

First Amendment



Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

Votum of the Minister Provincial for Rev. David Johnson, OFM

With a heavy heart, I write this votum for a dispensation for the Reverend David Johnson (n. 3/5/51). In 1994, the province of St. Barbara had a series of allegations of sexual abuse of students in our minor seminary during the 1960s and 1970s. There was an allegation against David Johnson at that time. Later, in the 1990s, there was another allegation from a different student against David. The alleged action took place during his years as a teacher at the minor seminary. As a result of the allegations and in order to obtain faculties for him with the local ordinaries, certain conditions to minimize the risk were placed upon David's external ministry. Quite recently, there was a new allegation against David. With the new allegation, further conditions would be placed on his ministry. David did not want any more conditions and felt that he did not and could not have much of a future with the St. Barbara province and other Franciscan provinces and dioceses in the United States. Hence, he is petitioning for the dispensation.

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Rough Translation

MOST HOLY FATHER

The priest, David Johnson, a solemnly professed member of the Order of Friars Minor, has implored Your Holiness for an indult separating him from the religious institute for the reasons given.

The Congregation for the Institutes of the Consecrated Life and the Societies of the Apostolic Life, attentive to that which was set before it, agrees to the request, that the petitioner leaving aside the religious habit, remains separated from his institute, by which, according to the norms of Canon 702, he cannot request anything from it for any work done in it. In addition the prescript of Canon 702 must be observed that equity and evangelical charity is owed to the member who separates from it.

The petitioner will be unable to exercise the sacred orders until he finds a Bishop who will receive him into his diocese, according to the norms of Canon 693, and permit him to exercise the sacred orders.

The present rescript, unless it is rejected in the act of notification by the petitioner, confirms the dispensation from vows and all other obligations arising from profession.

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CONGREGAZIONE
PER GLI ISTITUTI DI VITA CONSACRATA
E LE SOCIETÀ DI VITA APOSTOLICA

Prot. n. 36049/2001

BEATISSIME PATER,

Sacerdos David E. Johnson, professus votorum perpetuorum in Ordine Fratrum Minorum, a Sanctitate Tua imporat indultum discedendi ab Instituto, ob rationes expositas.

Congregatio pro Institutis Vitae Consecratae et Societatibus Vitae Apostolicae, attentis expositis, annuit pro gratia iuxta preces, ita ut orator, deposita exteriori forma habitus religiosi, separatus maneat a suo Instituto, a quo, ad normam can. 702, § 1, nihil repetere potest ob quamlibet operam in eo praestitam. Insuper servetur praescriptum can. 702, § 2, circa aequitatem et evangelicam caritatem quae servari debent in casu. Orator sacros ordines exercere nequit, donec Episcopum inveniat qui eum in dioecesi, ad normam can. 693, recipiat vel saltem exercitium sacrorum ordinum permittat.

Praesens rescriptum, nisi ab oratore fuerit reiectum in actu notificationis, ipso iure secumfert dispensationem a votis necnon ab omnibus obligationibus ex Professione ortis.

Contrariis quibuscumque non obstantibus.

E Civitate Vaticana, die 19 februarii 2001.

P. A. A. Odoardo C.
Off. proc.

Franciscans
Mission San Luis Rey
4050 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92057

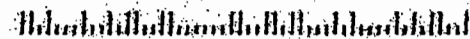
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PROVINCIAL OFFICE
1500 - 34th AVE
OAKLAND, CA.
94601 - 3092



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12-9-00

Old Mission

Dear Father Provincial,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am sorry I cause you problems and pain.

I feel I no longer deserve to be a friar. I have always tried to do my best, especially these last thirteen years. Since my previous misconduct in 1983, I felt I had honorably lived up to all the vows I made and the conditions placed upon me by the province. It was an integrity that sustained me. My sexual conduct with a man this summer mined that record. In my heart I cannot continue. The province gave me a chance and I blew it. I feel defeated.

I understand and believe the province has every right and even the responsibility to deal with my past in the way it has. But I also know it is taking a terrible toll on me personally. I find myself less and less able to live with the energy and integrity I value. I do not wish to hurt anyone else. I must choose life.

