



Office of the Bishop

June 14, 2007

Dear Father Frank:

I am sorry to have to inform you that several more women have come forward accusing you of sexually abusing them when they were minors. Fortunately, they do not want to go public.

Under the circumstances, I feel that I should repeat the directions I gave to you in December 2002:

1. You may not celebrate Mass publicly (this includes public concelebration) or administer the sacraments.
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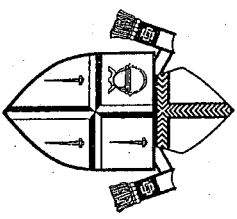
Fraternally in our Lord,

Bishop of San Diego

Reverend Frank Sierra
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DIocese OF SAN DIEGO



Office for Civil Affairs

Catherine Stephenson, Deputy District Attorney
Office of the District Attorney
County of San Diego
330 West Broadway
San Diego, California 92130

June 13, 2003

Dear Ms. Stephenson:

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The Bishop of San Diego has not published Fr. Sierra's name and whereabouts to the community; however, he will do so, if he is requested by you.

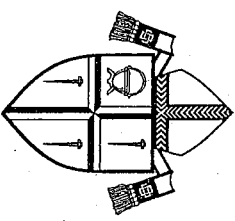
This letter has also been sent to Peter Quon, Esq., Deputy Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

Michael C. Webb

SIERRA-RCBSD 0117

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO



Office for Civil Affairs

Peter Quon, Esq.,
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Justice
110 West A Street, Suite 1100
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June 13, 2003

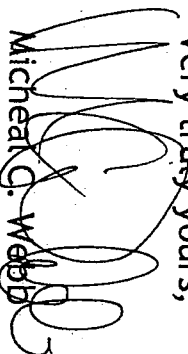
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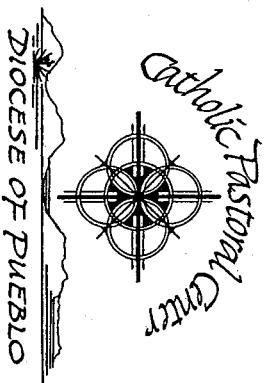
Very truly yours,



Michael G. Webb

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April 11, 2003

REDACTED

Reverend Msgr. Steven F. Callahan
Chancellor, Diocese of San Diego
P.O. Box 85728
San Diego, CA 92186-5728

Dear Msgr. Callahan,

I am writing to you once again relative to Father Francis Sierra, a retired priest of the Diocese of San Diego.

With this letter I am sending on to you a copy of the Settlement Agreement entered into last month with _____
When you review the enclosed documents you will see that the release includes the Diocese of Pueblo, the Sons of the Holy Family, as well as Father Sierra.

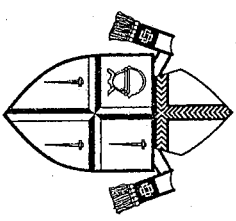
I have enclosed all of these documents for inclusion in Father Sierra's file. The settlement reached was for \$59,600.00. However, this does not include the fees for the attorney, Mr. Timothy Schimberg, who represented the Diocese of Pueblo. Nor does it include the fee of \$1,667.50 for Judge Neighbors of the Judicial Arbiter Group Inc. who negotiated the settlement.

Also, could I ask for your comment and assistance in this matter? I have also been asked to send a copy of the settlement agreement on to Father Sierra himself. Also, since the Diocese of Pueblo has settled a legal claim, which obviously is of benefit to him, I have been asked to inquire whether Father Sierra himself would be in a position to see to some possible financial reimbursement to the Diocese of Pueblo. I fully realize that this is a matter of some delicacy and so your considered comment would be very much appreciated.

Could I respectfully request to hear from you in the weeks after Easter about this?

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Mark A. Plewka, J.C.L.
Chancellor



Office of the Chancellor

MEMORANDUM

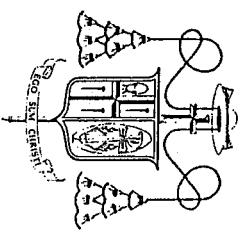
Date: December 23, 2002
To: File *SC*
From: Monsignor Steven Callahan
Subject: Reverend Frank Sierra

On Friday, December 20, 2002, Bishop Robert Brom and I visited Father Sierra at Nazareth House. Bishop Brom explained the provisions contained in his letter to Father Sierra dated December 20, 2002. Father Sierra agreed to abide completely by them.

