REV. CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, C.M. (CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION, LAZARISTS, VINCENTIANS)

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Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Carlos Rodriguez, C.M.

Current Primary Assignment

Birth Date

1/1/1901

Age:

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Birth Place

Diaconate Ordination

1/1/1986

Priesthood Ordination
Diocese Name

Date of Incardination

Religious Community

Vincentian Fathers

Ritual Ascription

Latin

Ministry Status

To Lay State

Canon State

Relig. Order Priest

Incard Process

Begin Pension Date

Seminary

Ethnicity

English

Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training

Date Background Check Virtus Training Date

Assignment History

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Returned To Lay State	4/7/1998	
Left Archdiocese	3/20/1993	4/6/1998
Archdiocesan Catholic Center, Los Angeles Regional Consultant, Active Service, Office of Family Life	7/1/1988	6/30/1990
St. Mary Seminary, Santa Barbara Education-Teacher/Faculty, Active Service	5/11/1988	6/30/1998
Left Archdiocese	7/4/1987	5/10/1988
St. Vincent Catholic Church, Los Angeles Associate Pastor (Parochial Vicar), Active Service	7/3/1986	7/3/1987

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REDACTED

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July 4, 1987

Rev. Carlos Rodriguez, C.M. Saint Vincent's Church 621 W. Adams Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90007

Dear Carlos:

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be always with us!

By the time you receive this, I will have told you verbally everything which this letter contains, since I will be giving you this information verbally over the telephone later today. I am transferring you from your assignment at Saint Vincent's Church in Los Angeles to the Provincial House, effective today, July 4, 1987. You will be on indefinite sick-leave until such time when we and the medical people determine that you are ready to return to active ministry.

Hopefully this will provide you with the time and opportunity to take good care of yourself and to take full advantage of the resources available to you at Saint Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland. I want you to know that I personally and the Province will be supporting you in our prayer. We will also continue to offer you every reasonable resource to help you in your journey toward wellness. Please don't hesitate to call on me if there is something that I or the Province can do for you.

You are our Vincentian brother. We continue to offer you our concern, our love and our support as you pass through this difficult time. Be assured of our prayers. May the Divine Physician be with you!

Your brother in Vincent, REDACTED

cc: Most Rev. Roger Mahony REDACTED

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

July 4, 1987

To: Archbishop Mahony

From: Msgr. Thomas Curry

Re: Situation at St. Vincent's

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Father REDACTED , the new Vincentian Provincial, called me this morning to let the Archdiocese know of a problem involving one of their priests.

Father Carlos Rodriguez, a newly-appointed Associate at St. Vincent's, went on vacation to the Grand Canyon this past week with two teenage boys. During the week an incident of unlawful sexual touching took place with one of the boys. This happened at night, and they may have been sharing a bed. The boy became upset, and they all returned home.

The incident came to Father REDACTED attention by way of another priest who said he had the penitent's permission to report a matter he had heard in confession. Father REDACTED refused to hear the information but asked the priest to persuade the penitent to talk to one of the Provincial's Consultors. As a result, the matter was reported to Father REDACTED on Thursday evening last.

The boy is REDACTED , is sixteen years old, and belongs to St. Vincent's. No one from the Vincentians has spoken to him. However, according to Father Rodriguez, he was very upset and apparently mentioned suing him, going to the papers, and telling people. His sister works for an attorney.

Father REDACTED consulted Mr. REDACTED the legal counsel for the Vincentians, and he referred Father Rodriguez to a criminal attorney—Mr. REDACTED who teaches at REDACTED. This attorney counsels some contact with the boy, and Farther REDACTED and those involved decided to do the following.

REDACTED will contact the boy or the family and ask to visit for the reason that the vacation seemed to end abruptly and to see if there is any problem. He will see if he can talk to the boy and, if possible, help him in any way. On the other hand, he is aware that he does not want to cause more grief for the boy or to violate confidentiality in that the boy himself may not have spoken of the matter to his family.

I talked at some length to Father REDACTED and feel that, in this case, someone does need to contact the boy.

Meantime, Father Rodriguez is out of the Archdiocese and is scheduled to go to REDACTED on Monday for evaluation. He is willing to do whatever is asked of him. Father REDACTED has removed him from the parish and is writing a letter to the Archdiocese saying that he is no longer in ministry in the Archdiocese.

I congratulated Father $^{\text{REDACTED}}$ on the manner he had handled this and told him I would let you know. I will keep in touch with him.

That you please heep me informed, I am Concerned for the boy. That! + RMM 7-7-87

MEMORANDUM

DATE:_	July 7, 1987	
FROM:_	MSGR. THOMAS CURRY	CONFIDENTIAL
TO:_	Archbishop Mahony	
RE:_	Update on St. Vincent's Situation	

I talked with Father REDACTED today. As planned, REDACTED called the family involved, and the boy's sister answered the phone. When REDACTED asked to speak to the boy, her response was "about what?" She then said he was not there, but took a message and hung up abruptly.

The situation does not look good, and it would appear the boy has talked to his family. However, the sister's attitude may be explained by the fact that she is known to be anti-church. They have heard no more. Father Rodriguez is in REDACTED

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Memo to File:

August 11, 1987

Re: CHILD MOLESTATION - FR. CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

On August 6, 1987, the Archbishop's Office was contacted by Det. REDACTED REDACTED from the Southwest Div. of the L.A.P.D. He wanted to notify the Archbishop that a complaint had come in about a sexual abuse of a minor and a priest was named. The Archbishop's Office referred the call to me. Det. REDACTED stated that on August 4, 1987 a complaint was filed in that division in which a 16-year old stated that Fr. Carlos Rene Rodriguez molested him in Flagstaff, Arizona. Det. REDACTED knew of the sensitivity of the matter and when Det. REDACTED tried to contact St. Vincent's parish REDACTED , they felt they were receiving no cooperation in order to find the priest and talk to him.

The allegation is as follows:

- Two 16-year holds were taken by Fr. Rodriguez on a trip to Arizona. They traveled from the home over to the City of Industry and spent the first night in the priest's parents home. The next night they arrived in Arizona and stayed at another friends home. Then they arrived in Flagstaff, Arizona and stayed at the Quality Inn Hotel. The room that was rented had only one bed. The witness and the priest slept in the bed. The victim felt there was not enough room for him and he decided to sleep on the floor. During the night he awakened because the priest was rubbing his penis and groin area. The victim pushed the priest away and the priest stated "I'm sorry, I'm so lonesome I need help." They returned that day to Los Angeles.
- 2. The victim apparently told his sister about this and approximately a month later, the mother was told. This occurred around June 30, 1987.

The police have attempted to contact St. Vincent's in order to talk to the priest and feel they are getting no cooperation. When the detective called the number that is stated above, the response was "Oh no, they reported it."

Officer REDACTED did confirm for me they have no jurisdiction over this case, since the alleged criminal act occurred in Arizona. They have been in contact with the Flagstaff police and District Attorney's Office. Flagstaff has asked them to conduct the investigation since the parties are here before they make a determination as to the case.

I then contacted Msgr. Curry's office, to discover that he did know about it, the Vincentians had reported it to us on July 4, 1987, the priest is out of state and Msgr. Curry will contact the provincial and make sure contact is made with the police.

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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: August 19, 1987

FROM: Msgr. Curry

TO: _REDACTED_

RE: Carlos Rodriguez, C.M.

We had a call from Officer REDACTED L.A. County Probation Department trying to locate priest called Carlos Rodriguez.

