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Very Reverend Richard J. Bauman, S.J.
Provincial
Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus
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Dear Father Bauman:

I am writing to you in reference to the recent public announcement that Father Donald McGuire, S.J. had his faculties withdrawn by the Archdiocese of Chicago. Over and above this, an abuse suit was filed against Father McGuire by a former student at Loyola Academy in Wilmette. It is because of this publicity that I was approached by

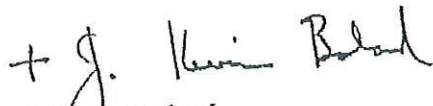
At my request they wrote me a letter outlining some of their concerns of the relationship of their son with Father McGuire. I enclose a copy of their letter which speaks for itself.

The [redacted] requested that I contact either Father Richard McGurn or Cardinal George. Because of the nature of the case, I am presuming that you are in the best position to respond to some of the concerns of the [redacted] family. They are an excellent family and are obviously very concerned because of the relationship their [redacted] had over a long period of time with Father McGuire. [redacted] has transferred his loyalty from family to Father McGuire.

On a different level, the Diocese of Savannah is also concerned because Father McGuire gave at least three retreats for our potential seminarians at the request of our Vocation Director. By all accounts, they were very dynamic and had great impact on those who participated.

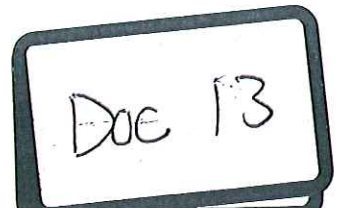
Anything you can do to be of assistance, particularly for the [redacted], would be greatly appreciated. Your community is in my prayers as you deal with this difficult situation.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


J. Kevin Boland
Bishop of Savannah

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Vocation Director



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Fr. Edward Schmidt called. He apologized for the treatment we have received from the Jesuits.

He said that Fr. Bauman called the Archdioceses to have Fr. McGuire's faculties taken away (Fr. McGuire would not be allowed to minister publicly) because of us.

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