SIERRA-RCBSD 0130

DIocese of San Diego

December 20, 2002.



Office of the Bishop

Dear Father Sierra:

This is to put in writing what I communicated to you in our meeting today. In accord with the *Essential Norms for Diocesan/Eparchial Policies Dealing with Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors by Priests or Deacons*, and given that you have admitted multiple instances of the sexual abuse of minors, I direct you as follows:

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3. You may not participate in the annual convocation and assemblies for priests.

I appreciate your cooperation in abiding by these directives and I encourage you to continue to lead a life of prayer and penance as reparation for your past misconduct.

Prayerful best wishes to you as we prepare to celebrate the Christmas mystery.

Sincerely in our Lord,

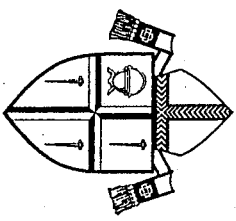
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Very Reverend Monsignor Steven F. Callahan
Chancellor
Diocesan Seal

SIERRA-RCBSD 0131

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO



Office of the Chancellor

November 1, 2002

Most Reverend Armando X. Ochoa, D.D.
Bishop of El Paso
499 St. Matthews Street
El Paso, Texas 79907

Dear Bishop Ochoa:


I am responding to your inquiry regarding Father Francis Sierra, a retired priest of the Diocese of San Diego.

The diocese was informed of allegations of sexual misconduct involving minors against Father Sierra by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on November 12, 1992. Father Sierra went for an evaluation at Saint Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland on January 17-22, 1993. Father Sierra participated in a residential treatment program at St. Luke's from February 24, 1993 to July 27, 1993. Father Sierra then returned to San Diego and took up residence in a Catholic retirement home that includes a section for priests.

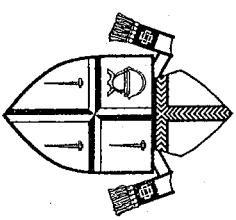
Given that Father Sierra was faithful to the aftercare treatment program set up by Saint Luke, Bishop Brom granted Father Sierra limited facilities to celebrate Mass and hear confessions of adults only at the retirement home and at the house of a group of contemplative sisters. Father Sierra has faithfully abided by these conditions.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Reverend Monsignor Steven F. Callahan
Chancellor

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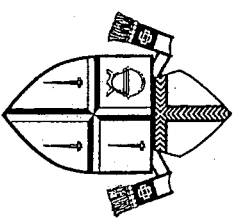
MEMORANDUM

Date: July 23, 2002
To: File
From: Monsignor Steven Callahan
Subject: Father Francis Sierra

I spoke by phone today with Monsignor Mark Plewka, Chancellor of the Diocese of Pueblo. He informed me that three women (sisters) are accusing Father Sierra of sexual abuse stemming from the late 1950s when he was assigned to a parish in southern Colorado.

SIERRA-RCBSD 0157

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO



Office of the Chancellor

July 23, 2002

Reverend Monsignor Mark Plewka
Chancellor, Diocese of Pueblo
1001 North Grand Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81003

Dear Monsignor Plewka:

I write as a follow-up to our phone conversation today regarding Father Francis Sierra, a retired priest of the Diocese of San Diego.

I am providing a copy of a memo we provided to the *Albuquerque Journal* in 1993. After Father Sierra completed a residential treatment program at St. Luke Institute in Suitland, Maryland, he returned to San Diego in August, 1993 and took up residence in a Catholic retirement home that includes a section for priests. Given that Father Sierra was faithful to the aftercare treatment program set up by Saint Luke, Bishop Brom granted Father Sierra limited facilities to celebrate Mass and hear confessions of adults only at the retirement home and at the house of a group of contemplative sisters. Father Sierra has faithfully abided by these conditions.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven F. Callahan".