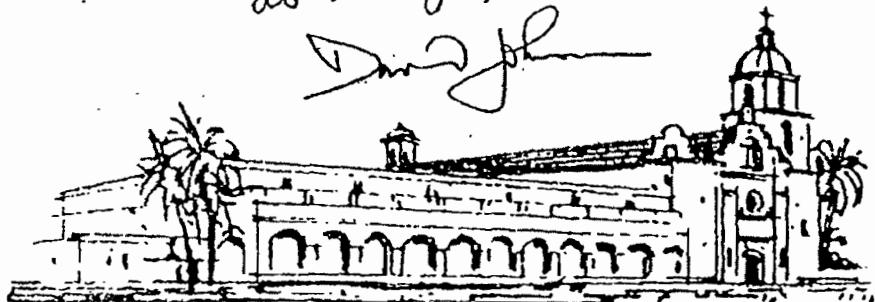
I formally request that I be dispensed from my vows to the Franciscan order.

Again, I am sorry for all the pain I have caused you and others.

as always,

David John

THE FRANCISCANS
4050 Mission Avenue
San Luis Rey, California 92068
619 / 757-3651



FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN (please print/type)

Johnson David Eaton
Last Name Christian (Religious) Middle
Birthdate 3-5-51 Birthplace FT. KNOX, Kentucky
Social Security # [REDACTED] Drivers License # _____ State _____

Address of two (2) persons to notify in case of sickness/death:

1)

2)

Do you belong to another Province? If so, which?

NO

Please carry your Insurance ID card with you.

Your medical doctor (MD) NONE

Your Dr.'s Address and Phone _____

Blood Type: O+ Medical Allergies NONE

Your Insurance Carrier TRAVELERS

Have you made a last testament? If so, you are asked to attach a copy to this form and send it to the Provincial Office.

Additional copies of this request/testament should remain with you and with the local Guardian. When you are reassigned, your new Guardian should get a copy of this testament.

Do you have special requests for your funeral service/arrangements? E.g., special hymns, type of music, homilist, closed casket, a family member or friend to help with the funeral? Any other wishes you might have that will help those planning the funeral.

- ① I wish to be cremated and have my ashes spread in some natural area — preferably Zion National Park.
- ② I would like contemporary music played — NO LATIN HYNES
- ③ I would like Bill Short, Mike Weldon or Mike Doheerty to preach (please don't let Louie Vatake preach)

Are there any personal items you want given to your family?

- ANY SLEEPING BAGS, BICYCLES, BACKPACKS, DAYPACKS, TENTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT I wish to have split between my two nephews BEN Johnson and MATTHEW PEQUIGNOT.
- my grandmother's ROSARY to ~~one of~~ my sisters TRISHA

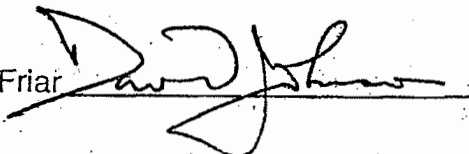
Do you have insurance policies, pensions, veteran's benefits, etc.? If so, please list.

NO

If you have a bank account by reason of ministry, who is the co-signer on the account? (Any individual friar account must have at least one other friar as a co-signer.)

In the event of a Friar's death, the Guardian should secure the Friar's room. All documents and personal effects should be sent to the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara Archives. If you have a file in your room for "sensitive" materials, please provide instructions for its disposal. Family photographs and other items not needed for Provincial History, may be given by the Provincial Archivist to the next of kin who requests them.

Signature of Friar



Date

11-22-88

A copy of this document goes to the Provincial Office and a copy remains with the local Guardian.

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- ④ MIKE WELDON OR ROB YOUNG should be asked first to
Preach at my funeral

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- ① NO LATIN HYMNS

- ② I'D LIKE A FUNERAL MASS w/ THE BODY present AT THE PLACE
WHERE I WAS LAST STATIONED - MASS AT SANTA BARBARA IS
UP TO THE LIVING

- ③ I WANT TO BE CREMATED AND ALL MY ASHES SCATTERED IN
SOME NATURAL AREA. - ZION NAT. PARK OR THE SIERRAS

Are there any personal items you want given to your family?

ALL CAMPING AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT - SLEEPING BAGS, BICYCLES, BACKPACKS,
DAYPACKS, SKIS, TENTS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT I WISH TO BE GIVEN TO
MY TWO NEPHEWS BEN JOHNSON AND MATTHEW BEQUIGNOT.

MY GRANDMOTHERS ROSARY (BLACK) TO MY SISTER TRISHA LANIGAN

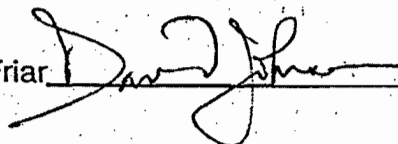
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Signature of Friar



Date

5-20-96

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PERSONAL DATA
AND EXPERIENCE SURVEY

INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type one character in each box. Leave line blank if information is unknown. Use no punctuation. Use spaces between words for clarity. Use extra pages, if required, for Sections H and I. Refer to glossary and codelist in appendix.

