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The Archdiocese in the person of Bishop John Ward became aware of these incidents in July 1983. No prior similar conduct on the part of any of these priests was ever brought to our attention. We have asked all of them to relinquish their assignments in the Archdiocese NOT BECAUSE WE FEEL THEM GUILTY AS CHARGED but because their effectiveness as parish priests had been compromised due to publicity. + All

Father Tamayo has, at our suggestion, resigned his pastorate of Saints Peter and Paul, Wilmington.

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We have no record of Father Balbin. Presumably he was a visitor on a very short visit at either Carson or Wilmington.

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Father Tamayo and Father Cruces are in the Philippines, address unknown. Father Tugade is in the Diocese of Monterey; Father Lacar is somewhere in the Archdiocese; Father Abaya is somewhere in New Jersey; Father Balbin presumably in the Philippines; Father Cabaong is somewhere in the Chicago area (we have no knowledge of his participation in his priestly ministry) though we would conjecture that Fathers Tamayo, Cruces, Tugade and Cabaong are still involved in their priestly ministry, where ever that might be.

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Interviews were taken by Bishop John Ward and Monsignor John Rawden beginning approximately 22 July from each of the priests. Not Ik to back We have no written record of these interviews, other than confirmation or denial of association with this woman.

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Suggestions were given to all priests that they leave their assignments until such time as publicity and the trial have subsided.

Since Father Tamayo "Belongs", that is Incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we have a serious obligation in conscience and Canon Law for his support.

These instructions were given immediately upon press release by Monsignor John Rawden, with the knowledge of His Eminence, Cardinal Manning.