I checked with $^{\mbox{\scriptsize REDACTED}}$ $_$ and on her advice REDACTED REDACTED

MEMORANDUM

March 13, 1988

To: Archbishop Mahony

From: Msgr. Thomas Curry

Re: Carlos Rodriguez, C.M.

I had a chance to meet with Carlos while visiting St. Luke's and also me't with him and his therapist. He has also apparently made excellent progress, and the Institute is giving him a very positive report. He has not been diagnosed as a pedophile but as having certain personality disorders that resulted from unresolved problems with authority and identity. Both according to himself and his therapist, he has changed considerably during the course of treatment.

He very much wants to continue to be a priest and to continue in ministry. I explained to him we would need to see all the reports from St. Luke's and that we would have to meet with REDACTED Again, he seems willing to accept whatever conditions would be necessary.

He will be released this week, and I told him I would be in contact with REDACTED

Please keep me ashised.

+ RMM

3-14-88



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AFTERCARE CONTRACT

PATIENT: Rev. Carlos R. Rodriguez, C.M.

SLI #: REDACTED

DATE OF ADMISSION: 8-5-87

DATE OF DISCHARGE: 3-15-88

This contract is entered into by the undersigned resident, Reverend Carlos R. Rodriguez, and the Saint Luke Institute for a period of six months beginning 3-15-88. At this time Father Rodriguez and his Aftercare therapist will review the contract and make appropriate changes. If, in the interim, situations and experiences change which would affect contract clauses, Father Rodriguez can feel free to contact his Aftercare therapist to negotiate changes as appropriate. The terms of the contract are as follows:

I. PSYCHOSEXUAL ISSUES

- a) I desire to lead a sober sexual life and will abstain from acting out with myself and/or with others.
- b) I will avoid those situations and those individuals that can in any way interfere with my sobriety.
- c) I will select an SA sponsor within six weeks of departure and will discuss any progress and concerns regarding sobriety with him on a regular basis.
- d) I will select my home group in the SA fellowship within three months of discharge.
- e) I will attend at least three meetings per week and take an active part in them, e.g., leading meetings, sharing, rather than complying.
- f) I will abstain from alcohol or other non-prescribed mood-altering drugs which could affect my sobriety.

II. SPIRITUAL NEEDS

a) To assist in my spiritual growth I will choose a spiritual director within two months of my discharge.



CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

SLI REDACTED - AFTERCARE CONTRACT - PAGE TWO

- b) I will actively participate in the spiritual program offereds by the Vincential Fathers and Brothers and the Diocese of Los Angeles.
- c) I will participate in the sacrament of reconciliation on a monthly basis.
- d) I shall include the spirituality of SA and AA in my spiritual life, especially through daily use of <u>Twenty-four Hours a Day</u> and <u>Day by</u> Day.
- e) I will spend at least one hour a day in prayer/meditation.

III. PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS AND WELL-BEING

- a) I will continue to take one multivitamin each day.
- b) I will maintain a good nutritional program as established at SLI, including three balanced meals daily.
- c) I will continue recreational activities including regular exercise and weekly workouts, preferably at a recognized spa or recreational center.
- d) I will plan a monthly leisure or cultural activity with others.
- e) To meet my personal needs for rest and relaxation, I will take my weekly day off exclusive of SA meetings. I will take my three weeks of annual vacation exclusive of time given to Vincentian affairs.
- f) I will schedule to work a maximum of 30 hours per week to be negotiated at the time of assignment.

IV. EMOTIONAL/INTERPERSONAL NEEDS

- a) I will continue to enrich my present relationships with family, friends and members of my religious community through frequent phone calls, correspondence and visits.
- b) As my sobriety progresses I will initiate new relationships within SA, the Christian community and my professional peers to help me grow as a mature, caring and dedicated person.

V. INTERPERSONAL/INTIMACY NEEDS

- a) I will continue to let others know how I feel. I will share my thoughts and express myself clearly.
- b) I will work on trust and acceptance of others and self by being open and by avoiding secret keeping in my relationships.

CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

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In developing close relationships I will set proper boundaries in keeping with my chosen life of celibacy and my recovery program.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- a) I will be accountable to REDACTED REDACTED through biweekly personal contact for my first six months of Aftercare. I will share with him a copy of my Aftercare Contract and budding signs.
- I will be directly accountable to REDACTED through formal individual monthly meetings in which I can discuss my progress and concerns regarding recovery and sobriety. In addition I will maintain ongoing daily contact with this superior. I will give him a copy of my Aftercare Contract and budding signs.
- c) I will be accountable to my spiritual director.
- d) I will be accountable to my SA sponsor for my progress in the Twelve Step program.

VII. AFTERCARE PARTICIPATION

- a) Within six to eight weeks of departure I will initiate a Re-entry Workshop for my support group, directed by a representative from the Saint Luke Institute. This group will tentatively include my Pastor, my Provincial, Rev. REDACTED my spiritual director and friends who are part of my support group.
- b) I will participate in the Saint Luke Institute Aftercare program every six months for two years.
- c) I will seek advice and counsel from the Aftercare therapist at the Saint Luke Institute whenever a conflict or need arises, 2420 Brooks Drive, Suitland, Maryland 20746, area code 301-967-3700.

This contract was entered into on March 15, 1988 by Reverend Carlos R. Rodriguez in the name of the Saint Luke Institute. and his therapist REDACTED

REDACTED

Rev. Carlos R. Rodriguez

Patient

Therapist

REDACTED

Regina E. Romero, Ph.D.

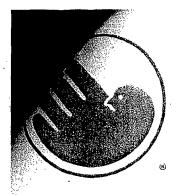
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March 23, 1988

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650 West 23rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90007 Re: Rev. Carlos Rodriguez

SLI REDACTED

Date of Admission: 8-5-87

REDACTED

We are writing to inform you that Rev. Carlos Rodriguez has completed treatment at the Saint Luke Institute as of 3-15-88. At this time we would like to share with you the summary of his progress as you requested. While in treatment, Fr. Rodriguez addressed several areas including sexuality issues, low self esteem, poor interpersonal relationships, and neuropsychological impairment.

Fr. Rodriguez continued to work on areas of sexuality throughout his treatment program. In addition to the situation which precipitated his admission into treatment, it became apparent that Fr. Rodriguez experienced an immature sexual development including significant confusion regarding orientation, the role of sexual drives in his life, and establishing appropriate boundaries in his relationships. Fr. Rodriguez was able to identify many of these areas of confusion during his program and was able to develop some supports to assist him in maintaining healthy boundaries within his current and future relationships. These supports include continuing and ongoing therapy and participation in the Twelve Step fellowship of SA/SLAA.

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Overall, Fr. Rodriguez has made good progress in treatment. We believe his continuing participation in the Twelve Step programs and adherence to his Aftercare Contract suggests a good prognosis. We are including a copy of his contract for your information. We believe it can be helpful to review this with Fr. Rodriguez as a means of understanding and supporting his in his recovery program. During his aftercare program, Fr. Rodriguez will be attending workshops at the Saint Luke Institute on a six month basis. During these workshops any necessary changes in this contract can be negotiated with an aftercare therapist. We do recommend that Fr. Rodriguez be involved in a ministry that would minimize his contact with youths. In addition, it would be important for Fr. Rodriguez to be in a residence in which he would have the support of others and some clear system of accountability. These precautions are offered as additional supports to Fr. Rodriguez's aftercare program.

We appreciate the support you have shown for Fr. Rodriguez throughout his treatment at the Saint Luke Institute. We appreciate the opportunity to have worked with this fine man. Rest assured of our prayers for you and your community and for the fine work you do in Christ's church. May this upcoming Easter season be a time of blessing and renewal for you.

REDACTED

Regina E. Romero, Ph.D.