NOTE: Information on page 1 of this form is for publication in the Schematismus Totius Ordinis. That on pages 2 and 3 is for internal office use by the Order.

SECTION A -- NAMES

01. Family name: JOHNSON
(Surname/Last name)
02. Religious name: DAVID
(From novitiate)
03. Baptismal name: DAVID
(Given legal name)
04. Any other name: LECTION
(Omit if none)
05. Mother's name: KATHRYN DICKERSON
(Given & maiden name)
06. Father's name: DAVID
(Given name)

SECTION B -- BIRTH

07. Country of birth: UNITED STATES
08. City/place of birth: EMERSON KENTUCKY
09. Diocese of birth: LOUISIANA
10. Date of birth: 10/31/51
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr
11. Country of citizenship: UNITED STATES
12. Country where living now: UNITED STATES

SECTION C -- ORDER MEMBERSHIP

13. Reception to novitiate: 11/3/59
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr
14. First profession date: 10/8/59
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr
15. Solemn profession date: 11/10/59
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr
16. Entity of reception: P183
(Use Province/Vice-province codelist)
17. Entity of membership: P183
(Use Province/Vice-province codelist)
18. Entity where living now: P183
(Use Prov/Vice-pr/Genl House codelist)

SECTION D -- ORDINATION DATES

19. Permanent Diaconate: 11/10/61
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr
20. Priesthood ordination: 12/9/61
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr
21. Episcopal ordination: 11/1/61
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

SECTION E - POSITION / WORK EXPERIENCES

'a' grid use: Cook/Guardian/Definitior/Teacher/Gardener/Provincial/Tailor/Guide/
 Pastor/Porter/Infirmarian/Secretary/Professor/Writer/Missionary/
 Vicar Provincial/Custos/Visitator General/Librarian/Sacristan/Etc.
 'b' grid use: If Position/Work title in 'a' grid is unclear, use 'b' grid to
 describe it.

22a. Position/Work: TEACHER (Identify Position/Work name)

b. (Describe Position/Work name)

23a. Position/Work: PASTOR (Identify Position/Work name)

b. (Describe Position/Work name)

24a. Position/Work: RECREATION MASTER (Identify Position/Work name)

b. (Describe Position/Work name)

25a. Position/Work: (Identify Position/Work name)

b. (Describe Position/Work name)

26a. Position/Work: (Identify Position/Work name)

b. (Describe Position/Work name)

SECTION F -- LANGUAGE FACILITY

27. ENGLISH (List 1st language)

(Facility scale: 0 = low, 5 = med, 9 = high)
 Speaking Listening Reading Writing

28a. NONE (List 2nd language) 28b. (Rate facility in 2nd language)

29a. (List 3rd language) 29b. (Rate facility in 3rd language)

30a. (List 4th language) 30b. (Rate facility in 4th language)

31a. (List 5th language) 31b. (Rate facility in 5th language)

32a. (List 6th language) 32b. (Rate facility in 6th language)

SECTION G -- ACADEMIC DEGREES

- 33a. BACHELOR ARTS BLACK STUDENTS
Degree name
 b. BA c. NONE d. 11 24 1978
Deg Abbrv Degree Honors Date: day mon yr
 e. BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY
Degree Speciality
 f. UNIVERSITY CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA
Granting Institution
 g. NONE
Explanatory Remarks
-
- 34a. MASTER OF DIVINITY
Degree name
 b. MDiv c. NONE d. 10 11 1989
Deg Abbrv Degree Honors Date: day mon yr
 e. THEOLOGY
Degree Speciality
 f. LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
Granting Institution
 g. NONE
Explanatory Remarks
-
- 35a. MAND
Degree name
 b. c. d.
Deg Abbrv Degree Honors Date: day mon yr
 e.
Degree Speciality
 f.
Granting Institution
 g.
Explanatory Remarks

SECTION H -- SPECIAL SKILLS / TRAINING / LICENSES

'a' grid use: Mechanic/Pilot/Electrician/Painter/Typist/Cabinetmaker/Musician/Computers/
 Nurse/Photographer/Tailor/Writer/Cook/Sculptor/Gardener/Preacher/Actor/Etc.
 'b' grid use: Give speciality training details, sources, titles, licenses, dates received.

