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Father Murphy, Pastor  
Holy Name Church  
Center Street  
West Roxbury, Ma. 02132

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Dear Father Murphy,

I just had to sit down and write you this letter as I am upset, one of my five daughters just called me and told me about a curate from Mass on Sunday, October 3, at Holy Name. My daughter, her husband and their three small children were in attendance at the 8:15 a.m. Mass. I was appauled to hear the story she told me about a Father Foley. I am sure by now you have heard from many people, but I as a grandmother and a mother of seven children myself, have never in my born days, ever heard of anything so bad. The priest if you want to call him that told the people in attendance with children to either leave them home or not attend church. God never in his life ever could have said that, and I have been preached to all my life to bring the children no matter what age, I just wanted you to know how very upset I was. This particular daughter was not very religious when she married and I prayed each day that God would help her to realize that He was there to help her. Then my prayers were answered and she with her husband and three children now go to Mass on Sundays and Holidays. Can you imagine how she felt sitting in the church on Sunday, actually embarrassed- to be in God's House, how awful. She could not go to the priest she was so upset, and her husband went back to the church, but needless to say, the priest, Father Foley, had left. I think he (my son-in-law) was slightly upset to see his wife embarrassed to be in God's house, how can you rectify something like this? I told her that Father Foley must be very ill, and you Father Murphy must help him to get better so that this cannot happen again. Please have Father Foley read the Mark X verse 14- from the bible-about God having little children come unto Him! I pray that Father Foley returns to good health very soon and I also pray for you Father Murphy, as you certainly must be going through a lot --regarding this certain incident.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Cardinal Medeiros.



Brookline, Ma. 02146

*James Foley*

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The above letter is in regard to a family being at an early Mass and being told that if they could not attend the 9:30 Family Mass that they should not go to church or join another parish. Not sure you understood the above, so thought I would help clear it up.