Director, Inpatient Clinical

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cc: Rev. Carlos Rodriguez
Msgr. Thomas Curry

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March 31, 1988

Monsignor Thomas J. Curry Vicar for Clergy REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Curry:

I received a copy of Father Carlos Rodriguez's final report from Saint Luke Institute in this morning's mail. In our phone conversation of several weeks ago, you told me to contact you when the final report arrived so that we could discuss a ministry for Carlos.

At the present time, Carlos is at Saint Mary's Seminary in Santa Barbara, where he seems to be very happy right now, but I'm getting a little concerned that his being without a job for more than two weeks is probably not very good for him.

I would like to talk with you or meet with you whenever that might be convenient, although I will be gone April 4, 5 & 6.

Thank you for all your kindness understanding, and compassion in this situation. May the Lord revitalize you with His special grace during this Easter season.

Your brother in the Risen Christ, $\mathsf{REDACTED}$



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Dear Very Kev. Mngs. Thomas Curry. May the grace + peace of the Risen Lard be with you in all you do. as provably know by now I temporarly make my home at St. many's in Senta Barbara. I have managed 40 Keep myself busy and attending SA. meetings in the area. I have been received well by my confieres here at St. Mary's Deminary. If I had I a choice as to what Dean do in ministry, I would Choose to stuy here at St. Mary's and be a part of the apostolate of Retreat work in E.E., marriage Encounter, Cursillo, and home missions with alear of any involvement with youth and Down sure live with that. I have talked to both REDACTED REDACTED of they would take me in if there would be the possibility They would take me in. RIREDACTED Finals

my full story, but Fr. (REDACTED woodeld have to be filled in on the details. But I still believe that I would have REDACTED support. I have yet to sheek thise ideas out with REDACTED as another possible option wand Owould like this very much of I come allowed to have any in put to the hind of ministry I could do cothin the Diocese + my Community.

REDACTED at Holy Grass. He says that he can put me to work do well. He fold me that our Ludy of Sorrows is looking for a Spanish Speaking priest das Sundan muss. to held and the Tesuits. So no you can see I have been doing so searching on my own I Know Wohave to be pretient, but thought Down assert myself by inform you on other possibilities. PREDACTED Whanks for hearing me out. I hope to be hearing from you soon. Take care of thay woll bless. Peace, Carlos Valriguez, com

Huppy Easter to you, REDACTED

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OFFICE OF VICAR FOR CLERGY REDACTED

April 12, 1988

Rev. Carlos R. Rodriguez, C.M. Saint Mary's Seminary 1964 Las Canoas Road Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Carlos:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of April 3. I am glad you are back and truly hope you will be very happy in the future.

I spoke to Father REDACTED today and know he will be in touch with you. Please be assured that I will continue to do everything possible to assist you.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry Vicar for Clergy Carlos Robigue





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OFFICE OF VICAR FOR CLERGY REDACTED

April 12, 1988

REDACTED

Vincentian Provincial Residence 641 West Adams Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90007

Dear REDACTED

Thanks for coming to see me last week, and it was good to meet you finally. I think you were wise to have Carlos go to Santa Barbara, and his being there will probably avoid future problems.

I have contacted the Director of Family Ministry and will pursue with him the possibility in Marriage Preparation/Engaged Encounter work. I do remember the therapist telling me the prognosis for the future for Carlos was good, and it would be useful if we could get that in writing.

I will be away until April 17, but hope to be in contact with you shortly thereafter, so that we can follow-up on this.

I do very much want to help and am most optimistic about the future. Thanks for all your assistance and your sensitive handling of this whole matter.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry Vicar for Clergy



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April 27, 1988

CONFIDENTIAL

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650 West 23rd Street Los Angeles, California 90007 Re: Rev. Carlos Rodriguez

REDACTED

Admission date: 5-8-87 Discharge date: 3-15-88

Dear Father REDACTED

We are replying to your recent request for additional information regarding Reverend Carlos Rodriguez's treatment and prognosis. Although the presenting problem which precipitated treatment was inappropriate sexual behavior with a minor, we did not find data to justify a diagnosis of pedophilia or ephebophilia. There are specific criteria necessary to warrant these diagnoses, which were not present in the case of Reverend Rodriguez. Instead, we would diagnose his difficulties as sexual disorder not otherwise classified, specifically sexual immaturity. REDACTED

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Although there are no guarantees that relapse will not occur, we believe that Reverend Rodriguez has demonstrated good use of recovery skills while at the Saint Luke Institute. With adherence to the terms of his Aftercare Contract and program, Reverend Rodriguez would be able to minimize the possibility of relapse. Overall, his prognosis is good.



We would reiterate that the Saint Luke Institute will continue to be a support in Reverend Rodriguez's recovery. A Re-entry Workshop has been designed to strengthen Reverend Rodriguez's program, as well as to educate other persons to his disorder. The Re-entry Workshop can also facilitate others in identifying ways in which they can support Reverend Rodriguez in his steps of recovery. Relapse is not necessarily a spontaneous event. By providing local resources that Reverend Rodriguez can utilize as a support network, any movement toward relapse can be identified and addressed in its initial stages.

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REDACTED If we can be of further assistance to you or Father Rodriguez in continuing his ongoing recovery, please feel free to contact us. Rest assured of our prayers for you and for the fine work you do in Christ's church.

Sincerely,

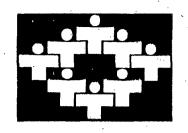
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SFK: gb

cc: Msgr. Thomas Curry
Vicar for Priests
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015
Rev. Carlos Rodriguez



OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

DIRECTOR: REDACTED

MEMORANDUM

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR: REDACTED

TO: REDACTED

FROM: REDACTED

DATE: June 6, 1988⁽⁾

RE: Fr. Carlos Rodriquez, C.M.

This is to confirm our conversation on the phone regarding the status and understanding of Fr. Carlos' involvement with the Office of Family Life. Having spoken to you, Fr. Carlos, Msgr. Tom Curry, REDACTED and Bishop Ziemann, this is the basic understanding:

Fr. Carlos would be hired to work part-time (officially: 18 hours per week) for the Office of Family Life and be put on the archdiocesan payroll, as of July 1, 1988. He will be accountable to me, personally, but will be directly supervised by REDACTED who works with the Spanish speaking. Our understanding is that he will work mainly with the Spanish-speaking in the Santa Barbara region through the programs sponsored by our office. He is also encouraged to become involved in the Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter in English and Spanish.

Carlos will work closely with REDACTED our regional consultant in the Santa Barbara region. We, with the cooperation of Bishop Ziemann, have been given another office in the Bishop Diego Center in Santa Barbara for Carlos' use. My understanding regarding travel is that the Vincentian community will provide Carlos with a car and that our office will take care of mileage at \$0.21/mile.

The length of time for this arrangement is open-ended and will be mutually worked on, depending on the agreement of all parties involved. Our hope would be that it would continue for at least a year and be re-evaluated at that time.

I hope this covers all the necessary elements. If I have left anything out or you need clarification of any particular issue, please call. I ask God to bless all of us involved in these decisions. I feel very positive and optimistic about this agreement and the involvement of Carlos in our office and ministry. Thank you.

XC: Bishop Ziemann, Msgr. Curry, REDACTED Fr. Carlos Rodriquez, C.M.

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OFFICE OF VICAR FOR CLERGY REDACTED

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

June 14, 1988

TO:

REDACTED

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FROM:

Monsignor Curry

RE:

Father Carlos Rodriguez, C.M.

I really appreciate your help and clarity in the attached memorandum. Could I ask that it be stated someplace that Carlos' work will be with adults only.

