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May 14, 2002

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I'm sure by now you have been informed of my phone calls to both the Los Angeles, and [REDACTED]. At this point in time, for some reason they will not allow me to speak with you. A request I feel is the least they could do considering the circumstances that brings me to write this letter in the first place. I have not done what I want, which is to scream from the highest roof tops about what you did to me. Mostly to protect my family, but also to protect myself. It is hard enough living with the memories, without having to relive it in public. But you and I both know very well what happened all those years ago. You violated my trust, my body and my heart. What kind of sick man finds pleasure in destroying children? Not a man at all, but a monster.

I hope that for all these years you have suffered the way that I have. For years I blamed myself, and to this day live with a tremendous amount of shame. Logically I know that I am not to blame, but logic really has no part in feelings sometimes. I was a little girl. You took that from me. Why?

A man who was supposed to be moral and right. First to have an affair with my mother, you remember her don't you [REDACTED] and then to violate me in the worst way imaginable. For years I have put it in the farthest part of my memory, trying to run from it and hoping that somehow it would just go away. But how do you make feeling like this disappear. It could be a something so small no one else would even notice, that make all those memories come right back into the forefront of my mind. I remember. I remember it all!!!!!!

It started when I was 5 or 6 and went on until I was almost 9. You lived in the same house with us, sleeping with my mother, while molesting me when she was gone at work. Sometimes even when she was just in the other room. I remember the house, the living room, the bathroom and my bedroom. All

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those times you asked to dry me off after my bath, and told me to put on my nightgown without any panties underneath. I remember you coming into my bedroom after ^{REDACTED} went to bed and asking me to kiss your "private area" or put it in my mouth, or touch it like a good girl. I remember your hands in my pants and in my shirt. I remember you groping me underneath the blanket on the couch. And I remember hiding underneath the living room table, pretending to be asleep so you would just leave me alone. I remember your words "your mother won't love you if you tell", "you like this don't you?". I remember the pain. Why??????????????

And I remember you leaving to return to [REDACTED], "your mother was sick". Yeah, what a great excuse to escape the repercussions of what you were doing. I remember listening to my mother on the phone with you, begging you to come back. I was so afraid that you would. And then she went to [REDACTED] to try to get you to come home. And I blamed her. I ran away, so afraid you would come back. Is that a way for an 8 year old child to have to live? In constant fear. Why?

I am now a 36-year-old woman trying to cope with knowing that for so long I did nothing to stop you. How many other children did you hurt? That is a question that burns in my heart. If I had the courage to speak up so many years ago, how many children could I have protected? But I have the courage now, and you will pay. I look at my own children and know that if this had been them, I would want whoever hurt them to pay. I would do whatever it took to ensure that, and I know I deserve that as well. I'm tired of being that scared little girl. I want you to be publicly shamed the way I have lived with the shame my entire life. I want your family, your community, your church, everyone to know the kind of man you are. I can't even call you a man, you are evil.

They tell me you are ill with [REDACTED], like I am suppose to somehow feel sorry for you. I hope you are suffering. How ironic it is that you are suffering with the exact same illness my mother lied and said she had to get you to return. They protect you from my phone calls saying it isn't in your best interests at this time. Fuck you!!!! You don't have any rights, you owe me. You owe me the chance to be able to put this to rest. You owe me whatever it takes to make me whole again. I'm asking for 10 minutes of your time, I think that is nothing compared to 30 years of hell. If I could, I would come to [REDACTED] to force you to look at me, to see first hand the person that you hurt. Be a decent man for once in your life and tell them to

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allow me to speak with you. I don't know if that will be enough, but it will be a start. It can be done very quietly or as loud as I need to make it to get what I am asking for. It's really your choice. A choice you don't even deserve to make.