- 36a. Skill name: NONE
(Identify speciality name)
 b.
(Describe speciality training)
- 37a. Skill name:
(Identify speciality name)
 b.
(Describe speciality training)
- 38a. Skill name:
(Identify speciality name)
 b.
(Describe speciality training)

SECTION I -- PUBLICATIONS / WORKS / ART

- 39a. Title: MAND
(Identify publication/work/art name)
 b. Description:
(Describe work)
- 40a. Title:
(Identify publication/work/art name)
 b. Description:
(Describe work)

1 AND PROVINCE, VICE-PR INCE GENERAL-HOUSE CODELIST

AEGYPTUS			
S FAMILIAE	V01	IAPONIA	
AEQUATORIA		SS MARTYRUM IAPONIENSIMUM	P39
S FRANCISCI DE QUITO	P01	INDIA	
AFRICA MERIDIONALIS		INDIAE S THOMAE APOSTOLI	P40
NOSTRAE DOMINAE REGINAE PACIS	V03	INDONESIA	
AFRICA ET MADAGASCAR		S MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI	P41
S FRANCISCI	V02	ITALIA	
ALBANIA		APRUTIORUM S BERNARDINI SENENSIS	P42
ANNUNTIATIONIS B M V	P02	APULIAE S MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI	P43
AMERICA CENTRALIS ET PANAMA		BAUSANENSIS S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	P44
DOMINAE NOSTRAE DE GUADALUPE	P91	BONONIENSIS CHRISTI REGIS	P45
ANGLIA		CALABRIAE SS VII MARTYRUM	P46
IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P03	LIGURIAE SS CORDIS MARIAE	P47
ARGENTINA		LYCIENSIS ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P48
FLUVII PLATA ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P04	MEDIOLANENSIS S CAROLI BORROMAEI	P49
S MICHAELIS	P92	NEAPOLITANA SS CORDIS IESU	P50
AUSTRALIA		PEDEMONTANA S BONAVENTURAE	P51
SPIRITUS SANCTI	P05	PICENA S IACOBI DE MARCHIA	P52
AUSTRIA		ROMANA SS PETRI ET PAULI	P53
S BERNARDINI SENENSIS	P06	SALERNITANO-LUCANA IMMACULATAE CONC	P54
TYROLII S LEOPOLDI	P07	SAMNITO-HIRPINA S MARIAE GRATIARUM	P55
BELGIUM		SARDINIAE S MARIAE GRATIARUM	P56
S JOSEPH SPONSI B M V	P08	SERAPHICA S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	P57
S MARIAE MEDIATRICES	P09	SICILIAE SS NOMINIS IESU	P58
BOLIVIA		TRIDENTINA S VIGILII	P59
MISSIONARIA S ANTONII	V04	TUSCIAE S FRANCISCI STIGMATIZATI	P60
BRASILIA		VENETA S ANTONII PATAVINI	P61
IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P13	IUGOSLAVIA	
NOSTRAE DOMINAE SEPTEM GAUDIUM	V05	BOSNAE ARGENTINAE S CRUCIS	P62
S ANTONII	P10	CROATIAE SS CYRILI ET METHODII	P63
S CRUCIS	P11	DALMATIAE S HIERONIMI (ZADAR)	P64
S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	P12	DALMATIAE SS REDEMPTORIS (SPLIT)	P65
SANCTISSIMI NOMINIS IESU	V07	HERCEGOVINA ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P66
CANADA		SLOVENIAE S CRUCIS	P67
CHRISTI REGIS	P96	MELITA	
S JOSEPH SPONSI B M V	P14	S PAULI APOSTOLI	P68
CECHOSLOVAKIA		MEXICUM	
BOHEMIAE ET MORAVIAE S VENCESLAI	P15	S EVANGELII	P69
SLOVAKIAE SS SALVATORIS	P16	SS FRANCISCI ET IACOBI DE JALISCO	P70
CHILIA		SS PETRI ET PAULI DE MICHOACAN	P71
SS TRINITATIS	P17	NEDERLANDIA	
COLUMBIA		SS MARTYRUM GORCOMIENSIMUM	P72
S FIDEI	P18	PAPUA NOVA GUINEA ET SAL INSUL	
S PAULI APOSTOLI	P94	S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	V11
COREA		PAKISTAN	
SS MARTYRUM COREANORUM	P93	S IOANNIS BAPTISTAE	V10
CURIA GENERALIS		PERU	
CURIA GENERALIS-ORDO FRAT MINORUM	G00	S FRANCISCI SOLANO	P73
DOMUS GENERALIS		SS XII APOSTOLORUM	P74
DOMUS GENERALIS-ORDO FRAT MINORUM	G00	PHILIPPINAE	
GALLIA		S PETRI BAPTISTAE	P75
AQUITANIAE S LUDOVICI EPISCOPI	P19	POLONIA	
ARGENTORATENSIS S PASCHALIS	P20	ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P76
FRANCIAE S PETRI APOSTOLI	P21	IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P78
GALLIAE S DIONYSII	P22	S HEDVIGIS	P77
LUGDUNENSIS S BERNARDINI SENENSIS	P23	S MARIAE ANGELORUM	P79
GERMANIA		PORTUGALLIA	
BAVARIAE S ANTONI PATAVINI	P24	SS MARTYRUM MARROCHIIENSIMUM	P80
COLONIAE SS TRIUM REGUM	P25	ROMANIA	
SAXONIAE S CRUCIS	P26	TRANSYLVANIAE S STEPHANI REGIS	P81
THURINGIAE S ELISABETH	P27	TAIWAN-FORMOSA	
GERMANIA ORIENTALIS		BMV REGINAE SINARUM	P95
S FRANCISCI	V09	TERRA SANCTA	
HELVETIA		CUSTODIA TERRAE SANCTAE	P90
CHRISTI REGIS	V08	USA	
HIBERNIA		ASSUMPTIONIS B V M	P82
HISPANIA	P28	IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P85
BAETICA		NOSTRAE DOMINAE DE GUADALUPE	P88
CANTABRIAE NOSTRAE DOMINAE A RUBO	P29	S BARBARAE	P83
CARTHAGINENSIS	P30	S CASIMIRI IN USA (LITHUANIA)	V13
CASTELLANA S GREGORII MAGNI	P31	S IOANNIS BAPTISTAE	P86
CATALAUNIAE S SALVATORIS A HORTA	P32	SS CORDIS IESU	P84
GRANATENSIS NOST DOMINAE A REGULA	P33	SS NOMINIS IESU	P87
S IACOBI A COMPOSTELLO	P34	SS SALVATORIS IN USA (SLOVAKIA)	V12
VALENTIAE ET ARAGONIAE S JOSEPH	P35	VIETNAMIA	
HUNGARIA	P36	S FRANCISCI IN VIETNAM	V89
S IOANNIS A CAPISTRANO	P37	ZAIRE	
S MARIAE	P38	S BENEDICTI AFRICANI	V14

