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader [Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003] – PFR 137**

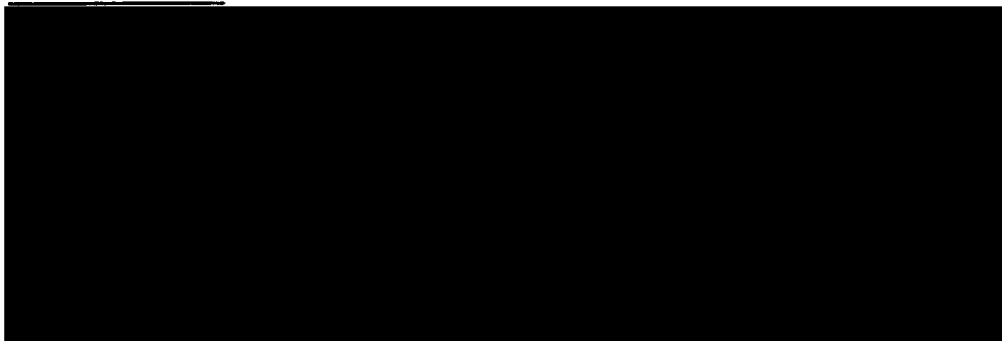
The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader. A summary of the allegation is as follows: touching breasts and buttocks over clothing; inappropriate conversations [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In a 9-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter warrants additional investigation. The Board also directed Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

- Check with archives and attempt to obtain a copy of [REDACTED] school records from St. Laurence

**Review for Cause**

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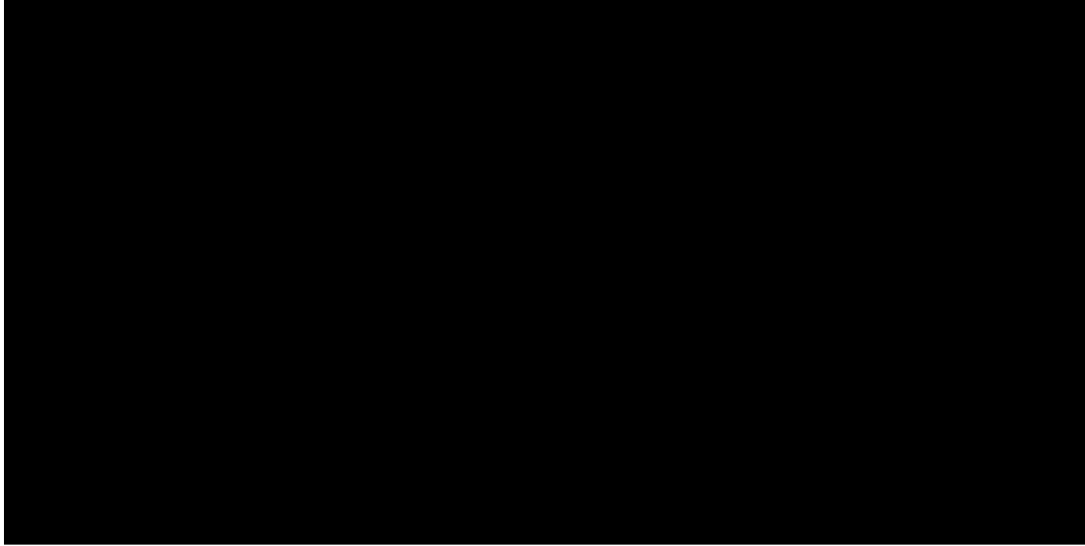
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**III. Other Matters**



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, July 21, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cc: Rev. John Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
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## OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

### REVIEW BOARD MEETING Saturday, June 16, 2007

#### AGENDA

I. **Approval of Minutes** – March 17, 2007 [Revised], April 14, 2007 [Revised], and May 30, 2007

II. **Case Reviews**

Initial Review

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

- C. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) – PFR-137
- Allegation made by [REDACTED]

Review for Cause

D. [REDACTED]

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED]

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III. **For Discussion**

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The next Review Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, **July 21, 2007**

Cc    Ralph Bonaccorsi, Office of Assistance Ministry  
      Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
      Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests  
      Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on June 16, 2007 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the  
determination.*

*G. J. J. J.  
June 23, 2007*

AOC 021749

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 6/18/2007 5:11:46 PM  
**Subject:** Request for information

Hello Julie,

Hope all is well with you.

I'm not certain if I should be e-mailing you, Jac, or someone else directly on this--so please let me know.

I was looking to determine if Archives has student records from St. Laurence parish [now closed I was informed]. I am looking for those records of a student named [REDACTED], who would have attended the school in the 1960s. Her birth date is [REDACTED].

Thank you for any help and/or direction of my question that you might have!

Take care,

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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July 5, 2007

Rev. Anthony Vader  
C/o Patrick Reardon  
2200 W. Lawrence Ave., Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Fr. Vader,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on June 16, 2007 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.8 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. I have enclosed a copy of [REDACTED] allegation with this letter.

Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL, canonical advocate

Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services  
Jim Serritella, Attorney

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July 5, 2007



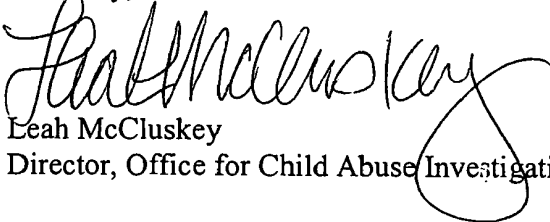
Dear 

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Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that in light of the information presented, additional investigation is warranted. Meaning, the Board determined that based upon the information presented for their review, there is cause to continue to investigate this matter. Further, if you have any additional information at this time you wish to share and have presented to the Board, please forward it to my attention. Any additional information obtained and/or received will be presented to the Board at a Review for Cause of this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services  
Jim Serritella, Attorney

AOC 021752

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** 7/12/2007 1:31:54 PM  
**Subject:** E-mail

Dear Sr. Francine,

I hope that you are doing well.

Fr. Smilanic forwarded me your June 11th e-mail concerning Fr. Vader and the new allegation received against him.

When Frs. Grace and Costello [Vicars for Priests] and I last saw Fr. Vader a couple of months ago, the three of us agreed that I not read [REDACTED] allegation to him. The reason was due to the clear fact that Fr. Vader's memory has declined, as he did not know who any of us were, nor the offices in which we work--despite our contacts in the past. I did present this information to the Review Board.

As you know, I sent copies of the allegation to you and to Fr. Vader's civil attorney. I would just ask that you as Fr. Vader's canonical advocate respond in whatever way you feel is most appropriate.

I hope that some of this information is helpful to you Sr. Francine. I'm sorry that we kept missing each other and could not actually speak on the phone. But please feel free to e-mail with any other questions or concerns that you might have.

Peace,

Leah

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**CC:** Smilanic, Daniel

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July 17, 2007

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[REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey, Director,  
Office for Child Abuse  
Investigations and Review  
P.O. BOX 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms McCluskey:

This letter is in response to your letter dated July 05, 2007 stating that the Review Board determined that additional investigation is warranted in the claim of [REDACTED]

We will provide the additional information that you are requesting. Please let me know as soon as possible, specifically, what is needed.

I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Yours Truly,  
[REDACTED]

Cc: Mayra Flores, Office of Assistance Ministry  
[REDACTED]

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July 27, 2007

Dear [REDACTED],

I have received your July 17, 2007 letter concerning your client [REDACTED] and her allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader.

I wanted to clarify that the intent of my July 5, 2007 letter to you was to notify you of Cardinal George's decision to accept the Review Board's Initial Review recommendation that the aforementioned matter warrants additional investigation. Therefore, I ask at this stage that if you and/or [REDACTED] have any additional information you wish to have presented to the Review Board for its consideration, that you forward it to my attention as soon as you are able. I have not requested any additional specific information from you or [REDACTED].

If you have any questions, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services

AOC 021755

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

August 3, 2007

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review  
P.O. Box 1979  
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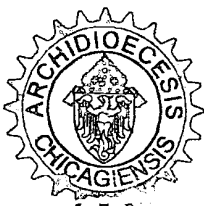
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of June 23, 2007 in response to your letter of June 18, 2007, regarding the matter of **Reverend Anthony Vader**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who is retired and has been removed from ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Initial Review conducted by the Professional Responsibility Review Board on June 16, 2007.

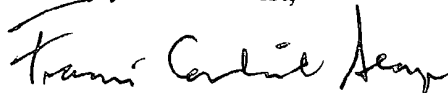
In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination that the information suggests further investigation into whether **Father Vader** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

With this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Father Vader**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Rev. Richard Sanders*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Mrs. Mayra Flores, Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

AOC 021756

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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Professional Responsibility Review Board that information at least seems to be true that **Reverend Anthony Vader** engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED], a minor at the time of the alleged incident, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717) and warrants further investigation.

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Vader**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Father Vader's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Professional Responsibility Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense. This report is to be sent to me, along with the advice of the Review Board.

Given on August 3, 2007, at Chicago, Illinois.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



*Rev. Richard Auer*  
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14 September 2007

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Professional Responsibility Administrator  
PO Box 1979  
Chicago IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Please forgive my delay in responding to the charges recently made against Rev. Anthony Vader by [REDACTED]. I have been delayed by some health problems.

I did receive a copy of your letter of July 5 to Father Vader, but I did not receive a copy of the allegations. Perhaps you could forward those to me.

I have become aware that Father Vader is in effect *sui non compos*, and is residing in a home which cares for him according to these needs.

That being the case, it would seem difficult to treat any allegation with objectivity or justice, since Father Vader is not competent to speak in his own defense.

If you have obtained what you consider to be clear and objective evidence supporting this latest allegation, I would respond to the extent possible.

Thank you for your patience with my delay.

Sincerely,

*Sister Francine Quillin*  
Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
Advocate for Rev. Anthony Vader

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, September 15, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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- Fr. Smilanic introduced [REDACTED] as the newest Review Board member, replacing [REDACTED] [REDACTED] appointment to the Review Board had expired]; [REDACTED] was appointed by Cardinal George; [REDACTED]

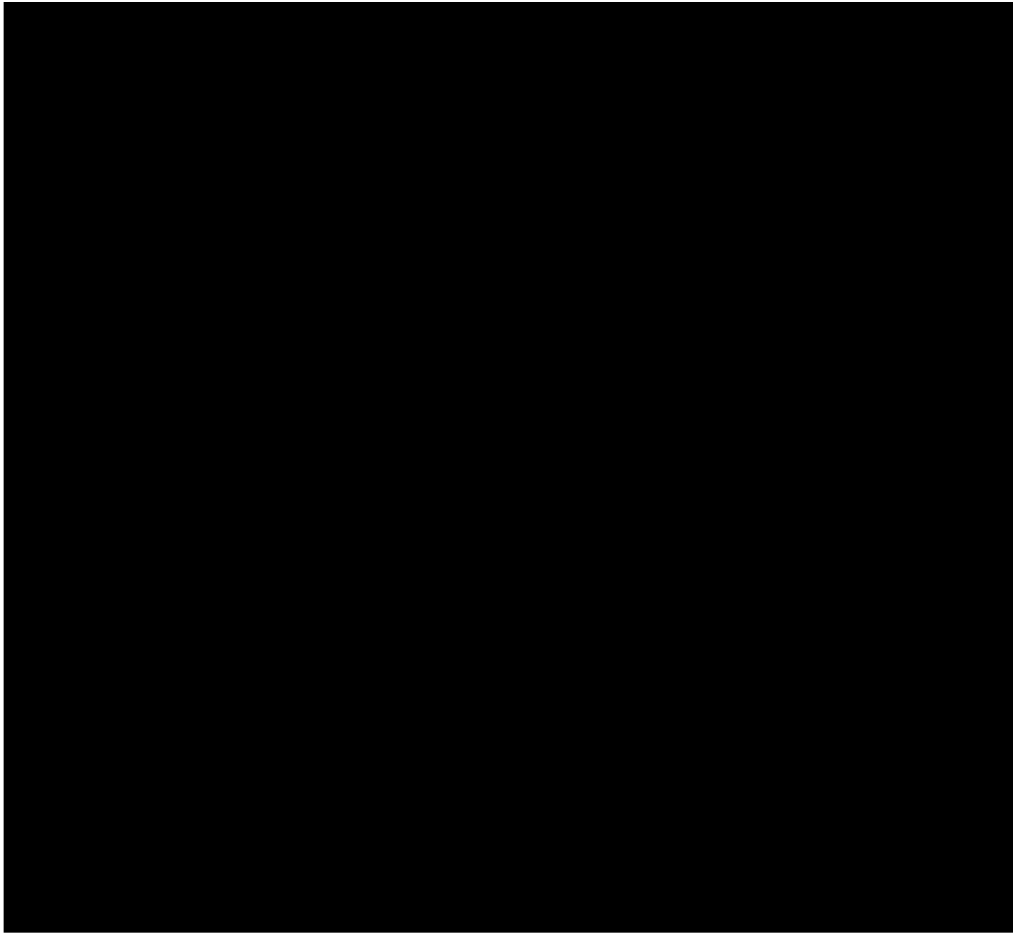
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- I. **Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2007**
  - Minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

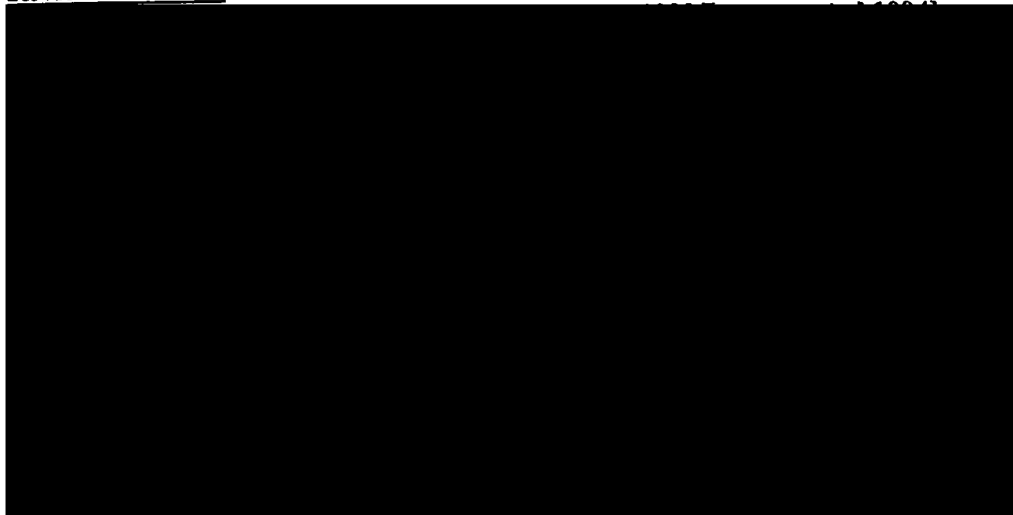
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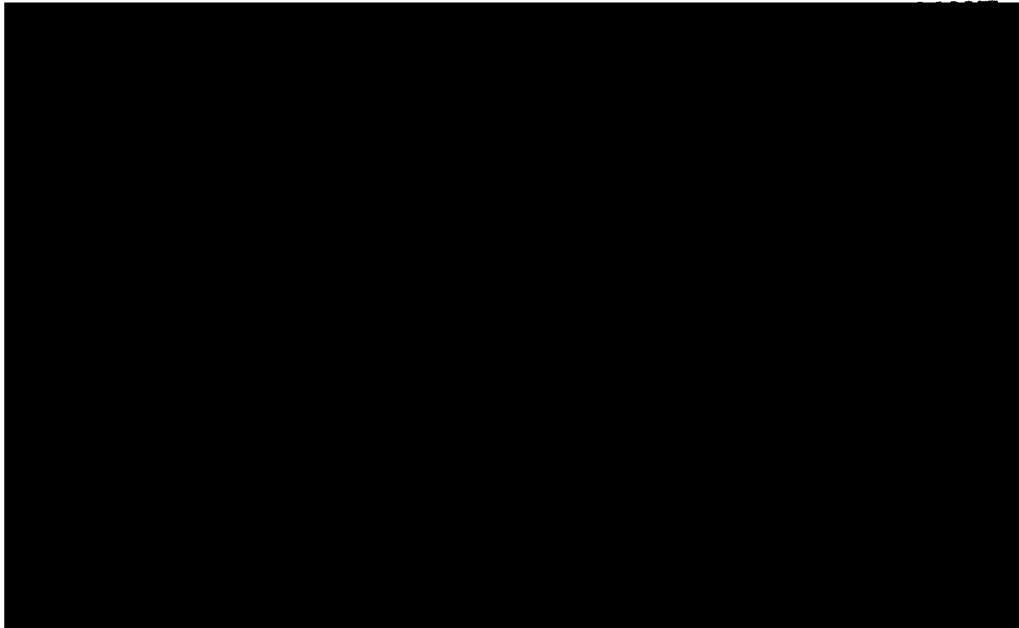


**Review for Cause**

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**D. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader [Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003] – PFR - 137**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader. A summary of the allegation is as follows: abuse took place from 6-8th grade; touching breasts and buttocks over clothing; inappropriate conversations [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ms. McCluskey verbally informed the Review Board members that a copy of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] school records from St. Laurence was obtained, confirming that she was a student at the school.

In a 7-0 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged abuse occurred.

**III. Request for Supplementary Review**

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IV. Update

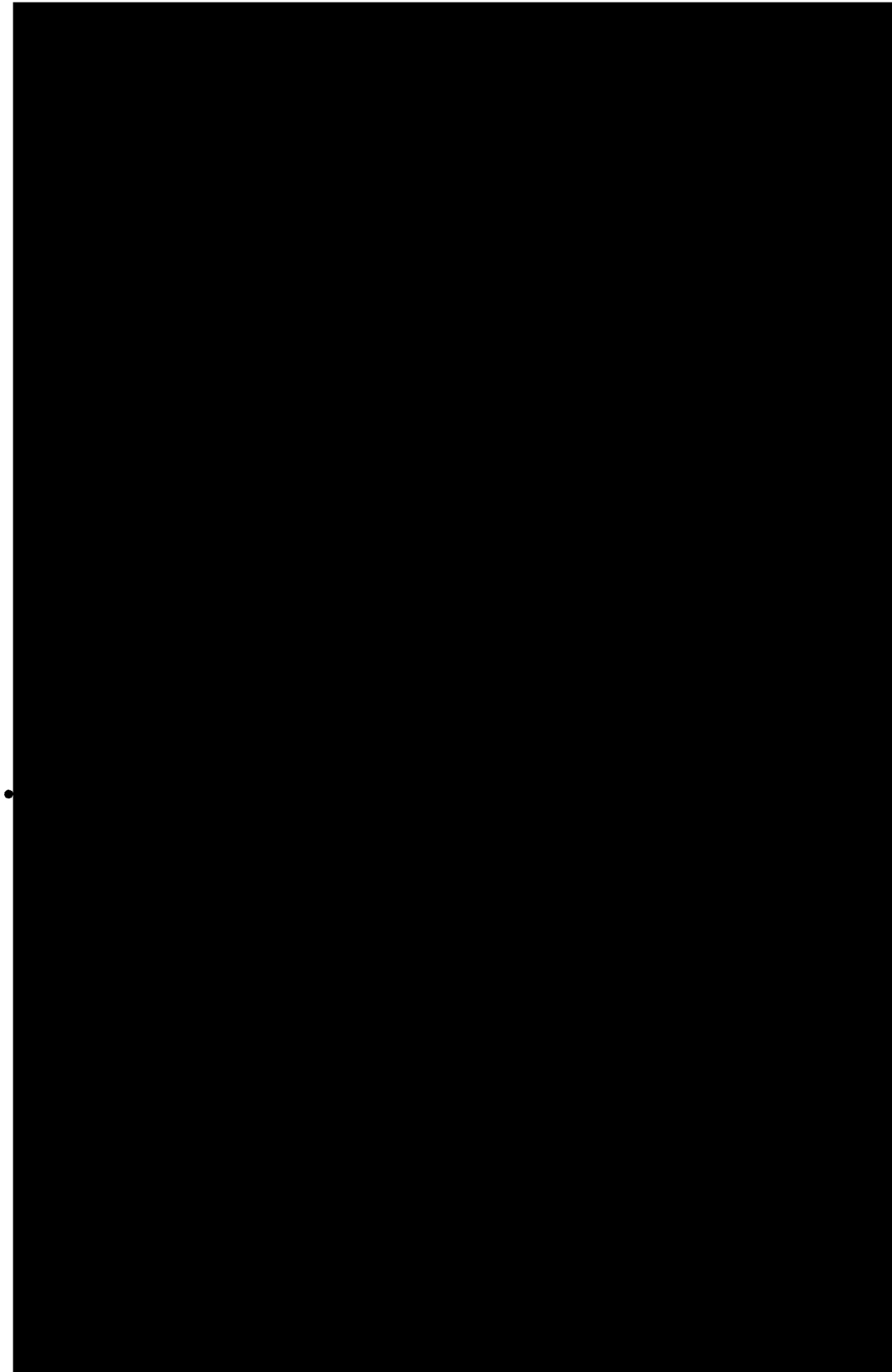
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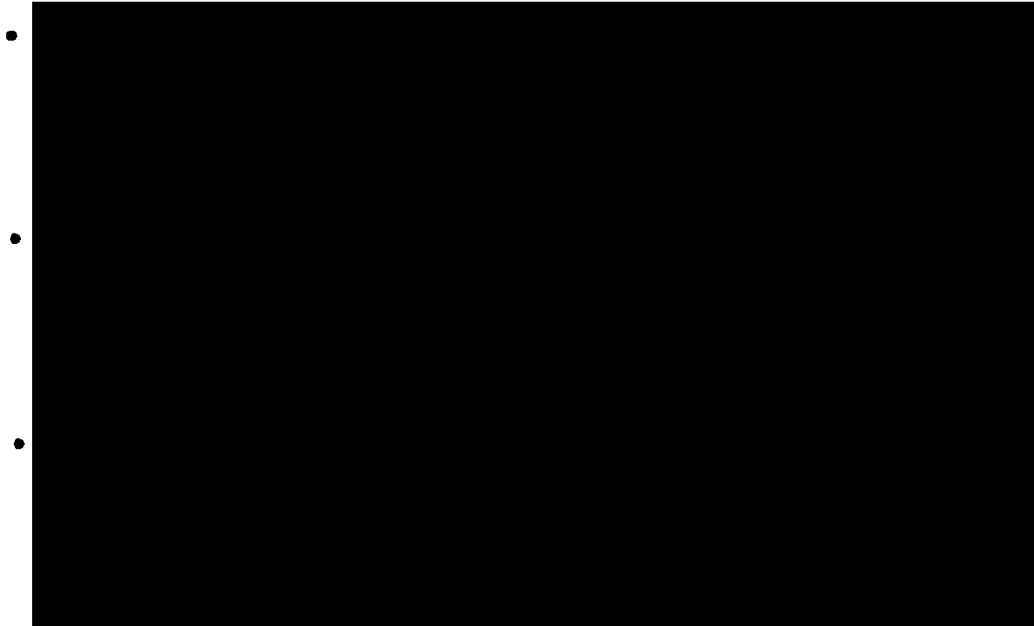
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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, October 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

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September 17, 2007

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on September 15, 2007 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept this determination  
P. J. King  
Sept. 20, 2007  
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## MEMORANDUM

To: Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review 

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired/Withdrawn]/

Date: September 20, 2007

Today I received the returned September 17, 2007 letter addressed to you concerning the Review Board's Review for Cause recommendations of the matter of   
's allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader.

