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8 9 10 11 12	John FD Roe 1, an individual, Plaintiffs, v. Roman Catholic Bishop of San Jose; St. Frances Cabrini Church; St. Frances Cabrini School; Roman Catholic Archbishop of San	Case No. CGC=12-324-30 COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF FOR: 1. PUBLIC NUISANCE 2. NEGLIGENCE 3. NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION/ FAILURE TO WARN; 4. NEGLIGENT
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Francisco; Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno; Diocese of Fresno Education Corporation; Father Don Flickinger, an individual; and Does 1 through 100, Inclusive. Defendants.	HIRING/RETENTION 5. FRAUD; 6. FIDUCIÁRY/CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY; 7. BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY; 8. NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO WARN, TRAIN, OR EDUCATE PLAINTIFF; 9. INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS; 10. NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS; 11. FRAUD AND DECEIT; 12. PREMISES LIABILITY. 13. CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE; 14. SEXUAL BATTERY JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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Based upon information and belief available at the time of the filing of this Complaint, Plaintiff John FD Roe 1 makes the following allegations:

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PARTIES

Defendant Roman Catholic Bishop of San Jose ("Defendant San Jose

Defendant St. Frances Cabrini Church ("Defendant Parish") is a Roman

Defendant St. Frances Cabrini School ("Defendant School") is a Roman

Catholic school located in the city of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, California.

Defendant school is the school where Plaintiff was a student during some of the

period of wrongful conduct. Defendant San Jose Bishop, Defendant School and

Defendant Roman Catholic Archbishop of San Francisco ("Defendant

Francisco County, California, and doing business in both San Francisco County and

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Archbishop") is a corporation sole authorized to conduct business and conducting

business in the State of California, with its principal place of business in San

Santa Clara County during relevant dates herein. Defendant Archbishop had

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Plaintiff is a twenty-five year-old adult male. Plaintiff was a minor residing in

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- 5 the county of Santa Clara at the time of the sexual abuse alleged herein.

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- Bishop") is a corporation sole authorized to conduct business and conducting business in the State of California, with its principal place of business in Santa Clara
 - County during relevant dates herein. Defendant San Jose Bishop had responsibility for Roman Catholic Church operations in Santa Clara County, California during
- relevant dates herein. Defendant San Jose Bishop is the leader of the Roman
- Catholic Diocese in which the sexual abuse occurred. At least twelve priests from
- the Diocese of San Jose have been accused of childhood sexual abuse.
- 2.1 Catholic parish located in the city of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, California.
- Defendant Parish is the parish where Plaintiff was a parishioner during the period of
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1	responsibility for Roman Catholic Church operations in San Francisco County and		
2	Santa Clara County, California during relevant dates herein. Defendant Archbisho		
3	is the leader of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese in which Fr. Flickinger was		
4	assigned before he abused Plaintiff, whose agents learned of the threat posed by		
5	Fr. Flickinger long before the abuse of Plaintiff, and that placed children at risk to		
6	sexually abused by allowing Fr. Flickinger to perform his ministry with children at		
7	least as recently as 2011. At least thirty-six priests from the Archdiocese of San		
8	Francisco have been accused of childhood sexual abuse. Since 2003 the		
9	Archdiocese has paid close to \$70 million dollars to settle over 100 claims for		
10	childhood sexual abuse by its priests.		
11	2.4 Defendant Roman Catholic Bishop of Fresno ("Defendant Fresno Bishop") is		
12	a corporation sole authorized to conduct business and conducting business in the		
13	State of California, with its principal place of business in Fresno County during		
14	relevant dates herein. Fr. Flickinger is incardinated in the Diocese of Fresno, and		
15	has been subject, in part, to control by the diocese throughout his career. While Fr.		
16	Flickinger was assigned in the Diocese of Fresno in the late 1960s, and long before		
17	Flickinger sexually assaulted Plaintiff, Defendant Fresno Bishop knew or should		
18	have known of the danger Fr. Flickinger posed to children, and in the 1970s		
19	Defendant Fresno Bishop was put on notice that Father Flickinger was sexually		
20	abusing children in the diocese. Defendant Fresno Bishop thus could have		
21	prevented Fr. Flickinger's abuse of Plaintiff and other children. Defendant Fresno		
22	Bishop is the leader of the Roman Catholic Diocese in which Fr. Flickinger was		
23	assigned and whose agents learned of the threat posed by Flickinger long before		
24	the abuse of Plaintiff. At least ten priests from the Diocese of Fresno have been		
25	accused of childhood sexual abuse.		
26	2.5 Defendant Roman Catholic Education Corporation of Fresno ("Education		
27	Corporation") is a California corporation authorized to conduct business and		

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ounty, California, and doing business in Fresno County during relevant ein. Education Corporation had responsibility for Roman Catholic school s in Fresno County, California during relevant dates herein, including the ere Flickinger was assigned in the late 1960s, San Joaquin Memorial High SJMHS"). While Flickinger was assigned to SJMHS, he repeatedly in conduct with students which Education Corporation knew or should have idenced the danger Fr. Flickinger posed to children. Defendant Education on thus could have prevented Plaintiff's abuse. Defendant Fresno Bishop ndant Education Corporation are sometimes collectively referred to as the "Fresno Defendants."

2.6 Defendant Fr. Don Flickinger, the Perpetrator, was an individual residing and/or doing business in the City of San Jose and County of Santa Clara, California, during the period of abuse of Plaintiff, and was and/or is a Roman Catholic priest, member, employee, agent and/or servant of Defendant San Jose Bishop and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School and/or Defendant Archbishop and/or Defendant Fresno Bishop and/or Defendant Education Corporation and/or Does 1-100. During the abuse, Fr. Flickinger was assigned, or in residence, or doing supply work, or volunteering, or visiting at Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School, and was under the direct supervision, employ and control of the Defendant San Jose Bishop and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School and/or Defendant Archbishop and/or Defendant Fresno Bishop and/or Defendant Education Corporation and/or Does 1-100.

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FR. FLICKINGER'S ASSIGNMENT AND/OR RESIDENCE HISTORY

Fr. Flickinger's assignment and/or residence history includes the following:

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1964 St. John's Cathedral, San Joaquin Memorial High School (Fresno, California)

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1967 St. Helen's Parish (Fresno, California)

1	1970 San Joaquin Memorial H.S.; St. Genieve Parish (Fresno, California)		
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3	1972 St. Therese (Fresno, California)		
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5	ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO (2)		
6	1972-78	Santa Clara University (Santa Clara, California)	
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8	1978-1981	University of San Francisco (San Francisco, California)	
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10	DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA (3)		
11	1981-83	Christian Brothers Novitiate (Napa, California)	
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13	ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO		
14	1983-86	San Francisco Chancery Office; Sacred Heart Church; St. Michael's	
15		Church (San Francisco, California)	
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17	DIOCESE O	F MONTEREY (4) /ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES (5)	
18	1986-88	St. Francis Retreat (San Juan Bautista, California)	
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20	1987-88	St. Martin of Tours (Los Angeles, CA) (10 days a month)	
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22	1988-89	Star of the Sea Church (Santa Cruz, California)	
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24	1989	St. Francis Retreat (San Juan Bautista, California)	
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26	ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO		
27	1990-91	St. Paul's Church (San Francisco, California)	
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5	1994-95	Holy Family Sisters Mother House (Fremont, California)		
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8	1995-2007	St. Frances Cabrini Church (San Jose, California)		
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10	2007	Sacred Heart Jesuit Center (Los Gatos, CA)		
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14	2007-2009	St. Clare's Retreat (Soquel, California)		
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16	ARCHDIOCE	SE OF SAN FRANCISCO		
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20	2011-present	New Bethany Residence (Los Banos, California)		
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22	3. Defend	lant Does 1 through 100, inclusive, are individuals and/or business or		
23	corporate entities incorporated in and/or doing business in California whose true names			
24	and capacities are unknown to Plaintiff who therefore sues such defendants by such			
25	fictitious names, and who will amend the Complaint to show the true names and			
26	capacities of each such Doe defendant when ascertained. Each such Defendant Doe			
27	is legally responsible in some manner for the events, happenings and/or tortious and			

unlawful conduct that caused the injuries and damages alleged in this Complaint.

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4. Fr. Flickinger and/or each Defendant were and/or are the agent, servant and/or employee of Defendant San Jose Bishop and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School and/or Defendant Archbishop and/or Defendant Fresno Bishop and/or Defendant Education Corporation and/or Does 1-100. Fr. Flickinger and/or each Defendant was acting within the course and scope of his, her or its authority as an agent, servant and/or employee of Fr. Flickinger and/or other Defendants. Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendant San Jose Bishop and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School and/or Defendant Archbishop and/or Defendant Fresno Bishop and/or Defendant Education Corporation and/or Does 1-100, and each of them, are individuals, corporations, partnerships and other entities which engaged in, joined in and conspired with the other wrongdoers in carrying out the tortious and unlawful activities described in this Complaint, and Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School and/or Defendant San Jose Bishop and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School and/or Defendant Archbishop and/or Defendant Fresno

Bishop and/or Defendant Education Corporation and/or Does 1-100.