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April 6, 1998

David Johnson, OFM, Guardian
St. Anthony's Retreat Center
P.O. Box 249
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear David,

As per our conversation, I have sent an obedience to Brother Victor Hunter to come to Three Rivers and help with the maintenance there. He will be getting in contact with you or Ignatius and the obedience states that he should be there around May 1st.

I've also requested Joe Brand to move to Santa Barbara by April 30th. I hope this is OK with you.

Be assured of my prayers. Thanks for all you do for the Province.

Fraternally

Provincial Minister

COPY

To: David Johnson, OFM

From: [REDACTED]

RE: vacation money for Br. Victor Hunter, OFM

June 5, 1998

Dear Dave,

During the visitation, I stated that I would help with the money for Victor's vacation as the move came toward the end of his stay at San Miguel.

Enclosed is a check for 300 dollars – someone gave me some money and I have no personal need at this moment. Please use it for Victor and I will speak with the Guardian of San Miguel when he recovers completely.

Take care. It was a fine visitation. You do a good job as guardian.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED]

Min. Prov.



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November 19, 1998

Most Rev. John Steinbock, DD
The Diocese of Fresno
1550 N. Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93717

Dear Bishop Steinbock:

I am writing to inform you that Father Ignatius DeGroot, OFM, who has been assigned to St. Anthony's Retreat, Three Rivers, as Director, is being reassigned outside the Diocese, effective December 31, 1998.

[REDACTED] the Provincial Minister, has asked me to convey to you his gratitude for extending the faculties of the Diocese to Father Ignatius for the many years he has spent in Three Rivers.

The Provincial Council has appointed Fr. David Johnson, OFM, to replace Fr. Ignatius as Director of the retreat center. It is our firm hope that we will be able to send a Spanish-speaking priest to assist Fr. David sometime during the month of January 1999.

Wishing every blessing on you and the Diocese, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Melvin A. Jurisich
(Rev.) Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Secretary of the Province



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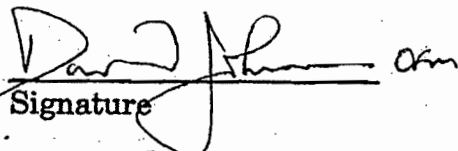
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING "NO HARASSMENT" POLICY FOR FRIARS AND LAY MANAGERS

As a friar or lay manager or supervisor at St Anthony Retreat, I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Province's "No Harassment" Policy. I understand that the organization can be held responsible for any acts of harassment that I commit, condone, or tolerate. I also understand that I can be sued personally for any such acts.