I noted that there are no written comments from you on the letter noting any decisions that you may have made about this matter. Could you please review the attached letter and return it to me with your comments? Thank you.

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RB*

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## Memorandum

**To:** Sr. Fracine Quillin, PBVM, JCL  
**From:** Ambi Jeffries, Secretary, Office of Child Abuse Investigations and Review   
**Date:** 9/25/2007  
**Re:** Rev. Vader/ [REDACTED]

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Enclosed is a copy of the [REDACTED] allegation against Rev. Anthony Vader. If you have any questions, please contact Leah McCluskey at 312-751-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org)

Enclosures

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October 1, 2007



Dear [REDACTED],

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on September 15, 2007 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a retired and a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

In the Review for Cause of this matter on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Board determined that there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred. Cardinal George has accepted the Board's determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that the staff of the Office of Assistance Ministry continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 751-8267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc John O'Malley Office of Legal Services  
Jim Sertella Attorney

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October 1, 2007

Rev. Anthony Vader  
C/o Patrick Reardon  
2200 W. Lawrence Ave., Suite 201  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Fr. Vader,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on September 15, 2007 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against you pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

At a Review for Cause the Review Board determines, based on the information that has been gathered and made available to it, whether there is reasonable cause to suspect that the accused priest engaged in the sexual misconduct of a minor.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 751-5205. Also, please know that your Vicar for Priests Rev. Vincent Costello continues to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 642-1837.

Sincerely,

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Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Sr. Francine Quillin, PBVM, JCL, canonical advocate

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

### Review Board

Saturday, November 17, 2007 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Present Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

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Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board

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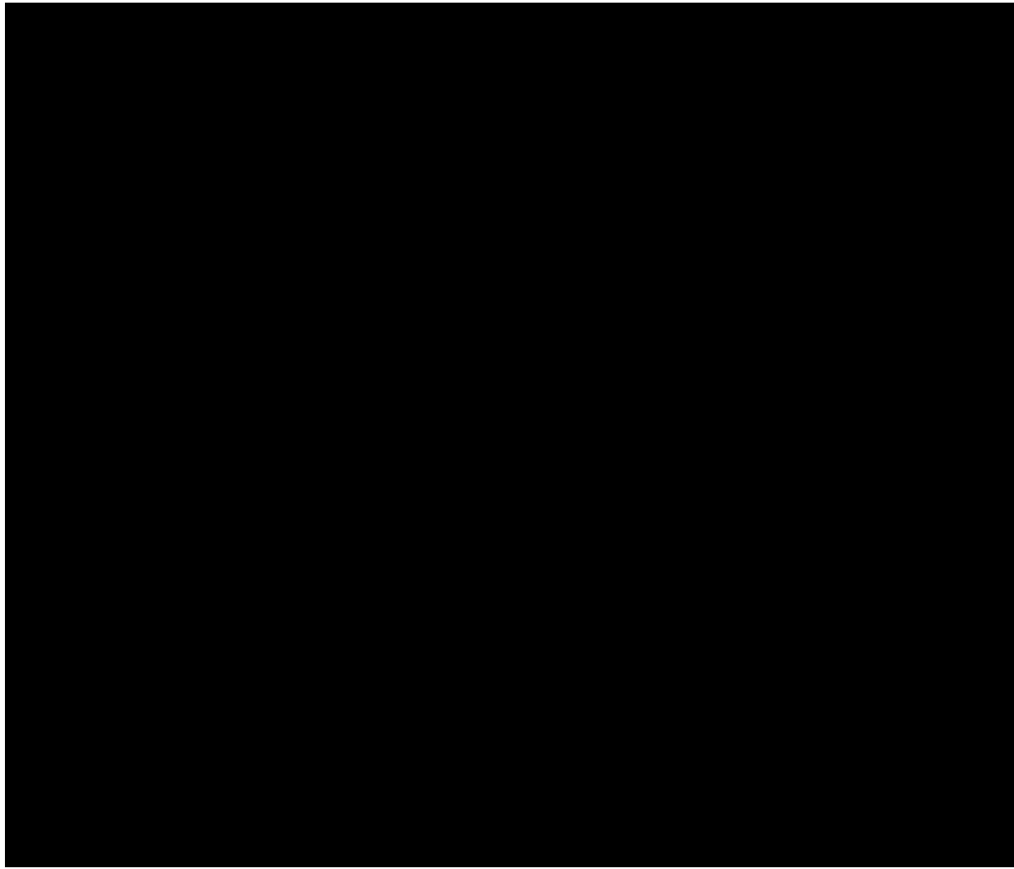
- I. **Approval of Minutes** – October 20, 2007 and October 29, 2007
  - Typos and changes made to the October 20, 2007 minutes; changes will be made and distributed for Board members to review at the next scheduled Review Board meeting
  - October 29, 2007 minutes approved

- II. **Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

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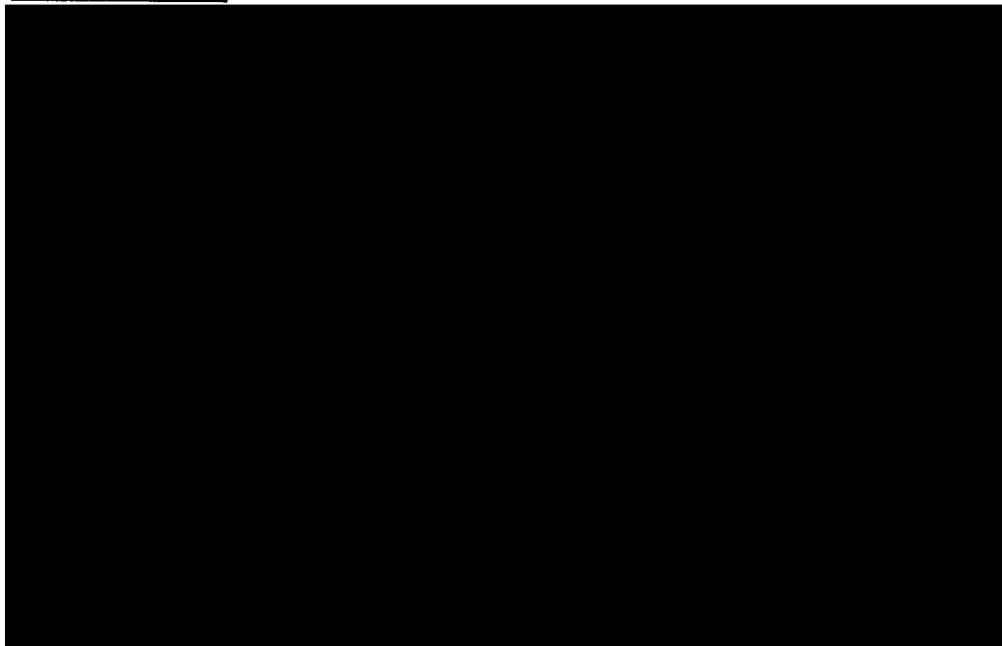
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Review for Cause

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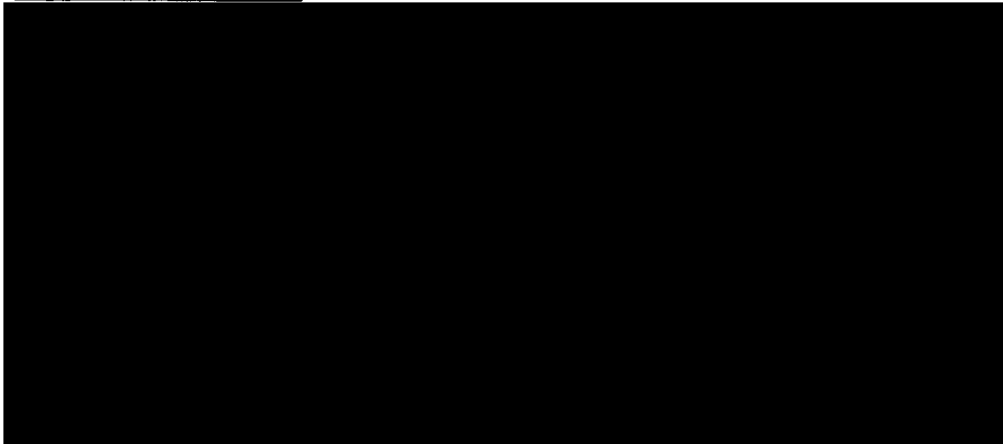
**III. Request for Supplementary Review**

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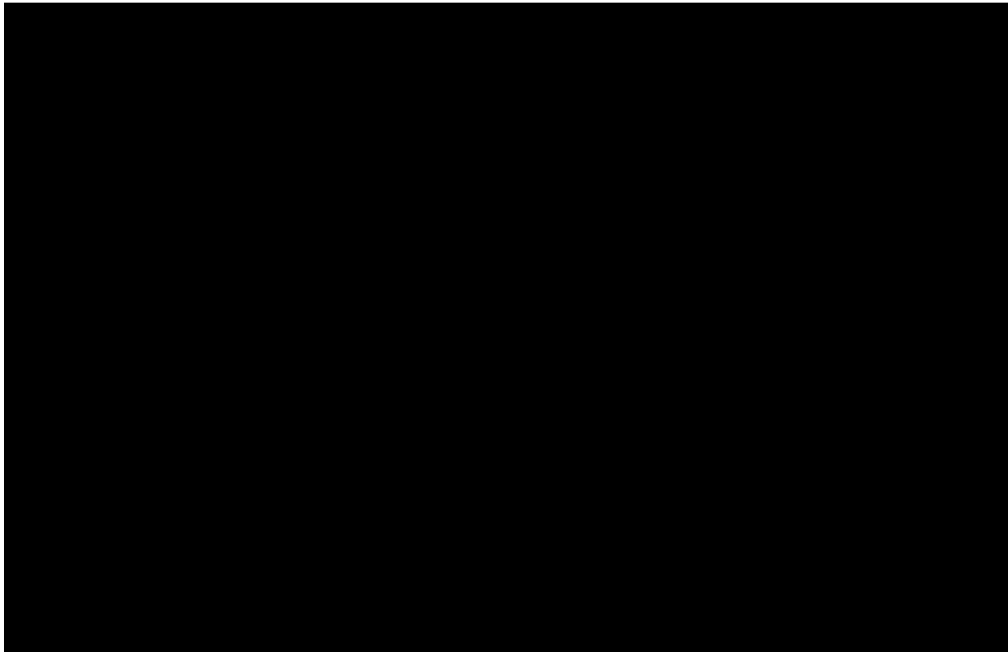


**IV. Supplementary Review**

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**V. Other Matters**





### **Daily Logs**

- Ms. McCluskey spoke to the Review Board about those priests withdrawn from ministry who reside in nursing home care [Rev. R. Peter Bowman, Rev. Norman Czajka, Rev. Anthony Vader] and their inability to write in order to complete the “Clergy Daily Log” forms; it was agreed that Ms. McCluskey inform these men that they only have to complete a “Clergy Daily Log” form to be returned to her when they leave their respective buildings [residences]



- The Board suggested that on a case by case basis, [REDACTED] statuses of Fr. Bowman, Fr. Czajka, Fr. Hefferan, and Fr. Vader be obtained from their respective medical professionals; in addition, it was requested that a quarterly report is obtained from the on-site supervisors of Frs. Bowman, Czajka, Hefferan, and Vader concerning each cleric's ability/inability to fill out the "Clergy Daily Logs" and/or his ability/inability to leave the facility

**Update from 10/20/07 Review Board Meeting**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

**VI. Review Board Concerns or Not**

[REDACTED]



*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

November 21, 2007

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

DEC 12 2007

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of September 19, 2007 in response to your letter of September 17, 2007 regarding the matter of **Reverend Anthony Vader**, who was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago but was found guilty of a delict under c. 1395§2, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed in a Review for Cause by the independent Review Board at their meeting of September 15, 2007.

Since Father Vader is currently under a penal decree which prohibits him from all public ministry, there are no further restrictions that I can place upon him. I accept the Review Board's finding that "there is reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged misconduct occurred," and ask that you provide the usual pastoral care to all of those who have been affected by this incident.


Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Matthew Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services

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P. O. Box 1979  
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312-751-8307, fax

January 4, 2008

Ms. Roberta Magurany  
Holy Family Villa  
12220 S. Will Cook Road  
Palos Park, Illinois 60464

Dear Ms. Magurany,

Greetings and Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

I am writing in regards to the "Clergy Daily Log" and the "Travel/Vacation Notification" forms that Rev. Anthony Vader has been asked to complete in the past [see enclosures]. After meeting with the independent Review Board on November 17, 2007, it was determined that Fr. Vader only needs to have a "Clergy Daily Log" completed when he leaves the premises of Holy Family Villa. Therefore, Fr. Vader does not need to have these logs completed on a daily basis, only when he leaves the building. The "Travel/Vacation Agreement" still needs to be completed as instructed, that is three weeks prior to a scheduled departure.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

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Office of the Chancellor  
Jimmy M. Lago



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April 9, 2008

Reverend Anthony Vader  
Holy Family Villa  
12220 South Will-Cook Rd.  
Palos Park, IL 60464

Dear Father Vader,

This letter is to update you on actions we are taking to upgrade our monitoring and supervision program. For the past year, we have been reviewing the recommendations from the consultants we hired in 2006 as well as the Ad Hoc Committee who worked with us this past year to redesign our programs for oversight and compliance. We are now in the process of implementing improvements to both of these programs.

We have engaged Dr. Monica Applewhite, former president of Praesidium, Inc., the national accrediting body for religious communities seeking to comply with the ***Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth*** and ***Essential Norms***, to design and recommend an individual protocol with each removed priest. Secondly, we have hired a new compliance supervisor, Ms. Shawnte Jenkins, to oversee compliance with these agreements and protocols.

The Vicar for Priests and members of the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth will be in contact with you to discuss these changes.

Please give them your cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Jimmy M. Lago  
Chancellor

cc. Cardinal Francis George  
Fr. John Canary  
Fr. Vince Costello  
Fr. Ed Grace  
Jan Slattery

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4-10-08*

AOC 021779

**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**

FAX NO. [REDACTED]

DATE:

July 23, 2008

TO:

Office of Vicar for Priests

ATT:

Rev. Vincent Costello

FAX NO.:

312-642-4933

RE:

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

July 23, 2008

[REDACTED]

Rev. Vincent Costello  
Office of Vicar for Priests  
645 N Michigan Avenue  
Suite 543  
Chicago, IL 60611

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Rev. Costello:

The purpose of this letter is to request the status of your review of the claim of [REDACTED]

Jay Franke, indicated that he believed her claim had been denied since she was over 18, however, we have not received any official letter from your office.

I would appreciate your quick response to this letter so that if necessary, we can ask for a reconsideration of her claim based on [REDACTED]

Yours Truly,

[REDACTED]

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE  
INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

September 2, 2008

Archdiocese of Chicago  
Attn: Review Board  
P. O. BOX 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

**RE: [REDACTED] FATHER VADER**

Dear Review Board:

According to Jay Franke, the claim of [REDACTED] has been denied by the Review Board because she was over eighteen at the time she was abused by Father Vader.

I have not received a letter from your office so I am requesting that you reconsider her claim based on [REDACTED].

A copy of [REDACTED] attached.

Yours Truly,

Attachment

cc: File

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**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**

FAX NO. [REDACTED]

DATE:

*September 02, 2008*

TO:

*Review Board*

ATT:

*Ms. Leah R. McLuskey*

FAX NO.:

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RE:

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Safe Environment Office



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VPA-101

September 3, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your letter of September 2, 2008 concerning your client [REDACTED].

Enclosed please find a copy of the January 23, 2007 letter that I sent to [REDACTED] in your care explaining that this matter would not be presented to the Review Board due to the fact that your client stated that she was over the age of 18 years old at the time of the alleged sexual abuse by Rev. Anthony Vader.

As you requested in your September 3<sup>rd</sup> letter, I will present the letter and the attachment of [REDACTED] to the Review Board at its next scheduled meeting for its consideration. I will notify you of any determinations made by the Board concerning the receipt of this new information via written correspondence.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

Cc Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
John O'Malley, Legal Services

AOC 021784

**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**

**Review Board Meeting**

**Saturday, October 18, 2008 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Not Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Approval of Minutes**

- August 16, 2008 - Minutes approved
- September 4, 2008 – Minutes approved

**II. Case Reviews**

**Initial Review**

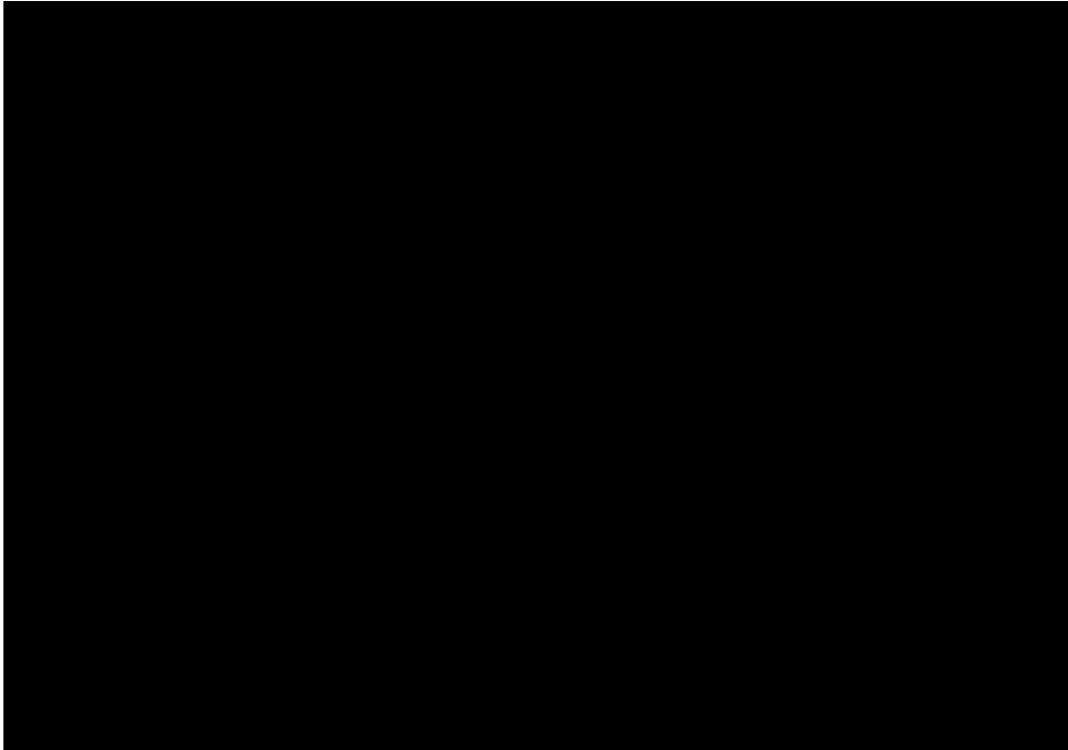
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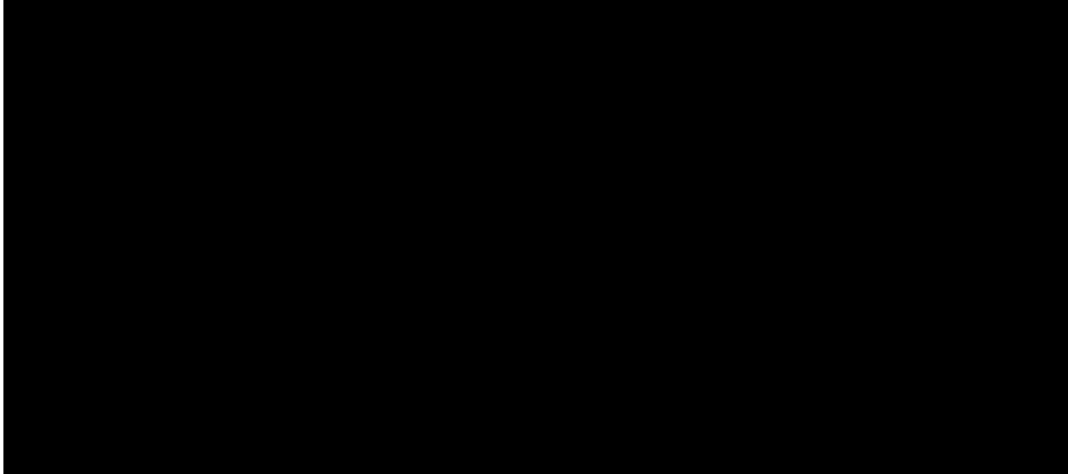