REDACTED

CC:REDACTED
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REDACTED

June 6, 2002

Cardinal Roger Mahoney
Los Angeles Archdiocese
3424 Wilshire Blvd
Los Angeles, Ca 90012

Dear Cardinal Mahoney,

I am writing this letter to you to bring to your attention my current situation. I don't know if your office has been yet made aware of me, but I have spoken with REDACTED the Provincial of LA as well as REDACTED Provincial. Approximately 30 years ago, for a period of approximately 3 years, a Priest in your diocese REDACTED was involved in a relationship with my mother. During this time he was assigned to the [REDACTED]. He lived in our house and during this time assaulted me. (Please see attached copy of letter I mailed to him and gave to REDACTED on 5-16-02 detailing what occurred.

The actions I have taken thus far have all been done with the utmost privacy in order to protect my family as well as myself. All I asked for a simple phone call to get a chance to confront REDACTED a request that has been denied. I am now at a loss as to where to turn next. I have not yet gone to the media with the lack of assistance I have received, nor have I contacted an attorney to start the process of pressing charges. Both of these options were ones I was hoping to avoid, but now don't know what other alternative I have. I feel like I am batting my head against the wall. It seems that again the Church is more concerned with protecting the abuser than helping the victim. I didn't ask for this, but I am more than willing to finish it.

The chronology of what I have done so far is as follows.

1. May 7, 2002 Spoke with REDACTED @ the Los Angeles Provincials Office and asked for information on REDACTED. She said she would research and call me back.
2. May 7, 2002 REDACTED left a message that he would be out of town until Thurs. 5/9/02.
3. May 9, 2002 My husband spoke with REDACTED and he provided us with info. (current location, [REDACTED], Phone # to Provincial there and address to [REDACTED]).

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4. May 10, 2002 Spoke with REDACTED in [REDACTED]. Gave him the general info and he said REDACTED would call to set a date to meet to take a formal statement. He would not allow me to speak with REDACTED ("not in his best interest at this time")

5. May 14, 2002 Still no response, called REDACTED office. He called back to schedule a time.

6. May 16, 2002 Met with REDACTED at my home to give statement. Gave him a copy of the enclosed letter to REDACTED. He said he would fax it to REDACTED in Ireland.

7. May 16, 2002 REDACTED called to say REDACTED would be presented with the letter and an investigation would ensue. They would investigate there in Ireland and if necessary bring REDACTED back to California at the Churches expense and have an independent investigation done here in California.

8. May 18, 2002 REDACTED left a message that he just got back from Washington and no word yet. Said would call me back in a few day's

9. May 28, 2002 Had not yet received a call so I called and left a message to please call me.

10. May 29, 2002 Still no word, I left another message in Ireland.

11. May 29, 2002 REDACTED called me back to tell me that REDACTED received the letter I had sent in the mail. (They had not yet presented him with the copy that they had had for over two weeks.) Something that I told would be done on May 16, 2002. during our conversation he told me about the denial and basically nothing was being done except REDACTED was seeking legal advice and I should get a letter from him in a few weeks.

12. June 4, 2002 Called and spoke with REDACTED he said would [REDACTED] it was all in there hands.

13. June 4, 2002 REDACTED called me from [REDACTED] to say that I would receive a letter in the mail from REDACTED with his response. Said the delay in getting the letter delivered to him was that they "feared he would drive his car off a bridge into the sea". When I asked why an "innocent" man would kill himself, they said he was "that sort of man". He also told me that basically the Church was not going to do anything about my allegations. No investigation, nothing. Basically he was just denying it and that was that. He also told me that California should be handling this and California told [REDACTED] was to handle it. What is the truth? It seems the more I question, the more the answers change.

Now I have not choice but to seek my own legal counsel and file a legal suit against Fr. REDACTED as well as the Provincials in both Los Angeles [REDACTED] I will also be contacting

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the press to notify them of yet another cover up. Basically, I have been patted on the hand and told how sorry you all are this happened to me, but too bad. I need to know what your office intends to do about this. Please contact me upon receipt of this letter. I will be waiting for your call.