BACKGROUND FACTS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

5. Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents committed acts of childhood sexual abuse at St. Frances Cabrini and at various locations around California and elsewhere before, during, and after the time Plaintiff attended St. Frances Cabrini. Defendants' practice of concealing the identities, propensities, and current assignments and/or residences of these perpetrators has enabled and empowered such men to sexually assault and/or continue to place at risk countless children around the various locations in California where Defendants conduct their business. Defendants have greatly increased the danger to children by continuing to transfer perpetrators such as Fr. Flickinger, after allegations of abuse arise, from one diocese to another into unsuspecting parishes and communities such as St. Paul in San Francisco or New Bethany in Los Banos. Defendants have further increased the

danger to children by making affirmative representations to current or future employers, regarding Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' fitness for employment, in positions that included working with children, while failing to disclose negative information regarding sexual misconduct by such men. Additionally, an unknown number of Defendants' former pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, whose propensities Defendants have been aware of for years but have disclosed to no one, continue to sexually assault and/or place at risk countless children at locations where Defendants' former agents now reside. Fr. Flickinger's history, as set forth below, is but one example of the threat to today's children posed both by such men, and by Defendants' continuing practices in managing them.

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Fr. Flickinger is Ordained in the Diocese of Monterey-Fresno in 1964

6. Fr. Flickinger was ordained in 1964. One of his first assignments was as chaplain at San Joaquin Memorial High School ("SJMHS") in Fresno. Soon thereafter Flickinger began openly engaging in sexually motivated misconduct that was recognized by numerous boys at SJMHS as inappropriate, but was ignored by agents of the Fresno Defendants. Those agents not only observed Fr. Flickinger's conduct but allowed it to continue. Among other things, Flickinger regularly and openly inappropriately touched boys, removed select boys from classes for private meetings in his office, asked them sexual questions, and often attempted to give his misconduct the false appearance of appropriateness. For instance, one of his ploys was to attempt to cloak his sexual questions in purported penitential communications by inducing boys to agree to let him hear their confessions outside the confessional. In another such ploy he sometimes inflicted pain on the boys he touched inappropriately by grabbing them with enough force to cause pain, thus allowing Flickinger to sexually gratify himself but make it appear as if he was somehow acting masculine or tough rather than as a sexual predator.

Flickinger engaged in such conduct at, among other places, SJMHS and a

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summer camp at Bass Lake, and continued this predatory behavior throughout his career as a priest. Flickinger's conduct at SJMHS was so frequent and well known that the boys at SJMHS openly discussed the fact that Flickinger was attracted to boys, warned each other to watch out for him, and gave Flickinger nicknames such "Fr. Fuckinger" and "Fr. Faggot."

Witness #1, a member of the SJMHS Class of 1968, met Flickinger while an underclassman. Flickinger would take the boy out of class to Flickinger's office and ask him sexual questions. Flickinger also constantly touched Witness #1, squeezing his hand with such force the boy would bend over in pain, grabbing the boy's shoulders, and digging his fingers into the boy's upper inner thigh with such pressure Witness #1 had to flex his quadriceps to prevent Flickinger from digging in any deeper. Flickinger also engaged in such conduct with members of the boys' swim team while serving as the team chaplain. Another member of the Class of 1968, Witness #8, considered Flickinger too "touchy-feely" with boys at SJMHS, and talked with other members of the swim team who agreed it was strange how much time Flickinger spent in the team's locker room. Witness #1 considers Flickinger's conduct at SJMHS "unnatural" and "perverted."

At the end of Witness #1's sophomore year in 1966, Flickinger invited the boy to work at a camp at Bass Lake known as Camp Santa Teresita. The camp was run by the Roman Catholic Church for grade school age boys and girls. Unfortunately, Flickinger used the camp for his own sexual gratification as he invited boys from SJMHS to volunteer at the camp, and the inappropriate touching and sexual questions continued and grew worse, including further grabbing of Witness #1's thighs. In one instance, while alone with the boy in the mess hall, Flickinger grabbed and squeezed Witness #1's thigh until the shocked boy threw up his arms and forced Flickinger back. During the camp Flickinger also seized on opportunities to isolate Witness #1, offering to teach the boy to drive, taking the boy out to dinner, or inducing the boy to enter Flickinger's residence at night.

Flickinger's conduct with the boy in his camp residence occurred at least once a week around 9:00 p.m., and paralleled his conduct during the incidents at SJMHS. Specifically, Flickinger sometimes unilaterally made the meetings confessional. During others he did not. But almost inevitably, and regardless of the context he manufactured, Flickinger would question Witness #1 about the boy's thoughts regarding masturbation, a subject the boy had no interest in discussing and that Flickinger had no legitimate basis about which to ask, and was for Flickinger's own sexual gratification. All of this took place while Flickinger touched the boy inappropriately.

The following school year, 1966-67, another SJMHS student, Witness #2, began avoiding Flickinger after the priest repeatedly asked him personal questions, and then put his arms around the boy or grabbed the boy's thighs while meeting with the boy in Flickinger's office. On one such occasion Flickinger said "wow, no wonder you're such a good football player, you've got legs like this." Upon standing up Flickinger would hug Witness #2 so closely and for so long it made the boy uncomfortable, a feeling he had never felt toward another priest.

Like so many other SJMHS students, Flickinger called Witness #2 into his office on more than one occasion and asked him sexual questions. In Witness #2's case, Flickinger asked if he was sexually active with his (Witness #2's) girlfriend. No other priest had ever asked the boy such questions.

Once, after a student government meeting, Flickinger asked the boy to come to his office. Fearing further inappropriate touching and sexual questions by Flickinger, Witness #2 claimed he could not meet with Flickinger because he had to go home immediately. Despite this, Flickinger spent the next thirty minutes questioning Witness #2 about his relationships with girls, the fact he had heard Witness #2 was dating a girl, and about whether he was sexually active with the girl. There also are instances where Witness #2 recalls being in Flickinger's office but is unable to recall what took place.

Flickinger's sexually predatory conduct toward the boys at SJMHS was so open and well known that other boys warned Witness #2 to stay away from Flickinger.

Witness #2 recalls boys talking about Flickinger getting "real personal," and asking other boys whether they were sexually active and whether they masturbated. All of this prompted some of Witness #2's fellow students to refer to Flickinger as "weird," and to call him "Father Fuckinger." Witness #2 also recalls Flickinger pulling other boys out of class, who were then openly mocked by their classmates during class.

During the junior and senior years of Witness #3, Class of 1969, Flickinger took the boy out of class to his office so often that Witness #3 and his friends joked about it, describing Flickinger as "weird" or "homosexual." At the start of these incidents Flickinger would first grip Witness #3's hand with such force the boy's knees almost buckled. Once they sat down Flickinger would place his hand on the boy's shoulder, upper arm, or lower thigh, sometimes squeezing the boy's knee while questioning him about whether he masturbated, whether he was having sex, whether he was thinking about having sex, and whether the boy was having any problems with sex or masturbation. During these incidents Flickinger often attempted to create a false appearance of propriety for his questions by asking the boy if he wanted Flickinger to hear his confession. He also would touch the boy's thigh, arm or neck.

Witness #3 never asked Flickinger to hear his confession or brought up masturbation, but Flickinger always raised the subject. When Flickinger finished his questions he would hug the boy and stare at him for so long it made the boy uncomfortable. Witness #3 recalls simply dropping his head and waiting for Flickinger to finish and release him. Later, when Witness #3 had a girlfriend, Flickinger questioned the boy about sex and arousal, as well as about masturbation. Similar incidents also took place while Witness #3 was at the summer camp with Flickinger before the boy's senior year. Witness #3 also recalls other students warning each other about Flickinger, that he touches them, and that they should watch out for him.

Flickinger also called Witness #4, Class of 1968, to his office and asked the boy personal questions about sex and masturbation. Because of the frequency and nature of Flickinger's conduct, Witness #4 and his friends concluded Flickinger was weird and

began calling Flickinger "Fr. Fuckinger." Witness #4's classmates would whoop and snicker when Flickinger pulled Witness #4 from class.

Once in Flickinger's office the priest would insist the boy sit in chair so close to the priest it made the boy uncomfortable. Flickinger would then ask the boy if he masturbated, and if so, what he thought about when he masturbated, subjects Flickinger always returned to with the boy. Flickinger also asked the boy if he was sexually active with girls. And after a few of these incidents, Flickinger began leaning in close to the boy's face, or placing his hand on the inside of the boy's upper thigh while asking the boy sexual questions. Witness #4 considered Flickinger's conduct "really creepy" and sexual in nature, eventually prompting the boy to stand up and make a fist as if he intended to strike the priest after Flickinger placed his hand on the boy's upper thigh. Flickinger never engaged in such conduct again, and eventually stopped summoning the boy to his office.

After observing and being subjected to Flickinger's inappropriate conduct at SJMHS, Witness #4 soon concluded that everyone at the school knew of Flickinger's propensities, and that it was only a matter of time before Flickinger was arrested for child molestation.

Flickinger often put his arm around Witness #5, Class of 1968, and tried to induce the boy to come to Flickinger's office. The boy refused as he was disturbed by his observations of the frequency and the ways in which Flickinger touched other boys at SJMHS, and thought Flickinger's behavior was bizarre.

Flickinger called Witness #6, Class of 1968, into his office and asked the boy if he masturbated. When Witness #6 said he never did and did not discuss his sexual conduct, Flickinger appeared to lose interest and ended the conversation. Witness #6 was aware of his classmates making comments that suggested Flickinger was someone to watch out for because he might be sexually attracted to male students. One classmate in particular, on one or two occasions, stated that Flickinger was "gay" or "liked boys."

