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November 14, 1968

Dear Father Reiff & Board Members,

This letter is to inform you of our decision regarding our dissatisfaction with our pastor, Father Oswald G. Krusing.

As you recall, three ladies from St. Rita's had a personal interview with you several weeks ago. Since that time, we did as you directed, preparing a statement listing the reasons of our discontent with Father Krusing's administration. However, prior to requesting parishioners' signatures, we sought the advice of Father Joseph Zeihen as to the advisability of our action since we anticipated retaliatory measures by our pastor toward our three associate pastors. Father Zeihen, though he admitted conditions were most unfortunate, suggested that we wait, informing us that Father Krusing is continually speaking of retiring next May. If only this were true! We have accepted Father Zeihen's decision, knowing full well that any action on the part of St. Rita's parishioners will hurt Father Krusing, although, let it be known, we detest the manner in which he is hurting hundreds of children and adults.

We have not undertaken this ordeal to hurt anyone, but rather because St. Rita's is beloved to so many good people. As Father Zeihen stated when he dissuaded us, we have tolerated the abominable situation this long, perhaps we can endure the discontent, the disappointments for another six months.

Should the promise of retirement not materialize, be assured we will resume our efforts to alter conditions existing now at St. Rita's, for our attitudes and principles remain the same.

Please remember our parish in your daily prayers. Perhaps intercession of our dear Lord is our only chance, but a change is essential. We thank you for your kindness and consideration, and sincerely hope another meeting will be unnecessary.

Gratefully

Mrs. [REDACTED]