REDACTED

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MAIL REFERRAL -- Date: 6.14.02

To: Msgr. Craig Cox

From: REDACTED

THE ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN REFERRED TO YOUR OFFICE:

- To answer for the Cardinal; send a copy to this office
- To prepare reply for the Cardinal's signature
- To prepare draft letter for program/event
- To review and return with comments
- To handle entirely
- For your information and files

REDACTED

Comments: has a copy. She asks if you could contact Provincial to find out what's going on. Also ~~some~~ someone should reply to this woman.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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California
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June 16, 2002

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REDACTED

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear REDACTED

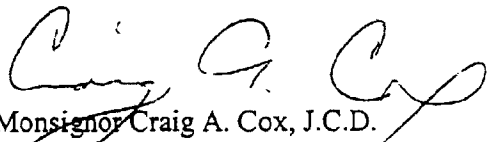
Cardinal Mahony has recently received a letter from REDACTED who has been in correspondence with you and with REDACTED about her allegations that she was abused by Reverend REDACTED. Enclosed is a copy of her letter, as well as a copy of my response.

Given that REDACTED is a member of your community residing in [REDACTED], and that REDACTED resides in the [REDACTED], the Cardinal realizes that he has no jurisdiction in this matter. Hopefully, your pastoral efforts to reach out to her will address her needs and contribute to the long process of her healing.

I would appreciate one piece of information. Her allegation concerns events some [REDACTED] years ago. In this particular letter, she does not indicate where she and her mother lived at that time, or where REDACTED was stationed. Our records of priests belonging to religious congregations in that area were not well kept. Was REDACTED assigned to a ministry within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles when the alleged events took place? I would appreciate it if you would send me a listing of all the assignments in which he served within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. May God bless you and the ministry of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts.

Yours in Christ,


Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

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June 16, 2002

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Dear REDACTED

Cardinal Roger Mahony asked me to acknowledge your letter of June 6, 2002. Whenever a priest violates his sacred commitment and sexually abuses a child, it is a terrible sin and a betrayal of trust. I am profoundly sorry that you suffered so terribly all these years. I pray that slowly but surely, with the help of God's grace, you will experience healing and peace.

Since REDACTED is a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, you appropriately contacted REDACTED the local provincial. Since religious communities govern themselves, and since REDACTED is not currently residing or ministering within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Cardinal Mahony does not have the power to investigate or intervene in response to your complaint. He has asked me, however, to provide you with information concerning those who do have authority to intervene in the matter.

If you continue to feel that the provincials of the [REDACTED] are not responsive to your needs, you may contact either the Superior General of the Congregation, [REDACTED] or the Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Religious Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Their names and contact information are:

REDACTED
Superior General
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

REDACTED

Congregation for Institutes of Religious Life
Piazza Pio XII, 3
00193 Roma, ITALIA

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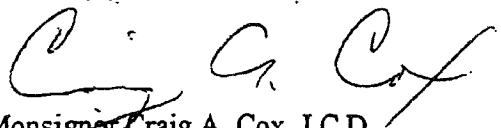
I note that you live in REDACTED within the boundaries of our neighboring Diocese of [REDACTED]. I trust that you have been able to find some spiritual direction or other spiritual

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assistance in your local parish or from one of the other parishes of your diocese. I also trust that REDACTED and the [REDACTED] will offer you appropriate pastoral support.

I admire your courage in writing, and thank you for coming forward. You are in my prayers that the Spirit of Christ may give you healing and peace.

Sincerely yours,



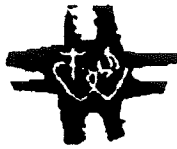
Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

cc:REDACTED

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[REDACTED]

Friday 10 January 2003

REDACTED

[REDACTED]

Dear REDACTED

I would be grateful if you would carry out a Preliminary Investigation into accusations of REDACTED against REDACTED a member of the [REDACTED] Province of the Congregation of the [REDACTED], according to Canon 1717.