Please contact me if I can help with the wording. I do hope he will be of assistance to you.

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	May 14, 1992
FROM:	REDACTED
TO:	Father T. Dyer
RE:	

Father REDACTED called this morning to ask if we could give him a hand with a problem.

One of their priests, Fr. Carlos Rodriguez, now at St Mary Seminary in Santa Barbara has it in his head that if he goes to Mexico in sabbatical for a few months and then return The Archdiocese will approve his being assigned to a parish.

There is a C-file on Father Carlos. He was sent to St. Luke's by the Order. After that I believe Msgr. Curry helped in getting him assigned part-time to Family Life Santa Barbara faculty for awhile.

Father REDACTED indicates Fr. Carlos simple cannot/will not learn by leaving. All our attempts to convince him that he cannot be assigned to parish ministry here fall on deaf ears.

It would help Father REDACTED a great deal, therefore, if he himself had a letter from us indicating that "in response to your inquiry" I have to tell you that(words to the affect that the Archdiocese would not be willing to confirm Father Carlos' assignment to parish ministry here.) He feels this might serve to rid Father Carlos of his conviction that all he has to do is go away and come back and all will be well.

Father REDACTED says "I couldn't have him here (at St Vincents')
The girl's parents live right across the street."

Would you look over the file perhaps talk to Msgr. Curry, and decide whether we can give Father REDACTED the letter he needs?

MEMORANDUM

May 17, 1992

TO: Msgr. Curry

FROM: Father Timothy Dyer

RE: Attached

> Would you mind reviewing the memo from REDACTED and the file on Fr. Carlos Rodriquez (which I have just read). I see no problem in my sending EDACTED the kind of letter he is requesting. REDACTED suggests you may REDACTED have advice on the matter. I will then write after getting in touch with REDACTED to clarify a few things: was his supervisor in Santa Barbara informed of any restrictions in Fr. Rodriquez' ministry? what's been his record and has he been faithful to the aftercare contract over the last four years? Any further reports from REDACTED from his six-month check-ups?

Thanks for any help you can offer in this case.

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June 1, 1992

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Vincentian Provincial Office 650 West 23rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90007

Dear Father REDACTED

In your recent communication, you indicated to me that one of your priests, Father Carlos Rodriguez, would like to seek a parish assignment here in the Archdiocese following a sabbatical in Mexico.

In response to that inquiry, I have to tell you that given the nature and details of the case in our files, the Archdiocese would not be willing to confirm an assignment to parish ministry for Father Rodriguez.

While I understand that this may be upsetting to Father Rodriguez, it would be clearly unfair if I were to hold out any illusions that we would confirm such an assignment.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Timothy J. Dyer Vicar for Clergy

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Dear REDACTED

I have received your message via Redacted concerning Father Carlos Rodriguez.

Attached is a letter that I will be happy to alter in any way that would best suit your needs.

I want to take the opportunity not only to offer my support for you in these decisions, but to tell you that few if any of the Provincials with whom I have worked handle these matters with as much clarity and decisiveness as you do.

Please know that I will be more than happy to serve you in this and any other matter in the future.

With warmest regards,

Rev. Timothy J. Dyer Vicar for Clergy REDACTED





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VINCENTIAN FATHERS & BROTHERS PROVINCE OF THE WEST

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April 1, 1993

Rev. Timothy Dyer Vicar for Clergy 1531 West Ninth Street Los Angeles, 90015

Dear Father Dyer:

I am writing to inform you that, effective March 22, 1993, Rev. Carlos Rene Rodriguez, C.M., has my permission to live outside any of our Community houses for one year. Please suspend his canonical faculties and remove him from the Archdiocesan mailing list. I think your records would list him as "inactive."

Father Rodriguez had been assigned to Saint Mary's Seminary in Santa Barbara. His canonical residence for this year is: REDACTED

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for all the good work you and your staff do for us! May God bless you with the hope and joy of the sacred mysteries of Holy Week.

Your brother in Christ, REDACTED

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Beginning Date Ending Date Extended

Date 04/12/93

See Main Vincentian (C.M.) File 1993. This priest was assigned to St. Vincent, Los Angeles 07/03/86 as Associate. Left Archdiocese 07/04/87. Was assigned to St. Mary Seminary, Santa Barbara 05/11/88. Worked for Legional Office (Santa Barbara) of Family Life from 07/01/88 - 06/30/90. Letter from Vincentian Provincial 04/01/93 indicates "suspend faculties" On 03/13/95 Vicar O.K.'d faculties for single celebration of funeral liturgy by this priest for his brother, as requested by Provincial, Rev. REDACTED SEE PRIESTS. DB. Check with Vicar for Clergy.

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April 13, 1993

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Vincentian Provincial Office 650 West 23rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90007

Dear Father REDACTED

Thanks for your letter of April 1 regarding Rev. Carlos Rodriguez.

Monsignor Dyer is out of town all this week, but I wanted to confirm that we have ended Father Rodriguez's faculties and removed him from the mailing list.

Wishing you a peaceful and happy Easter season, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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October 21, 1993

VICAR OF PRIEST

Archdiocese of Los Angeles 1530 West 9th Street Los Angeles, CA 90015-1198

Dear Very Rev. Monsignor Timothy J. Dyer.

I write in response to the article in the TIDINGS (dated Sunday, October 17th) making an official annnouncement to all priests on leave of absence from their own diocese or religious priest residing outside their own communities to renew their faculties which will expire October 31, 1993.

I am a Vincentian priest out on a leave of absence from my community. I wish to formally request permission to renew my faculties in the Los Angeles Archdiocese for the coming year. I formally took leave from my community March of 1992. My hope is to return after this process of discernment.

Monsignor Timothy, I grateful to you and your wonderful staff for your dedication and your service. Please keep me in your prayers, as I walk with the Lord in discernment, and I will keep you in mine. May God bless you!

Sincerely your's in Christ,

Rev. Carlos R. Rodriguez, C.M.

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November 2, 1993

Rev. Carlos Rodriguez, C.M. REDACTED

Dear Father Rodriguez:

I am writing in reply to your letter of October 21, 1993 requesting a "renewal" of your faculties.

I want to explain that the <u>Tidings</u> announcement you referred to in your letter is meant as a reminder only to priests who are currently holding annual faculties that it is time to renew them.

Our records indicate that your faculties were terminated as of April 1, 1993, at which time we were notified by your Order that you would be living outside your religious community.

Thus I cannot accede to your request.

May God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer Vicar for Clergy

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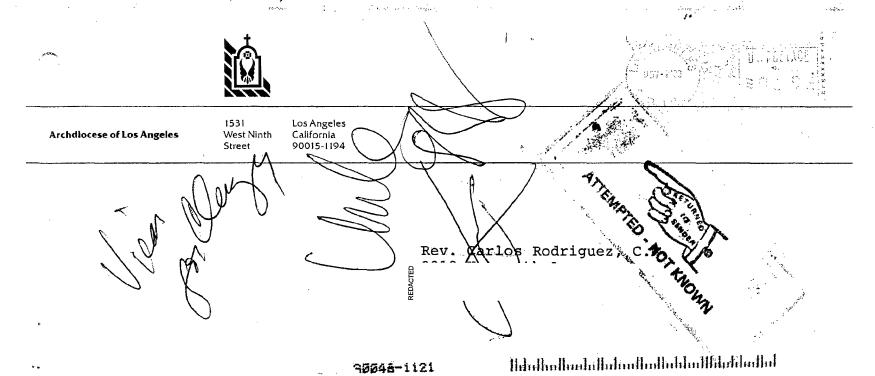
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FAX

To: REDACTED

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From: REDACTED

Date: Nov. 4, 1993

Re: Fr. Carlos Rodriguez

Thank you <u>very</u> much for sending me copies of those two letters, from and to Carlos Rodriguez.