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Despite years of open and obvious inappropriate conduct by Flickinger, the SJMHS faculty and staff – all agents of the Fresno Defendants – continued to allow the priest to enter freshmen classrooms, among others, and hand-pick boys, such as Witness #7 (Class of 1971), to take to his office, claiming they needed "counseling" or "spiritual guidance." Other times Flickinger would say to Witness #7, "I'm the Chaplain, I need to get to know you," and then order the boy to his office. The faculty and staff allowed Flickinger to engage in such conduct throughout Witness #7's freshman year despite the fact it was clear Flickinger was not pulling every boy out of class, but was targeting only those boys he found most attractive and/or believed would be vulnerable.

Flickinger also continued to exploit penitential communications in order to cloak his inappropriate intentions and conduct. Specifically, the first thing Flickinger would ask Witness #7, once he had the boy in his office, was, "When was the last time you went to confession?" Each time Flickinger ordered Witness #7 to his office, he ordered Witness #7 to give his confession, a fact that made Witness #7 very uncomfortable as it was the first time he ever gave his confession outside the confessional. At the start of each incident Flickinger would hug Witness #7 and then say, "If you don't mind, I'm going to put my hand on your knee so I can really focus on what you're telling me." Witness #7 would then dutifully confess, and as soon as Witness #7 mentioned masturbation, Flickinger would ask, "What do you think about during masturbation? Tell me more." He also asked the boy who he thought about, and what kind of visions the boy had during masturbation. At the end of these meetings Flickinger would conclude with another long hug in which Witness #7 recalls Flickinger holding him so that they were face to face for an extended period, as if Flickinger was waiting to see if the boy would be responsive to his (Flickinger's) misconduct. Witness #7 recalls holding his hands at his sides and waiting for Flickinger to release him.

Like Witness #11, also a member of the Class of 1971, Flickinger's sexual questions and conduct made Witness #7 very uncomfortable, and led him to conclude Flickinger was questioning boys to determine how vulnerable they were to further

 abuse. Flickinger appeared always to be looking for excuses to redirect his conversations with boys at SJMHS to sex. For instance, Witness #12, Class of 1969, recalls Flickinger noting boys had chewed their fingernails, and using this as an excuse to ask if it was a sign of the boys masturbating.

Additionally, in what may have been one of Fr. Flickinger's earliest attempts at such a ploy, Flickinger took a request from a student for guidance regarding what school a student should attend and attempted to use it to isolate and sexually abuse the boy. Specifically, during Witness #7's senior year he asked Flickinger to assist him in gaining admission to Santa Clara. Flickinger, however, told the boy they needed to meet in person so that he could talk to Witness #7 and get a better feel for Witness #7's character. As with Witness #20 over thirty years later, Flickinger wanted to pick Witness #7 up at his parent's house and take the boy to lunch. However, having learned from his past experiences with Flickinger, Witness #7 refused. Witness #7 also was afraid his friends, who referred to Flickinger as "Father Fag" as a result of Flickinger's conduct toward the boys at SJMHS, would see Flickinger pick him up and tease Witness #7 about going on a date with Flickinger. Witness #7 recalls that through his years at SJMHS there was an "undercurrent among the student body that Flickinger was probably gay."

Flickinger traumatized Witness #9, Class of 1968, with questions about masturbation during the boy's junior or senior years at SJMHS. These incidents took place at various locations around the school, and at least once during an open (no screen was present) face-to-face confession Flickinger induced the boy to give outside the confessional. During this event, Flickinger wanted information about the boy's masturbatory habits that included questions concerning frequency and visual fantasies. This incident had a tremendous emotional effect that still continues today. Equally troubling was the frequency with which Flickinger openly touched the boy's arms, shoulders, and upper thighs, doing so whether Witness #9 was standing or sitting. Most disturbing to Witness #9 is the fact that an identifiable trigger elicited a flash

image where he is alone with Flickinger who is lying on a bed or a cot that is covered with an olive-green blanket and is naked. The surroundings in the image make Witness #9 think this occurred in a cabin at Camp Teresita, Bass Lake where the witness worked during the summer of 1968. Witness #9 is unable to remember what if anything happened or why such a circumstance arose, nor why such an image would be triggered in his mind.

Witness #10, a student from the Class of 1969 and an ardent supporter of Flickinger, acknowledges that Flickinger touched him like many of the boys described above, but attributes this behavior to Flickinger reaching out for companionship. Witness #10 admits Flickinger's behavior was unusual because, at that time, it was socially unacceptable for males to touch each other.

It was so apparent to another member of the Class of 1971, Witness #11, that Flickinger's behavior with SJMHS boys was inappropriate that on several occasion Witness #11 considered reporting Flickinger to Defendant Fresno Bishop. Witness #11 was particularly disturbed by Flickinger's inappropriate behavior that began when Witness #11 was fourteen at SJMHS and continued – unabated by the Fresno Defendants' agents – until Witness #11 was around sixteen. During those years Flickinger repeatedly ordered Witness #11 to Flickinger's office, and asked Witness #11 if he masturbated, and what he thought about when he masturbated. Witness #11 understood sex to be something they were not supposed to discuss and, as a result, always tried to change the subject when Flickinger brought it up, or to avoid it altogether. Witness #11's efforts failed as Flickinger always redirected their conversations to sex. At the end of these discussions Flickinger would hug Witness #11 for extended periods that made the boy uncomfortable, and induced the boy to submit by telling Witness #11 it was ok for men to hug. Witness #11 believes Flickinger's sole motivation for ordering Witness #11 to his office was to discuss sex and masturbation. Flickinger's conduct was so frequent and so extreme that Witness #11 believed three class years of boys at SJMHS concluded Flickinger was

homosexual and was acting inappropriately toward boys at SJMHS.

When Witness #13, Class of 1970, was fifteen, Flickinger came to his house when the boy's parents were gone and began asking the boy if he had erotic thoughts, if he thought about sex, what he thought about sex, if he had experimented sexually, and whether he masturbated, and if so, how often. Witness #13 was so surprised he answered "yes" to the masturbation question, and then felt so overwhelmed and in shock he shut down and did not answer any further questions. He also wondered why Flickinger was asking him about masturbation, and what business a priest had asking such questions. Even at his young age, Witness #13 concluded the questions were inappropriate, and Flickinger eventually stopped asking when Witness #13 did not respond. Witness #13 recalls a feeling of "unwanted intimacy" caused by Flickinger's conduct that day, conduct that has left him with what he describes as "very ugly memories" of the incident

Flickinger also used to call Witness #14, another member of the Class of 1970, into his office and ask whether the boy was involved in sexual relations and whether he was masturbating. On one occasion Flickinger began talking about masturbation, ejaculation and wet dreams while sitting in front of and close to the boy. Without warning, Flickinger suddenly reached over to the boy with both hands and grabbed Witness #14's thighs. Witness #14 was so shocked by this conduct that he suddenly stood up, and instinctively and defensively tensed up and clenched his fist. Witness #14 recalls thinking he should hit the priest, but feared he would be expelled if he did so. This reaction prompted Flickinger to stop, and to never call the boy into his office again. Flickinger's openly inappropriate conduct with boys at the school prompted Witness #14 and his friends to begin to refer to Flickinger as "Fr. Fag." Witness #14 has further testified he believes Flickinger is a predator who attempted to exploit what Flickinger believed was Witness #14's vulnerability created by his parents' divorce.

After Witness #14 graduated from SJMHS he began volunteering in the Fresno Defendants' youth outreach program in 1971. In 1972, when Witness #14 was

 approximately nineteen years old, he inadvertently placed agents of the Fresno Defendants and Defendant Archbishop on notice that Flickinger had been accused of engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct with boys at SJMHS. Specifically, in November 1971 Flickinger's name was mentioned during a volunteer staff dinner meeting. Witness #14 then openly referred to Flickinger as "Fr. Fag," explaining that was the nickname his friends at SJMHS had given Flickinger.

By March 1972 Witness #14 had enrolled at Santa Clara University in what was then part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. On March 13, 1972, Witness #14 was summoned to the Dean of Students' office. The Dean was a Jesuit priest, Stephen Olivo, with faculties from the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Flickinger was waiting for Witness #14, along with a man who claimed to be a Fresno County Sheriff's lieutenant. Flickinger and the Sheriff confronted Witness #14 about his statements at the dinner in November, then demanded that Witness #14 sign a document stating that Flickinger had never made any homosexual advances towards Witness #14 in Flickinger's office at SJMHS. Witness #14 asked to call his parents but was told he could not. Witness #14 also was threatened that if he did not sign, he (Flickinger) would have Witness #14 expelled from Santa Clara and would either sue him or have him criminally prosecuted. Feeling bullied, threatened, humiliated, and scared of being expelled or worse, Witness #14 submitted to the priest's demands and signed the document, as did Flickinger, the sheriff, Fr. Olivo, and a Resident Assistant from the university. Flickinger told Witness #14 the letter would go into his (Flickinger's) personnel file.

In April of 1972 Witness #14 told three priests from the Diocese of Fresno about the letter, and about Fr. Flickinger's misconduct toward Witness #14 in Flickinger's office at SJMHS while Witness #14 was a student at SJMHS. Their only response was to ask Witness #14 what, if anything, he was going to do about Flickinger's conduct. However, Defendants took no further action, and Flickinger continued his ministry.

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<u>Defendants Assign Flickinger to Sacred Heart Parish in Saratoga Where He</u> <u>Continues to Abuse Children</u>

In the early 1990s Defendants transferred Flickinger to Sacred Heart, where Defendants allowed him to work with and have physical contact with even younger children, including preparing them for their first communion and hearing their confessions. With no warning to the parishioners, and having never been reported to law enforcement, criminally prosecuted, or forced to register as a sex offender, Flickinger, at least initially, was unidentifiable to the parishioners as a predator. Instead, he was free to use the power, respect and authority he enjoyed as a Roman Catholic priest to continue his exploitation of children. It was at this location that Flickinger abused Witness #27 during both church and school hours.

