

**STATEMENT TO PARISHIONERS
OF FATHER ALEXANDER R. ANDERSON
January 10, 2004**

As you may know, there has been some new publicity concerning my legal situation and I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge it. Again, I want to assure each of you personally of my innocence. The Review Board of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is investigating the allegation and has assured me they will complete their work as soon as possible. The Archdiocese has also assured me of their support and of their commitment to my continued presence at Sacred Heart. While both the timing and the nature of this new claim are very suspicious, I was warned not to be surprised if such tactics were used against me. I regret the publicity that this brings upon Sacred Heart Parish, and the delay that it brings to the process, but it strengthens my commitment to see this matter through to the end. I have appreciated your prayers and support in the past, and I trust that I can continue to count on them and on you as things move forward. I promise to keep you advised of the situation as it develops.