I formally appoint you on this day, Friday 10 January 2003, to conduct the Preliminary Investigations and I give you the authority to do what needs to be done towards that end.

I am grateful to you for doing this work and please contact me if and when there is a need.

Yours sincerely,

REDACTED

[REDACTED]

Tel: REDACTED

Fax: REDACTED

E-mail: REDACTED

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REDACTED

DIOCESE OF ORANGE
2811 East Villa Real Drive
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REDACTED

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Rev. Msgr. Craig Cox, Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocesan Catholic Center
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010



Dear Msgr. Cox:

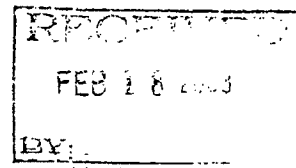
I have been delegated by the [REDACTED] Provincial of the Congregation of the [REDACTED] to conduct a Preliminary Investigation (canon 1717) in a misconduct accusation against a religious priest who is now a member of that [REDACTED].

The accused priest, REDACTED served in [REDACTED] and a few other duties from [REDACTED] until his official transfer out of this local Province in [REDACTED].

I would be very grateful for your help in this process by allowing me access to any and all records that your office might have concerning the man. I assume I will need to examine them at your office, and am happy to follow what ever archdiocesan policy is in place for such a sensitive matter.

Please feel free to call and discuss. You can reach me on my cell phone: REDACTED

With prayers and thanks.
REDACTED



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REDACTED



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REDACTED

February 14, 2003

Rev. Msgr. Craig Cox
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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Dear Monsignor,

In our phone conversation of a few days ago, in which I requested access to all personnel records of REDACTED you asked for a copy of my appointment to conduct a Preliminary Investigation.

I am happy to forward that to you, here attached.

I will be out of town this coming week to attend the canon-law workshop in Washington DC, but will have my cell-phone with me. I would be happy to hear from you so as to arrange a convenient time to meet at your offices. You can reach me at REDACTED

My intent is to cast a broad net, and would like the search includes all records of assignment, faculties granted, issues of personnel, or any materials in the Secret Archives of the Archdiocese.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

With prayers and best wishes,
REDACTED

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REDACTED

From: Cox, Msgr. Craig A.
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2003 12:09 PM
To: REDACTED
Subject: REDACTED

REDACTED

This is a priest who supposedly served [REDACTED], a couple of decades ago. He does not show up on the computer.

Please check all potential places where we may have records on him:

- 1. A clergy file in his name
- 2. The general Sacred Hearts order file
- 3. The index cards
- 4. The faculties database
- 5. The binders with clergy records
- 6. The archibves
- 7. Any other place you can think of that I forgot

Thanks.

Fr. Craig

OFFICE OF THE VICAR FOR CLERGY

TO: REDACTED

FROM:

RE: REDACTED

DATE: February 19, 2003

Monsignor Cox is wondering if you might have some record for REDACTED
REDACTED who supposedly served at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a couple of decades ago.

I have already looked for his file here and in the correspondence that we have for his religious Community to no avail.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

REDACTED

From: Cox, Msgr. Craig A.
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2003 6:29 PM
To: REDACTED
Subject: REDACTED

Thanks REDACTED

Fr. Craig

-----Original Message-----

From: REDACTED
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2003 1:48 PM
To: Cox, Msgr. Craig A.
Subject: REDACTED

Monsignor,

REDACTED called me today from the Archival Center. He was not able to find a file for REDACTED. Therefore, he will start going through Catholic Directories in order to find out whether or not he was ever listed at [REDACTED]. This will take time though.

Thank you.

REDACTED

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2003 12:09 PM
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Thanks.