Witness #27 was raised in a devout Roman Catholic Family, and attended Sacred Heart for school from 1st through 8th grade. Sacred Heart also was her home parish, attended by Witness #27 and her family for mass on a weekly basis until Witness #27 was old enough to choose not to attend such services. During the period of Flickinger's abuse of Witness #27, among other things, Defendants allowed him to openly and inappropriately touch children on the grounds of the school and parish, including in the church itself. The touching included long massages of the child's chest and back, and involved Flickinger exploiting his far superior size and strength to restrain the child while he engaged in this conduct. Flickinger used the position of trust he enjoyed to groom Witness #27 for abuse by showering her with praise, helping her prepare for her first communion, and repeatedly publicly touching her in an affectionate way. As a child in a large family Witness #27 was starved for such direct attention and affection from a paternal figure. And as a priest, Flickinger was the ultimate paternal figure and the voice of God in Witness #27's eyes. Flickinger exploited this revered status first to create in Witness #27 an emotional dependency on him, and then to sexually abuse Witness #27.

One mother at the parish, Witness #25, recalls observing Flickinger approach

a child from behind, stroke the little girl's hair, and give her a kiss on the head that lasted so long the mother was disturbed to the point she "got the chills," and was compelled to tell Flickinger to leave her daughter alone and to stay away from the child. In other instances Defendants allowed Flickinger to hold a child in his lap, restraining the child from leaving while pulling her against his leg and onto his erection. Flickinger's conduct was so brazen that it was common knowledge amongst some of the mothers at the parish that children should be kept away from him, prompting some of them to complain to the school principal. At least one mother complained to the principal in 1991 that Flickinger had sexually abused her daughter. As a result, Defendants were forced to transfer him again. Unfortunately, Defendants did so without any warning to his new community. That same mother complained again about Flickinger's abuse of her daughter to the Diocese of San Jose in 2002, but Defendants did not report the complaint to law enforcement, nor warn anyone of it, and instead allowed Flickinger to remain in ministry.

<u>Defendants Transfer Flickinger to St. Frances Cabrini Where he Continues to</u> Abuse Children

In the 1990s Flickinger was assigned to St. Frances Cabrini Parish and School ("Cabrini") in what had been part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco but was now in the Diocese of San Jose. At Cabrini Fr. Flickinger continued his decades of childhood sexual abuse with little, if any, objections from the San Jose Defendants' agents, despite the fact they were observing the same if not worse inappropriate conduct that Flickinger had openly engaged in since the 1960s. Once again, the children who were subjected to or observed this conduct recognized it as disturbing and inappropriate, while Defendants' agents allowed such conduct to continue. For instance, Witness #15, a former student at Cabrini, quickly concluded Flickinger was "overly friendly," "too huggy," and, as a result, "kind of creepy." Witness #15 was never comfortable with the priest. Witness #15's mother, Witness #16, recalls that her children left whenever Fr.

Flickinger appeared at their home. As a result of her observations of Flickinger's conduct, Witness #16 did not allow her children to be alone with Flickinger.

Witness #17's sons served as altar boys for Flickinger, and felt that Flickinger was strange. Flickinger often came by her house when her children were home alone, and Witness #17 was so disturbed by Flickinger's behavior that she told her children never to let him in. Flickinger also tried to convince her to let him take at least one of them on an overnight trip to visit an out of state college, but Witness #17 refused. She also refused to allow him to be alone with her children in a variety of other circumstances, and was hypervigilant when she could not prevent it. For instance, when her boys served as altar boys with Flickinger at Cabrini, Witness #17 would count the seconds they were alone in the sacristy with Flickinger.

Flickinger's Sexual Abuse of Plaintiff

Plaintiff was a student at Cabrini and one of Flickinger's altar boys. Similar to but worse than his abusive conduct toward Witness #14 in Fresno, Flickinger exploited the Plaintiff's status as a child of a devout Roman Catholic mother in a single-parent family with minimal paternal contact. Plaintiff recalls attending mass every Sunday, and even more frequently once he became an altar boy. Before he became an altar boy, Plaintiff's mother always encouraged him to shake Fr. Flickinger's hand after mass, and clearly considered him a revered figure. Once Fr. Flickinger began to recognize Plaintiff, and to shower him with attention and praise, Plaintiff's affection for and emotional dependency on Flickinger increased steadily. That dependency was bolstered by the fact that Flickinger often praised Plaintiff to his mother, who was ecstatic to hear the priest speak highly of her son.

As a result of this relationship the priest soon learned that plaintiff often was home alone while his mother worked. Soon thereafter, most likely during the 1996-97 school year when Plaintiff was ten years old, the priest asked and Plaintiff's mother agreed that Flickinger could visit the boy while she was gone.

On these occasions, much as he had with boys from SJMHS in Fresno, Flickinger would sit the boy down and, initially, make small talk, telling the boy he wanted to get to know him better. Almost from the outset of their relationship Flickinger had inappropriately touched and hugged the boy. However, Flickinger took his abuse to a new and despicable level the first time he visited the boy at home. In that instance Flickinger placed his hand on the boy's thigh, and begin asking Plaintiff sexual questions, such as whether his sexual organs worked, and whether the boy was masturbating. Flickinger then said he wanted to "make sure everything works" and began to fondle the boy's genitals over his clothes, trying to make it appear he was simply examining the boy like a doctor. While all this was happening Flickinger held the confused and shocked boy down with one hand, almost as if to calm him, but leaving the boy feeling trapped and restrained by the priest. This was Plaintiff's first sexual experience of any kind.

Flickinger's conduct that day began a pattern of sexual abuse that continued over a period of years, at least until approximately 2000-2001 when Plaintiff was fourteen. Flickinger also increased the abuse, sometimes taking the abuse farther by attempting to fondle the boy under his clothes, other times attempting to induce the boy to fondle him (Flickinger). The location of the abuse also changed, including in the rectory and in Flickinger's living quarters. After each instance of abuse Flickinger often took the boy out to eat, and continued to praise the boy as if nothing inappropriate had happened. Flickinger's less extreme but still inappropriate touching and hugging of Plaintiff continued even after the fondling stopped.

Fr. Flickinger's Misconduct Toward Other Children at Cabrini

Flickinger took another boy from Cabrini, Witness #20, out to a lunch that purportedly was to counsel the boy regarding possible schools to attend, but instead was for Flickinger's own sexual gratification. Rather than counsel the boy regarding schools, Flickinger spent much of the lunch talking about the physical appearances of

 Witness #20 and of another boy from Cabrini, obsessing to the point that Witness #20 became uncomfortable. After the lunch Flickinger began calling Witness #20's cell phone with such frequency that the boy stopped taking Flickinger's calls. Flickinger was so obsessed with the boy that he wrote Witness #20 and told him to show some respect by answering his phone. Flickinger's conduct was so extreme that when Flickinger offered to take Witness #20 on an overnight visit to a school outside of California, Witness #20's girlfriend commented on Flickinger's bizarre behavior, and expressed her opinion to Witness #20's mother that Flickinger should never be allowed near the boy again.

Witness #22, a parent at Cabrini, had long been disturbed by the fact Flickinger was always taking, or trying to take, children from Cabrini on overnight trips to out of state schools, as he did with Plaintiff, and thought his behavior was bizarre. She also observed and was uncomfortable with Flickinger's relationship with Plaintiff. In May of 2009 Witness #22 reported her concern to an agent of Cabrini, and said she feared Flickinger had sexually abused children, prompting the agent to acknowledge that her own son, a former parishioner at Cabrini, had never liked Flickinger, and that she was aware of others parents and children at Cabrini who were uncomfortable with Flickinger.

In addition to the inappropriate touching, the San Jose Defendants allowed Flickinger to engage in conduct at Cabrini that was forbidden by the San Jose Defendants. For instance, although children were not allowed in a priest's living quarters for any reason, the San Jose Defendants allowed Flickinger to break this rule repeatedly with Witness #20 and boys such as Plaintiff. Similarly, it was and is inappropriate for a priest to pull a boy out of class, take him to the priest's office, and then have the boy give his confession. Asking a child about masturbation, and probing into anyone, much less a child's, sex life by initiating questions about sex is a grave violation of both Roman Catholic moral theology and priestly training. Nevertheless, Defendants allowed Flickinger regularly to engage in such conduct since the 1960s. Additionally, at Cabrini Flickinger was seen regularly with boys in his company in

inappropriate circumstances, such as in his car and in the rectory and his living quarters.

This conduct did not go unnoticed by the San Jose Defendants, who apparently placed some limitations on Flickinger's ministry as a result. Eventually, in 2006, Flickinger was accused of misconduct again, prompting the Diocese of San Jose to refuse to renew his faculties in the Diocese. In or around April and May 2007 Flickinger spent time at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, a Jesuit-run retirement and medical facility known to house and treat priests accused of childhood sexual abuse.

Around this time Flickinger also admitted to Witness #21, a parent from Cabrini, that he had been accused of sexual abuse and had been asked to leave the parish as a result. In approximately 2005 Flickinger admitted to at least one parent, Witness #23, that the San Jose Defendants had placed some limitations on his ministry such as not allowing him to drive. However, it was not until he was transferred from Cabrini that more severe restrictions were placed on his ministry. Specifically, Flickinger was sent to a northern California retreat house where children were not allowed, and was, purportedly, only permitted to serve mass to the nuns in residence. However, Defendants offered no warning to the public, made no reports to law enforcement, and their restrictions on Flickinger's ministry came far too late to prevent his abuse of children at Cabrini. As a result, Flickinger was able to sexually abuse, among others, Plaintiff and Witness #26.

