

December 8, 2002

Fr. Brett Brannen
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Dear Fr. Brett,

First we wish to thank you for all the support you have given us over these past two years with the issue of Fr. Donald McGuire's influence on our son. You are our sole connection to the diocese concerning this issue. There is no other priest involved outside of Fr. Ted Hochstatter who is in Africa. As you have been in the loop on all the communications we have had with the Jesuits concerning Fr. Donald McGuire, we wish to supply an update on the situation.

We have been pretty much in the dark about the official status of Fr. McGuire these past two years. The Jesuits have not followed up with us concerning our formal complaint filed 10/27/2000. The letter that Fr. Richard McGurn, Executive Assistant, Chicago Province, Society of Jesus sent us in January 2001 (enclosed) is the last communication we have had with the Jesuits. Any information we received beyond that letter has been second hand.

Recently many of our friends have received mailings (enclosed) from Fr. McGuire and Mission FIDES with vague references to some sort of cessation of Fr. McGuire's ministry, and I really don't know what to make of this; e.g., Is he under investigation? We are very concerned because he is still very actively involved with Fr. McGuire and Mission FIDES. It is his intention to work in Chicago after Christmas.

On Friday, 12/6/02, we called Fr. Richard McGurn, to get an update. When asked about the status of Fr. McGuire, he stated that it is his understanding that Fr. McGuire and the Provincial are in the process of working out the details of reassignment. He said that the Provincial was taking Fr. McGuire out of his retreat ministry and that Mission FIDES needed to stay open only until April for tax purposes. Fr. McGurn did not volunteer any other information about Fr. McGuire.

His comments were somewhat inconsistent with the statements in the Mission FIDES mailing. If Mission FIDES is being shut down, the fundraising letters don't reflect that tone.

In the absence of solid information, we have begun communications with the Archdiocese of Chicago concerning the status of Fr. McGuire. We contacted Cardinal George's office, and were directed to Ralph Bonaccorsi in the Office of Conciliation. Mr. Bonaccorsi agreed to try and get some straight answers from the Jesuits. Mr. Bonaccorsi assured us that he would use all channels at his disposal. He asked us to send as much information about the formal complaint as we felt comfortable. With the permission of the Archdiocese, we sent every communication we had with the Jesuits and included the letter

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with the Jesuits and included the letter from Bishop Boland. We are enclosing the letter we sent to Mr. Bonaccorsi as well as copies of the Mission FIDES mailings.

We will keep you informed of any developments as they are communicated to us.

Again thank you for your assistance during this ordeal.

** Sincerely,

Enclosures attached