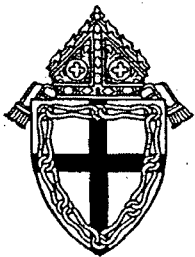
I understand that if I know of, or have reason to know of any act of harassment or of the existence of a hostile, intimidating, or offensive work environment at this organization and I fail to report it to higher management, both the organization and I can be placed in jeopardy.

Therefore, I will immediately report any act of harassment and will take whatever action is necessary to correct the situation.

I have participated in the training program provided by the Province on preventing harassment. I have received and I understand the Province's organization's "No Harassment" Policy and agree to abide by it.


Signature

10-8-98
Date



DIOCESE OF FRESNO

PASTORAL CENTER

1550 NORTH FRESNO STREET
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93703-3788
TELEPHONE: (209) 488-7400

John
Steinbock

November 24, 1998

Rev. David Johnson, OFM
St. Anthony Retreat House
P.O. Box 249
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear Father Johnson,

I just received a letter telling me that the Provincial Council of the Franciscan Friars, Province of St. Barbara has appointed you as Director of the retreat center effective December 31, 1998.

I just want to congratulate you and let you know I continue to give thanks to God for your presence and ministry in the diocese and at Three Rivers.

Be assured of my support and continued help.

Blessings and Prayers.

In Christ, our Lord,

John T. Steinbock

Most Reverend John T. Steinbock
Bishop, Diocese of Fresno

JTS:g

cc:

Rev. Rick Urizalqui - Dean - Hanford



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To: David Johnson, OFM, Guardian, Director

From: [REDACTED]

Re: finance council

February 26, 1999

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Gratefully and fraternally,

[REDACTED]
Min. Prov.



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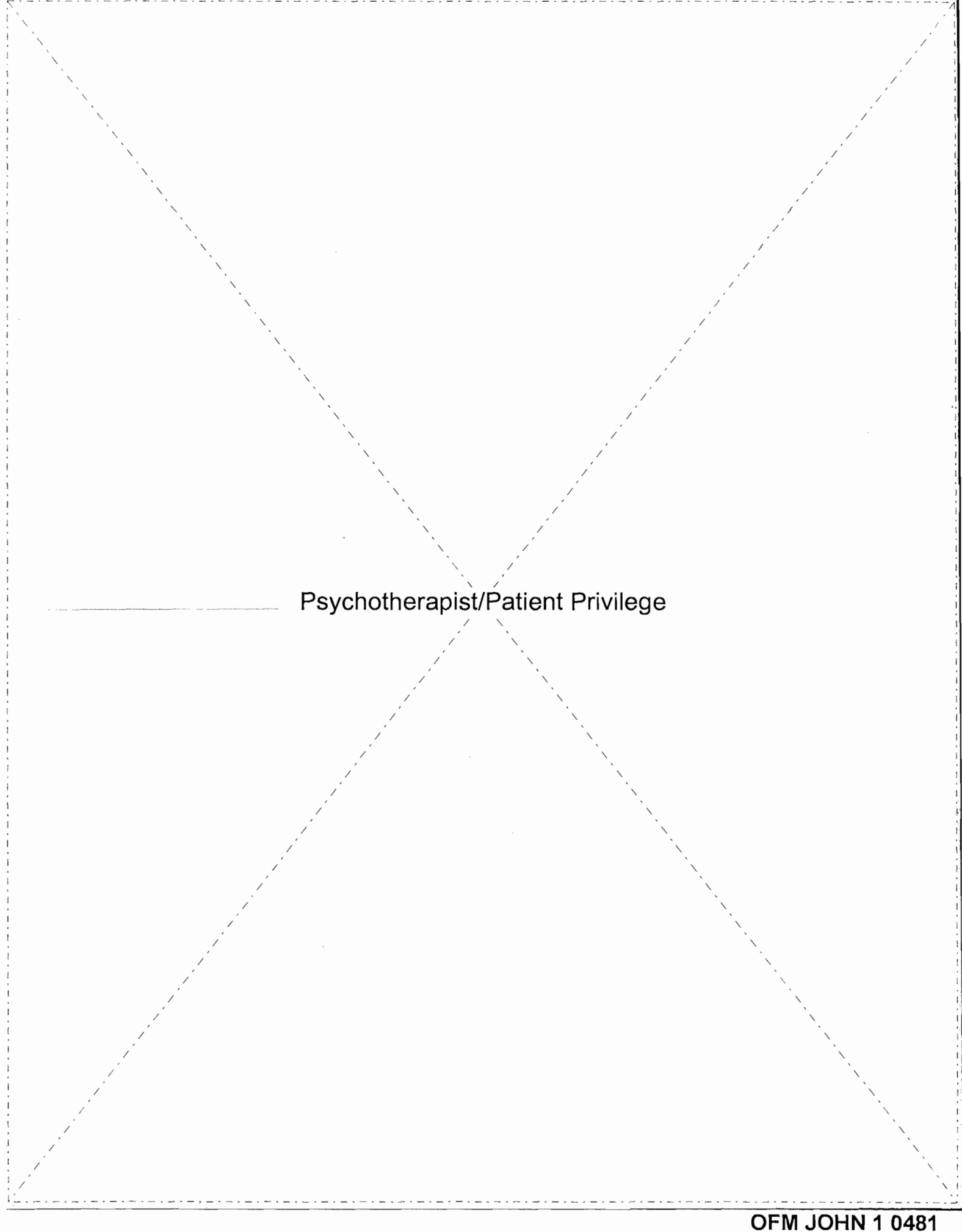
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5-2-99