I don't think he is malicious or deceptive. He just doesn't get it!

Last week I heard through the grapevine that he has been "helping out" on Sundays at a parish in the Orange Diocese. My letter approving his "leave" explicitly states that his faculties are suspended "which means you cannot celebrate the sacraments publicly or privately." I immediately phoned REDACTED and told him what was happening. Again, I have no doubt that there is no malice involved; he just doesn't get it!

Those letters did ruin my day yesterday--when I read that he plans to return when his "leave" is over.

Thanks!

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March 13, 1995

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Vincentian Provincial Office 650 West 23rd Street Los Angeles, CA 90007

Dear REDACTED

I received your message of this morning regarding Father Carlos Rodriguez, C.M.

This letter will confirm that, entirely as the result of your request, faculties of the Archdiocese are extended to Father Rodriguez solely for and on the occasion of his celebration of the Funeral Liturgy for his brother. Please advise him of this in whatever way you think best.

It is my understanding that Father Rodriguez's current status is such that this action on our part is not canonically proscribed.

I understand the difficult circumstances you are facing and all the factors you have to weigh in asking for this exception. May God bless you.

In Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer Vicar for Clergy

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CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

PROT. N. 83/98/S

D.nus	CARLOS	RENE	RODRIGUEZ,	sacerdos,	Congregationis
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petiit dispensationem a sacerdotali coelibatu et ab omnibus oneribus sacrae Ordinationi conexis.

SS.mus D. N. Ioannes Paulus, Papa II,

die 7 aprilis 1998

habita relatione de casu a Congregatione de Cultu Divino et Disciplina Sacramentorum, precibus annuit iuxta sequentes rationes:

- 1. Dispensatio vim habet ab ipso momento concessionis.
- 2. Dispensationis Rescriptum, a competenti Ordinario oratori notificetur et amplectitur inseparabiliter dispensationem a sacerdotali coelibatu et simul amissionem status clericalis. Numquam oratori fas est duo illa elementa seiungere, seu prius accipere et alterum recusare. Si vero orator est religiosus, Rescriptum concedit etiam dispensationem a votis. Idemque insuper secumfert absolutionem a censuris, quatenus opus sit.
- 3. Notitia concessionis dispensationis adnotetur in libris baptizatorum pa roeciae oratoris.
- 4. Quod attinet ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, applicandae sunt normae quae in Codice Iuris Canonici statuuntur. Ordinarius vero curet ut res caute peragantur sine pompa vel exteriore apparatu.
- 5. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, ad quam spectat Rescriptum oratori notificare, hunc enixe hortetur, ut vitam Populi Dei, ratione congruendi cum nova eius vivendi condicione, participet, aedificationem praestet et ita amantissimum Ecclesiae filium se exhibeat. Simul autem eidem notum faciat ea quae sequuntur:
- a) sacerdos dispensatus eo ipso amittit iura statui clericali propria, dignitates et officia ecclesiastica; ceteris obligationibus cum statu clericali conexis non amplius adstringitur;
- b) exclusus manet ab exercitio sacri ministerii, iis exceptis de quibus in cann. 976, 986, § 2 ac propterea nequit homiliam habere. Insuper nequit fungi ministerio extraordinario sacrae Communionis distribuendae nec potest officium gerere directivum in ambitu pastorali;
- c) item nullum munus absolvere potest in Seminariis et in Institutis aequiparatis. In aliis Institutis studiorum gradus superioris, qui quocumque modo dependent ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit;

- d) in iisdem vero Institutis studiorum gradus superioris ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica non dependentibus nullam disciplinam proprie theologicam vel cum ipsa intime conexam tradere potest;
- e) in Institutis autem studiorum gradus inferioris dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica munere directivo vel officio docendi fungi nequit nisi Ordinarius, pro suo prudenti iudicio et remoto scandalo, ad munus docendi quod attinet, aliter decernere aestimaverit. Eadem lege tenetur sacerdos dispensatus in tradenda Religione in Institutis eiusdem generis non dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica.
- 6. Per se presbyter a sacerdotali coelibatu dispensatus et a fortiori matrimonio iunctus, abesse debet a locis in quibus eius antecedens condicio nota est. Ordinarius loci commorationis oratoris tamen, audito quatenus opus erit, Ordinario incardinationis vel Superiore maiori religioso, dispensare poterit ab ista clausula Rescripti, si oratoris praesentia scandalum paritura non praevideatur.
 - 7. Denique ei aliquod opus pietatis vel caritatis imponatur.
- 8. Notificatio dispensationis fieri potest vel personaliter per notarium aut ecclesiasticum actuarium vel per «epistulas perscriptas» (raccomandata, certificada, enregistrée, registered, einschreiben). Orator unum exemplar restituere debet rite subsignatum ad fidem receptionis et acceptionis eiusdem dispensationis ac simul etiam praeceptorum.
- 9. Tempore autem opportuno Ordinarius competens breviter ad Congregationem de peracta notificatione referat et, si qua tandem fidelium admiratio adsit, prudenti explicatione provideat.

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Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 7 aprilis 1998.	******
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CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENTS

Protocol Number 83/98/S

<u>CARLOS RENÉ RODRIGUEZ</u>, priest of the Congregation of the Mission, has asked for a dispensation from priestly celibacy and from all the burdens of sacred ordination.

His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, on 7 April 1998, having received the report on the case from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, has granted the request in accord with the following considerations:

- 1. The dispensation takes effect from the very moment of being granted.
- 2. The petitioner is to be notified of the rescript of dispensation by the competent Ordinary. It includes inseparably the dispensation from priestly celibacy as well as the loss of the clerical state. It is never lawful for the petitioner to disjoin these two elements, i.e., to accept the first and to refuse the second. If the petitioner is a religious, the rescript also grants a dispensation from vows. In addition, it also includes absolution from censures if such is needed.
- 3. Notice of the dispensation's grant should be recorded in the baptism register of the petitioner's parish.
- 4. With regard to the celebration of a canonical marriage, the norms laid down in the Code of Canon Law are to be applied. But the Ordinary should see to it that such arrangements are carried out with caution and without pomp or outward display.
- 5. The ecclesiastical authority whose responsibility it is to communicate the rescript to the petitioner should earnestly exhort him to participate in the life of the People of God in a manner which is in harmony with his new condition in life, to give good example, and thus to show himself to be a most loving son of the Church. But at the same time he should inform him of the following:
 - a) A dispensed priest by the fact of his dispensation loses the rights proper to the clerical state and his ecclesiastical dignities and offices. He is no longer bound by the other obligations connected with the clerical state.
 - b) He remains excluded from the exercise of sacred ministry, with the exceptions mentioned in Canons 976 and 986, §2. He cannot, therefore, give a homily. In addition, he cannot discharge the extraordinary ministry of distributing holy communion, nor can he perform a directive office in the pastoral field.
 - c) He likewise cannot perform any function in seminaries or equivalent institutions. In other institutions of higher studies which depend in any manner upon ecclesiastical authority, he cannot discharge a directive function or the office of teaching.
 - d) In institutions of higher studies which do not depend upon ecclesiastical authority, he cannot teach any properly theological discipline or one that is closely connected with such a discipline.