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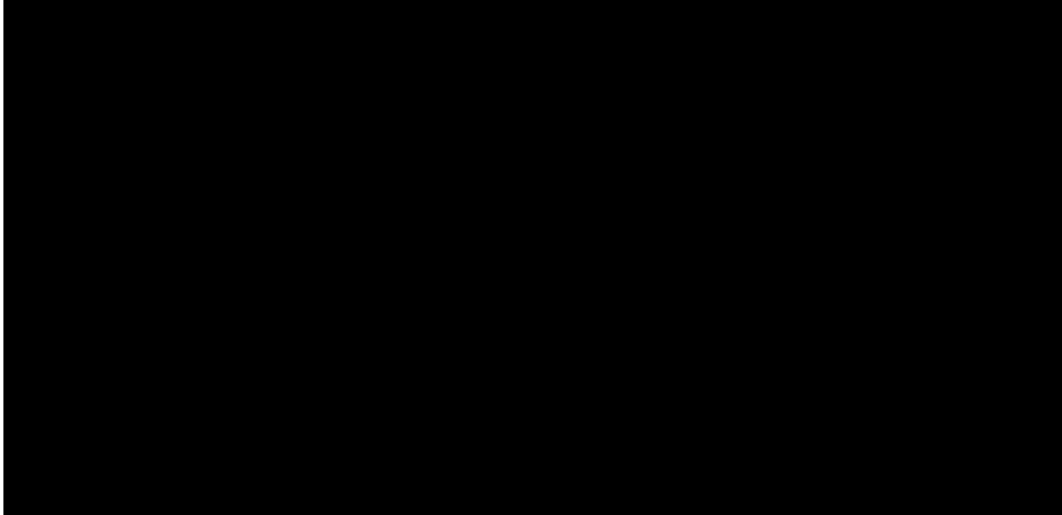


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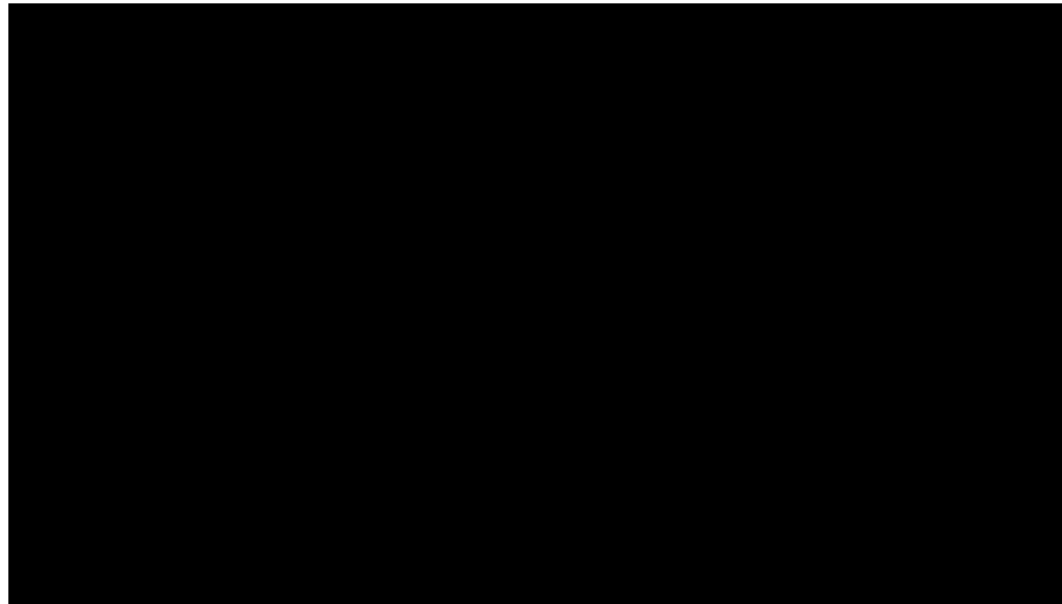


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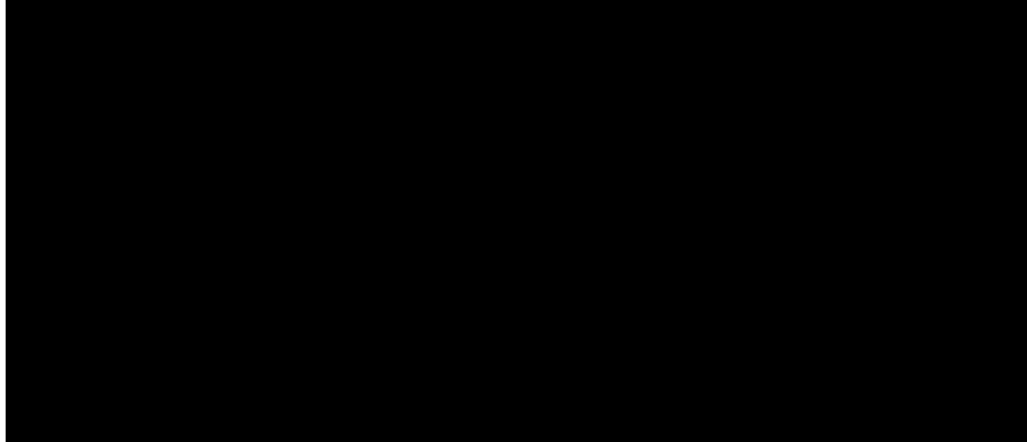


IV. Other Matters

- **Vader, Rev. Anthony [Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003]** [REDACTED]  
Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter; essentially, upon meeting with [REDACTED] so that she could formalize her allegation against Fr. Vader, she stated that she was over the age of 18 at the time of the alleged abuse; therefore, this matter was considered an adult matter and forwarded to the Vicar for Priests Office for follow up; the Board discussed [REDACTED] [REDACTED] that was provided by [REDACTED]'s civil attorney [REDACTED]; some feeling expressed among Board members that in their professional opinion, the [REDACTED] was written from a biased standpoint; the Board asked if [REDACTED]; Ms. McCluskey called Ms. Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry and she confirmed that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

█████; the Board discussed the possibility of having Ms. McCluskey request to re-interview █████; agreed that Ms. McCluskey would ask █████ if █████ would agree to meet with Ms. McCluskey again; this matter will then be before the Board for an Initial Review

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**Other Business**

- █████ will not be present at the scheduled November 15, 2008 Review Board meeting
- █████ will not be present at the scheduled January 17, 2008 Review Board meeting

*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.*

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November 3, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing as a follow up to my September 3, 2008 letter concerning your client [REDACTED] and her allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader.

The Review Board met on October 18, 2008 and was presented your letter and attachment of September 2, 2008 related to [REDACTED]. The Board has asked if you would be willing to schedule a time for me to meet with [REDACTED] again, where I would ask her to share some additional information on her background as well as on the alleged incidents of abuse by Fr. Vader.

Please contact me at [312] 751-5205 at your earliest convenience so that we may discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services  
James Serritella, civil attorney

AOC 021789

VPA-126

**Leah McCluskey - Re: Allegations to schedule**

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Hunnicutt, Matthew  
**Date:** 11/24/2008 8:17 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Allegations to schedule

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Thanks Matt. I'm leaving [REDACTED] [at [REDACTED]'s office] a message right now and will let you know if she can confirm for 12/11 at 3:30p.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
737 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 900  
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>>> Matthew Hunnicutt 11/21/08 1:25 PM >>>  
Leah: 12/11 is the only option for us at this point. Thanks.

>>> Leah McCluskey 11/21/2008 9:05 AM >>>  
Hi Matt,

Would you or Kathleen be available to meet with a [REDACTED] client on 12/10 or 12/11 at 3:30p?

Thank you.

Leah

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**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**

FAX NO. [REDACTED]

DATE:

November 25, 2008

TO:

Archdiocese of Chicago

ATT:

Ms. Leah McCluskey

FAX NO.:

312-751-5279

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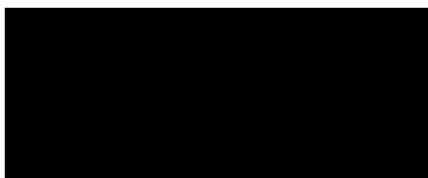
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VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL

December 2, 2008



Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your voicemail message from November 24, 2008 confirming our December 9, 2008 meeting at 10:00am in our office with you and [REDACTED].

Our office is located at 727 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 900. As you may recall, the entrance to our building is on Chicago Avenue, just east of Michigan Avenue.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: [REDACTED]

Fax #: [REDACTED]

FROM: Leah McCluskey

DATE: December 2, 2008

RE: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

I am sending the original to you in the mail. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Leah McCluskey

AOC 021793

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## FAX COVER SHEET

TO: [REDACTED]

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FROM: Leah McCluskey 

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RE: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

I am sending the original to you in the mail. See you on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Leah McCluskey

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent; Flores, Mayra; Hunnicutt, Matthew; Leggdas, Kathle...  
**CC:** Garcia, Santa  
**Date:** 1/7/2009 10:49 AM  
**Subject:** Vader, Rev. Anthony/ [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

All,

[REDACTED] first notified the AOC of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader in 2006. Ralph Bonaccorsi and I met with [REDACTED] on November 30, 2006 so that she could formalize her allegation against Fr. Vader. During the November 30th meeting, [REDACTED] provided the information that she was over the age of 18 at the time of the alleged abuse. As a result, I informed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]'s office that this matter would not go to the Review Board and would go to the Vicar for Priests' Office.

After many letters back and forth to [REDACTED]'s inquires on this case reiterating that this matter did not go before the Review Board as previously noted, [REDACTED] sent to me in September 2008 a letter addressed to the Review Board with a copy of [REDACTED] and asked that the Board review this information. The information was presented to the Review Board and as a result, the Board asked that I request to meet with [REDACTED] again, as the [REDACTED] notes alleged abuse by Fr. Vader that may have taken place when [REDACTED] was under the age of 18.

Kathleen Leggdas and I met with [REDACTED] on December 9, 2008 and [REDACTED] shared alleged incidents of sexual abuse by Fr. Vader that took place when she was under the age of 18. As a result, in this office I am changing this matter from a Vicar for Priests file to entering it into RADAR and making this a "PFR - 137."

Please make the appropriate changes to your files and let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
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VIA FACSIMILIE AND MAIL

January 7, 2009

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Dear [REDACTED]

I hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well.

Enclosed you will find a draft report of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader. The report is based upon our meeting that took place on December 9, 2008. Thank you again for agreeing to meet with Ms. Kathleen Leggdas and me.

I ask that you review the report and make any changes necessary to ensure its accuracy. Please return the draft to me with any changes in the envelope provided. I will then return a final report to you through [REDACTED] for your signature. Once all signatures are provided, a copy of the final report will be sent to you through [REDACTED].

[REDACTED], in the interest of expediting this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your changes by January 21, 2009. Please know that you may also respond by January 21<sup>st</sup> with a written request for a two-week extension to review the report, which then I would ask that you return it to me by February 4, 2009. I have noted this time frame so that this matter may continue forward to the Review Board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

AOC 021796

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Garcia, Santa  
**Date:** 1/7/2009 10:54 AM  
**Subject:** Vader/ [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

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Santa,

Once you have the time to pull the VPA Vader/ [REDACTED] file to change it to a PFR - 137 file, could you please give it to me so I can enter info. into RADAR?

Thank you!

Leah

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From: Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Date: 1/8/2009

Dear [REDACTED],

Leah McCluskey asked me to fax you the attached for your file. I am sending the original to you today in the mail.

Please call Leah McCluskey at [312] 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

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January 15, 2009

Ms. Leah McCluskey, Director  
Office for Child Abuse  
Investigation and Review  
P. O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Thank you for your draft report of [REDACTED]'s interview  
regarding her claim against Rev. Anthony Vader.

Due to my busy schedule I will need an additional two week extension (by  
February 4, 2009) to review the report. I appreciate your consideration.

Yours Truly,  
[REDACTED]

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Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract replaces a letter from Victim KL, dated January 25, 2009 and addressed "To Whom This May Concern," received by the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review on February 19, 2009 from Victim KL's attorney. In the letter, Victim KL affirms her previous statements that her alleged abuse by Fr. Anthony Vader at St. Laurence occurred when she was of elementary school age and that she knew she was a victim at the time of the abuse.

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Costello, Vincent  
**Date:** 2/10/2009 2:57 PM  
**Subject:** Allegation to read  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Fr. Costello,

I have an allegation that is ready to read against Rev. Anthony Vader. The accuser is [REDACTED]

Do you happen to know or could you find out the status of Fr. Vader's current mental state? I then wonder if you and I could determine if Fr. Vader would understand the concept of having an allegation read to him.

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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Office for Child Abuse Investigation and Review  
Attn: Leah McCluskey  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Earlier today, February 19, 2009, I called to check on the status of the Review Board's decision in the reconsideration of the claim of [REDACTED]'s interview was held on December 9, 2008. We were given an extension of February 4, 2009 to review and make any changes to [REDACTED]'s statement.

After [REDACTED] returned her statement with corrections on January 25, 2009, one of our staff persons was instructed to fax a copy to your office.

Per our conversation today, February 19, 2009, the fax was not received. It is possible this document was sent to an incorrect fax number. Therefore, I am sending another copy of the document.

Also, you mentioned that the Review Board would be meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2009 but you didn't know if the board would be discussing [REDACTED]'s claim.

I will call you next week to find out if this matter was brought up at their meeting.

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JMS*

If you need to call me I can be reached at: [REDACTED] or  
[REDACTED]

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Cc. Client  
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**Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review**  
**Review Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**Review Board Members Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Present Via Phone:**

[REDACTED]

**Review Board Members Not Present:**

[REDACTED]

**Non-members Present:**

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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**I. Approval of Minutes**

- December 6, 2008 - Minutes approved pending correction to page two, bullet point number three
- December 19, 2008 – Minutes approved
- January 20, 2009 – Minutes approved

**II. Case Reviews**  
**Initial Review**

**A.**

[REDACTED]

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**G. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony J. Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) – PFR – 137**

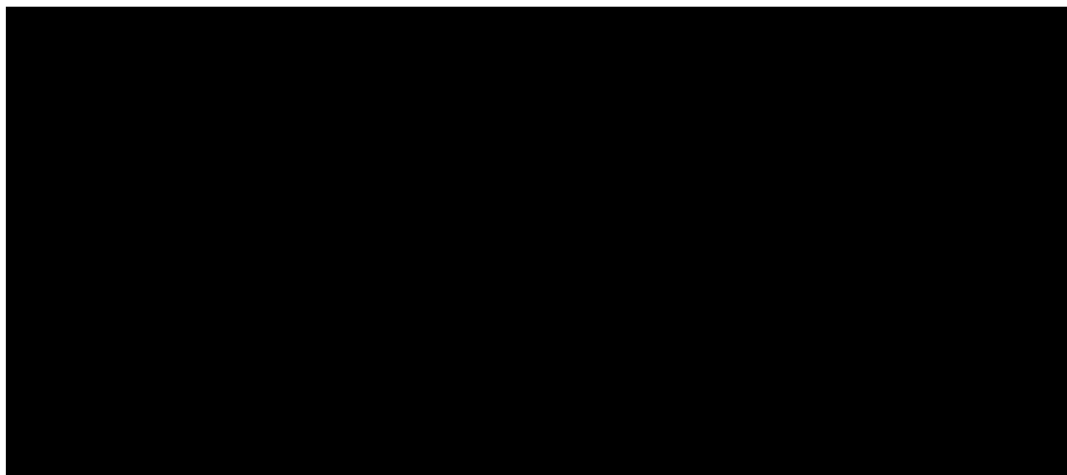
The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader. A summary of the allegation is as follows: inappropriate hugging and touching over and under [REDACTED] skirt; touching included the buttocks and genital area over and under skirt.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview of this matter, which included reading to the Board the recently received corrections [REDACTED] had made to the draft report of her allegation against Fr. Vader.

In a 7-1 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that this matter does warrant additional investigation. The Board also asked Ms. McCluskey to do the following:

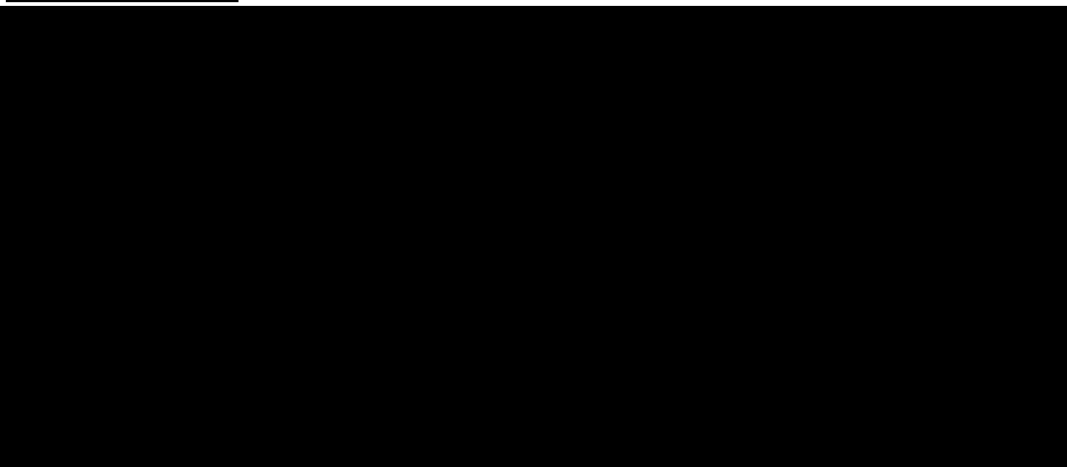
- Request that Hillard Heintze conduct a background check on [REDACTED]
- Attempt to determine if Fr. Vader was considered to be a “kid person” [during the time [REDACTED] was a student at St. Laurence]

**H.**

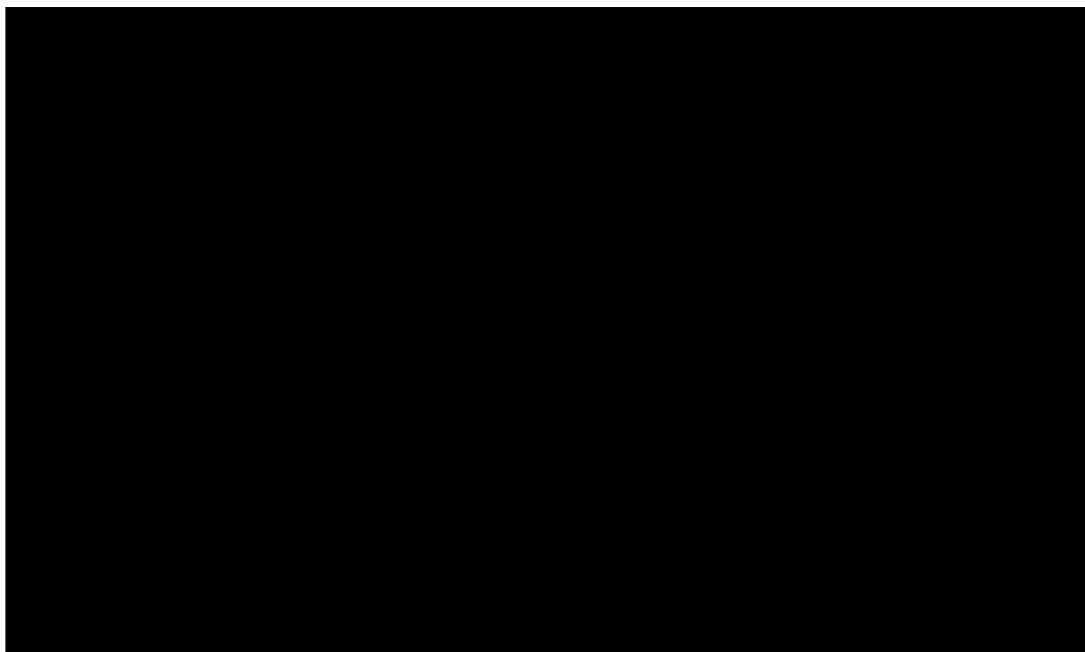


**Review for Cause**

**I.**



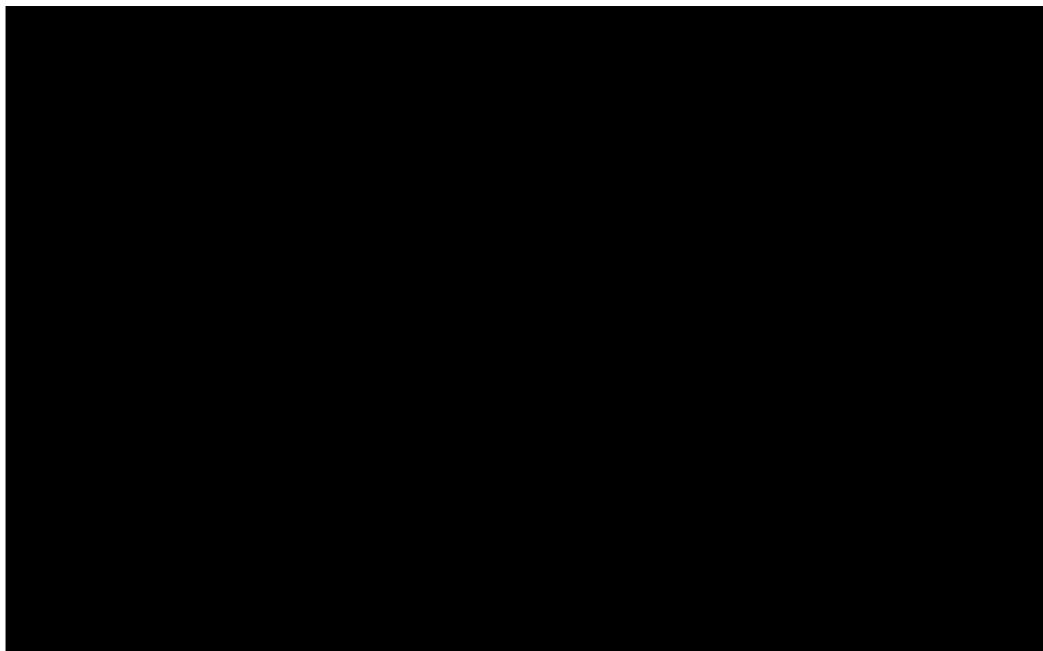
J.