Flickinger's Abuse of Witness #26

Witness #26 was raised in a devout Catholic family that attended mass every Sunday. Witness #26 served as an altar boy, most often for Fr. Flickinger, the man who Witness #26 first identified with the priesthood, and who was, from Witness #26's childhood perspective, the archetype for all priests. Witness #26's family was very active in Cabrini, and Fr. Flickinger came to their house for dinner on more than one occasion. Flickinger was the only priest with which Witness #26 spoke at the parish, and had become, at least to Witness #26, the face of the parish and his church, and

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As Witness #26 grew older and began to mature physically, Flickinger's behavior towards him changed. Flickinger had always been very touchy with the boy when speaking to him, and often placed his hands on the boy's upper thighs. At the end of their conversations, Flickinger almost always gave Witness #26 long hugs in which he pulled the boy close to him, and which began to feel to Witness #26 like more than hugs. Eventually Flickinger's questioning became sexual as he began questioning Witness #26 about his interest in girls, and about masturbation. Witness #26 was extremely shy, never raised these subjects himself, and would try to avoid them when Flickinger did so, sometimes outright denying any awareness of them. Flickinger ignored Witness #26's efforts, however, and Witness #26 recalls that approximately half of their conversations involved Flickinger questioning him about sexual matters such as masturbation and how he felt about girls. More often than not Flickinger questioned Witness #26 while they were in the sacristy, or sometimes during confession. All of this conduct made Witness #26 increasingly nervous and uncomfortable around Flickinger. However, because of the reverence he had for Flickinger, as the first and most important priest in his life, he continued to trust the man.

In late 2001 when Witness #26 was in 8th grade, Flickinger took him to lunch, purportedly to counsel the boy regarding schools to attend. Witness #26 expected that after lunch Flickinger would drive him home. Instead, without explanation, Flickinger drove them back to Cabrini and took the boy straight to the rectory. Although Flickinger's conduct was unexpected, Witness #26 assumed Flickinger wanted only to continue their discussion. Witness #26 had always viewed priests, and especially Flickinger, in a positive light, and was not concerned that Flickinger was taking them to his living quarters. When Flickinger directed Witness #26 into his bedroom the boy remained completely trusting of the priest and did not object. Unfortunately, Flickinger exploited that trust and sexually abused Witness #26 after inducing the boy to sit on his

 Despite Decades of Knowledge of the Risk to Children Posed by Flickinger,

Defendants Continue to Transfer Flickinger Into Unsuspecting Communities,

and Allow Him to Perform his Ministry and to Work with Children

Defendants eventually transferred Flickinger from Cabrini, and he was temporarily in residence at a retreat center in Northern California. However, Defendants later transferred Flickinger once again, this time to one of Defendant Archbishop's parishes, St. Paul in San Francisco, a parish with an elementary school with children the same ages as many of his prior victims, including Plaintiff, Witness #26, and Witness #27. As recently as August 2011 Flickinger was still listed as being in residence at that parish and school. Both the parish and school were dangerously unaware of Flickinger's history despite the fact Defendant Archbishop has been aware of Fr. Flickinger's propensities at least since Flickinger confronted Witness #14 in 1972 and attempted to force Witness #14 to clear his (Flickinger's) name with regards to Flickinger's misconduct towards Witness #14 while the boy was a student at SJMHS. Equally disturbing is the fact that although Defendant Archbishop has claimed recently that Flickinger was at St. Paul's only as a retired priest, in reality Defendant Archbishop allowed Flickinger to work with children during Sunday School at St. Paul.

Unfortunately, Defendants' dangerous mismanagement of Fr. Flickinger continued. Specifically, the Diocese of Fresno transferred Flickinger yet again, this time to a residential living facility, New Bethany, in Los Banos, CA. According to public statements by Defendant Fresno Bishop, Flickinger supposedly was retired and was not performing his ministry at New Bethany. In reality, at least as recently as August 2011 Flickinger assisted in performing mass at New Bethany. These services were conducted in the facility's chapel and were open to the public. And despite the fact that Defendants' agents have admitted to awareness of multiple reports of sexual abuse by Flickinger in the dioceses of Fresno and San Jose, they provided no warning to the

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facility, its residents, or the Los Banos community of the danger posed by Flickinger. That danger continues as Flickinger's current assignment is known only to Defendants.

The consequences of the Defendants' continuing corporate practices with regards to their perpetrators, as illustrated by their handling of Fr. Flickinger, have been disastrous both for children, and for a society that continues to bear the financial burden of the psychological fallout for abuse survivors. Abuse survivors often engage in addictive, self-destructive, and, unfortunately, sometimes criminal behavior as they deal with the psychological scars caused by childhood sexual abuse. These behaviors in turn result in things such as divorce proceedings on court calendars, substance abuse, arrests, and incarcerations, all of which are paid for by the common taxpayer rather than by the truly culpable but tax-exempt organizations that protected, transferred and/or expelled perpetrators such as Fr. Flickinger.

- 7. Time and again Defendants have had the opportunity to end the cycle of abuse by reporting perpetrators such as Flickinger to law enforcement, by assisting rather than obstructing criminal investigations such as those of Fr. Flickinger, and by warning the general public when a priest has been accused of sexually assaulting a child. Tragically, the Defendants' ongoing efforts to protect their pedophilic members, and to protect their financial interests, establish a continuing pattern of conduct causing new harm to today's children, new trauma to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, and causing the continuing financial burden to a society paying for the resulting psychological fallout.
- 8. For decades, if not far longer, Defendants have known perpetrators such as Fr. Flickinger were sexually assaulting children, and of the fact any child exposed to their agents was at a heightened risk of being sexually assaulted. Since that time Defendants have been concealing these crimes, and shielding their criminal members from discovery and/or prosecution.

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3 9. California courts and the state legislature have recognized, repeatedly, the 4 compelling state interested in preventing childhood sexual abuse. In re The Clergy Cases I, 188 Cal.App.4th 1224 (2010) ("all citizens have a compelling interest in knowing if a prominent and powerful institution has cloaked in secrecy decades of sexual abuse"); Fredenburg v. Fremont, 119 Cal.App.4th 408, 412-13 (2004) (discussing enactment and legislative history of Megan's Law); Burt v. County of Orange, 120 Cal. App. 4th 273, 285 (2004) ("concerns with protecting children from harm is a compelling interest supporting its efforts in gathering information and filing reports concerning persons suspected of child abuse"); Roe v. Superior Court, 229 Cal.App.3d 832, 838 (1991) (recognizing the state's compelling interest in protecting children from abuse); People v. Gonzalez, 81 Cal.App.3d 274, 277 (1978) (recognizing compelling state interest in the protection of children from sexual molestation); People v. Mills, 81 Cal. App.3d 171, 181 (1978) (person who sexually assaults a child has waived his right to privacy). However, for decades the Defendants have successfully frustrated law enforcement efforts to enforce this compelling state interest, shielding perpetrators from criminal prosecution. Time and again the Defendants' efforts have helped such criminals escape prosecution by concealing their crimes until the expiration of the applicable criminal statutes of limitation, or by warning them of investigations by law enforcement. The conduct involving Fr. Flickinger is but one example of this continuing pattern of conduct. The end result of Defendants' conduct is Flickinger remains unregistered as a sex-offender, and unidentifiable to the public as a predator.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

PUBLIC NUISANCE

(Against All Defendants)

10. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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- 11. Defendants continue to conspire and engage in efforts to: 1) conceal from the general public the sexual assaults committed by, the identities of, and the pedophilic/ephebophilic tendencies of, Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic agents; 2) attack the credibility of the victims of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic/ephebophilic agents; 3) protect Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic/ephebophilic current and former agents from criminal prosecution and registration as sex offenders for their sexual assaults against children; 4) after receiving reports or notice of misconduct by men such as Fr. Flickinger, transferring them to new parishes without any warning to parishioners of the threat posed by such men, all in violation of law; and 5) making affirmative representations to current or future employers, regarding Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' fitness for employment, in positions that included working with children, while failing to disclose negative information regarding sexual misconduct by such men.
- 12. The negligence and/or deception and concealment by Defendants was and is injurious to the health of, indecent or offensive to the senses of, and an obstruction to the free use of property by, the general public, including but not limited to residents of the Counties of Fresno, Santa Clara, and San Francisco and all other members of the general public who live in communities where Defendants conducted, and continue to conduct, their work and/or ministry, and was and is indecent and offensive to the senses, so as to interfere with the general public's comfortable enjoyment of life in that children cannot be left unsupervised in any location where Defendants' agents are present as the general public cannot trust Defendants to prohibit their pedophilic agents from supervising, caring for, or having any contact with children, nor to warn parents of the presence of the pedophilic agents of Defendants, nor to identify their pedophilic agents, nor to identify and/or report to law enforcement their agents accused of childhood sexual abuse, nor to refrain from interfering with or obstructing the criminal investigations of these agents, thus creating an impairment of the safety of children in the neighborhoods where Defendants conducted, and continue to conduct, their work

and/or ministries.