- e) In institutions of lower studies which depend upon ecclesiastical authority, he cannot discharge a directive function or office of teaching unless the Ordinary, according to his prudent judgment and with scandal removed, should judge to decide otherwise with regard to the role of teaching. A dispensed priest is bound by the same law in teaching religion in institutions of this type which do not depend upon ecclesiastical authority.
- 6. A priest who has been dispensed from priestly celibacy, precisely in view of his condition and all the more so if he is married, must not live in places where his previous condition is known. Nevertheless, the Ordinary of the place where the petitioner lives, if necessary after having consulted with the Ordinary of incardination or with the major religious superior, can dispense from this clause of the rescript if the presence of the petitioner is not foreseen to give rise to scandal.
 - 7. Lastly, some work of piety or charity should be imposed [on the petitioner].
- 8. Notification of the dispensation can be made either personally through an ecclesiastical notary or clerk or by way of registered mail. The petitioner is to return a duly signed copy of the rescript in proof of his having received and accepted the dispensation together with its stipulations.
- 9. At an opportune time the competent Ordinary should send a brief report to this Congregation concerning the execution of this rescript; and, if there be any wonderment on the part of the faithful, a prudent explanation should be provided.

All other contrary provisions notwithstanding.

From the Office of the Congregation, 7 April 1998.

Signed: + George Card. Medina Estévez Pro-Prefect

Signed: + Gerard Majella Agnelo Secretary

Date of notification:		
Signature of Petitioner indicating acceptance	Signature of Ordinary	

Understanding the Rescript

Section 4-b of the rescript makes reference to canons 976 and 986, §2. These canons refer to the ability to give sacramental absolution in danger of death. The texts declare:

- Can. 976 Even though he lacks the faculty to hear confessions, any priest validly and licitly absolves from any kind of censures and sins any penitent who is in danger of death, even if an approved priest is present.
- Can. 986, §2 In urgent necessity any confessor is obliged to hear the confessions of the Christian faithful, and in danger of death any priest is so obliged.

Canon 976 is quite clear and needs no comment. It is the second clause of canon 986, §2 that applies in this situation. Basically, it states that there is a responsibility to use your power to absolve in order to aid someone in danger of death. Thus, even if that means revealing your status to others who were not previously aware of that, the need of the penitent in danger of death would be paramount.

In interpreting the other stipulations in the rescript, the provisions of canon 18 come into play. Since these stipulations "restrict the free exercise" of baptismal rights, they are subject to a "strict" (i.e., narrow) interpretation. This means that only those matters clearly under the scope of the stipulations are prohibited. If some function is not clearly forbidden, then it is permissible. For example, although serving as a Eucharistic minister is prohibited, there is no prohibition from serving in the function of lector.

Section 3 speaks of observing the norms of the Code of Canon Law in celebrating a canonical marriage. This simply means that the same regulations governing marriage preparation and celebration that hold for any Catholic apply to you. The only restriction in your case is that the celebration is to be carried out in such a way that respects the sensibilities of the faithful who knew you as a priest.



VINCENTIAN FATHERS & BROTHERS PROVINCE OF THE WEST

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May 22, 1998

Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Loomis Vicar for Clergy 3424 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles CA 90010

Dear Monsignor Loomis:

Please be Informed that CARLOS R. RODRIGUEZ a former member of the Congregation of the Mission has received a rescript from the Holy See dispensing him from priestly celibacy and the burdens of sacred ordination. This rescript was dated *April 7*, 1998. I met with Mr. Rodriguez this morning to conclude his departure from the priesthood and from membership in the Congregation.

Mr. Rodriguez is currently employed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and is in residence with his parents in the city of Commerce.

May the Lord bless you and your ministry to the clergy of the archdiocese.

Fraternally in Christ,

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First: Carlos

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07/04/87 Excerpts from Msgr. Curry's to Ab. Mahony: REDACTED Vincentians called me to let me know of a problem involving one for their priests. Father Rodriguez, a newly-appointed Associate at St. Vincent's, went on vacation to the Grand Canyon this past week with two teenage boys. During the week, an incident of unlawful sexual touching took place with one of the boys. This happened at night, and they may have been sharing a bed. The boy became upset, and they all returned home. The boy told his sister about this. His mother was informed a month later. The incident occurred around June 30. The family REDACTED The incident came to Father The incident came to Father REDACTED attention by way of another priest who said he had the penitent's permission to report a matter he had heard in confession. Father REDACTED has removed him from the parish, and he is scheduled to go to REDACTED for an evaluation. 08/16/87 The boy went to the police to file a report. 04/01/93 Faculties were revoked. His religious community informed us that he would be living outside his Order. 05/26/98 Father REDACTED Provincial of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers wrote to Msgr. Loomis to inform him that Carlos R. Rodriguez, a former member of the Congregation of the Mission, has received a rescript from the Holy See dispensing him from priestly celebacy and the burdens of sacred ordination. This rescript was dated April 7, 1998. He met with him on 05/22/98 to conclude his departure from the priesthood and from membership in the Congregation. Mr. Rodriguez is currently employed by the St. Vincent de Paul Society and is in residence with his parents in the City of Commerce. 01/20/99 File sent to Archives.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

CASE NO. BA236942

Plaintiff,

01 CARLOS RENE RODRIGUEZ (11/8/1955)

Defendant(s).

FELONY COMPLAINT

The undersigned is informed and believes that:

COUNT 1

On and between September 27, 1984 and September 25, 1986, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of LEWD ACT UPON A CHILD, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 288(a), a Felony, was committed by CARLOS RENE RODRIGUEZ, who did willfully, unlawfully, and lewdly commit a lewd and lascivious act upon and with the body and certain parts and members thereof of REDACTED a child under the age of fourteen years, with the intent of arousing, appealing to, and gratifying the lust, passions, and sexual desires of the said defendant(s) and the said child.

"NOTICE: The above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code section 1192.7(c):"

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to register pursuant to Penal Code section 290. Willful failure to register is a crime."

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It is further alleged, pursuant to Penal Code section 803(G), as to count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 that the statute of limitations has been extended.

The District Attorney alleges that prosecution of the above-described crimes is commenced pursuant to Penal Code Section 803(g), and further alleges that:

- a. On or about April 15, 2002, the victim reported to all aw enforcement agency that he, while under the age of 18 years, was the victim of a sexual crime, as specified in Penal Code Section 803(g);
 - b. A complaint was filed within one year of the date of that report;
- c. The limitation period specified in Penal Code Section 800 or 801 has expired as to the charged crimes;
- d. The crime involved substantial sexual conduct, to wit: Masturbation of the victim by the defendant.

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e. There is independent evidence that clearly and convincingly corroborates the victim's allegations, to wit, the statements of another witness, that as a minor he was sexually molested by the defendant and the statements of the defendant.

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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND

CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT, CASE NUMBER BA236042, CONSISTS OF 8 ČOUNT(S).

Executed at LOS ANGELES, County of Los Angeles, on September 25, 2002.

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DECLARANT AND COMPLAINANT

STEVE COOLEY, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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. BY:

AGENCY: LAPD - JUVENILE

I/O: IREDACTED

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DR NO.: REDACTED

OPERATOR: DV

PRELIM. TIME EST.: 1 HOUR(S)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF VENTURA

BEFORE THE GRAND JURY #2

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In re the Investigation of the GRAND JURY #2.

CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORT OF SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO:

Archdiocese of Los Angeles Vicar Craig Cox Custodian of Records 3424 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

You are commanded to appear before the Grand Jury #2 of the County of Ventura, State of California, at 646 County Square Drive, Suite 300, City of Ventura, State of California 93003, on the 13th day of January 2003 at 8:30 A.M. as a witness in an investigation pending before said Grand Jury #2, and bring with you the following:

All documents and other materials that are in the possession, custody, or control of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, or its designees, that relate in any way to allegations of child molestation or sexual abuse committed by Father Carlos Rodriguez.

