AFFIDAVIT OF FATHER HECTOR GONZALEZ ABREU

I, Father Hector Gonzalez Abreu states as follows:

- 1. I am a Priest with the Archdiocese of Miami.
- 2. I have known since about 1980 when he arrived from Cuba during the Mariel Boatlift.
- 3. During the 1980's reported to me that several religious leaders with the Archdiocese of Miami and others sexually abused him when he was a child.
- 4. It is my belief that as a result of the abuse committed upon during that time that he has suffered deep traumatic wounds to his soul.
- 5. Although I did not witness any abuse, reported to me that some of the religious leaders who abused him included Father Ernesto Garcia-Rubio, Father Rolando Garcia, Father Alberto Rodriguez (in Georgia), Philipe (an employee with Catholic Charities), Father Gerry Lacerra, Father Alvaro Guichard and Father Ricardo Castellanos. Father Ricardo Castellanos, Father Ernesto Garcia Rubio and Father Alberto Rodriguez all told me during the 1980's that they had inappropriate sexual relationships with while he was under 18 years old.
- 6. During the 1980's I reported the complaints of abuse to Father Jerry Lacerra who promised to make an investigation into the claims. I made at least two reports to Father Lacerra in about 1983 before the time that advised me that Father Lacerra abused him.
- 7. During the 1990's I attended a meeting with and Father Alvaro

 Guichard. had possession of a tape recording which I was told contained conversations had with Father Guichard and Father Castellanos wherein they admitted

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to having sexual relationships with when he was legally a child. Although I did not hear the tape, I was present when Father Guichard destroyed the tape.

8. At this time period I was requested by Father Guichard and Father Castellanos to intervene on their behalf and prevent from going public with his allegations and to resolve the matter in another way.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this Wday of February, 2005.

BEFORE ME, personally appeared Father Hector Gonzalez Abreu, who after being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he has executed the foregoing Affidavit, and that it is correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was sworn to and subscribed before me this day of February, 2005.