- 13. Defendants' conduct has caused further injury to the public and severely impaired the safety of children where Defendants have protected and concealed Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic/ephebophilic agents from criminal prosecution and registration as sex offenders for their sexual assaults, where Defendants' other pedophilic/ephebophilic agents subsequently have left Defendants' employ, and where Defendants have disavowed any responsibility for Defendants' other pedophilic/ephebophilic former agents despite the fact Defendants facilitated these former agents' avoiding criminal prosecution and having to register as sex offenders. As a result of Defendants' conduct, when Defendants' former agents have sought employment placing them in positions of trust with children, Defendants are the only ones aware of the risk posed by these former agents, and potential employers, childcare custodians, and parents have no means of identifying the risk to their children posed by such men.
- 14. The negligence and/or deception and concealment by Defendants was specially injurious to Plaintiff's health as he and his family were unaware of the danger posed to children left unsupervised with agents of Defendants, and as a result of this deception, Plaintiff was placed in the custody and control of Fr. Flickinger, at the time an agent of the San Jose Defendants and the Fresno Defendants, who subsequently sexually assaulted Plaintiff.
- 15. The continuing public nuisance created by Defendants was, and continues to be, the proximate cause of the injuries and damages to the general public as alleged in ¶ 13, and of Plaintiff's special injuries and damages as alleged in ¶ 14.
- 15. In doing the aforementioned acts, Defendants acted negligently and recklessly and/or intentionally, maliciously and with conscious disregard for Plaintiff's rights.
- 16. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer special injury in that he suffers great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of

self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

17. As a further result of the above-described conduct by Defendants, Plaintiff further requests injunctive relief prohibiting Defendants from, among other things: allowing their pedophilic/ephebophilic agents to have any unsupervised contact with children; transferring their pedophilic/ephebophilic agents to communities whose citizens are unaware of the risk to children posed by said agents; failing/refusing to disclose to and/or concealing from the general public and/or law enforcement when Defendants have transferred a pedophilic/ephebophilic agent into their midst; failing/refusing to disclose to and/or concealing from law enforcement and/or the general public the identities and the criminal acts of their pedophilic/ephebophilic agents; failing/refusing to disclose to and/or concealing from the public and/or law enforcement reports, complaints, accusations or allegations of acts of childhood sexual abuse committed by Defendants' current or former agents; and warning their agents accused of abuse that they are the subjects of a criminal investigation. Defendants should be ordered to stop failing/refusing to disclose to and/or concealing and instead should identify each and every one of their current and former agents who have been accused of childhood sexual abuse, the dates of the accusation(s), the date(s) of the alleged abuse, the location(s) of the alleged abuse, and the accused agents' assignment histories.

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NEGLIGENCE

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

(Against the San Jose Defendants)

- 18. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 19. While Plaintiff was a student at Defendant School and a member of Defendant
- Parish, Fr. Flickinger engaged in unpermitted, harmful and offensive sexual conduct
- and contact with Plaintiff. Said conduct was undertaken after the San Jose Defendants
- learned of the risk he posed to children, while Fr. Flickinger was an employee,
 - volunteer, representative, or agent of the San Jose Defendants, and while in the course
- and scope of employment with the San Jose Defendants, and/or was ratified by the
 - actions of Defendants. Defendants' conduct was wanton and reckless and/or
 - evidenced a conscious disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and other children.
 - 20. Prior to or during the abuse alleged above, Defendants knew, had reason to
 - know, or were otherwise on notice of unlawful sexual conduct by Fr. Flickinger and
- Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents. Defendants failed to take
- reasonable steps and failed to implement reasonable safeguards to avoid acts of
- unlawful sexual conduct in the future by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic
- and/or ephebophilic agents, including, but not limited to, preventing or avoiding
- placement of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic
 - agents in functions or environments in which contact with children was an inherent part
 - of those functions or environments. Furthermore, at no time during the periods of time
- alleged did the San Jose Defendants have in place a system or procedure to supervise
- and/or monitor employees, volunteers, representatives, or agents to insure that they did
- not molest or abuse minors in the San Jose Defendants' care, including the Plaintiff.
- 21. The San Jose Defendants had a duty to protect the minor Plaintiff when he was entrusted to their care by Plaintiff's parents. Plaintiff's care, welfare, and/or physical
- custody was temporarily entrusted to the San Jose Defendants. The San Jose
- Defendants voluntarily accepted the entrusted care of Plaintiff. As such, the San Jose

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- 22. Defendants, by and through their agents, servants and employees, knew or reasonably should have known of Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' dangerous and exploitive propensities and that they were unfit agents. It was foreseeable that if the San Jose Defendants did not adequately exercise or provide the duty of care owed to children in their care, including but not limited to Plaintiff, the child entrusted to the San Jose Defendants' care would be vulnerable to sexual abuse by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents.
- 23. The San Jose Defendants breached their duty of care to the minor Plaintiff by allowing Fr. Flickinger to come into contact with the minor Plaintiff without supervision; by failing to adequately hire, supervise, or retain Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents who they permitted and enabled to have access to Plaintiff; by failing to investigate or otherwise confirm or deny such facts about Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents; by failing to tell or concealing from Plaintiff, Plaintiff's parents, guardians, or law enforcement officials that Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents were or may have been sexually abusing minors; by failing to tell or concealing from Plaintiff's parents, guardians, or law enforcement officials that Plaintiff was or may have been sexually abused after the San Jose Defendants knew or had reason to know that Fr. Flickinger may have sexually abused Plaintiff, thereby enabling Plaintiff to continue to be endangered and sexually abused, and/or creating the circumstance where Plaintiff was less likely to receive medical/mental health care and treatment, thus exacerbating the harm done to Plaintiff; and/or by holding out Fr. Flickinger to the Plaintiff and his parents or guardians as being in good standing and trustworthy. The San Jose Defendants cloaked within the facade of normalcy Fr. Flickinger's and

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Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' contact and/or actions with the Plaintiff and/or with other minors who were victims of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and/or disguised the nature of the sexual abuse and contact.

24. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENT SUPERVISION/FAILURE TO WARN

(Against All Defendants)

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 26. Defendants had a duty to provide reasonable supervision of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and to use reasonable care in investigating Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents. Defendants also had a duty and to provide adequate warning to the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff's family, minor students, minor parishioners, and other archdioceses and/or dioceses into which they transferred Fr. Flickinger of Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' dangerous propensities and unfitness, particularly after the conduct they observed by Flickinger in their respective dioceses and archdiocese before Flickinger abused Plaintiff.

Defendants also had a duty not to fail to disclose negative information regarding Flickinger where they made an affirmative representation, regarding Flickinger's fitness

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for employment, in positions that included working with children, presenting a foreseeable and substantial risk of significant harm to an employer or a third person. Additionally, because the San Jose Defendants knew or should have known of the heightened risk Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents posed to all children, the San Jose Defendants had a heightened duty to provide reasonable supervision and protection to children with whom the San Jose Defendants allowed Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents to have contact and/or custody and control.

27. Defendants, by and through their agents, servants and employees, knew or reasonably should have known of Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' dangerous and exploitive propensities and that they were unfit agents. The San Jose Defendants also knew that if they failed to provide children who had contact with Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents sufficient supervision and protection, those children would be vulnerable to sexual assaults by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents. Despite such knowledge, the San Jose Defendants negligently failed to supervise Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents in the position of trust and authority as Roman Catholic Priests, religious brothers, religious instructors, counselors, school administrators, school teachers, surrogate parents, spiritual mentors, emotional mentors, and/or other authority figures, where they were able to commit the wrongful acts against the Plaintiff. The San Jose Defendants also failed to provide reasonable supervision of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents. All of the Defendants failed to use reasonable care in investigating Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and failed to provide adequate warning to other archdioceses and/or dioceses into which they transferred Fr. Flickinger, and to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's family of Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' dangerous propensities and unfitness. Defendants also had a

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duty not to fail to disclose negative information regarding Flickinger where they made an affirmative representation, regarding Flickinger's fitness for employment, in positions that included working with children, presenting a foreseeable and substantial risk of significant harm to an employer or a third person. The San Jose Defendants further failed to provide Plaintiff with adequate supervision and protection, and failed to take reasonable measures to prevent future sexual abuse. Defendants' conduct was wanton and reckless and/or evidenced a conscious disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and other children.

28. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENT HIRING/RETENTION

(Against The Fresno and San Jose Defendants)

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 30. The San Jose Defendants had a duty not to hire and/or retain Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents given their dangerous and exploitive propensities.
- 31. The Fresno and San Jose Defendants, by and through their agents, servants and employees, knew or reasonably should have known of Fr. Flickinger's and

Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' dangerous and exploitive propensities and/or that they were unfit agents. Despite such knowledge, the Fresno and San Jose Defendants negligently hired and/or retained Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents in the position of trust and authority as Roman Catholic Priests, religious brothers, religious instructors, counselors, school administrators, school teachers, surrogate parents, spiritual mentors, emotional mentors, and/or other authority figures, where they were able to commit the wrongful acts against the Plaintiff. The Fresno and San Jose Defendants failed to use reasonable care in investigating Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents and failed to provide adequate warning to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's family of Fr. Flickinger' and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' dangerous propensities and unfitness. The Fresno and San Jose Defendants further failed to take reasonable measures to prevent future sexual abuse. The Fresno and San Jose Defendants' conduct was wanton and reckless and/or evidenced a conscious disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and other children. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues 32. to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FRAUD

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(Against All Defendants)

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33. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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ephebophilic agents as described herein, and Defendants continue to misrepresent,

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conceal, and fail to disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger

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and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents as described herein.

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36. Defendants made affirmative representations, regarding Flickinger's fitness to

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to an employer or a third person. The affirmative representations included granting Flickinger faculties to perform his ministry, without limitations or restrictions, and

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thereby notifying other diocese in writing that he was a priest in good standing. Both

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or fail to disclose information relating to the sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents.