III.

Other Matters

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*Next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*



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Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, this matter warrants additional investigation. The additional information obtained will be presented to the Board along with all other information regarding this matter for a Review for Cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept this determination.*  
F. Apr  
Feb 23, 2009

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February 24, 2009

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Mr. Harvey Radney  
Senior Vice President HHSOS Security Operations  
10 S. Wacker Drive  
Suite 1125  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Radney,

Please find enclosed with this letter documentation concerning File – PFR – 137, the matter of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader.

Please note the following information pertinent to this matter:

- Date allegation received: 8/31/06
- Date of interview with [REDACTED]: 11/30/06 and 12/9/08
- Date allegation presented to Fr. Vader: N/A
- Date of Initial Review: 2/21/09

While at my first meeting with [REDACTED] on November 30, 2006, she provided the information that she was over the age of 18 at the time of her alleged sexual abuse by Fr. Vader. During the same meeting, I informed [REDACTED] and the representative from her civil attorney [REDACTED]'s office that this matter would not go before the Review Board due to the fact that she was over the age of 18 at the time of the alleged abuse. This matter was then referred to the Vicar for Priests Office.

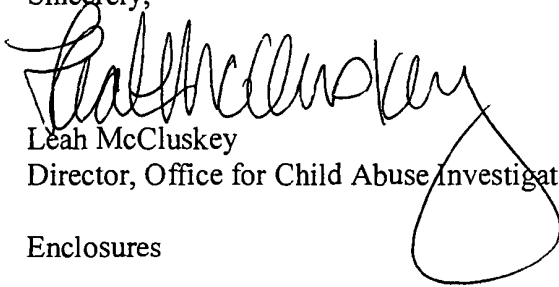
I received a letter from [REDACTED] dated September 2, 2008 that was addressed to the Review Board with an enclosed copy of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] asked that the [REDACTED] be given to the Review Board, as [REDACTED] states [REDACTED] that [REDACTED]'s sexual abuse by Fr. Vader began when [REDACTED] was under the age of 18. When presented with this information, the Board directed me to request to meet with [REDACTED] again to go over her allegation against Fr. Vader. I then met with [REDACTED] for the second time on December 9, 2008.

I ask that you please attempt to obtain the following information as requested by the Review Board:

- Background check on [REDACTED]
- Attempt to determine if Fr. Vader was "a kid person" while assigned to St. Laurence [6/25/64 through 1/30/68]

Please contact me at [312] 534-5205 once you have had the opportunity to review the enclosed information so that we may discuss additional steps to take concerning the continuing investigation of this matter. At that time I would also like to discuss the possibility of having an interim if not final report from you on this matter by April 3, 2009. I would like to present this matter to the Review Board for a Review for Cause at the scheduled April 18, 2009 meeting.

Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosures

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services

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February 24, 2009

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
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Dear Cardinal George,

After reviewing the letter that I sent to you yesterday with regard to the Initial Review of an allegation against Rev. Anthony Vader, I realized that I neglected to include the name of the accuser. The following is how my letter of February 23, 2009 to you should have read.

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I thought her name  
was in the letter because  
it was in the typed agenda  
you gave me.  
I accept the Board's  
determination.  
F. George  
Feb 25 2009*

AOC 021814

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



155 E. Superior St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

February 26, 2009

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office of Child Abuse Investigation and Review  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of February 25, 2009, regarding the matter of **Rev. Anthony Vader**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been removed from priestly ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the Initial Review conducted by the Review Board on February 21, 2009.

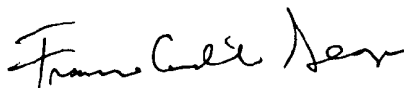
In light of the Board's consideration of the information presented in this matter, I accept the Board's determination, and believe that the information suggests further investigation into whether **Father Vader** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

With this letter is a decree which appoints you as the investigator into an allegation of sexual misconduct with a minor that was made against **Father Vader**. The terms of this investigation are spelled out in the decree.

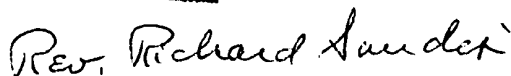
Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

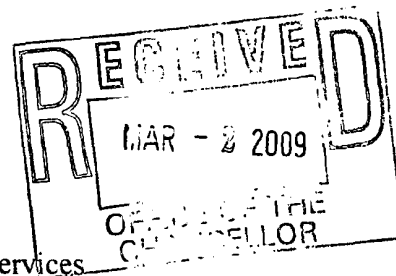


Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
Rev. Patrick R. Lagges, Judicial Vicar/Vicar for Canonical Services  
Reverend Edward D. Grace, Vicar for Priests  
Mr. Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Minister  
Mr. Jimmy Lago, Chancellor  
Mr. John C. O'Malley, Director of Legal Services



AOC 021815

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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155 E. Superior St.  
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## D E C R E E

Having received the recommendation of the Archdiocesan Review Board that information at least seems to be true that **Reverend Anthony Vader** engaged in sexual misconduct with [REDACTED] a minor at the time of the alleged incident, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717) and warrants further investigation.

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Vader**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Leah McCluskey** to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. McCluskey will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

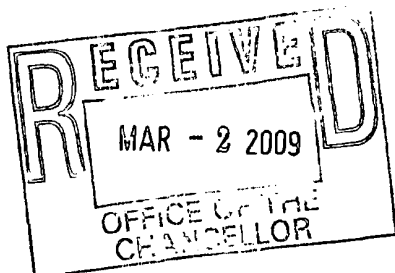
In conducting her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Father Vader's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. McCluskey is to make a written and oral report to the Review Board, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense. This report is to be sent to me, along with the advice of the Review Board.

Given on February 26, 2009, at Chicago, Illinois.

*Francis Cardinal George*

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago



*Rev. Richard Sanchez*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

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VIA FACIMILIE AND MAIL

February 26, 2009

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Dear [REDACTED],

I hope that this letter finds you doing well.

Enclosed you will find a final report of your allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Anthony Vader. The report is based upon your revisions that were returned to me. Thank you so much for your additions and changes.

[REDACTED], in the interest of continuing to expedite this process, I ask that you please return the enclosed report with your signature to me by March 12, 2009. I will return a copy of the report to you through [REDACTED] once those parties indicated on the final page of the report sign it. In the event that I do not receive any response from you by March 12<sup>th</sup>, I will use the enclosed report and continue to proceed forward with this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".  
Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Enclosure

AOC 021817

Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract supplements a memorandum to file from Leah McCluskey of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, dated February 26, 2009, summarizing Victim KL's allegation of additional acts of sexual abuse by Fr. Anthony Vader. According to the summary, Victim KL supplemented her previous allegation by informing Ms. McCluskey that Fr. Vader would rub Victim KL on the front and back over the clothes while hugging her. This occurred multiple times over a period of one to two years.



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To: [REDACTED]  
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From: Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*  
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Date: 2/26/2009

Dear [REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey asked me to fax you the attached for your file. The original copy was mailed to you earlier today.

Please call Leah at 312- 534-5205 with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Attachments

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Satzik, Julie  
**Date:** 2/27/2009 12:59 PM  
**Subject:** Request for information  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Julie,

When you have the time, could you please send me a list of priests assigned to St. Laurence grammar school from 1964 through 1968?

Thank you.

Leah

Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
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945 am

To: Mr. Harvey Radney  
Fax #: [REDACTED]  
From: Santa Garcia, Secretary S.G.  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Date: 2/27/2009

Dear Mr. Radney,

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**To:** Mr. Harvey Radney  
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**From:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *S.G.*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
**Date:** 2/27/2009

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Attachments

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Farley, Margaret  
**Date:** 3/2/2009 11:27 AM  
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Will do. I and Hillard Heintze thank you!

Leah

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>>> Margaret Farley 3/2/2009 11:18 AM >>>

Sr. Rose Celeste O'Connell is searching on this. Will fax things to me. We both think that most of the teachers in those years would have been religious. She can check the names and see who is still around. The lay people, I can check with our pension office to see if anyone is receiving a pension; often this gives us contact information. Stay tuned!

>>> Leah McCluskey 3/2/2009 10:22 AM >>>

Dear Sr. Margaret,

Thank you so much for doing all of this. I will wait to hear from you...

Leah

>>> Margaret Farley 2/27/2009 7:18 PM >>>

Learned that Sr. Rose Celeste, principal during the 1960's, is deceased. On Monday I will call Sr. Rose Celeste O'Connell and ask her to search for the faculty lists. She is the one who was so helpful last year when we needed to find faculty for Santa Maria Del Popolo, Mundelein. Had lay and religious teachers. Will then check to see if any of the lay teachers are receiving a pension from the Arch. That would give us contact information (unless they got married since!). I can find out if any of the nuns are living from them.....

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>>> Leah McCluskey 2/27/2009 1:01 PM >>>

Hi Sr. Margaret,

Hope you're doing well.

I'm working on an allegation out of St. Laurence grammar school between 1964 and 1968...and need to attempt to find out who the nuns and/or lay teachers were at the school at that time. I know that St. Laurence grammar school is closed--would my best bet be to contact archives?

Thank you!

Leah

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To: Leah McCluskey  
From: Shawnte Jenkins, Compliance Supervisor  
CC: File  
Date: March 3, 2009  
Re: Anthony Vadar meeting

On March 3, 2009 Dr. Monica Applewhite and I went to Holy Family Villa to meet with Anthony Vadar regarding his ISP. When we arrived Anthony Vadar was sitting in a wheel chair in the TV area with other residents. A nurse on staff took us to Anthony Vadar and stated that we could wheel him into a separate area to talk in private. Dr. Applewhite introduced herself and asked his permission to push him in his wheel chair. He seemed happy to have a visitor and stated "sure".

I introduced myself to Anthony Vadar. He immediately dropped Dr. Applewhite's hand and reached out and grabbed my hand, pulling me down toward his lap with his face only inches away from mine. He then attempted to rub my face while asking me what high school I attended and if I would like to transfer his school. Once I was able to get loose from Anthony Vadar he continued to engage me in conversation regarding high school. It was clear the Anthony Vadar was not lucid. He talked as if we were in a high school and not in a nursing home. However, when staff of the facility would approach he would know their name and function within the facility.

Anthony Vadar would answer very specific questions regarding current events but would always lead back to his time at the high school. He frequently spoke as if he was currently teaching sexual education courses to the males and females in the school and gave very specific conversations that he was having with the students. He stated that he was instructing the girls to stay away from the boys in the class because they were losing focus. He kept asking if I would like to be in his class, it was obvious that he thought I was a high school student. He proceeded to tell me how wonderful the world would be if "there were only on sex" and how much easier things would be for him.

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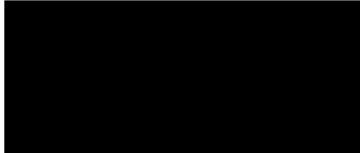
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March 6, 2009

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Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on February 21, 2009 and conducted an Initial Review of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, Fr. Vader is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At the Initial Review, after considering all information received, the Review Board determines whether additional investigation is warranted and may recommend that interim action be taken pending the further development of the case.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. Vader, the Review Board determined that additional investigation is warranted. Cardinal George has accepted this determination. Fr. Vader remains withdrawn from ministry and resides in a setting with designated restrictions.

If there is anything further that you wish to share concerning your allegation, please forward it to my attention so that it may be presented to the Review Board. I would also like to remind you of your right to appear before the Board. If you wish to do so, please contact me directly so that we may schedule a date and time for you come to a future Review Board meeting.

[REDACTED] if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at [312] 534-5205 or [lmccuskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmccuskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you and may be reached at [312] 534-8267, [mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org), or [mflores@archchicago.org](mailto:mflores@archchicago.org).



Sincerely,



Leah McCluskey

Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services

**From:** "Harvey Radney" <harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com>  
**To:** "Edward Grace" <egrace@archchicago.org>, <[REDACTED]>  
**CC:** "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**Date:** 3/10/2009 6:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Priest contacts

Thank you Fr. Grace for your help in this matter.

We will adhere to your instructions in the email message from earlier today and await further information regarding the contact of the remaining priests.

Regards,

Harvey

-----Original Message-----

From: Edward Grace [mailto:egrace@archchicago.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2009 3:39 PM  
To: Harvey Radney; [REDACTED]  
Cc: Leah McCluskey  
Subject: Priest contacts

Greetings Harvey and all,

Concerning the priests about whom you inquired:

St. Christina:

It is OK to contact:

Fr. [REDACTED] Our Lady of Humility, Zion, ILL [REDACTED];

Fr. [REDACTED], best contact number is his office: [REDACTED] -  
3077 W. Jefferson, Joliet;

Fr. [REDACTED] retired - [REDACTED]

Do NOT contact Fr. [REDACTED] for the time being. He has recently been appointed the Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of Chicago and is looking into whether he can speak with a detective about the case. He will get back to me in a couple of days and I will get back to you.

St Joseph ( Homewood)

DO NOT CONTACT FR. [REDACTED] O.P. Fr. [REDACTED]'s health does not permit him to speak with the investigator.

I have left a message with

Fr. [REDACTED] and

Fr. [REDACTED] asking them to contact me. They have not yet done so. When they have spoken with me I will get back to you as to whether

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 3/11/2009 3:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: PFR-137 Vader/ [REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Harvey,

I am still waiting to hear back from Sr. Margaret Farley on the faculty of St. Laurence at the time. I will let you know when Sr. Margaret gets back to me.

I will work on the baptismal and school records.

Thanks.

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 3/11/2009 2:38 PM >>>  
Hi Leah,

Hope all is well with you.

Just following up on the [REDACTED] matter regarding a list of priests, teachers, nuns other personnel who may have served at St. Laurence parish school around the 1964-1968 time frame. Additionally, we wanted to check for school and baptismal records for [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

If there are questions, please give me a call or reach me via email.

Thanks,

Harvey

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FAX NO. [REDACTED]

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TO:

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ATT:

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com  
**Date:** 3/16/2009 7:38 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Records request

Great. Thanks Harvey. I will be back in the office tomorrow.

Leah

----- Original Message -----

From: "Harvey Radney" <harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com>  
Date: 3/16/09 3:53 pm  
To: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
Subj: RE: Records request  
Thanks Leah....I'll pass this on to investigator Kobel.

Harvey

-----Original Message-----

From: Leah McCluskey [mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org]  
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2009 2:46 PM  
To: Harvey Radney  
Subject: FW: Records request

Hello Harvey,

Attached is the information I received from Archives re:  
Vader- [REDACTED] matter. I am still waiting for [REDACTED]'s  
school records.

Leah

----- Original Message -----

From: "Julie Satzik" <jsatzik@archchicago.org>  
Date: 3/16/09 12:17 pm  
To: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
Subj: Re: Records request  
Hi,

The priests were:

1964  
Maurice Foley  
[REDACTED]  
Thomas Millea

1965-1967  
Bernard Guirsch  
[REDACTED]  
Anthony Vader

1968  
Bernard Guirsch  
Anthony Vader

The school records will come separately.

Julie

Julie A. Satzik  
Assistant Research Archivist  
Archdiocese of Chicago's  
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin  
Archives and Records Center  
711 W. Monroe  
Chicago IL 60661

>>> Leah McCluskey 3/11/2009 3:10 PM >>>  
Hi Julie,

I hope you're doing well.

I am just following up on a request that I sent to you a couple of weeks ago for a list of clerics assigned to St. Laurence parish from 1964 through 1968. If you have already sent this to me, I apologize--but I just can't locate it. Also, could I have a copy of the student records for [REDACTED] - a former student of St. Laurence, DOB [REDACTED]?

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** mlavelle@archchicago.org  
**Date:** 3/17/2009 5:37 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: Re: Records request

Thank you so much Peggy. I again am so sorry about the error.

Leah

----- Original Message -----

From: "Peggy Lavelle" <mlavelle@archchicago.org>  
Date: 3/17/09 4:37 pm  
To: "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
Subj: Fwd: Re: Records request  
That will make all the difference. We'll try again tomorrow. I'll let you know how it goes.

Peggy

>>> Leah McCluskey 3/17/2009 4:34 PM >>>  
Dear Peggy,

I have just received the information that [REDACTED]'s maiden name is [REDACTED]. I am so sorry to ask you to do this, but could you please check to see if there are records for a former student of St. Laurence by the name of [REDACTED], DOB [REDACTED]? [REDACTED] would have graduated from St. Laurence in 1965. I am so sorry for not having the correct last name earlier.

Thank you again for all of your help.

Leah

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>>> Leah McCluskey 3/17/2009 3:55 PM >>>  
Dear Peggy,

Thank you very much for the information and for all of your efforts.

Leah

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>>> Peggy Lavelle 3/17/2009 3:25 PM >>>  
Leah,

After a thorough search through the St. Laurence School records, we were not able to locate a file for [REDACTED]. If you learn of any other place we might find the records (another school or name perhaps), we'd be happy to check again.

Best,  
Peggy

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Assistant Archivist  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
Archives and Records Center  
711 West Monroe Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60661  
312.831.0711 x 272

>>> Leah McCluskey 3/11/2009 3:10 PM >>>  
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Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Edward Grace  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**CC:** Kobel, Rich; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 3/18/2009 2:35 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Contact Request

Greetings, Harvey and All,

Concerning the requested priest contacts:

Maurice Foley died 10/27/89 at the age of 84;

██████████ left the priesthood in 1967 and died in 2003 at the age of 79;

Bernard Guirsch died 12/11/99 at the age of 84;

Tom Millea is, to the best of my knowledge, still alive. Unfortunately, however, the phone number in the directory is disconnected or no longer in service. I'll try to track him down through our pension board, but that might take a couple of days.

Ed

>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 3/18/2009 1:22 PM >>>  
Fr. Grace,

Leah McCluskey has provided me a list of priests that served at St. Laurence Parish between the years 1964 and 1968. These name are associated with an investigation involving Fr. Anthony Vader.

The priests were:

1964

Maurice Foley

██████████

Thomas Millea

1965-1967

Bernard Guirsch

██████████

1968

Bernard Guirsch

Fr. Thomas Millea (retired) is the only priest listed in the current Archdiocese directory. I couldn't find a listing for Fr. Foley, Fr. [REDACTED] or Fr. Guirsch.

As always we need your assistance in locating and notifying the priests that we would like to interview regarding this investigation.

Regards,

Harvey

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March 20, 2009

Rev. [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

The Archdiocese is investigating a matter purportedly involving Fr. Tony Vader at St. Laurence Parish in the mid 60's. Because you were assigned there during 1964 we would like you to speak with the investigators the Diocese has retained to look into this matter. The investigation is not directed against you.

I have tried to contact you by phone, but the phone numbers I have for you are no longer in service. Would you please call me at my office so that I can speak with you about this? I would like to put you in touch with the investigators retained by the Diocese.

My office phone number is: 312-534-1837.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward D. Grace".

Rev. Edward D. Grace

**From:** Edward Grace  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**CC:** Kobel, Rich; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 3/20/2009 11:13 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Contact Request

Greetings, Harvey and All,

██████████ is proving to be a challenge to track down.

I tried the pension board. They too have a P.O. Box # for an address and a different phone # from the one in the Directory, but it too has been disconnected.