The subpoensed documents and other materials include, but are not limited to, documents in the Archdiocese general archives, general files, secret archives, secret files, sub secreto files or archives, personnel files, confidential personnel files, locked files, and investigative files as well as memoranda, correspondence, reports, evaluations, interviews, statements, notes, contracts, agreements, settlement agreements, confidentiality agreements, and records of payment relating in any way to allegations of child molestation and sexual abuse committed by Father Carlos Rodriguez.

The subpoenaed documents and other materials include, but are not limited to, all documents in hard copy paper form or stored electronically in computers; printouts of information stored in computers or other retention or processing systems; computer files; e-mail communications; photographs; sound reproduction material in any form; and any other material that is typed, written, handwritten, taped, reproduced, or recorded in any manner

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that is related in any way to allegations of child molestation or sexual abuse committed by Father Carlos Rodriguez.

The subpoenaed documents and other materials include, but are not limited to, all records pertaining to the transfer of Father Carlos Rodriguez from one parish to another.

The subpoensed documents and materials are to be provided regardless of their location within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles or within the custody or control of the Archdiocese administrative office, archival storage facility, parish, rectory, mission, residence, school or other storage facility utilized by the Catholic Church or its contractors, including materials sent to the Vatican or other administrative offices, or storage facilities.

The subpoenaed documents or materials include any "green page", "green sheet", or "green card" from personnel files or other files indicating that information is on file or located elsewhere. If documents or other material have been moved outside of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, a declaration shall be prepared identifying the documents or other materials that were transferred, when the documents and other materials were transferred, and who was involved with the transfer and where the documents and other materials are now located. All documentation pertaining to the transfer is requested.

Any subpoensed documents and other material considered to be privileged by the Archdiocese shall be produced with a detailed statement describing the item for which a privilege is asserted, the subject matter of the item for which a privilege is asserted, the names of all individuals appearing on the item for which a privilege is asserted, and the basis for the asserted privilege. Any and all waivers of any privilege, however effected, shall be produced.

Said documents or things are relevant and material to the above-entitled investigation in that they tend to establish an element of the offense being investigated.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Executed at Ventura, California, on December 19, 2002.

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District Attorney
County of Ventura, State of California

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(In compliance with Evidence Code section 1561 and Code of Civil Procedure section 2015.5.)
Court: Ventura County Superior Court, State of California Date of subpoena: 12/19/2002 Name of party obtaining subpoena: Ventura County Grand Jury #2 Name of Business: Archdiocese of Los Angeles
I, the undersigned, say:
1. I am the duly authorized custodian of records of the above-named business.
I have the authority to certify copies of those records. (Declarant must check either 2(a) or 2(b).)
The copies transmitted herewith are true and correct copies of all the original records described in the above-mentioned subpoena insofar as the above-named business has such records.
No copies are transmitted herewith, because the above-named business has none of the records described in the above-named subpoena.
3. The records referred to above were prepared by the personnel of the above named business, in the ordinary course of business, at or near the time of the act, condition or event.
4. The identity of the records:
(example: bank records, medical records, etc.) (Please complete list on an additional sheet if necessary.)
5. Description of the mode of preparation of the records:
Executed on, at, (City and State)
I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State o California, that the above is true and correct.
(Signature of Declarant)

NOTICE

To the person named in the attached subpoena duces tecum;

Section 1560 of the Evidence Code allows you to avoid a personal appearance with the original record described in the subpoena at the time and place indicated in the subpoena if you complete the following steps:

- 1. Make a true and correct copy of each of the records described in the subpoena. A photographic reproduction is sufficient for this purpose.
- 2. Complete and sign the enclosed declarations.
- 3. Place the declaration and all such copies of records in the envelope attached and mail or deliver to the following address:

Ventura County Grand Jury #2 Hall of Justice, L3751 800 S. Victoria Avenue Ventura, CA 93009

Or Deliver to the following address:

Ventura County Grand Jury #2 646 County Square Drive, Suite 300 Ventura, CA 93003

4. To comply with section 1560 of the Evidence Code, you must mail or deliver the above within FIVE DAYS after you receive the subpoena.

Very truly yours,

REDACTED

Notice SOT Instructions

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STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney of Los Angeles County
By: REDACTED
Deputy District Attorney
SEX CRIMES OFFICE
320 W. TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-1611

Attorney for Plaintiff

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Plaintiff.

01 CARLOS RENE RODRIGUEZ

Defendants(s).

CASE NO. BA236942

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM APPLICATION FOR SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM CRIMINAL

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO: CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS, ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES, a corporation sole (also identified as the ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES), 3424 WILSHIRE BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.

You are commanded to attend a session of the LA CRIMINAL COURT of the County of Los Angeles to be held at the Courtroom of Division 33 located at 210 W. TEMPLE ST., ROOM 3-317, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, County of Los Angeles on January 7, 2003 at 08:30 a.m., then and there to testify as a witness in this action on the part of Plaintiff and that you then and there produce the documents now in your custody or under your control, described in the copy of the application for subpoena duces tecum attached hereto which is incorporated herein by reference.

You must appear at the time unless you make a special agreement to appear another time, etc., with:

REDACTED

Deputy District Attorney, at phone number REDACTED

Failure to appear on the date set forth herein or at such other time or upon such notice as may have been agreed to with the party at whose request this subpoena was issued may be punished as contempt by this court. You may also be liable for the sum of five hundred dollars and all damages to such party resulting from your failure to attend. (Penal Code Section 1331, 1331.5)

DISOBEDIENCE OF THIS SUBPOENA MAY BE PUNISHED BY A FINE, IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH. A WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED FOR YOUR ARREST IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR.

DATED: December 23, 2002



Respectfully submitted, STEVE COOLEY District Attorney REDACTED

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APPLICATION FOR SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Los Angeles

The undersigned states: That he/she is attorney of record for the People of the State of California in the above-titled action; that said cause was duly set down for preliminary hearing setting on January 7, 2003 at 08:30 a.m., in Division 33 of the above-entitled Court.

That custodian of records of THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES has in his/her possession or under his/her control the following documents:

All documents and other materials that are in the possession, custody, or control of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles that relate in any way to allegations of child molestion or sexual abuse committed by Carlos Rene Rodriguez.

The subpoenaed documents and other materials include, but are not limited to, documents in the general archives, general files, secret archives, secret files, sub secreto files or archives, personnel files, confidential files, c-files, locked files, and investigative files as well as memoranda, correspondence, reports, evaluations, interviews, statements, notes, contracts, agreements, settlement agreements, confidentiality agreements, and records of payment relating in any way to allegations of child molestation and sexual abuse committed by Carlos Rene Rodriguez.

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The subpoenaed documents and other materials include, but are not limited to, all records pertaining to the assignment history and, if applicable, the transfer of Carlos Rodriguez from one parish to another.

The subpoenaed documents are to be provided regardless of their location within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles or within the custody or control of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles including, but not limited to, any administrative office, archival storage facility, storage facility, parish, mission, residence, or school.

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Any subpostmed documents and other material considered to be privileged by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles shall be produced with a detailed statement describing the item

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for which a privileged is asserted, the subject matter of the item for which a privilege is asserted, the names of all individuals appearing on the item for which a privilege is asserted, and the basis for the asserted privilege.

