

March 17, 1988

His Excellency the Archbishop
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Highly Esteemed Monsignor Mahony:

Upon receiving your letter today, I'm responding immediately to thank you for the information regarding Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera. It's been very painful for me to receive this information from the Curia and from the U.S. and Mexican press.

I totally agree with you that the Father should respond to the proper authorities for the crimes for which he is being charged.

The priest in question has not returned to this diocese, and therefore does not have the various permits that were solicited on his behalf in obtaining permission to reside in Los Angeles for one year. I can inform you that the priest was assigned to the San Sebastian Cuacnopalan Parish for over 10 years, and surely the police there can find much information.

The priest's parents are Mr. Senen Aguilar and Fortunata Rivera, and he was born in Huehuetlan el Chico, Puebla, where numerous relatives reside who could provide additional information as to his whereabouts. I know that various family members live in Los Angeles, California, but I have no idea of their names and addresses. You will understand that I'm not in a position to find him, much less force him to return and appear in court. I am at your disposal to collaborate so that justice is served and scandal is avoided.

In the letter of presentation of January 27, 1987, I included an identification photograph, and in the confidential letter of March 23

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of the same year, I provided a brief report on the priest's homosexual problems.

I take this opportunity to entrust myself to your prayers, and to repeat that I'm your brother and servant.

Norberto Rivera C.
Bishop of Tehuacan

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