I will write ██████████ a letter and ask him to contact me, but he does appear to be interested in not being contacted ██████████

I let you know what, if anything, I learn.

Ed

>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 3/18/2009 2:53 PM >>>  
Thank you Fr. Grace. Whatever assistance you can provide in locating  
Fr. Millea would be appreciated.

Harvey

-----Original Message-----

From: Edward Grace [<mailto:egrace@archchicago.org>]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2009 2:35 PM  
To: Harvey Radney  
Cc: Leah McCluskey; Rich Kobel  
Subject: Re: Contact Request

Greetings, Harvey and All,

Concerning the requested priest contacts:

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 3/18/2009 1:22  
PM >>>  
Fr. Grace,

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March 24, 2009

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Leah McCluskey asked me to mail you the attached signed Allegation Of The Sexual Abuse Of A Minor Against Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired) Made by [REDACTED] for your file.

Please call Leah McCluskey at 312. 534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Santa Garcia".

Santa Garcia, Secretary

Attachment

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests  
Matt Hunnicutt, Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

**From:** Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Re:** [PFR - 137] VADER, REV. ANTHONY (WITHDRAWN)  
/ [REDACTED]

**Date:** March 24, 2009

Enclosed please find a signed copy of the [PFR-137] VADER, REV. ANTHONY (RETIRED/WITHDRAWN) / [REDACTED] Allegation for your files.

Please call Leah McCluskey at 312-534-5205 with any questions you may have regarding this matter. Thank you.

Enclosure

*Bc: John O'Malley, Office of Legal Services*

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 3/24/2009 11:12 AM  
**Subject:** Vader/[REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED].School.Summary.3.24.09.doc; Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hi Harvey,

I have attached a copy of my summary of [REDACTED]'s school records from St. Laurence. Our copier is down until tomorrow...please let me know if you need a copy of the entire school record.

Thank you.

Leah

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Grace, Edward  
**Date:** 3/30/2009 4:03 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Vader contact  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Ed,

Thank you very much for doing this.

Leah

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>>> Edward Grace 3/30/2009 3:43 PM >>>  
Greetings All,

Concerning contact with Fr. [REDACTED] in the Vader matter at St. Laurence:

I spoke with Fr. [REDACTED] this afternoon. He did not seem interested in giving me a number so that Rich could contact him, but he did say he would call Harvey or Rich at Hillard Heintze and speak with the investigator.

I gave him Harvey's direct number and the general office number.

[REDACTED] did tell me that he had succeeded Vader at St. Laurence (or perhaps he said that Vader had succeed him) so that they were never really there together. However, he did say he would call and speak with the investigator - for whatever information he might have from parishioners.

I hope this helps.

Ed





April 3, 2009

Ms. Leah R. McCluskey  
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INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze is submitting this report as a continuing investigation of the matter requested for the February 24, 2009 case referral of Rev. Anthony Vader, a retired/withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Attached you will find our investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, Professional Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) electronic version of this continuing investigation is being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

During the course of this investigation, Hillard Heintze reviewed the documentation provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and conducted a limited background investigation of the accuser, [REDACTED], as well as an telephone interview with Fr. [REDACTED], a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Utilizing proprietary databases, the background investigation conducted on [REDACTED] found [REDACTED]

This investigation will continue with the anticipated interviews of additional subjects who may have pertinent information regarding this matter. Additionally, other investigative procedures and fact checking remain a priority for the assigned investigator.

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,  
**HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC**

Arnette F. Heintze

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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On February 24, 2009, Hillard Heintze received a request from the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review for investigative assistance in the matter of Rev. Anthony Vader, a retired and withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Specifically, we were asked to assist in learning more about the background of the accuser, [REDACTED] a 58-year-old female subject, who alleges that Rev. Vader would touch her and other students on the lower back while she attended St. Laurence from 1961 to 1965. She also alleges that she was sexually molested by Rev. Vader when she ([REDACTED]) was approximately 18-years-old at Holy Name of Mary Rectory. [REDACTED]

In the scope of this investigation, Hillard Heintze gathered relevant information on [REDACTED] which included, but was not limited to her current life situation, personal identifiers, social security number, business affiliations, organizational interest and affiliation, professional licenses, real property ownership, criminal history checks, court records query, financial records, media records and U.S. Military records. With this insight, we then assessed the investigative findings to provide you information regarding the subject's character, integrity, ethics, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living.

Hillard Heintze conducted the requested limited background investigation of [REDACTED] This investigation found [REDACTED]

Arrangements to interview former members of the St. Laurence staff revealed the majority of the assigned priests are now deceased. Fr. [REDACTED], the sole remaining staff member was contacted and interviewed. Efforts are still underway to identify and interview religious who were assigned to St. Laurence during the period in question. Their interviews will be the subject of follow up reports.



## CASE REFERRAL TO HILLARD HEINTZE

On February 24, 2009, Director Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, referred the matter of Rev. Vader to Hillard Heintze for further investigation. Specifically, we were requested to:

- Conduct a background check on [REDACTED]
- Attempt to determine if Fr. Vader was "a kid person" while assigned to St. Laurence [6/25/64 through 1/30/68]

On February 24, 2009 Radney assigned Investigator Rich Kobel the primary responsibility of conducting the follow up investigation.

## DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

### Case Review

Beginning on February 24, Arnette Heintze, Harvey Radney and Investigative Associate Jim Molloy initiated a comprehensive case review of Rev. Anthony Vader's investigative file provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review. This file included [REDACTED]'s allegations.

[REDACTED]

### Interviews

#### April 1, 2009 – Interview of Fr. [REDACTED]

Fr. [REDACTED] was interviewed by an investigator and it was learned that Fr. Vader was assigned to St. Laurence parish after Fr. [REDACTED] was reassigned from St. Laurence. Fr. [REDACTED]'s encounters with Fr. Vader were brief and infrequent and Fr. [REDACTED] stated he would often see Vader's name associated with various events and trips in the Phillippino community. Fr. [REDACTED] commented on Fr. Vader's character by quoting a Phillippine newspaper article citing Fr. Vader's character as impeccable.

### Surveillance

None conducted.



## Research and Site Visits

Research on Rev. Anthony Vader identified articles in the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the *Libertyville Review*, listing Rev. Vader as one of many priests removed by Cardinal Francis George due to sexual misconduct with children. The articles do not discuss or name victims of Rev. Vader.

A *Chicago Sun-Times* article dated February 16, 2003 describes Vader's living situation as "a monitored and restricted setting and [he] has been directed not to be alone with minors." The article also reports that the Cook County state's attorney was handling the allegations against Rev. Vader.

Additionally, investigation identified the allegations against Rev. Vader has having been reported through a Filipino media outlet. An article about Rev. Vader was identified on the *PhilippineTIME News & People Magazine* website, however the website has since been abandoned and the link to the article is no longer available. On Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at approximately 12:30 P.M. Investigative Research Associate Jennifer Bushaw contacted *Philippine Weekly*, in order to inquire about articles previous published on Rev. Anthony Vader. An employee for the newspaper informed Bushaw that their paper had not run such an article. He suggested contacting [REDACTED] (no last name given), the CEO of the *Via Times* as he believed they had published an article about Rev. Vader and the sexual misconduct allegations. Bushaw attempted to contact [REDACTED] by phone at approximately 1:00 P.M. the same day and then again at approximately 12:15 P.M. on Friday, April 3. No one answered during both calls, and Bushaw left a message on the voicemail on April 1 with her question, name and contact information. As of Friday afternoon, she did not receive a return phone call.

## Continuing Investigation

Investigator Rich Kobel continues to investigate this matter. Several persons of interest remain to be identified and interviewed. The housekeeping arrangement of the rectory of Holy Name of Mary during the period in question remains an area of interest along with several other questions which should be clarified as presented in the formal statement of [REDACTED] on December 9, 2009.



**LIMITED BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**  
AS OF DATE: (MARCH 18, 2009)

**SUBJECT IDENTIFIERS**

Name:

Current Address:

Date of Birth:

SSN:



**ASSOCIATED ADDRESSES (PREVIOUS TEN YEARS)**

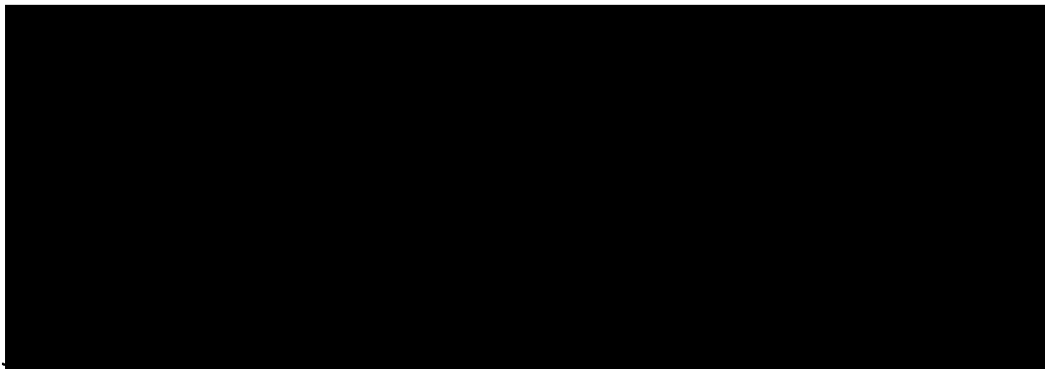


**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

No criminal records were identified in association with



**CIVIL FILINGS HISTORY**



**NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY**

A search of sex offender public registries indicates the subject is not registered as a national or state sex offender.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

No additional relevant information was identified.





## APPENDICIES

### MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW – Fr. [REDACTED]

Date: April 1, 2009  
Re: PFR – 137 Vader/[REDACTED]  
From: Richard Kobel

A request was made by the Archdiocese of Chicago to have an investigator from Hillard Heintze interview priests that were assigned to St. Laurence Parish from 6/25/64 to 1/30/68. The interviews would be conducted in an attempt to reveal the habits of Fr. Vader regarding children in the parish. On 4/1/09 Fr. [REDACTED] contacted Hillard Heintze in order to schedule an interview. Fr. [REDACTED] was informed Investigator Kobel had been assigned to the investigation. Fr. [REDACTED] was given Investigator Kobel's telephone number. Fr. [REDACTED] contacted Investigator Kobel and on 4/1/09 at 9:45 A.M. an interview was conducted telephonically.

Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the interview to Fr. [REDACTED]. Fr. [REDACTED] said he did not have much contact with Fr. Vader at St. Laurence. Fr. [REDACTED] stated Fr. Vader was assigned to St. Laurence after Fr. [REDACTED] left the parish. Fr. [REDACTED] could only recall meeting Fr. Vader once at St. Laurence when he (Fr. [REDACTED]) went to St. Laurence to pick up some mail. At that meeting Fr. Vader was eating lunch and Fr. [REDACTED] sat down and talked about the parish as Fr. Vader ate his lunch.

Fr. [REDACTED] encountered Fr. Vader at various Archdiocesan functions and they would often exchange greetings. Fr. [REDACTED] did note he would often see Fr. Vader's name associated with events and trips involving the Philippine community. Fr. [REDACTED] said he learned about the charges against Fr. Vader while reading a Philippine newspaper he found in a Chinese restaurant. Fr. [REDACTED] was questioned about the newspaper and he related he read the article about two years ago and several people from the Philippine community were interviewed. All of the people in the article said that the charges against Fr. Vader had to be false. Fr. [REDACTED] said the people interviewed in the article stated that Fr. Vader's character was impeccable.

Fr. [REDACTED] was asked if he could recall any other persons who were at St. Laurence when Fr. Vader was assigned. Fr. [REDACTED] related that all of the people he could recall during that time period were deceased. Fr. [REDACTED] said that there were nuns assigned to the parish during the time in question but did not recall any by name.

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 4/3/2009 12:36 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Harvey,

Please have the report delivered as is and you could make note of any outstanding interviews--and then once you complete the outstanding interviews, you could send that report.

Thank you so much.

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 4/3/2009 10:38 AM >>>  
You requested the Vader report, PFR-137, be delivered to you today. We are still in the process of attempting to contact parties that need to be interviewed. Would you still like this report delivered as is, or would you prefer waiting until some of these interviews are completed?

Harvey

-----Original Message-----

From: Leah McCluskey [<mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>]  
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2009 9:17 AM  
To: Margaret Farley  
Subject: Re: Follow up

Thank you so much Sr. Margaret.

Leah

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>>> Margaret Farley 4/3/2009 9:09 AM >>>

I never heard from her. I am at meetings most of the day here, but will call her again. I forgot about it. Will look up her number now.  
MF

>>> Leah McCluskey 4/3/2009 9:02 AM >>>

Good Morning Sr. Margaret,

I hope that you're doing well!

I wanted to follow up with you on a matter that you were doing some digging on for me--this is about St. Laurence grammar school and staff there between 1964 and 1968. Your last e-mail to me at the beginning of March was that Sr. Rose Celeste O'Connell was going to do some searching and fax you information on the religious who would have been at the school during the identified time period and if any were still around. You were going to see if there was any information on lay employees through the pension office. Just wanted to check to see if you and/or Sr. Rose had come up with anything.

Thank you again for all of your efforts! Have a great weekend.

Leah

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**To:** Farley, Margaret  
**Date:** 4/3/2009 3:46 PM  
**Subject:** Re: St. Laurence E.S. faculty list  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Sr. Margaret,

Thank you so much. I will look for the fax.

Leah

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>>> Margaret Farley 4/3/2009 3:41 PM >>>

Sr. Rose Celeste re-faxed the list. She has a code for D-Deceased, WD-left the order; still an OP. It would take a lot of research to try to find those who are not religious. For example, someone could go into the old Data Base and see if any of them are there. However, the data base was begun years after 1970. If some are getting a pension, Arletta Ferrell in HR might be able to find them. Some have contact information, but some may have direct deposit.

Anyway, as step 1 I will now fax you the lists. MF



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FAX AGAIN

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Sister Noreen Burke (Peter Margaret)

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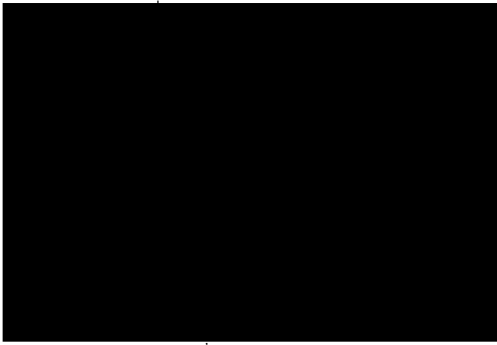
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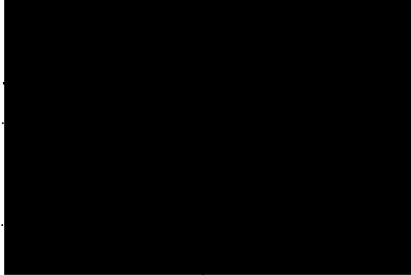
Margaret,

This was faxed  
to you earlier at  
312-534-9500

Rose Celeste



Sister Phyllis Duffie (Barbara Martin)



D: Deceased Sisters; WD: Withdrawn Sisters; All other Sisters are still ministering

March 2, 2009  
Archives Office  
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TO: Harvey Radney

Fax #: [REDACTED]

FROM: Leah McCluskey

DATE: April 6, 2009

RE: Vader/[REDACTED]

Dear Harvey,

This is the information that Sr. Margaret Farley faxed to me [with a related e-mail from her] with regard to St. Laurence and [REDACTED]'s allegation against Rev. Anthony Vader. Please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org) with any questions.

Thank you.

Leah

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Thank you.

Leah

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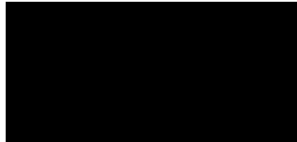
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## ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS

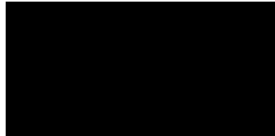
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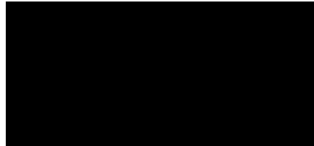
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Sr. Marion O'Connor



Sr. Denise Devitt





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**Date:** 4/7/2009 5:39 PM  
**Subject:** ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS.doc  
**Attachments:** ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS.doc

Hi Leah:

Thanks for the list of teaching personnel from St. Laurence sent to you by Sr. Margaret Farley.

I have identified the attached list of Adrian Dominican Sisters as being listed in the current Archdiocese directory. This is a good starting point for the investigator to begin with interviews. We will move toward identifying the lay personnel following contact with this list of A.D. Sisters.

Would you like me to communicate this directly to Sr. Margaret Farley, or would you prefer doing so? We would be seeking an introductory message indicating our investigator would like to speak to them regarding an investigation concerning a third party and their knowledge of seventh and eighth grade teachers at St. Laurence during the period 1960-1965, along with other pertinent facts alleged by an accuser.

Let me know your thoughts.

Thanks,

Harvey

**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** harvey@hillardheintze.com  
**Date:** 4/9/2009 1:35 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE: Hello  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf; Leah McCluskey.vcf

Hello Harvey,

As you can see, I have received a response from Sr. [REDACTED]. Feel free to send her an e-mail and hopefully some of the lead-in calls you are looking for can be made before Sr. [REDACTED] returns from Asia.

Thank you!

Leah

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>>> Leah McCluskey 4/9/2009 1:34 PM >>>  
Dear Sr. [REDACTED]

Thank you so much for your response. I will forward your e-mail and contact information to Mr. Radney.

Have a safe trip and a blessed Easter.

Leah

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>>> [REDACTED] 4/9/2009 1:08 PM >>>  
Dear Leah,

I am leaving for meetings in Asia on Monday. I will be back in the office on May 4th. Mr. Radney can certainly contact me then. Email is easiest, with the names of the sisters. I will then ask the Secretary General of the Congregation to check to see if they are living or where they are.

Blessings of this Easter season,

Sister [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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From: Leah McCluskey [mailto:[lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org)]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 5:37 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Hello

Dear Sr. [REDACTED],

My name is Leah McCluskey and I am the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review at the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is in this office where we receive all of the allegations of the sexual abuse of minors by clerics, lay employees, and volunteers of the archdiocese. I understand that Sr. [REDACTED] called and spoke with you today about me and the message that I had left for her earlier.

I am currently working on an investigation concerning the allegation against one of our priests when he was assigned to St. Laurence parish [now closed] in the 1960s/early 1970s in Chicago. When I spoke with Sr. [REDACTED] this afternoon, she provided me with your e-mail address and suggested that I contact you.

As I explained to Sr. [REDACTED] last year the Archdiocese of Chicago hired a professional investigation firm by the name of Hillard Heintze to work with this office on the investigation of these matters. In the case of the aforementioned allegation, Mr. Harvey Radney [our contact and an investigator with Hillard Heintze] has identified women of your community with whom he would like to speak about their time when they taught at St. Laurence during the time period identified through the allegation. Please let me stress that there is no allegation against any of the sisters of your community.

If it is alright with you, I would like to put Mr. Radney in contact with you to talk about who he would like to speak with in your community and if and how you would like for the investigators to contact them.

Thank you so much Sr. [REDACTED] for your assistance with this. Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I will not ask Mr. Radney to contact you until I hear back from you with your okay first.

Peace,

Leah

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**To:** <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**Date:** 4/9/2009 9:16 AM  
**Subject:** Re: PFR-137

Thanks Leah...helps a lot

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Leah McCluskey <lmcccluskey@archchicago.org>  
**To:** Harvey Radney  
**Sent:** Thu Apr 09 09:13:34 2009  
**Subject:** Re: PFR-137

Good Morning Harvey,

I spoke with Don Turlek in our Department of Insurance and Risk Management about the possible existence of Fr. Vader's auto information through insurance records from 1969 through 1970. Mr. Turlek said that the AOC would not have any of that information from so long ago.

As for records of the housekeeping staff from that time period, I would suggest checking with Jac Treanor in the Archives and Records Center to determine if there is a possibility that such records might be within the St. Laurence files now at archives.

Hope this helps...

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com> 4/3/2009 4:50 PM  
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Hi Leah,

My apologies for getting this report to you so late in the day. There isn't much to report with this investigation as yet. I have included what we know at this point.

Also, you will find there is no cover on the report. I will place it once the final report is completed.

Another point....is it possible we can determine through insurance records if Fr. Vader owned a automobile during 1969-70 while he was assigned at Holy Name of Mary. And, are there any records that would give us an idea of housekeeping staff at HNM during that period.

Thanks,

Harvey

**From:** "Harvey Radney" <harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com>  
**To:** <[REDACTED]@adriandominicans.org>  
**CC:** "rich kobel" <[REDACTED]>, "Leah McCluskey" <lmcccluskey@archc...  
**Date:** 4/10/2009 11:32 AM  
**Subject:** Information Request  
**Attachments:** ADRIAN DOMINICAN SISTERS.doc

Dear Sr. [REDACTED],

My name is Harvey Radney and I am employed with Hillard Heintze, a security advisory firm working with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I understand Leah McCluskey has made contact with you and introduced me via email explaining the purpose of my inquiry. May I again stress the purpose of our need to speak with members of your community involves gathering information regarding allegations against a priest when he was assigned to St. Laurence parish, there are no allegations against any sisters of your community.