Dear [REDACTED]

This is a copy of the letter I sent to [REDACTED] It was the only way I could be sure what I told him was accurately portrayed. If he brings it up you will have seen it for yourself.

Unfortunately I do not see a good end to my present situation. I'm trying to trust in the Spirit but it's hard.

Sincerely,

David John



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May 11, 1999

Fr. David Johnson, OFM
St. Anthony's Retreat Center
P.O. Box 249
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear Dave,

I am in receipt of the letter you sent to [REDACTED]. Thank you for keeping me informed. I know this is not an easy time for you. Please know that I am praying for you and I think of you often.

We are e in Danville for the Definitorium meeting. Should you wish to call me, please don't hesitate to do that. Should Israel Rosales get in touch with me, I will be more than glad to let you know.

Faternally,

[REDACTED]

Provincial Minister

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SAINT ANTHONY RETREAT
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7/6/99

Dear [REDACTED]

This is just a note to remind you to please discuss the selling of an acre or so of land to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was so generous

I really believe [REDACTED] to us because we expressed interest in helping this couple and also because she values the retreat house so much.

As I went begging to her, I beg you to be generous. Since I heard no response from my first letter I probably said too much to the [REDACTED] about the possibility of this happening.

So this, on a purely selfish level, would also take some of the sting out of my forced departure.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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To Def. Meeting

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To: David Johnson, OFM
From: [REDACTED]
RE: Request
July 6th, 1999

Dear David,

May the Lord give you peace!

I am in receipt of your fax of July 6th, 1999 wherein you requested selling an acre of land to [REDACTED]. As per our conversation, I plan to present this to the definitorium at its upcoming meeting (July 12th) for discussion and decision. You will be informed as to the definitorium's decision on the matter.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED]

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July 15, 1999

Fr. David Johnson, OFM
St. Anthony's Retreat
P.O. Box 249
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear David,

As I told you, I presented the request to sell an acre of land to the [REDACTED] family. The Definitorium discussed the item for some time. Their decision was this, that John Hardin who handles the Province property, will come to Three Rivers when he returns from the University of Notre Dame and he will speak with the donor of the additional land; I'm sure he will also speak with you at San Luis Rey and get an understanding regarding this sale. Then he will make a recommendation to the Definitorium at its September meeting. At this moment, the Definitorium decided to wait until John Hardin was available to look at the situation from all angles.

Once again I thank you for all your work at Three Rivers. Both the Definitorium and myself are greatly appreciative of all you do and have done.

Faternally,

[REDACTED]
Provincial Minister
[REDACTED]



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November 16, 1998

Fr. David Johnson, OFM
St. Anthony's Retreat Center
P.O. Box 249
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear David,

May the Lord give you peace.

I am writing you this letter informing you that, at the meeting of the Definitorium in San Juan Bautista, California during the month of November, it was decided that Fr. Ignatius DeGroot, director of the retreat house, would move to San Francisco January 1, 1999. At that time, we are asking you to take over the extra responsibility as director for the retreat house. We are also looking for another priest who will work with you at the retreat house.

Beginning January 1, 1999, your house will be yourself, Brother Victor, Brother Marion, and the friar that we are negotiating with to work with you. Please keep in touch and I will also keep in contact with you explaining how the community is in the process of being formed for the beginning of next year.