That the above documents are material to the issues involved in the case by reason of the following facts:

I, REDACTED being a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles, have been informed by REDACTED a sworn peace officer, as defined by Penal Code Section 830.1, employed by the Los Angeles Police Department, currently assigned to the Juvenile Division, Sexually Exploited Child Unit, investigating cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse by Catholic priests, of the following:

She is the lead Investigating Officer in the case involving defendant Carlos Rene Rodriguez. In connection with her investigation of the defendant, she interviewed two victims who allege that they were sexually abused by the defendant when they were children.

Through her investigation she learned that a sixteen-year-old boy reported to police in 1987 that the defendant had sexuually abused him during a trip the victim took with the defendant to Arizona. Upon his return from Arizona the victim told his family what the defendant had done to him. The victim's family took the victim to the police and a police report was made in 1987.

The detective investigating that case in 1987 spoke with the defendant's supervisor, REDACTED REDACTED told the detective that the church was aware of the situration and that the defendant was currently hospitalized and receiving therapy in Maryland.

Based on this information it is believed that documentation pertaining to the defendant's sexual abuse of that victim and the measures the church took to investigate that incident prior to sending the defendant to Maryland for therapy is in the possession of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Detective REDACTED interviewed the defendant in July of 2002 and asked the defendant if there were any other victims he had sexual contact with. The defendant stated that there was another sixteen-year-old boy in Santa Barbara with whom he had sexual contact sometime in the mid-to-late 1980's. The defendant stated this victim had reported the abuse to church officials, one of whom approached the defendant about the abuse. The defendant stated that it was at that time he decided to leave the priesthood.

Based on this information it is believed that documentation of the second victim's allegations and circumstances surrounding the abuse and the defendant's ultimate "retirement" exists and is in the possession of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Specifically, it is believed that the officials to whom the victim reported the abuse, as well as the official who actually confronted the defendant, will have documented any conversations they had with the victim, his family, and the defendant regarding the incident.

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Executed December 23, 2002 at LOS ANGELES, California.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Los Angeles

I, the undersigned state that: I served the foregoing subpoena by showing the original and delivering a true copy thereof, together with a copy of the application in support thereof, to each of the following named persons:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed _____, at _____, California.

Declarant

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September 11, 2003

ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

REDACTED

Archdiocese of Los Angeles 3424 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California

RE: ASSERTION OF ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE BY CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

Dear Ms. REDACTED

Amid the current maelstrom regarding allegations affecting the Archdiocese, I find it necessary formally to direct you to assert my legal rights regarding any files, reports, statements, or communications concerning allegations involving me. I learned with concern of the issuance of subpoenas requiring the Archdiocese to turn over "all documentation" concerning such allegations, since that broad request could cover matters in files in which I have an interest.

In that context, I hereby direct you to assert the rights I hold under the Attorney-Client Privilege concerning any documents relating to allegations against or involving me. I similarly direct you to assert my rights under all other privileges and rights of privacy or confidentiality affecting me, including, but not limited to, the therapist-patient and physician patient privileges, the Medical Information Act [Civil Code Section 56 et seq.], 42 USC 290 [dd], and the Right of Privacy enumerated in the California Constitution and contained in the United States Constitution.

Most particularly, the leading case of *Chadbourne v. Superior Court* [1964] 60 Cal.2nd 723, 36 Cal. Rptr. 468, held that where a corporation investigates a matter and prepares reports relating to potential legal claims against it or an employee, such information is protected by the Attorney-Client Privilege. It further held that, "When the employee of a defendant corporation is also a defendant in his own right (or is a person who may be charged with charged with liability), his statement regarding the facts with which he or his employer may be charged, obtained by a representative of the employer and delivered to an attorney who represents (or will represent) either or both of them, is entitled to

the attorney-client privilege on the same basis as it would be entitled thereto if the employer-employee relationship did not exist"

Clearly, I could be liable for the alleged conduct, and I therefore am a co-holder of the legal privilege. Evidence Code Section 955 *requires* that the privilege be asserted by you.

Interestingly, in the very recent case of *People v. Superior Court [Laff]* [2001] 25 Cal. 4th 703, 107 Cal. Rptr.2nd 323, the California Supreme Court *unanimously* rejected a claim by the District Attorney of Los Angeles that such privileges do not apply to documents seized under a search warrant, and observed that the custodian of records affected by the privilege *must* assert it "at every peril to himself."

I would be very happy if you will discuss this important direction with my attorney, REDACTED

Yours in Christ,

Carlos Rodriguez

September 11, 2003

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Archdiocesan Catholic Center 3424 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90010-2241

RE: NOTICE OF LEGAL INTEREST IN FILES RE

CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

Dear REDACTED

This letter will inform you that I have been retained to represent the abovenamed individual in all respects concerning an investigation of misconduct alleged to have occurred while he was a Priest within the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

It is possible during the course of any such investigation that government agencies, attorneys, or other people will request access to any copies of files that may be in the possession, custody, or control of the Archdiocese respecting my client, his personnel records, or any record of any discipline, investigation, or proceeding the Archdiocese conducted relative to my client.

My client has important legal interests in any such files, derived from his various Constitutional rights. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT HE OBJECTS TO THE RELEASE OF ANY INFORMATION THAT CONCERNS HIM OR ANY INVESTIGATION ABOUT HIM. So that his legal rights may be protected, please give me prompt notice of any request for such records, whether the request is informal, written or oral, or in the nature of a subpoena, discovery, or any other legal process. I will then be able to take appropriate legal action to enforce my client's many legal rights. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours, REDACTED

PROFFER RE FATHER CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, C.M.

Date	Description
6/20/86	Ordained
7/3/86	Associate at St. Vincent's Church, Los Angeles
7/4/87	Report of inappropriate conduct with a minor. The Archdiocese will not contend that it lacked notice of Father Rodriguez's alleged
	sexual interest towards minors following this date.
7/4/87	Enters St. Luke Institute for evaluation and treatment.
3/15/88	Aftercare contract between St. Luke Institute and Rodriguez.
3/23/88	Psychotherapy report from St. Luke Institute.
4/27/88	Follow-up psychotherapy report from St. Luke Institute.
5/11/88	Resides at St. Mary Seminary, Santa Barbara with restrictions.
7/1/88	Part Time, Office of Family Life, Santa Barbara, with restrictions.
3/22/93	Becomes inactive. Leaves Vincentian community. Archdiocese
	removes faculties.
10/21/93	Archdiocese denies Rodriguez' request to renew faculties.
5/22/98	Rodriguez' laicization request granted.



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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of the Archbishop (213) 637-7288 3424 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles California 90010-2202

May 23, 2008

REDACTED REDACTED

Vincentian Fathers and Brothers 420 Date Street Montebello, CA 90640

Dear Father REDACTED

I am writing to inform you that on May 19, 2008 I met with Mr. REDACTED who was a victim of sexual abuse by Carlos Rodriguez, formerly a Vincentian priest who had been stationed at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Downtown Los Angeles, and subsequently, in residence at St. Mary Retreat Center in Santa Barbara.

Mr. REDACTED came with his wife, his mother and with his brother, REDACTED who heads up our Victims Assistance Ministry.

REDACTED is really suffering very profoundly from the abusive treatment, and has many personal problems flowing from that abuse.

While REDACTED and I were grateful for the opportunity to listen to REDACTED; story, I really think it would be important for you as the Provincial to schedule a personal meeting with REDACTED his wife, his mother, and his brother. I think they would benefit greatly from a personal apology from you as Provincial, now that they have received one from me on behalf of the larger Church.

For contact information, please get in touch directly with REDACTED

at: REDACTED

Thanking you for your willingness to follow-up with this matter, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

His Eminence

Cardinal Roger Mahony Archbishop of Los Angeles

CC: Mrs. REDACTED

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