39. As a direct result of Defendants' fraud, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

40. In addition, when Plaintiff discovered the fraud of Defendants, and continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced recurrences of the above-described injuries. addition, when Plaintiff finally discovered the fraud of Defendants, and continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced extreme and severe mental and emotional distress that Plaintiff had been the victim of Defendants' fraud; that Plaintiff had not been able to help other minors being molested because of the fraud; and that Plaintiff had not been able because of the fraud to receive timely medical treatment needed to deal with the problems Plaintiff had suffered and continues to suffer as a result of the molestations.

SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FIDUCIARY/CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FRAUD

(Against The San Jose Defendants)

- 41. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 42. Because of Plaintiff's young age, and because of the status of Fr. Flickinger as an authority figure to Plaintiff, Plaintiff was vulnerable to Fr. Flickinger. Fr. Flickinger

- 43. By holding Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents out as a qualified Roman Catholic clergy, religious brothers, religious instructors, counselors, school administrators, school teachers, surrogate parents, spiritual mentors, emotional mentors, medical services providers and/or care givers, and/or other authority figures, and by undertaking the religious and/or secular instruction and/or spiritual and emotional counseling of Plaintiff, the San Jose Defendants held special positions of trust and entered into a fiduciary and/or confidential relationship with the minor Plaintiff.
- 44. Having a fiduciary and/or confidential relationship, the San Jose Defendants had the duty to obtain and disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents.
 - 45. Defendants misrepresented, concealed or failed to disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and the San Jose Defendants continued to misrepresent, conceal, and/or fail to disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents as described herein.
- 46. The San Jose Defendants knew that they misrepresented, concealed or failed to disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents.
- 47. Plaintiff justifiably relied upon the San Jose Defendants for information relating to sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents.
- 48. The San Jose Defendants, in concert with each other and with the intent to conceal and defraud, conspired and came to a meeting of the minds whereby they would misrepresent, conceal or fail to disclose information relating to the sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic

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SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

By so concealing, the San Jose Defendants committed at least one act in

As a direct result of the San Jose Defendants' fraud and conspiracy, Plaintiff has

suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional

distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of

self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and

continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from

performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has

sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has

incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment,

therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered

general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of

continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced recurrences of the above-described injuries.

In addition, when Plaintiff finally discovered the fraud of the San Jose Defendants, and

continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced extreme and severe mental and emotional

distress that Plaintiff had been the victim of the San Jose Defendants' fraud: that

Plaintiff had not been able to help other minors being molested because of the fraud;

and that Plaintiff had not been able because of the fraud to receive timely medical

treatment needed to deal with the problems Plaintiff had suffered and continues to

In addition, when Plaintiff discovered the fraud of the San Jose Defendants, and

BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

(Against The San Jose Defendants)

52. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

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- 53. Because of Plaintiff's young age, and because of the status of Fr. Flickinger as an authority figure to Plaintiff, Plaintiff was vulnerable to Fr. Flickinger. Fr. Flickinger sought Plaintiff out, and was empowered by and accepted Plaintiff's vulnerability. Plaintiff's vulnerability also prevented Plaintiff from effectively protecting himself.
- 54. By holding Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents out as a qualified Roman Catholic clergy, religious brothers, religious instructors, counselors, school administrators, school teachers, surrogate parents, spiritual mentors, emotional mentors, medical services providers and/or care givers, and/or any other authority figure, by allowing Fr. Flickinger to have custody and control of and/or contact with the Plaintiff, and by undertaking the religious and/or secular instruction and/or spiritual and/or emotional counseling and/or medical care of Plaintiff, the San Jose Defendants entered into a fiduciary and/or confidential relationship with the minor Plaintiff.
- 55. The San Jose Defendants and each of them breached their fiduciary duty to Plaintiff by engaging in the negligent and wrongful conduct described herein.
- 56. As a direct result of the San Jose Defendants' breach of their fiduciary duty, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

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EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION

NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO WARN, TRAIN, OR EDUCATE PLAINTIFF

(Against The San Jose Defendants)

- 57. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 58. The San Jose Defendants breached their duty to take reasonable protective measures to protect Plaintiff and other minor parishioners and/or students from the risk of childhood sexual abuse by Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, such as the failure to properly warn, train, or educate Plaintiff, his parents, the San Jose Defendants' agents, employees and volunteers, and other minor parishioners and/or students about how to avoid such a risk and/or defend himself or herself if necessary, pursuant to <u>Juarez v. Boy Scouts of America, Inc.</u>, 81 Cal.App.4th 377 (2000). The San Jose Defendants' conduct was wanton and reckless and/or evidenced a conscious disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and other children. 59. The San Jose Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, of the general risk of sexual assaults against children and, specifically, of Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' propensities to commit, and history of committing, sexual abuse of children, and that an undue risk to children in their custody and care, such as Plaintiff, would exist because of this propensity to commit sexual assaults, and the history of sexual assaults against children, unless the San Jose Defendants adequately taught, educated, secured, oversaw, and maintained students, including Plaintiff, as well as other children in the custody and control of, or in contact with, Catholic clergy and Defendants' other pedophilic and ephebophilic agents. Future agents of the San Jose Defendants were put on actual and/or constructive notice, at least as early as 1972, that Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents were sexually assaulting children at countless locations, including Fresno County, and, subsequently, Santa Clara County among others. From that date forward, current and/or future agents of

the San Jose Defendants repeatedly and negligently ignored complaints from victims

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and/or their parents, as well as warnings from Catholic clergy, that Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic Catholic clergy were assaulting children in, among other locations, Fresno County, and, subsequently, Santa Clara County.

The San Jose Defendants also knew or should have known that the general risk of sexual assaults against children and, specifically, the risk posed by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents' propensities to commit, and history of committing, sexual abuse of children, could be eliminated, or at least minimized, if they took steps to educate, warn and train children in the San Jose Defendants' custody and control, as well as those children's parents, and the San Jose Defendants' employees, agents and volunteers, regarding the danger posed by pedophilic and ephebophilic clergy, how to recognize and avoid this danger, and how a child should defend herself or himself when assaulted by pedophilic and/or ephebophilic clergy. Based on their knowledge of the risk posed by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and the history of sexual assaults around Fresno County, and, subsequently, Santa Clara County since at least 1972, the San Jose Defendants had a duty to take the aforementioned steps.

Notwithstanding the knowledge of the general risk of sexual assaults against children and, specifically, that Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents had such propensities to commit, and had committed, sexual abuse of children, and notwithstanding that the San Jose Defendants knew it was not only reasonably foreseeable but likely that Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents would sexually assault children, the San Jose Defendants breached their duty to adequately teach, educate, secure, oversee, and maintain students, including Plaintiff, as well as all other children in the custody and control of, or in contact with, Catholic clergy, and breached their duty to educate, warn and train children in the San Jose Defendants' custody and control and/or who they knew would come into contact with Flickinger, as well as those children's parents and

 the San Jose Defendants' employees, agents and volunteers, regarding the danger to children posed by pedophilic and/or ephebophilic clergy, how to recognize and avoid this danger, and how a child should defend himself or herself when assaulted by pedophilic and/or ephebophilic clergy.

The San Jose Defendants knew or should have known that their failure to exercise reasonable care, as discussed above, would cause Plaintiff severe emotional distress and physical injury. Because of the foreseeability and likelihood of sexual assaults by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents against Plaintiff and other children, the San Jose Defendants breached their duty of care to Plaintiff and other children in their custody and control.

The failure of the San Jose Defendants to educate, warn and train children in the San Jose Defendants' custody and control, as well as those children's parents and the San Jose Defendants' employees, agents and volunteers, regarding the danger to children posed by pedophilic and/or ephebophilic clergy, how to recognize and avoid this danger, and how a child should defend himself or herself when assaulted by pedophilic and ephebophilic clergy, was the proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries as alleged herein.

60. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

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NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION

INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

(Against All Defendants)

- 61. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 62. Defendants' conduct was extreme and outrageous and was intentional and/or wanton and reckless with a conscious disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and other children. Defendants knew or should have known Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents were spending time, and would continue to spend time in the future, in the company of and assaulting numerous children, including Plaintiff, around Fresno County, and, subsequently, Santa Clara County and other locations, including on school grounds, in the parishes, and in Fr. Flickinger's rectory rooms. Defendants also knew or should have known Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents were high risks to all children as Defendants had received numerous complaints and other notice of prior acts of childhood sexual abuse by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and had sent Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents for treatment for their pedophilia, prior to and after assigning them to work at Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School. Given their knowledge of numerous prior acts of abuse by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, Defendants knew or should have known that every child exposed to Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, including Plaintiff, was substantially certain to be assaulted by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents. Defendants knew or should have known, and had the opportunity to learn of, the intentional and malicious conduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and thereby ratified and joined in said conduct by failing to terminate, discharge, or at least discipline Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents after learning of their propensities, and/or by

failing to warn anyone of Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents propensities, and/or by failing to prevent them from having contact with children, and/or by making affirmative representations to future employers regarding Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents fitness for employment while failing to disclose negative information about these men. The conduct of Defendants in confirming, concealing and ratifying that conduct was done with knowledge that the emotional and physical distress of Plaintiff and other children exposed to these men would thereby increase, and was done with a wanton and reckless disregard of the consequences to Plaintiff and other children in their custody and control.

