First Amendment
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.
First Amendment
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 indulgence 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 precept 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.
First Amendment
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 perpetrorum in Ordine Fratrum
Minorum, a Sanctitate Tua implorat indulgionem discendii ab Institutio, ob rationes expositas.

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

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

Contrariis quibuslibet non obstantibus.

B Civitate Vaticana, die 19 februario 2001.

[Signature]

OFM JOHN 1 0462
Dear Father Provincial,

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

I feel I no longer deserve to be a friar. I have always tried to do my best, especially the last thirteen years. Since my previous misconduct in 1983, I felt I had 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 ruined 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 of 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,

[Signature]
NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN
(please print/type)

Last Name: Johnson
Middle Name: David
Last Name: Ecton
Christian (Religious)

Birthdate: 3-5-51
Birthplace: Ft. Knox, Kentucky
Social Security #: [Redacted]
Drivers License #: [Redacted]
State: [Redacted]

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 hymns
3. I would like Bill Short, Mike Weldon, or Mike Dolbear to preach (please don't let Louis Woltau preach.)

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

- Any sleeping bags, bicycles, backpacks, day packs, tents and related equipment I wish to have split between my two nephews Benjamin Johnson and Matthew Requienot.
- My grandmother's rosary to give to my sister Trish.

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: David Johnson Date: 11-22-85

A copy of this document goes to the Provincial Office and a copy remains with the local Guardian.
# Franciscan Friars
Province of Saint Barbara

## Notification of Next of Kin
(please print/type)

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

1) [Redacted]
2) [Redacted]

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

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No.

Please carry your insurance ID card with you.

Your medical doctor (MD):

Your Dr.'s Address and Phone:

Blood Type: O+ Medical Allergies: NONE

Your Insurance Carrier: KAISER

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.

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1500 Thirty-fourth Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Provincial Minister: (415) 556-3722
Provincial Office: (415) 556-1266

OFM JOHN 1 0467
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. **No Latin hymns**
2. I’d like a funeral mass of 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, e.g., 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 Requienot.
- My Grandmother Rosary (black) to my sister Trisha Laviotaur

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

**No**

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Signature of Friar [Signature] 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 codest 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

02. Religious name: DAVID

03. Baptismal name: DAVID

04. Any other name: ALEX

05. Mother’s name: KATHRYN DICKERSON

06. Father’s name: DRUML

SECTION B -- BIRTH

07. Country of birth: UNITED STATES

08. City/place of birth: LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

09. Diocese of birth: HUMANILES

10. Date of birth: 10/5/53

11. Country of citizenship: UNITED STATES

12. Country where living now: UNITED STATES

SECTION C -- ORDER MEMBERSHIP


14. First profession date: 3/8/1971

15. Solemn profession date: 1/10/1973

16. Entity of reception: [ ]

17. Entity of membership: [ ]

18. Entity where living now: [ ]

SECTION D -- ORDINATION DATES

19. Permanent Deaconate: 1/1/1971


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### SECTION E - POSITION/WORK EXPERIENCES

| 'a' grid use: Cook/Guardian/Definitior/Teacher/Gardener/Provincial/Tailor/guide/  |
| Pastor/Porter/Infirmaryman/Secretary/Professor/Writer/Missionary/  |
| Vicar Provincial/Custos/Visitor 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**

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### SECTION F - LANGUAGE FACILITY

27. **ENGLISH**

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28a. **MONTE**

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SECTION G -- ACADEMIC DEGREES

33a. BACHELOR'S ARTS
   Degree name: Black Studies
   Deg Abby:        
   Degree Honors:  
   Date: day mon yr
   Degree specialty: 
   Granting Institution: University of California, Santa Barbara
   Explanatory Remarks:

34a. MASTER'S RELIGION
   Degree name:         
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   Degree Honors:       
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   Degree specialty:
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35a. LAW
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   Degree Honors:       
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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: Wowed
   (Identify speciality name)
   (Describe speciality training)

37a. Skill name: 
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SECTION I -- PUBLICATIONS/WORKS/ART

39a. Title: 
   (Identify publication/work/art name)
   Description: 
   (Describe work)

