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Our Charism Statement

The Sacred Hearts' call is to become a Eucharistic Community striving for a holiness of which one of the principle elements is devotion to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, expressing this call in loving care and mutual support, and responding to the needs of all with selfless love.

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Dear Enrique:

I want to bring you up to date on my situation involving Ms. [REDACTED] and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Fr. Michael Brooks' most recent contacts with Ms. [REDACTED] have been very amicable. She is receiving therapy once a week, which is being paid for by the Province, and is apparently in very good spirits. There is no indication at this time that she holds any animosity towards me personally or towards the Congregation. She is a practicing Buddhist and has indicated that her religious beliefs provide a strong impetus for her to forgive. Apparently, this is what she has done. She seems to have received very openly the explanation that the motivation for my telephone call in January was solely to bring about some form of reconciliation between us.

In late August, I wrote to Msgr. Loomis, Vicar for Clergy for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I indicated that I had complied with the request by the Archdiocese that I undergo a psychiatric examination to determine my fitness, or lack thereof, for ministry. The results of this examination indicated that I should be allowed to continue in ministry. Since I had complied with the suggestion of the examining psychiatrist that I become involved in group therapy in addition to the ongoing individual therapy in which I was already engaged, I requested that the faculties of the Archdiocese be granted to me.

Msgr. Loomis and I spoke on October 3. He assured me that the faculties of the Archdiocese were once again extended to me. He also indicated that it was his wish, as well as that of the Archbishop and of the Archdiocesan psychologist, Curtis Bryant, S.J., that I consider serving on the Sexual Abuse

Advisory Board of the Archdiocese. I subsequently discussed this with my therapist, Dr. Mary Sevilla, C.S.J. She was even more pleased about the invitation than I was, indicating that it restored her faith in the Archdiocese. I subsequently informed Msgr. Loomis that I would be happy to serve on this Board. Please find a copy of his most recent letter enclosed.

I sincerely hope that we can now close the book on this phase of what has been a very difficult experience for me. Given what we were faced with in February, when we first discussed this matter in your office, I think everything has turned out remarkably well.

I am deeply grateful to you for your support during these months, and want you to know that I very much appreciate the way in which you, Enrique Moreno and [REDACTED], have managed to communicate this to me. Were it not for this, and the prayerful support of some dear friends, I'm not sure how I would have come through these difficult months. In particular, I want to mention the loving support and constant help extended to me by Mike Brooks. He has not only provided excellent advice, but also a shoulder to lean on when I needed it.

I hope your meetings in Rome during these weeks are going smoothly, and that they will be of benefit to all in the Congregation. I pray for God's continued blessing on you and all of the Council in your difficult ministry.

Sincerely in the Sacred Hearts,



Martin O'Loughlen, SS.CC.

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Enclosure