I have identified the following members of your community we would like to interview:

(1) Sr. Phyllis Duffie (2) Sr. Noreen Burke (3) Sr. Marion O'Connor (4) Sr. Denise Devitt

In order to assist in your contact efforts, I have also attached a listing of these sisters with their current addresses as listed in the 2009 Archdiocese Directory.

Our assigned investigator, Rich Kobel, will be contacting the sisters if your approval is given.

Thank you very much Sr. [REDACTED] for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Have a safe trip.

Harvey Radney

**From:** Edward Grace  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**CC:** Everett, Dan; McCluskey, Leah  
**Date:** 4/13/2009 11:24 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry

Greetings Harvey and All,

Unfortunately, Fr. Andrew McDonough died July 24, 2002.

Ed

>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 4/10/2009 10:04 AM >>>  
Good Morning:

I realize you're not in your office today but I wanted to get this request to you to have it on your desk for next week.

One of our investigators is attempting to locate Fr. Andrew McDonough. Investigator Everett is unsure if Fr. McDonough is still alive. Fr. McDonough is being sought for an interview regarding allegations against another person. Fr. McDonough is not accused of any wrong-doing. I was unable to find Fr. McDonough in the current Archdiocese directory or listing of deceased priests dating back to 2004.

Your assistance in locating Fr. McDonough would be greatly appreciated.

Harvey

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

**Review Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### **I. Approval of Minutes**

- March 21, 2008 – Minutes approved

#### **II. Case Reviews** **Initial Review**

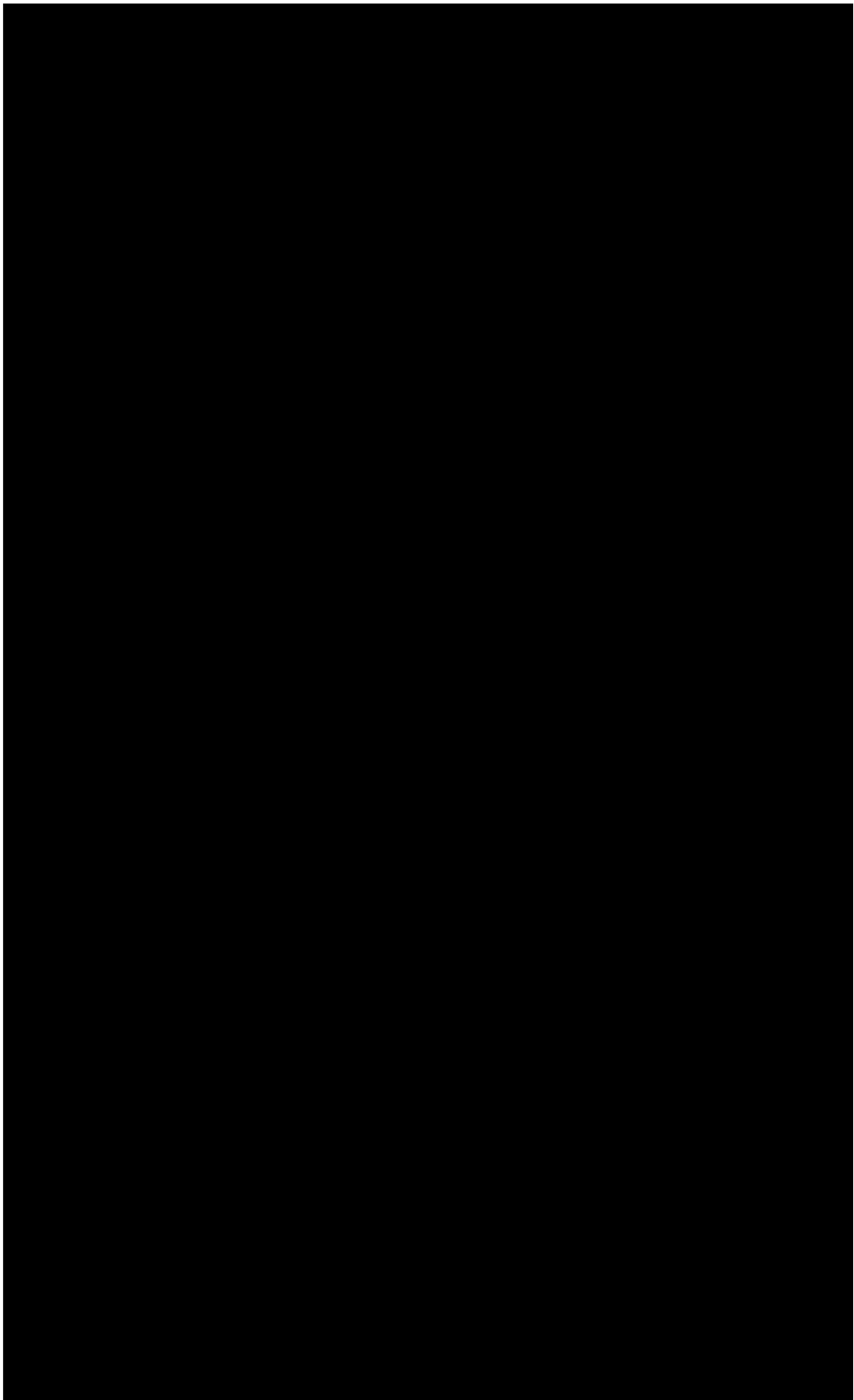
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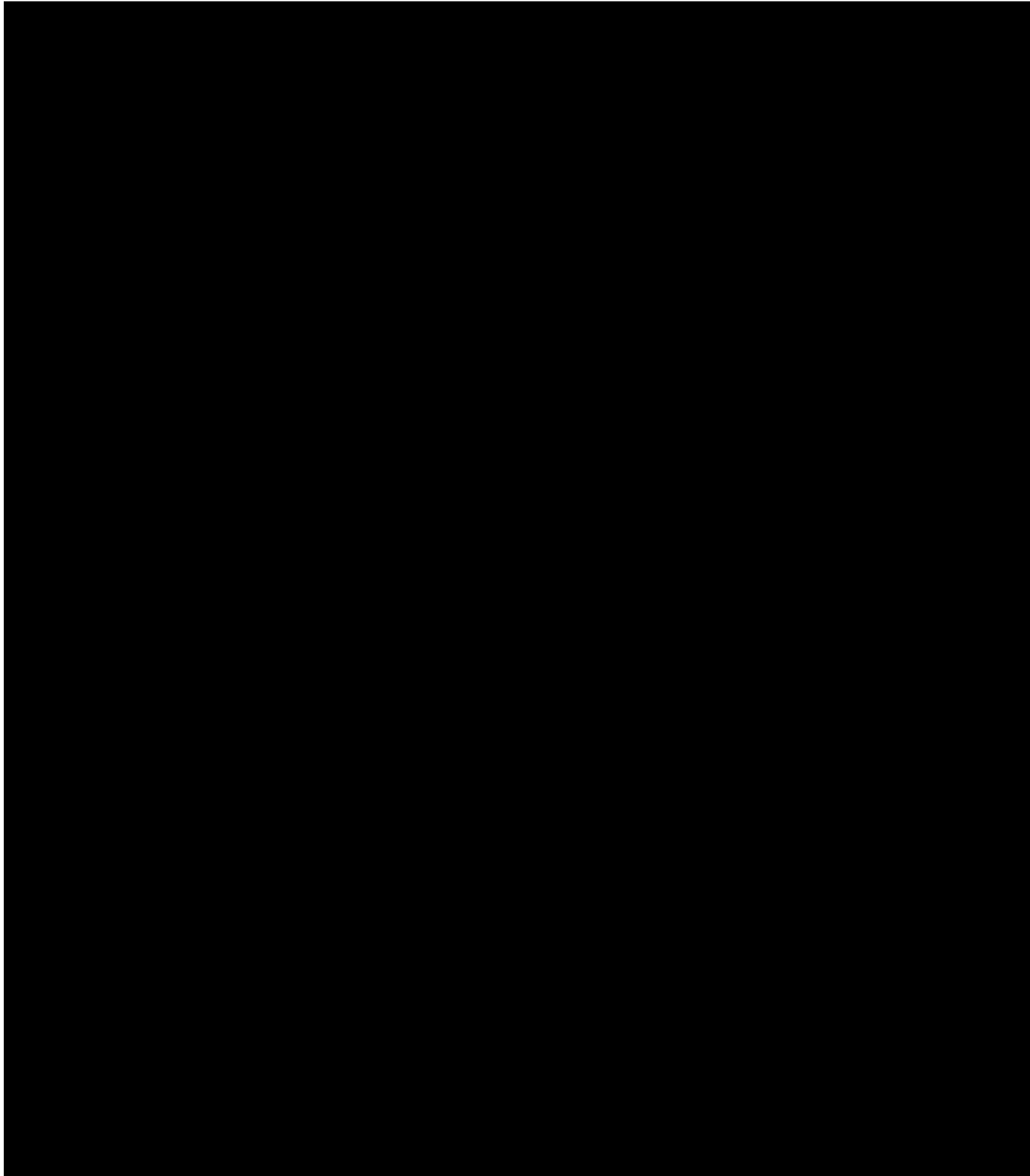


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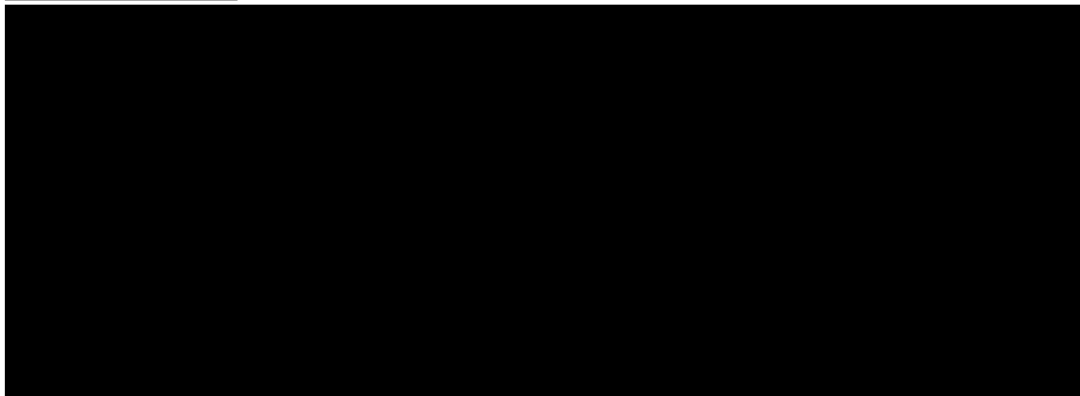
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**H. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) - PFR-137**

The Review Board was to conduct a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader. A summary of the allegation is as follows: inappropriate hugging and touching over and under [REDACTED] skirt; touching included the buttocks and genital area over and under skirt.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview and update of this matter, including that the professional investigation firm [Hillard Heintze] was continuing to work on the investigation of this matter.

The Board agreed to continue the Review for Cause of this matter to the scheduled May 16, 2009 Review Board meeting until Hillard Heintze had the opportunity to conduct the interviews of identified individuals relative to [REDACTED]'s allegation against Fr. Vader.

III. Other Matters

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April 20, 2009

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on April 18, 2009 and was to conduct a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Due to the fact that the investigation of this matter is still in process, the Board agreed to continue the Review for Cause of this matter to the scheduled May 16, 2009 Review Board meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leah McCluskey".

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*Thank you -  
Fr. [unclear]  
Apr 22, 2009*

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May 13, 2009

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60690-1979

Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note of April 22, 2009 in response to your letter of April 20, 2009, regarding the matter of **Reverend Anthony Vader**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who was removed from ministry, and the allegations of sexual misconduct that were made against him by [REDACTED]. This matter was discussed in a Review for Cause by the independent Review Board at their meeting of April 18, 2009.

I accept the Review Board's decision to delay the final determination of a Review for Cause until the next regularly scheduled Review Board meeting. This will allow the investigation of the matter to be completed.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

*Rev. Richard Lander*  
Ecclesiastical Notary

cc: Very Reverend John F. Canary, Vicar General  
Rev. Daniel A. Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate  
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## OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW

**REVIEW BOARD MEETING**  
**Saturday, May 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

### AGENDA

#### I. Approval of Minutes - April 18, 2009

#### II. Case Reviews

##### Review for Cause

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D. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003)  
PFR - 137

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]
- Initial Review - 02/21/2009

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III. Request for Supplementary Review

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IV. Other Matters

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*The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

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#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[Redacted]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board  
Patricia Zacharias, Assistant Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

- I. **Approval of Minutes**
- April 18, 2009 – Minutes approved

II. **Case Reviews**  
**Review for Cause**

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**D. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) - PFR-137**

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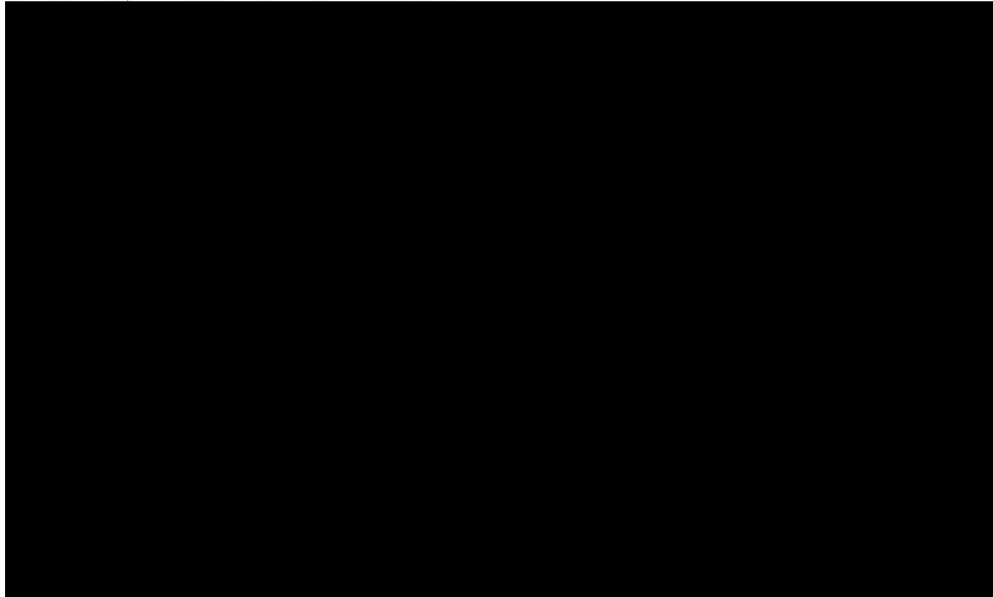
Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview and update of this matter, which included providing the Board members present with copies of additional information that had been received after the May 16<sup>th</sup> Board packets had been assembled.

The Board agreed to continue the Review for Cause of this matter to the scheduled June 20, 2009 Review Board meeting until Hillard Heintze had the opportunity to conduct the interviews of identified individuals relative to [REDACTED]'s allegation against Fr. Vader.

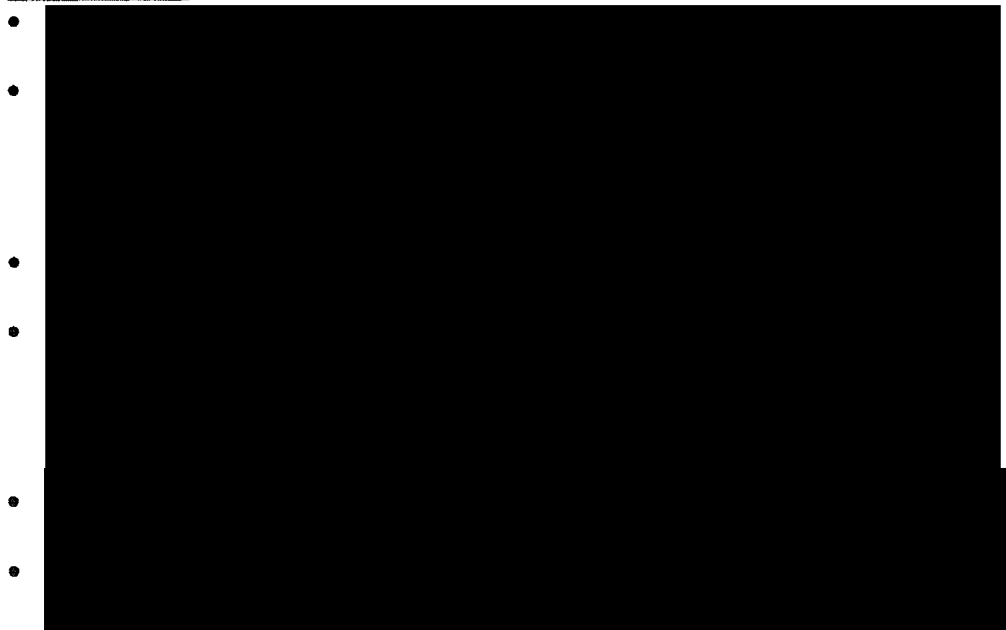
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May 19, 2009

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
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Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on May 16, 2009 and was to conduct a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Due to the fact that the investigation of this matter is still in process, the Board agreed to continue the Review for Cause of this matter to the scheduled June 20, 2009 Review Board meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

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May 21, 2009

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May 22, 2009

Ms. Leah McCluskey  
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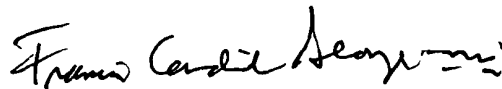
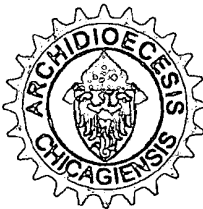
Dear Ms. McCluskey,

I am writing to you in order to formalize my handwritten note in response to your letter of May 19, 2009, regarding the matter of **Rev. Anthony Vader**, a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago who has been removed from priestly ministry, and the allegation made by [REDACTED] following the May 16, 2009 meeting of the Review Board.

Thank you for informing me that the Review Board has agreed to postpone consideration of this matter until its next meeting, to be held June 20, 2009, since the investigation of the matter is still in process.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Radney, Harvey  
**Date:** 6/24/2009 2:56 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Vader/[REDACTED]  
**Attachments:** Leah McCluskey.vcf

Harvey,

Great. Thank you very much!

Leah

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>>> "Harvey Radney" <[harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com](mailto:harvey.radney@hillardheintze.com)> 6/24/2009 2:45 PM >>>

Leah,

Thanks for the heads up and reminder on this one. It completely escaped my radar. Let me check on this and I'll get back to you on the status. I do recall the interviews being completed, but I need to check with the assigned investigator for status.

Harvey

-----Original Message-----

From: Leah McCluskey [<mailto:lmcluskey@archchicago.org>]  
Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 2:08 PM  
To: Harvey Radney  
Subject: Vader/[REDACTED]

Hi Harvey,

I forgot to check with you on the status of the Vader/[REDACTED] investigation. I do have an initial report from you, but last we spoke you were in the process of scheduling interviews with nuns who worked at the school. Could you let me know where you are at with that?



Thanks.

Leah

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Dear Ms. McCluskey:

Hillard Heintze has completed the investigation requested for the February 24, 2009 case referral in the matter of Rev. Anthony Vader, a retired/withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Attached you will find a supplemental report to our original investigative report which has been prepared as a confidential work product between Hillard Heintze and the Archdiocese of Chicago, Professional Review Board. With this transmittal, one (1) electronic version of this supplemental report is being submitted to you as Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review.

Following submission of the original report on May 1, 2009, Hillard Heintze continued the investigation of this matter as directed by the Office for Child Abuse Investigation and Review. During the course of this continued investigation, Hillard Heintze located and interviewed seven additional individuals thought to have information pertinent to this matter. Interviews were conducted with: Sr. [REDACTED], Sr. [REDACTED], Sr. [REDACTED], Sr. [REDACTED], Sr. [REDACTED] and Sr. [REDACTED], all of whom had been assigned to St. Laurence Parish during the approximate time period as Fr. Vader. Additionally, Mr. Jack Treanor, Vice Chancellor for Archives and Records, was interviewed and asked to identify former and current employees assigned to St. Laurence Parish between 1964 and 1968.

None of the individuals interviewed could recall Fr. Vader interacting with children, teaching in the school or even being present on school grounds. The ones who were familiar with Fr. Vader found it difficult to believe the sexual abuse allegations against him. The findings of their interviews have been included in the revised Findings and Conclusion section of this report.

Should you need any additional information on our investigation, please do not hesitate to call me at 312.869.8500.

Sincerely,  
**HILLARD HEINTZE, LLC**

Arnette F. Heintze

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## CASE REFERRAL TO HILLARD HEINTZE

On February 24, 2009, Director Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, referred the matter of Rev. Vader to Hillard Heintze for further investigation. Specifically, we were requested to:

- Conduct a background check on [REDACTED]
- Attempt to determine if Fr. Vader was "a kid person" while assigned to St. Laurence [6/25/64 through 1/30/68]

## DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Beginning on February 24, Arnette Heintze, Radney and Investigative Associate Jim Molloy initiated a comprehensive case review of Rev. Anthony Vader's investigative file provided by the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review. This file included [REDACTED]'s allegations.

A preliminary report of this investigation conducted by Hillard Heintze was forwarded to the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review on May 1, 2009. That report included a background investigation of the accuser [REDACTED]. The investigation of this matter continued after the initial report submission. Permission was sought and granted to interview several members of the Adrian Dominican Sisters that were assigned to St. Laurence School during the period in question. These interviews were conducted to help determine if Fr. Vader was a "kid person" while assigned to St. Laurence.