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   (Identify publication/work/art name)
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AND
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SS TRINITATIS
COLUMBIA
S FIDEI
S PAULI APPOSTOLI
COREA
SS MARTYRUM COREANORUM
CURIA GENERALIS
CURIA GENERALIS-ORDO FRAT MINORUM
DOMUS GENERALIS
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GALLIA
AQUITANIAE S LUDOVICI EPISCOPI
ARGENTORATENSIS S PASCHALIS
FRANCIAE S PETRI APPOSTOLI
GALLIAE S IOANNIS
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GERMANY
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GRANATENSIS HOST DOMINAE A REGULA
S IACOBI A COMPOSTELLO
VALENTIAE ET ARAGONIAE S JOSEPH
HUNGARIA
S IOANNIS A CAPISTANA
S MARIAE

IAPIONA
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INDIA
S THOMAE APPOSTOLI
INDONESIA
S MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI
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APULIAE S MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI
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BONONIENSIS CHRISTI REGIS
CALABRIAE SS VII MARTYRUM
LIGURIAE SS CORDIS MARIAE
LICENSIUM ASSUMPTIONIS B M V
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NEAPOLITANA SS CORDIS IESU
PEDERONTALA S BONAVENTURAE
PICONA S IACOBI DE MARCIA
ROMANA SS PETRI ET PAULI
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SARDINIAE S MARIAE GRATIARUM
SERAPHICA S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS
SICILIAE SS NOMINIS IESU
SISITIANA S VICTORIX
TUSCIAE S FRANCISCI STIGMATICI
VENETA S ANTONII PATAVINI
TUGOSLAVIA
BOSNEA ARGENTINAE S CRUCIS
CROATIAE SS CYRILLI ET METHODII
Dalmaticae s hieronimi (Zadar)
Dalmatica s redemptoris (Split)
HERCEGOVINAE ASSUMPTIONIS B M V
SLOVENIAE S CRUCIS
MELITA
S PAULI APPOSTOLI
MEXICO
S EVANGELII
S FRANCISCY ET IACOBI DE JALISCO
S PETRI ET PAULI DE MCACAUGAN
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S CASEMINI US Ap (LITHUANIA)
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S CORDIS IESU
S NOMINIS IESU
S SALVATORIS IN US Ap (SLOVAKIA)
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S BENEDICTI AFRICANI
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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
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.
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,

[Signature]

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

Date: 10-8-91

OFM JOHN 1 0476
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,

Most Reverend John T. Steinbock
Bishop, Diocese of Fresno

cc: Rev. Rick Urizalqui - Dean - Hanford
Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS
15th Avenue  Oakland  California 94601  (510)536-3722  Fax (510)536-3970

To:  David Johnson, OFM, Guardian, Director
From:  [Redacted]
Re:  finance council
February 26, 1999

Dear David,

May the Lord give you peace.

As per our conversation, I would like to honor your request to be relieved of the responsibility of the finance council of the province. I will ask the definitiorium at its meeting in mid-March to appoint someone else to the council in your stead.

David, please know how grateful I am personally for your fine work as chair and member of the council. You moved the province along! Thanks to your leadership, we are in a good place at this point in the history of the province. I speak both for the definitiorium and for the finance council when I tell you that we really wish to express our gratitude to you for your years of service.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your new ministry as director of St. Anthony's Retreat.

Gratefully and fraternally,

[Redacted]

Min. Prov.
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Gratefully and fraternally,

[Redacted]
Min. Prov.
Psychotherapist/Patient Privilege
Dear [Name],

This is a copy of the letter I sent to [Name]. 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,

[Signature]
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 in Danville for the Definitorium meeting. Should you wish to call me, please don't hesitate to do that. Should [redacted] get in touch with me, I will be more than glad to let you know.

Fraternally,

[Signature]

Provincial Minister
Dear [Name],

This is just a note to remind you to please discuss the selling of an acre of land to [Name]. Your generosity was so generous, I really believe it was 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 [person].

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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PHONE (209) 561-4595 • FAX (209) 561-4493
43816 SIERRA DR./HWY. 198
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]
Min. Prov.
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 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.

Fraternally,

[Name Redacted]
Provincial Minister
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
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 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]  
Min. Prov.
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,

[Signature]

Min. Prov.
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,

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

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.

Min. Prov.
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 OF THE CURRENT PROVINCIAL DIRECTORY.

THANK YOU.

[Signature]

OFM JOHN 1 0493
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,

REDACTED

Date: January 12th, 2001, Provincial Curia, St. Nathan’s Friary, Oakland, CA.