- 63. As a result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff experienced and continues to experience severe emotional distress resulting in bodily harm.
- 64. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

<u>NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS</u>

(Against All Defendants)

- 65. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 66. Defendants knew or should have known that their failure to exercise reasonable

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care in the selection, approval, employment, supervision and transfer to other dioceses or archdioceses of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, and their failure to warn anyone of the propensities of these men after making affirmative representations about their fitness for employment, for positions that included working with children, to current or future employers, would cause severe emotional distress to Plaintiff and other children exposed to Flickinger. Because of the foreseeability of sexual assaults by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents against Plaintiff and other children, Defendants breached their duty of care in engaging in the conduct referred to in the preceding paragraphs. Defendants' conduct was wanton and reckless and/or evidenced a conscious disregard for the rights and safety of Plaintiff and other children.

67. The San Jose Defendants also knew or should have known that their failure to exercise reasonable care in providing adequate supervision to Plaintiff and other children in their custody and control, despite the fact they knew or should have known of the threat to children posed by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, would cause Plaintiff severe emotional distress. Defendants also knew or should have known that after making affirmative representations about their fitness for employment, for positions that included working with children, Defendants' failure to disclose information relating to sexual misconduct of Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents as described herein would cause Plaintiff and other children exposed to Flickinger severe emotional distress and subject them to further assaults. Because of the foreseeability of sexual assaults by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents against Plaintiff and other children, the San Jose Defendants breached their duty to exercise reasonable care in failing to provide adequate supervision to Plaintiff and other children in their custody and control. Additionally, Defendants breached their duty to exercise reasonable care in failing to disclose information to Plaintiff; to his family; to future or current employers to whom Defendants made affirmative representations about

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- 68. Finally, Defendants knew or should have known that their creation and continuance of the Public Nuisance set forth in the preceding paragraphs would cause Plaintiff and other children severe emotional distress. Because of the foreseeability of sexual assaults by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents against Plaintiff and other children as a result of this conduct, Defendants breached their duty of care in creating and continuing the Public Nuisance referred to in the preceding paragraphs.
- 69. Plaintiff experienced and continues to experience severe emotional distress resulting in bodily harm.
- 70. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

In addition, when Plaintiff finally discovered the negligent misrepresentations of Defendants, and continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced extreme and severe mental and emotional distress that Plaintiff had been the victim of Defendants' negligent misrepresentations; that Plaintiff had not been able to help other minors being molested because of the negligent misrepresentations; and that Plaintiff had not been able because of the negligent misrepresentations and failure to disclose to receive timely medical treatment needed to deal with the problems Plaintiff had suffered and continues to suffer as a result of the sexual abuse.

ELEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION

FRAUD AND DECEIT

(Against The Fresno and San Jose Defendants)

71. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

- 72. Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents held themselves out to Plaintiff as Roman Catholic Priests, religious brothers, religious instructors, counselors, school administrators, school teachers, surrogate parents, spiritual mentors, emotional mentors, medical services providers and/or care givers, and/or other authority figures. Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents represented to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's parents that they would counsel and guide Plaintiff with his educational, spiritual, and/or emotional needs. Additionally, Fr. Flickinger told Plaintiff that he was examining Plaintiff's genitals to "make sure everything works." Fr. Flickinger also purported to counsel Plaintiff regarding his sexual development and/or to hear Plaintiff's confession regarding sexual matters.
- 73. These representations were made by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents with the intent and for the purpose of inducing Plaintiff and Plaintiff's parents to entrust the educational, spiritual, sexual, emotional and physical well being of Plaintiff with Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents.
- 74. Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents misrepresented, concealed or failed to disclose information relating to their true intentions to Plaintiff and Plaintiff's mother when she entrusted Plaintiff to his care, which were to sexually molest and abuse Plaintiff. Plaintiff justifiably relied upon Fr. Flickinger's and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents'

representations.

- 75. Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents were employees, agents, and/or representatives of the Fresno and San Jose Defendants. At the time they fraudulently induced Plaintiff and Plaintiff's mother to entrust the care and physical welfare of Plaintiff to Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents were acting within the course and scope of their employment with the Fresno and San Jose Defendants.
- 76. The Fresno and San Jose Defendants are vicariously liable for the fraud and deceit of Fr. Flickinger and the Fresno and San Jose Defendants' other agents.
- 77. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.
- 78. In addition, when Plaintiff finally discovered the fraud of the Fresno and San Jose Defendants, and continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced recurrences of the above-described injuries. In addition, when Plaintiff finally discovered the fraud of the Fresno and San Jose Defendants, and continuing thereafter, Plaintiff experienced extreme and severe mental and emotional distress that Plaintiff had been the victim of the Fresno and San Jose Defendants' fraud; that Plaintiff had not been able to help other minors being molested because of the fraud; and that Plaintiff had not been able because of the fraud to receive timely medical treatment needed to deal with the

problems Plaintiff had suffered and continues to suffer as a result of the molestations.

TWELFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

PREMISES LIABILITY

(Against The San Jose Defendants)

- 79. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 80. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant San Jose Bishop and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School were in possession of the property where the Plaintiff was groomed and assaulted by Fr. Flickinger, and had the right to manage, use and control that property.
- 81. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant San Jose Bishop and/or Defendant Parish and/or Defendant School knew that Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents had a history of committing sexual assaults against children, and that any child at, among other locations in Santa Clara County, Defendant Parish and Defendant School was at risk to be sexually assaulted by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents.
- 82. The San Jose Defendants knew or should have known that their agents at Defendant Parish and Defendant School had a history of grooming of and/or sexual assaults against children committed by Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents and that any child at, among other locations in Santa Clara County, Defendant Parish and Defendant School, was at risk to be sexually assaulted. It was foreseeable to the San Jose Defendants that Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents would sexually assault children if they continued to allow Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents to teach, supervise, instruct, care for, and have custody and control of and/or contact with children.
- 83. At all times herein mentioned, the San Jose Defendants knew or should have known Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents were

repeatedly committing sexual assaults against children.

- 84. It was foreseeable to the San Jose Defendants that the sexual assaults being committed by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents would continue if the San Jose Defendants continued to allow Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents to teach, supervise, instruct, care for, conduct physical examinations of, and have custody of and/or contact with young children.
- 85. Because it was foreseeable that the sexual assaults being committed by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents would continue if the San Jose Defendants continued to allow them to teach, supervise, instruct, care for, conduct physical examinations of, and have custody of and/or contact with young children, the San Jose Defendants owed a duty of care to all children, including Plaintiff, exposed to Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents. The San Jose Defendants also owed a heightened duty of care to all children, including Plaintiff, because of their young age.
 - 86. By allowing Fr. Flickinger and/or Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents to teach, supervise, instruct, care for, conduct physical examinations of, and have custody of and/or contact with young children, and by failing to warn children and their families of the threat posed by Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents, the San Jose Defendants breached their duty of care to all children, including Plaintiff.
 - 87. The San Jose Defendants negligently used and managed Defendant Parish and Defendant School, and created a dangerous condition and an unreasonable risk of harm to children by allowing Fr. Flickinger and Defendants' other pedophilic and/or ephebophilic agents to teach, supervise, instruct, care for, conduct physical examinations of, and have custody of and/or contact with young children at, among other locations, Defendant Parish and Defendant School.
 - 88. As a result of the dangerous conditions created by the San Jose Defendants,

89. The dangerous conditions created by the San Jose Defendants were the proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

90. As a result of these dangerous conditions, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages.

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THIRTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE

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(Against Defendant Father Don Flickinger)

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- 91. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 92. While Plaintiff was a minor and in the custody and/or under the control and 20 21

molested and assaulted Plaintiff.

- supervision of Defendant Flickinger, Defendant Flickinger intentionally sexually
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- 23 93. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues
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- to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical 25 manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace,
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to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special

damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

94. In doing the acts complained of herein, Defendant Flickinger acted intentionally, maliciously and with conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, thereby entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages in an amount to be established at trial.

FOURTEENTH CAUSE OF ACTION SEXUAL BATTERY (CIVIL CODE § 1708.5)

(Against Defendant Flickinger)

- 95. Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 96. In doing the acts of childhood sexual abuse specified herein above, Defendant Flickinger intentionally touched an intimate part of Plaintiff in a sexually offensive manner with the intent to harm or offend him, and further acted in such a manner as to cause Plaintiff to have an imminent apprehension of such contact. Plaintiff did not consent and could not legally have consented to be so touched by Defendant Flickinger. Plaintiff was harmed and offended by his conduct.
- 97. As a result of the above-described conduct, Plaintiff has suffered, and continues to suffer great pain of mind and body, shock, emotional distress, physical manifestations of emotional distress, embarrassment, loss of self-esteem, disgrace, humiliation, and loss of enjoyment of life; has suffered and continues to suffer spiritually; was prevented and will continue to be prevented from performing Plaintiff's daily activities and obtaining the full enjoyment of life; has sustained and will continue to sustain loss of earnings and earning capacity; and/or has incurred and will continue to incur expenses for medical and psychological treatment, therapy, and counseling. As a proximate result of these injuries, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court.

1	98. In doing the acts complained of herein, Defendant Flickinger acted intentionally,
2	maliciously and with conscious disregard for the rights of Plaintiff, thereby entitling
3	Plaintiff to punitive damages in an amount to be established at trial. Defendant
4	Flickinger is further liable to Plaintiff for punitive damages pursuant to Civil Code §
5	1708.5(b).
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7	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for general and special damages; injunctive relief;
8	attorney's fees and costs; statutory/civil penalties according to law; and such other relief
9	as the court deems appropriate and just.
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11	JURY DEMAND
12	Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable.
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