### Interviews

*May 5, 2009 – Interview of Sr. [REDACTED]*

Sr. [REDACTED] stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from September of 1960 to June of 1961, but that she does not know Fr. Vader.

*May 5, 2009 – Interview of Sr. [REDACTED]*

Sr. [REDACTED] stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from 1962 to 1967, but that she had minimal contact with Fr. Vader. She did not observe any improper behavior between him and the children of the parish. Sr. [REDACTED] recalled Fr. Vader having the parish children participate in a Christmas pageant at midnight mass, but could not recall any other contact Fr. Vader had with the children. Sr. [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Vader was pious and devoted and she finds it difficult to believe an accusation of misconduct against him.

*May 5, 2009 – Interview of Sr. [REDACTED]*

Sr. [REDACTED] stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from 1957 to 1963, but that she does not know Fr. Vader.



*May 5, 2009 – Interview of Mr. Jack Treanor*

Mr. Treanor is the Vice Chancellor for Archives and Records, and completed a request by Investigator Kobel to identify any former or current employees who were assigned to St. Laurence Parish between June 1964 and January 1968. Mr. Treanor stated that there were no employees listed on the Annual Parish Reports from 1964 to 1968, however the reports listed the names of sisters allowed to drive the parish vehicles. Mr. Treanor stated that he would email the list of names to Investigator Kobel as soon as possible. *[Investigator Kobel received a list of nuns identified by first name only from Mr. Treanor. No other identifiers were available to assist in identifying these sisters.]*

*May 7, 2009 – Interview of Sr. [REDACTED]*

Sr. [REDACTED] stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence during the time in question and that she did not observe questionable behavior between Fr. Vader and the parish children. Sr. [REDACTED] did not recall Fr. Vader having contact with the parish children and stated that it was rare for any of the priests to go into the school. Sr. [REDACTED] did not recall Fr. Vader being in the school. She remembers Fr. Vader as shy, religious and prayerful, and would find it very difficult to believe an accusation of misconduct against Fr. Vader.

*May 29, 2009 – Interview of Sr. [REDACTED]*

Sr. [REDACTED] stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from 1965 to 1969. She stated that she remembers Fr. Vader but did not have much contact with him. She stated that Fr. Vader did not teach in the school and was not involved in after school activities involving the children.

*May 29, 2009 – Interview of Sr. [REDACTED]*

Sr. [REDACTED] stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish. She remembered Fr. Vader, but did not recall him being in contact with the children of the parish. Sr. [REDACTED] stated that Fr. Vader did not teach in the school and was not involved in after school activities with the children. She did not recall who taught the altar training classes. Sr. [REDACTED] stated that she finds it very difficult to believe Fr. Vader had abused anyone.

**Research**

A request was made to identify faculty members of St. Laurence School during the time period in question. The order identified as associated with St. Laurence was the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Sr. Margaret Farley provided a copy of the faculty during the period in question. Several members of the order were identified as still being religious and a request was made through the Prioress General, Sister [REDACTED], OP, PhD for permission to interview those identified. Sr. [REDACTED] was gracious in her response and assistance and the interviews were conducted.

A request was also made for names of priests that served at St. Laurence Parish between the years 1964-1968. Investigators were provided the following names: Fr. Maurice Foley, Fr. [REDACTED], Fr. [REDACTED] and Fr. Bernard Guirsch. With the assistance of Fr. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests, it was learned that only Fr. [REDACTED] was still alive. Fr. [REDACTED] was subsequently interviewed for this investigation.



#### KEY FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

As a result of our limited background investigation and interviews of the case involving [REDACTED] and Rev. Anthony Vader, the following key findings were made:

- The Dominican sisters interviewed that recalled Fr. Vader described him as a prayerful, religious person and found it difficult to believe an accusation of misconduct by Fr. Vader.
- None of the sisters interviewed that knew Fr. Vader ever recalled him being in the school as part of his normal duties or being involved in after school activities.
- Many of the persons of interest in this matter are now deceased, rendering impossible the task of making further determinations in this matter.



APPENDICES

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: SR. [REDACTED]

Date: May 5, 2009

Re: PFR 137 – Vader / [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

A request was made by the Archdiocese of Chicago to have an investigator from Hillard Heintze interview persons who were assigned to St. Laurence Parish from June 25, 1964 to January 30, 1968. The interviews would be conducted in an attempt to reveal the habits of Fr. Vader regarding children in the parish. Investigator Kobel was assigned to the investigation. Sr. [REDACTED] was identified as one of the Adrian Dominican Sisters assigned to St. Laurence Parish during the time in question. Sr. [REDACTED] was contacted telephonically on May 5, 2009 at 9:15 A.M.

Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the interview to Sr. [REDACTED]. She stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from September 1960 to June 1961. Sr. [REDACTED] further stated that she does not know Fr. Vader.

Investigator Kobel thanked Sr. [REDACTED] for her time and concluded the interview.



MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: SR. [REDACTED]

Date: May 5, 2009

Re: PFR 137 – Vader [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

A request was made by the Archdiocese of Chicago to have an investigator from Hillard Heintze interview persons who were assigned to St. Laurence Parish from June 25, 1964 to January 30, 1968. The interviews would be conducted in an attempt to reveal the habits of Fr. Vader regarding children in the parish. Investigator Kobel was assigned to the investigation. Sr. [REDACTED] was identified as one of the Adrian Dominican Sisters assigned to St. Laurence Parish during the time in question. Sr. [REDACTED] was contacted telephonically to schedule an interview on May 5, 2009 at 9:45 A.M.

Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the interview to Sr. [REDACTED] and she said that she would prefer to do the interview telephonically. Sr. [REDACTED] related that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from 1962 to 1967. Sr. [REDACTED] said she had minimal contact with Fr. Vader and never observed any type of improper behavior regarding the children of the parish.

Sr. [REDACTED] recalled that Fr. Vader had some of the parish children participate in a Christmas pageant at midnight mass on Christmas. Sr. [REDACTED] could not recall Fr. Vader having any other contact with the parish children.

Sr. [REDACTED] said Fr. Vader was a pious and devoted priest and she finds it very difficult to believe that anyone could accuse him of misconduct.

Investigator Kobel thanked Sr. [REDACTED] for her time and concluded the interview.



MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: SR. [REDACTED]

Date: May 5, 2009

Re: PFR 137 – Vader/ [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

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Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the interview to Sr. [REDACTED]. She stated that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from August 1957 to August 1963. Sr. [REDACTED] further stated that she does not know Fr. Vader.

Investigator Kobel thanked Sr. [REDACTED] for her time and concluded the interview.





**MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: MR. JACK TREANOR**

Date: May 5, 2009  
Re: PFR 137 – Vader/ [REDACTED]  
From: Investigator Richard Kobel

Investigator Kobel contacted Mr. Jack Treanor, the Vice Chancellor for Archives and Records, in an attempt to identify any former or current employees who were assigned to St. Laurence Parish from June 25, 1964 to January 30, 1968.

Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the request and Mr. Treanor said the request would take several days to complete.

On May 5, 2009 at 4:30 P.M., Mr. Treanor called Kobel and said that there were no employees listed on the Annual Parish Reports for the years in question. Mr. Treanor said that the reports did list the names of sisters who were allowed to drive the parish vehicles. Mr. Treanor explained that the names were listed for insurance purposes.

Kobel requested a list of the names on the reports and Mr. Treanor said that he would email them as soon as possible.

Investigator Kobel thanked Mr. Treanor for his time and concluded the interview.



MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: SR. [REDACTED]

Date: May 7, 2009

Re: PFR 137 – Vader/ [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

A request was made by the Archdiocese of Chicago to have an investigator from Hillard Heintze interview persons who were assigned to St. Laurence Parish from June 25, 1964 to January 30, 1968. The interviews would be conducted in an attempt to reveal the habits of Fr. Vader regarding children in the parish. Investigator Kobel was assigned to the investigation. Sr. [REDACTED] was identified as one of the Adrian Dominican Sisters assigned to St. Laurence Parish during the time in question. Investigator Kobel called Sr. [REDACTED] and left a message instructing her to contact Kobel to schedule an interview. Sister [REDACTED] called Kobel on May 7, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.

Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the interview to Sr. [REDACTED] and she said that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish during the time in question. Sr. [REDACTED] said that she did not observe any questionable behavior involving Fr. Vader around children.

Sr. [REDACTED] could not recall Fr. Vader having any contact with the parish children except for the servers at mass. She stated that most of the parish children were not Catholic and only boys were allowed to serve mass during that time period.

St. [REDACTED] said that it was rare for any of the priests to go into the school and could not recall Fr. Vader ever being in the school.

Sr. [REDACTED] remembers that Fr. Vader was shy, religious and prayerful. She also said that she would find it very difficult to believe an accusation of misconduct against Fr. Vader.

Investigator Kobel thanked Sr. [REDACTED] for her time and concluded the interview.



MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: SR. [REDACTED]

Date: May 29, 2009

Re: PFR 137 – Vader [REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

A request was made by the Archdiocese of Chicago to have an investigator from Hillard Heintze interview persons who were assigned to St. Laurence Parish from June 25, 1964 to January 30, 1968. The interviews would be conducted in an attempt to reveal the habits of Fr. Vader regarding children in the parish. Investigator Kobel was assigned to the investigation. Sr. [REDACTED] was identified as one of the Adrian Dominican Sisters assigned to St. Laurence Parish during the time in question. Sr. [REDACTED] was contacted telephonically on May 29, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.

Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the interview to Sr. [REDACTED] and she said that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish from 1965 to 1969. Sr. [REDACTED] said that she remembers Fr. Vader but does not recall him having any contact with the children of the parish. Sr. [REDACTED] said that Fr. Vader did not teach in the school and was not involved in any after school activities involving the children.

Investigator Kobel thanked Sr. [REDACTED] for her time and concluded the interview.



MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW: SR. [REDACTED]

Date: May 29, 2009

Re: PFR 137 – Vader/[REDACTED]

From: Investigator Richard Kobel

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Investigator Kobel explained the purpose of the interview to Sr. [REDACTED] and she said that she was assigned to St. Laurence Parish. Sr. [REDACTED] said that she remembers Fr. Vader, but does not recall him having any contact with the children of the parish. Sr. [REDACTED] said that Fr. Vader did not teach in the school and was not involved in any after school activities with the children.

Sr. [REDACTED] said that all of the altar servers at that time were male. She did not recall who taught the training classes to altar boys.

Sr. [REDACTED] said she finds it very difficult to believe that Fr. Vader had abused anyone.

Investigator Kobel thanked Sr. [REDACTED] for her time and concluded the interview.

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## OFFICE FOR CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS AND REVIEW



### AGENDA

I. **Approval of Minutes** - May 16, 2009 and June 5, 2009

II. **Case Reviews**

#### Initial Review

A.

B.

#### Review for Cause

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H. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003)- PFR - 137

- Allegation made by [REDACTED]
- Initial Review - 2/21/09

III. Request for Supplementary Review

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IV. Other Matters

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*The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

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## Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Review Board Meeting  
Saturday, July 18, 2009 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

### MINUTES

#### Review Board Members Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Participating Via Phone:

[REDACTED]

#### Review Board Members Not Present:

[REDACTED]

#### Non-members Present:

Leah McCluskey, Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Archbishop's Delegate to the Review Board

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#### I. Approval of Minutes

- May 16, 2009 – Minutes approved
- June 5, 2009 – Minutes approved

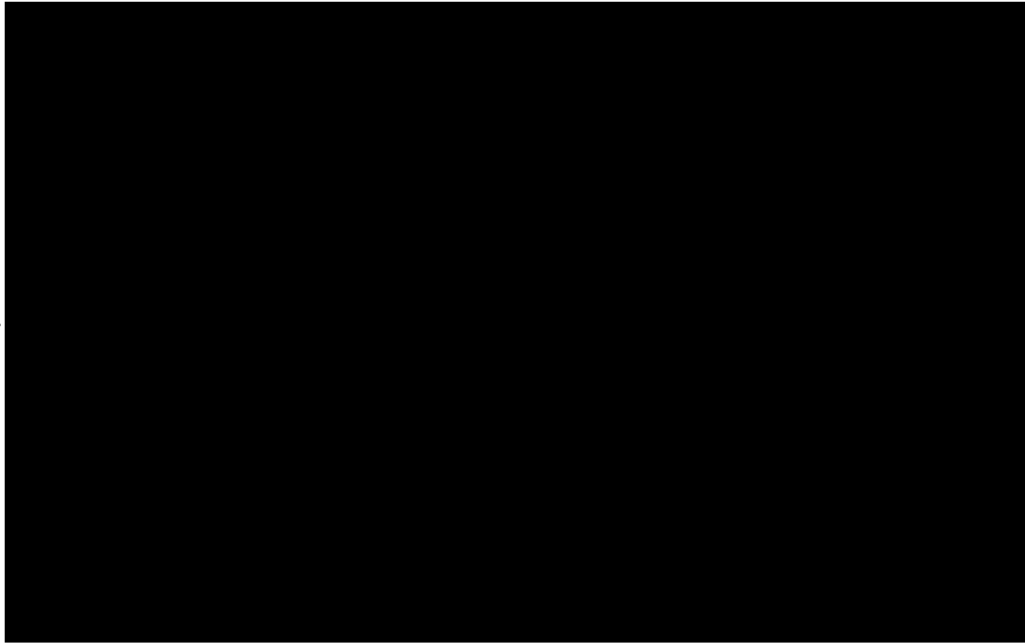
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##### Initial Review

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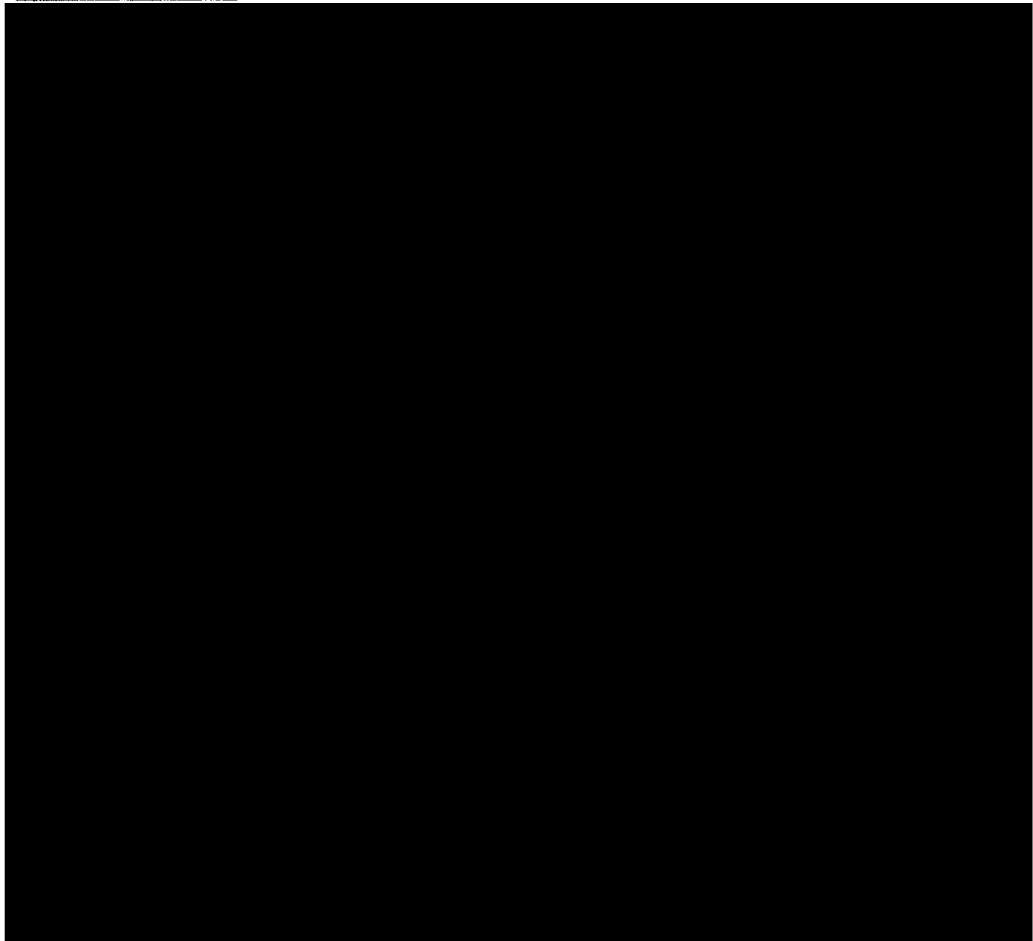
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Review for Cause

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**H. In the Matter of Rev. Anthony Vader (Retired 1997/Withdrawn 2003) - PFR-137**

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader. A summary of the allegation is as follows: inappropriate hugging and touching over and under [REDACTED] skirt; touching included the buttocks and genital area over and under skirt.

Ms. McCluskey provided the Board with a verbal overview and update of this matter.

In a 5-2 vote in light of the information presented, the Board determined that there is not reason to suspect that Fr. Vader sexually abused [REDACTED] when she was a minor.

**III. Request for Supplementary Review**

**I.**



**J.**



IV. Other Matters



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July 20, 2009

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
835 N. Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the independent Review Board met on July 18, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Vader is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the determination that in light of the information presented, there is not reason to suspect that the accused sexually abused [REDACTED] when she was a minor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205.

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

*I accept the  
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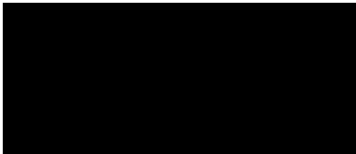
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August 4, 2009

**FILE COPY**



Dear [REDACTED],

I am writing to inform you that the independent Review Board met on July 18, 2009 and conducted a Review for Cause of your allegation of sexual abuse against Rev. Anthony Vader pursuant to Article §1104.10 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. As you may know, Fr. Vader is a withdrawn priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

At the Review for Cause, after considering all information presented to it, the Review Board determines whether there is reason to suspect that the accused cleric has engaged in the sexual abuse of a minor.

Based upon the information obtained concerning your allegation against Fr. Vader, the Review Board determined that there is not reason to suspect that Fr. Vader sexually abused you when you were a minor. Cardinal George has accepted this determination.

[REDACTED] if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. I may be reached at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org). Also, please know that Matt Hunnicutt and Mayra Flores of the Office of Assistance Ministry continue to be available to you and may be reached at (312) 534-8267, [mhunnicutt@archchicago.org](mailto:mhunnicutt@archchicago.org), or [mflores@archchicago.org](mailto:mflores@archchicago.org).

Sincerely,

Leah McCluskey  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Cc Matt Hunnicutt, Office of Assistance Ministry

Bc: John C. O'Malley  
Office of Legal Services

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO:



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FROM: Santa Garcia, Secretary *SG*  
Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

DATE: August 4, 2009

**MESSAGE:** Leah asked me to fax you her attached letter dated August 4, 2009. The original copy was mailed to you earlier today.

Please call Leah McCluskey at (312) 534-5205 with any questions you have regarding this matter. Thank you.

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Vincent Costello, Vicar for Priests

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review (D)

Re: Vader, Rev. Anthony (Withdrawn)/ [REDACTED]

Date: August 6, 2009

As you know, [REDACTED] formalized her allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Rev. Anthony Vader. Due to Fr. Vader's current state of mental and physical health, this allegation was not presented to him for a response. For the same reasons, I have not sent Fr. Vader any letters with regard to Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.'s decisions concerning the Initial Review and Review for Cause of this matter before the Review Board.

The Review Board conducted an Initial Review of [REDACTED]'s allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor against Fr. Vader on February 21, 2009. Cardinal George accepted the Review Board determination that this matter warranted additional investigation.

The Review Board conducted a Review for Cause of this matter on July 18, 2009. Cardinal George has accepted the Review Board's determination that there is not reasonable cause to suspect that Fr. Vader sexually abused [REDACTED] when she was a minor.

Please feel free to contact me at (312) 534-5205 if you have any questions about this information.

Bc: John C. O'Malley  
Office of Legal Services

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## INDIVIDUAL SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS: ANTHONY VADER

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These individual specific protocols were  
designed for Anthony Vader

### Implementation Date

March 2010

### HISTORY OF ASSIGNMENTS.

July 8, 1952- June 25, 1964: Holy Cross- Asst.

June 24, 1964-January 30, 1968: St. Laurence- Asst.

January 30, 1968- March 13, 1970: Holy Name of Mary- Admin.

March 13, 1970- January 31, 1997: Holy Name of Mary- Pastor

January 31, 1997: Retired

### HISTORY OF ABUSE ALLEGATIONS: SUBSTANTIATED AND NON-SUBSTANTIATED.

#### ALLEGATION 1. TIMEFRAME: 1960.

Victim came forward with allegation in February 2004. Victim stated that she met Fr. Vader when she was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Holy Cross School. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The victims stated that the abuse began when she was 10 or 11 years old [REDACTED] She stated that Fr. Vader [REDACTED] would [REDACTED] kiss and fondle her. She stated that he would rub her breasts, legs, thighs, and over her pubic area both over and under her clothes. She stated that this happened multiple times over a period of six months to a year. The victim stated that Fr. Vader also abused her peer and she was aware that he was having actual intercourse with at least one girl. [REDACTED]

Fr. Vader denied this allegation. This allegation was substantiated by the review board process in 2004.