Fr. Craig

02/25/2003

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REDACTED

NO. 031

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archdiocese of los angeles

15151 san fernando mission blvd.
mission hills, california 91345

the archival center

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estelle doherty collection
of californiana

TO: REDACTED

Archdiocesan Catholic Center
FAX # 213 - 637 - 6573

FROM: REDACTED

2/26/2003

RE: REDACTED

SUMMARY

REDACTED held assignments in the archdiocese from 19[REDACTED] until 19[REDACTED]. He arrived in August of 19[REDACTED] as a newly ordained priest and was posted to [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] as a teacher. He remained there until July 1965, when he was posted as an assistant to Holy Name of Mary, the new parish in La Verne that had been given to his community.

He was transferred from [REDACTED], and actually left the diocese for three months to take up duties at a parish in [REDACTED].

He was recalled due to the illness of member of his order, and took over the infirm priest's position as a chaplain with the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

Based at offices in [REDACTED] he lived from [REDACTED] at Bishop [REDACTED] Faculty Residence. With the departure of his order from [REDACTED], he moved his residence to [REDACTED] High School in [REDACTED].

He was sent to [REDACTED] by his community in [REDACTED] 74, with no expectation of returning to ministry in the archdiocese due to difficulties he had created for himself relative to "women and wine". Word eventually came that he did go to [REDACTED], but left after three months, returning to the [REDACTED], and taking up work as a [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- 8/8/19[REDACTED] Provincial asks [REDACTED] for faculties for newly ordained teachers posted to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is one of them.
- 7/1/19[REDACTED] [REDACTED] posted to [REDACTED] second Assistant. Undated letter attached from Provincial suggesting [REDACTED] for this position.
- 2/14/19[REDACTED] [REDACTED] advises [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] will be withdrawing from [REDACTED] to take up an assignment in [REDACTED].
- 8/19/19[REDACTED] Letters from [REDACTED] and the Archbishop noticing sudden illness of existing [REDACTED], and that [REDACTED] has been recalled from [REDACTED] to possibly replace the ill priest.

Additional letters from [REDACTED] citing process for [REDACTED] to apply. Includes brief biographical sketch of [REDACTED] submitted to [REDACTED], and directions concerning letters of recommendation to be supplied.

[REDACTED] is accepted by [REDACTED] and appointed chaplain by Archbishop. Residence to be at [REDACTED] residence. Office in [REDACTED].
- 5/30/1973: Notice to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] of residence change for [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] due to community giving up [REDACTED].
- 3/18/1974: Notice to [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] will be resigning his position effective 4/15/74 and transferred to [REDACTED] due to difficulties [REDACTED] has gotten himself into.

[REDACTED] insure if [REDACTED] will go. Requests faculties cease on [REDACTED].

Confidential attachment from Msgr. Rawden noticing his prior awareness of the problem, and referencing in Latin that the problem deals with "women and wine".
- 6/4/1974: Provincial requests faculties for another priest from [REDACTED] and mentions that [REDACTED] did go to [REDACTED] but only stayed [REDACTED] months. He has since returned, is living outside the community, and has secured a job as a [REDACTED].

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March 19, 2003

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Archival Center
15151 San Fernando Mission Boulevard
Mission Hills, CA 91345

Dear REDACTED

Recently REDACTED reviewed the Archdiocesan archives for information about the Reverend REDACTED. Please extend my gratitude to him for his assistance.

The Provincial of the Congregation of the [REDACTED] REDACTED has appointed REDACTED of the Diocese of Orange to conduct a preliminary investigation of alleged misconduct by Father REDACTED in accord with the provisions of canon 1717. I am attaching a copy of that letter for you.

As part of fulfilling his duties in this canonical investigation, REDACTED has asked to be able to visit the archives and to personally review all of the documents regarding REDACTED. REDACTED Given that he has been duly appointed to this task by the appropriate ecclesiastical authority, I give my authorization for him to have access to these materials provided he abides by all of the policies and procedures you have established as archivist.

REDACTED will contact you to arrange for a mutually convenient time for him to fulfill this canonical responsibility.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

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cc REDACTED

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