Thank you for your willingness and for all the work you do for the Province.

Fraternally,

Provincial Minister



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To: David Johnson, OFM

From: [REDACTED]

RE: auto

August 2nd, 1999, feast of the Portiuncula

Dear Dave,

I hope this letter finds you well.

During visitation last month, we spoke of your need for a car while at San Luis Rey. We will take care of the insurance and the we have found a car that -- I am told -- runs well. It belonged to Bob Brady. It's a 1991 Buick.

Would you please call Lupe Aceves, Treasurer, and she will make the arrangements for you to get it.

Take care. I hope you have a fine summer.

Fraternally, [REDACTED]

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David Johnson, OFM
St. Anthony's Retreat
Three Rivers, CA

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August 4th, 1999

Dear Dave,

Just a note to thank you for the many years of fine work at the Retreat House there. The province is very grateful to you for your willingness and generosity in serving the Three Rivers area.

I hope you have some time off to climb the mountains before you report to San Luis Rey. As per our conversation during the visitation, I have a scheduled visit with Bishop Brom later this month.

Please be assured of my prayers. Thanks again for your work there.

Fraternally,

Min. Prov.

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July 14, 1999

Fr. David Johnson, OFM
St. Anthony Retreat
P.O. Box 249
Three Rivers, CA 93271

Dear David,

I write you this letter to officially inform you that you will be leaving St. Anthony's Retreat Center the week of August 1st and you will begin residence at Old Mission San Luis Rey on August 17th.

David, I know the many positive comments the Bishop has made about your work there. I, too, am very appreciative of the time you spent at St. Anthony's Retreat. Please accept my gratitude and that of the Definitorium. Thank you. I hope this change is a very significant step in your life.

Be assured of my prayers.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED]
Provincial Minister

[REDACTED]



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July 15, 1999

To: Father David Johnson, OFM

From:

Provincial Minister

After prayer and consultation, and considering the many needs of the people to whom we minister, I am formally requesting that you move from St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers, California to Old Mission San Luis Rey, California, effective August 17, 1999.

As a sign of your acceptance, please sign below and return to the Provincial Office.

Fraternally

Provincial Minister

date: Jul 15, 1999

To the Provincial Minister:

In accordance with the promises I have made to the Lord and to our Brotherhood, I accept the above transfer.

(signature of friar)

(date)



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David Johnson, OFM
Old Mission
San Luis Rey, CA
April 10th, 2000

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Dear David,

It was good speaking with you yesterday. Thanks for showing me the
"proposed" place of the "proposed" via dolorosa.

When I return from Santa Barbara on Tuesday morn, I'll call Larry D. – and
yourself and we will set up a three-way conference call to make the plans
for the 3 month bike-ride.

Take care.

Peace.

[REDACTED]
Min. Prov.

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**Franciscan Friars,
Province of Saint
Barbara**

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It is with regret that we inform you of the death Friday in Phoenix, Arizona, of Mr. Drual Johnson, father of Fr. David Johnson, OFM. Funeral Mass will be held Monday, June 5, (1:00 PM) at Sts. Simon & Jude Cathedral in Phoenix. Your prayers for David and the family are requested.

**IMPORTANT!! PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION
ON TO THE HOUSES YOU USUALLY CONTACT FOR
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. SEE PAGES 18 - 20
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THANK YOU.

Stephen Samufsky, OFM

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Votum of the Minister Provincial for Rev. David Johnson, OFM

With a heavy heart, I write this votum for a dispensation for the Reverend David Johnson (n. 3/5/51). In 1994, the province of St. Barbara had a series of allegations of sexual abuse of students in our minor seminary during the 1960s and 1970s. There was an allegation against David Johnson at that time. Later, in the 1990s, there was another allegation from a different student against David. The alleged action took place during his years as a teacher at the minor seminary. As a result of the allegations and in order to obtain faculties for him with the local ordinaries, certain conditions to minimize the risk were placed upon David's external ministry. Quite recently, there was a new allegation against David. With the new allegation, further conditions would be placed on his ministry. David did not want any more conditions and felt that he did not and could not have much of a future with the St. Barbara province and other Franciscan provinces and dioceses in the United States. Hence, he is petitioning for the dispensation.

The Definitorium of the province of St. Barbara, at the meeting of January 7th to January 12th, 2001 unanimously approved the request for the dispensation.

I think that this is what is best for David and for the province. There will be no scandal should the request be granted. I recommend the dispensation.

Respectfully,

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Date: January 12th, 2001, Provincial Curia, St. Elizabeth's Friary, Oakland, CA.