#### ALLEGATION 2. TIMEFRAME: 1955 -1956.

Victim came forward with allegation in October 2002. Victim stated that she attended Holy Cross for grammar school and graduated in 1961. She stated that the abuse began in 1955 or 1956 and lasted for approximately one year. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The victim stated that Fr. Vader would [REDACTED] ask to see her

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breasts. He would then direct her to unbutton her shirt and expose her breasts. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated that he would [REDACTED] feel her head and then her breasts (under her clothing) and then he would leave. She stated that this occurred "a little less than 10 times". The victim stated that Fr. Vader also abused her younger sister

Anthony Vader denied this allegation. The review board process substantiated this allegation in 2003.

**ALLEGATION 3. TIMEFRAME: UNKNOWN.**

In October 2005 an individual came forward and stated that she was watching television and saw that her abuser was on the list of men who had been removed from ministry. She stated that she was calling to be sure it was the same Anthony Vader who abused her. The alleged victim stated that the abuse occurred when she was 14 or 15 years old. She stated that she met Fr. Vader through Holy Cross and he sexually touched her. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The alleged victim never formalized this allegation therefore it was not presented to Anthony Vader or the review board.

**ALLEGATION 4. TIMEFRAME: 1963 - 1966.**

Victim came forward with the allegation in December 2006. She stated that she met Fr. Vader when she was in the fourth grade and he was the Pastor at St. Laurence [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She stated that in the sixth grade [REDACTED] Fr. Vader would put his hands on her breasts. [REDACTED] He would also touch her "rear" [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The review board process substantiated this allegation in 2007.

**ALLEGATION 5. TIMEFRAME: 1958.**

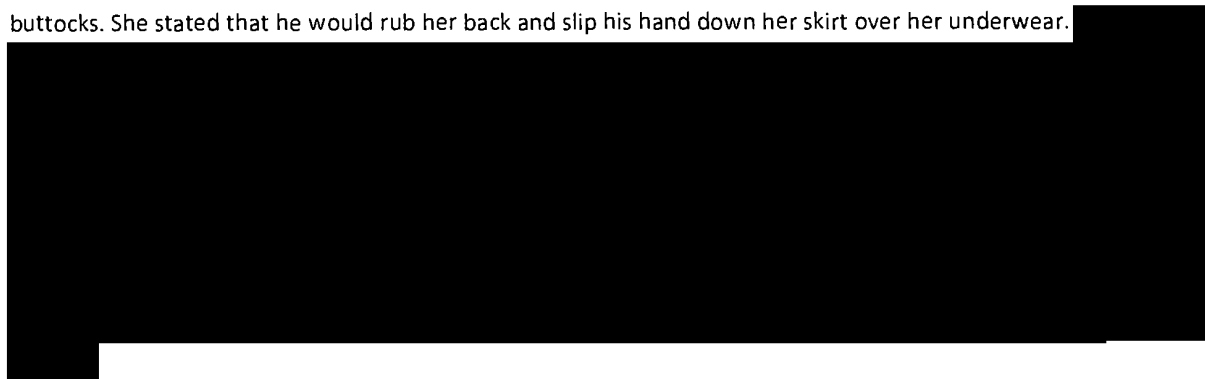
Victim came forward and reported that in 1993 she had a conversation with Fr. Vader and asked him if he remembered touching her breast and he stated "yes, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The victim stated that she attended Holy Cross School from 1953-1958. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She stated that he touched her on top of her [REDACTED] gown. She stated that she was 12 years old at the time.

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Anthony Vader stated that he believed this victim was confusing him with another priest. This allegation was substantiated by the review board process in 2003.

**ALLEGATION 6. TIMEFRAME: 1969.**

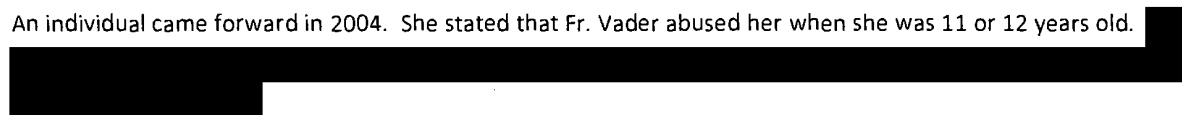
Victim came forward in December 2008. The victim stated that she knew Fr. Vader from grammar school. She stated that in elementary school Fr. Vader would hug her and rub the lower half of her body and touch her buttocks. She stated that he would rub her back and slip his hand down her skirt over her underwear.



This allegation was substantiated by the review board process in 2009.

**ALLEGATION 7. TIMEFRAME: UNKNOWN.**

An individual came forward in 2004. She stated that Fr. Vader abused her when she was 11 or 12 years old.



This allegation was never formalized; therefore it was not presented to Anthony Vader or the review board.

## CURRENT CANONICAL STATUS

Decree issued July 22, 2005 states that "Fr. Anthony Vader is guilty of the delict described in c. 1395§2 of the present code; namely a sin against the sixth commandment of the Decalogue with a minor under the age of sixteen years of age". "Father Anthony Vader's faculties to minister as a priest of the Archdiocese are removed for a period of five years". He is enjoined from being present in any way at any time on the property of Sacred Heart Mission in Chicago and Holy Name of Mary parish in Chicago. Fr. Vader is dispensed from the obligation to wear ecclesiastical garb (c.284), and strongly urged to not wear such attire. He is not to present himself as priest to those unknown to him nor act as an agent of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

## COMPLIANCE HISTORY

Anthony Vader's known history of sexual offending included offenses specifically with African-American girls and some women with whom he counseled who were also African American. In March of 2009, upon meeting an African American woman, Anthony Vader grabbed her hand and immediately pulled her down toward himself, reaching with his other hand to touch her face. This incident demonstrated that Anthony Vader continues to

require monitoring and intervention with respect to minors and others who may be physically or emotionally vulnerable to abuse.

### CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT AND INVOLVEMENT WITH MINORS.

Anthony Vader currently resides at Holy Family Villa. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Anthony Vader's mental status requires that the burden of risk management fall primarily to his caregivers and other staff of the residential facility in which he resides. There are minors who visit the facility and due to Anthony Vader's diminished capacity to self-regulate, it is essential that he not be permitted access to harm a child or a youth. It is also essential that the staff of the facility be informed of the need to self-protect and not to allow behaviors to escalate because of Anthony Vader's perceived status as a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Therefore, the focus of the following risk management strategies is on strategies that shall be implemented by persons other than Anthony Vader.

### RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

#### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM: SEXUAL OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS

RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY	METHOD OF VERIFICATION	COMMENTS
Even with a prudent companion, Anthony Vader is never permitted to spend time with families who have minor children and is prohibited at all times from being alone with anyone under the age of 25. No staff member under the age of 25 should be assigned to work directly with Anthony Vader.	<i>Oversight and verification by Site Supervisor.</i>	
Anthony Vader is prohibited at all times from being alone with vulnerable adults or fellow residents.		
Nursing care and personal care staff who have direct contact with Anthony Vader in the residential facility must be informed that he has a history of sexual behavior issues, including sexual offenses with minor girls and young women.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	
Nursing care and personal care staff who have direct contact with Anthony Vader must receive and sign the "Necessary Information" sheet regarding Tony Vader.	<i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	
Anthony Vader is not permitted to leave the care facility with person named on the Diocesan List of men removed.	<i>Oversight and verification by Site Supervisor.</i>  <i>Verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	
Anthony Vader is prohibited from exercising priestly ministry in all forms, including, but not limited to public celebration of mass, hearing confession, wearing the Roman Collar or other symbols of	<i>Oversight and verification by Compliance Supervisor.</i>	

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ministry, wearing clerical garb (or any garb that denotes priesthood or ministry) and being introduced as "Father."		
Anthony Vader is prohibited from providing spiritual direction, pastoral care, counseling and all other forms of ministry that may be provided by laypersons.	<i>Verification with support network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification of daily logs.</i>	
Anthony Vader is prohibited from engaging in liturgy or any other aspect of parish community at any Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago.	<i>Verification with Community Support Network.</i> <i>Unannounced verification (telephone, visits, GPS) of daily logs.</i>	
Anthony Vader is prohibited from viewing, downloading or otherwise possessing pornography or sexually explicit materials of any kind.	<i>Verification by Archdiocesan or contracted Information Technology Personnel and Compliance Supervisor.</i>	

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## CONSIDERATIONS FOR FAILURE OF THE PROTOCOL TO MANAGE RISK

In the event that the protocols for Anthony Vader are not effective in managing his risk, additional actions must be considered. This will be necessary whether or not there is identifiable harm as a consequence to the failure to manage risk.

- Change of residence.
- Increase of staff to manage behavior
- Increased education of staff
- Increased monitoring by Archdiocesan staff

SIGNATURES.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4/7/2010

Printed Name: Anthony Vader

Signature of Vicar for Priest: Rev. Dennis G. O'Neil

Date: 4/12/10

Signature of Ecclesiastic Notary: Rev. Richard Landry

Date: APR 08 2010

Signature of Cardinal: Francis Cardinal Spellman

Date: March 17, 2010

Facility Administrator: Robert Magurany

Date: 4/7/2010

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Necessary Information: Anthony Vader, Resident

This notice is to inform you that The Holly Family Villa resident, Anthony Vader, has a history of sexual behavior problems. His behaviors include a significant history of sexual offenses against children, young people and women. He is not to be in the company of anyone under the age of 25, even briefly. Children and youth must not be permitted to enter his room or to visit with him socially, even in open areas.

Any behavioral problems demonstrated by Anthony Vader must be immediately interrupted and reported to Roberta Magurany who will be responsible for addressing Anthony Vader's ongoing needs.

Further, it is essential for all staff who work with Anthony Vader to adhere strictly to these protocols and also to remain vigilant with respect to their own personal safety. It is the responsibility of the staff member to alert Roberta Magurany to any situation or condition that causes the individual discomfort or concern.

I have read the "Necessary Information" regarding Anthony Vader and I agree to adhere to the protocols. In addition, I agree to use care and professionalism with my own personal safety and to report any problems or unusual behavior of Anthony Vader to Shawnte Jenkins, Archdiocesan Compliance Supervisor, within 48 hours.

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Staff Signature

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Date

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Amelia Melcarr

Staff Signature

05/12/2010

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Shawnte Jenkins

Staff Signature

5-12-10

Date

Individual Specific Protocols

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Necessary Information: Anthony Vader, Resident

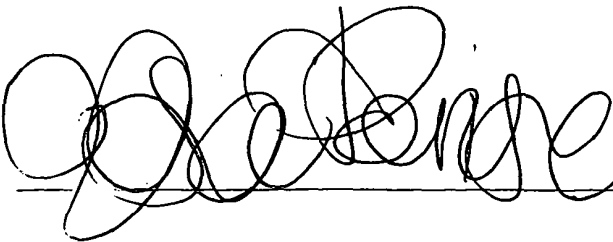
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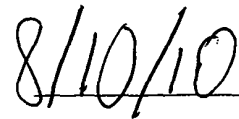
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Brittany Vader

Staff Signature

8/10/10

Date

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Staff Signature

Wojciech Paup

Date

05.10.10

Individual Specific Protocols

AOC 021918

#### Victim Statement Abstract:

This abstract supplements a series of e-mails between Leah McCluskey, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review; Tom Tharayil, Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office of Assistance Ministry; and Victim KJ. On January 28, 2014, Victim KJ contacted the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for the Protection of Children and Youth via e-mail to report that she was abused by Fr. Anthony Vader at Holy Cross parish as a teenager. The abuse included Fr. Vader kissing Victim KJ and fondling Victim KJ's breasts.

Message: EMA/2014/56369

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Thomas Tharayil  
**Cc:**  
**Sent:** 2/2/2014 at 9:46 AM  
**Received:** 2/2/2014 at 9:46 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Protect and Heal: [REDACTED] - 2014-01-28

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Hi Tom,

Thank you for this - I did just respond to [REDACTED]'s e-mail. I'll touch base with you tomorrow about my reaching out to [REDACTED] as well.

Thanks.

Leah  
Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW  
Director, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review  
Archdiocese of Chicago  
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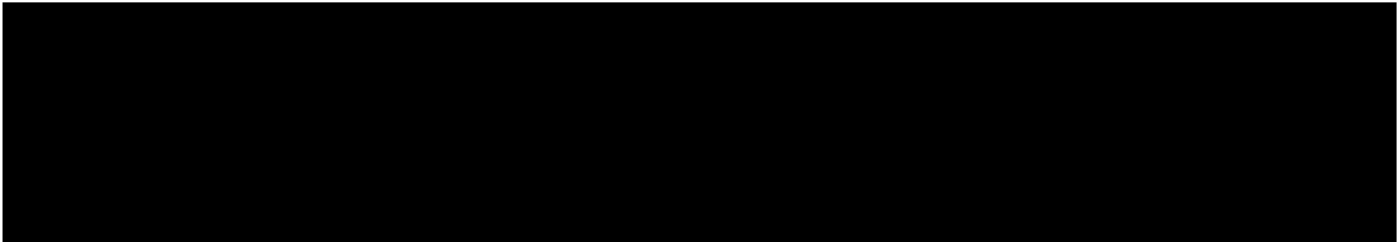
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Name: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
Sent: 2014-01-28

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[REDACTED]

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Message: EMA/2014/56422

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From: Leah McCluskey  
To:  
Cc: Thomas Tharayil  
Sent: 2/2/2014 at 9:44 AM  
Received: 2/2/2014 at 9:44 AM  
Subject: Re: Protect and Heal: [REDACTED] - 2014-01-28

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Good Morning [REDACTED],

I hope that you are well.

I also want to thank you for writing and sending your e-mail about Fr. Vader. I cannot imagine how difficult it was to write and send; I thank you so much for sharing some parts of your painful story.

As Tom mentioned, I am the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review at the Archdiocese of Chicago. It is in this office where we receive all reports of the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons, lay employees, and volunteers of this archdiocese. I would very much like to speak with you and provide any additional information about this office, including setting up a time to meet so that you may share as much of your story as you wish, and/or answer any questions or concerns you may have.

[REDACTED], please feel free to reach me by e-mail (lmcccluskey@archchicago.org) or by phone (312-534-5205). Thank you again for reaching out to us. I look forward to hearing from you.

Peace,

Leah

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>>> Thomas Tharayil 01/29/14 12:55 PM >>>

Dear [REDACTED],

I am responding to the email you submitted to the Archdiocese of Chicago Protect and Heal web site. First, I am sorry for how you were treated by Fr. Vader. I applaud you for finding the courage to write the email.

I am the Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Assistance Ministry. I work with

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victims/survivors. We have resources that may be helpful to you as continue your healing journey. Attached please find a link that will describe more about the office, survivor newsletters, the Healing Garden and more . When the time is right, I am also available to talk with you by phone or in person.

[http://www.archchicago.org/departments/assistance\\_ministry/assistance\\_ministry.shtm](http://www.archchicago.org/departments/assistance_ministry/assistance_ministry.shtm)

Lastly, I am including the Director of the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review, Leah Mc Cluskey on this email. She will want to contact to you since the allegations you made occurred in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

<http://www.archchicago.org/departments/oacair/oacair.shtm>

You are not alone. Thanks for contacting us. Peace, Thomas T

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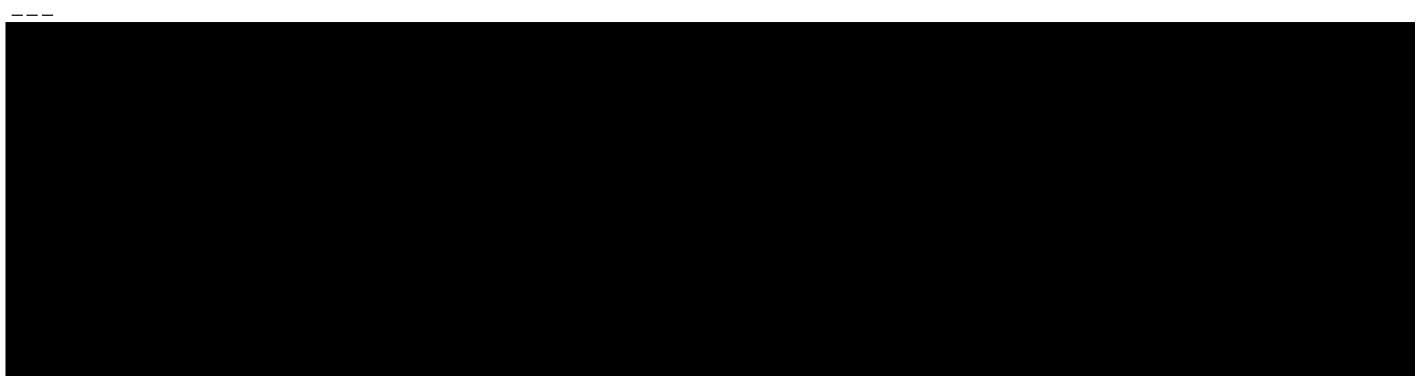
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--AOL Postmaster

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** Thomas Tharayil  
**Date:** 2/3/2014 10:55 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: Protect and Heal: [REDACTED] - 2014-01-28  
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Hi Tom,

Thank you for your response. I will not reach out to [REDACTED] and will wait to hear from you if you hear anything different from her.

When you spoke with [REDACTED], did she share if she was a minor or an adult at the time of her abuse by Fr. Vader?

Thank you.

Leah

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>>> Thomas Tharayil 2/3/2014 10:46 AM >>>

Hi Leah,

From what [REDACTED] said to me, I do not think you need to schedule a time to meet. At this time, it appears sending the email to "Protect and Heal," and chatting with me is enough. If I hear more, I will let you know. Tom

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>>> Leah McCluskey 1/31/2014 4:33 PM >>>

Hi Tom,

I'm glad that you and [REDACTED] spoke on the phone. Based upon your conversation with her, should I reach out to her as well to ask about scheduling a time to meet?

Thank you.

Leah

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>>> <[opcy@protectandhealchicago.org](mailto:opcy@protectandhealchicago.org)> 1/28/2014 1:23 PM >>>

Name: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Sent: 2014-01-28

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[REDACTED]

**Message:** EMA/2014/56367

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**From:** Leah McCluskey  
**To:** James Donovan, Kenneth Budzikowski, Christopher Cannova, Colleen Dolan, Daniel Smilanic, Francis Kane, Peter Snieg, Thomas Tharayil, Jeff Grob  
**Cc:** Janet Leonatti, John O'Malley, Jan Slattery  
**Sent:** 2/4/2014 at 2:04 PM  
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Leah

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Safe Environment Office



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312-751-8307, fax

## MEMORANDUM

To: Rev. Kenneth Budzikowski, Vicar for Priests  
Christopher Cannova, Personnel Services  
Colleen Dolan, Communications and Public Relations  
Rev. James Donovan, Vicar for Priests  
Rev. Jeffrey Grob, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Most Rev. Francis Kane, Vicar General  
Very Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Vicar for Canonical Services  
Rev. Peter Snieg, Moderator of the Curia  
Thomas Tharayil, Office of Assistance Ministry

From: Leah McCluskey, Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review

Re: PFR-137 Vader, Anthony Joseph / [REDACTED]

Date: February 4, 2014

A new allegation was received by this office on January 29, 2014.

- Accused – Fr. Anthony Joseph Vader
  - Current status – deceased
  - Current location – N/A
  - Location/assignment of accused at time of abuse – Holy Cross
- Alleged Victim – [REDACTED]
  - If minor, has DCFS been called? A call was not made to the DCFS Hotline due to the fact that [REDACTED] is currently over the age of 18.
- Any other important actions taken – Tom Tharayil spoke with [REDACTED] due to the fact that the e-mails sent to her e-mail addressed were returned. Per Mr. Tharayil, [REDACTED] reported that she was in high school at the time of her abuse by Fr. Vader. I will attempt to reach out to [REDACTED] to provide information about the Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review and ask if she wishes to schedule a time to meet.

Please review your files and forward any and all information/documentation that may be relevant to this matter to my attention within five business days of receipt of this memo.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 534-5205 or [lmcccluskey@archchicago.org](mailto:lmcccluskey@archchicago.org).

Attachment

Cc John O'Malley, Legal Services  
Jan Slattery, Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

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February 14, 2014

## **PRIVILEGED & CONFIDENTIAL**

Ms. Jennifer Gonzalez  
Chief of Sex Crimes Division  
Cook County State's Attorney's Office  
2650 S. California Ave., Room 11D10  
Chicago, IL 60608

RE: Vader, Rev. Anthony J. / [REDACTED]  
Our File Number: 2014SC0019  
Date of Birth: Unknown  
Date of Incident: In High School  
Location of Incident: Holy Cross Church, Chicago

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for Child Abuse Investigations and Review received an email from [REDACTED] alleging when she was in high school and going to Holy Cross Church [REDACTED] she was sexually abused by Rev. Anthony J. Vader. Rev. Vader is deceased. We are attempting to reach out to [REDACTED]. We have no additional information at this time.

If our office can provide any additional information, or be of any further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

  
John C. O'Malley  
Director of Legal Services

JCOM:tm

cc: Ms. Valerie McDaniels, SPSA, Associate Deputy Bureau Chief of Operations, DCFS  
Ms. Shauna Boliker, First Assistant State's Attorney  
Ms. Leah McCluskey  
Mr. James A. Serritella