Reverend Monsignor Steven F. Callahan
Chancellor

Enclosure

SIERRA-RCBSD 0158

From: Rodrigo Valdivia
To: Steve Callahan
Date: Fri, Jul 12, 2002 11:55 AM
Subject: Fr. Sierra

Steve:

Msgr. Mark Plewka, Chancellor in Pueblo, CO, called to inquire about the status of Fr. Sierra on account that allegations dating back to the 1950's had now surfaced there.

I told him that Fr. Frank has been in retirement for quite some time and his ministry restricted.

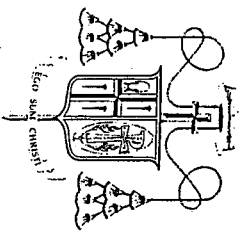
This led Msgr. Plewka to conclude that we had reason to restrict Fr. Sierra's ministry so he asked if we were aware of any allegations to which I answered in the affirmative.

I suggested that if he needed any further details that he contact you.

COPY

DIocese of San Diego

January 14, 1998



Office of the Bishop

Dear Father Frank:

Congratulations on the good report you received from St. Luke's which indicates your fidelity to your aftercare program.

I have visited about your report with Dr. Valcour and he agrees with the following extension but still limitation of your faculties:

1. You may continue to supply for Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Olay, and may accept other offers for Eucharistic supply, but this should not extend to other sacramental or pastoral ministry in the parishes.
2. You may serve as chaplain to the Missionaries of Charity for Mass and provide the sacrament of reconciliation if the sisters request this for themselves, but not others.
3. You may offer Mass and hear the confessions of residents at Nazareth House.

Consequently, while you may make yourself available to supply for the celebration of Mass you should not take on supply in a fuller sense, e.g. for a priest on vacation, or in any situation that would require further ministry. Moreover, your faculties for hearing confessions are limited to the Missionaries of Charity and the residents at Nazareth House.

I am grateful for your cooperation in reference to your health and priestly ministry.

Faternally in our Lord,

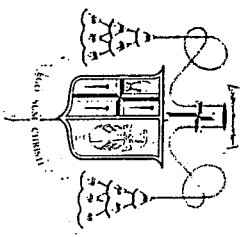
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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO



Office of the Bishop

October 30, 1997

Terra Nova Travel
316 East "H" Street, Suite #1407
Chula Vista, CA 91910

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$492.20 in payment for airline tickets recently purchased for Rev. Frank Sierra. The invoice number for these tickets was 0009390 for travel between San Diego and Washington D.C. (Dulles Airport) November 16, 1997-November 25, 1997.

Should you have any questions regarding this payment, please contact me at: (619)490-8315.

Sincerely,

Rev. Edward P. McNulty

Rev. Edward P. McNulty
Assistant to the Bishop

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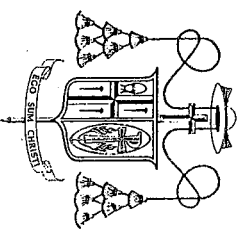
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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

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Office of the Bishop

July 24, 1997

Dear Father Sierra:

Having reviewed your situation and with the assurance that your health so permits, I am extending your faculties to function as a priest but only at Nazareth House and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Otay, and excluding, however, situations in which you would be alone in the physical presence of a minor or a woman of any age.

Please communicate this permission as stated to Father Mario Vesga when you present yourself for supply in his parish.

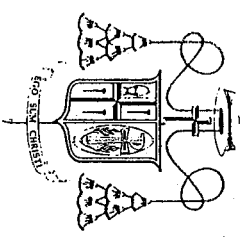
Thank you for your cooperation with me and with the grace of God.

Fraternally in our Lord,

Bishop of San Diego

Reverend Frank Sierra
Nazareth House
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San Diego, California 92108

SIERRA-RCBSD 0171



Office of the Bishop

June 14, 1995

Fr. Frank Sierra
Nazareth House
6333 Rancho Mission Road
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Frank:

Bishop Brom received your letter of May 25, 1995, requesting permission to celebrate Mass during your trip to Rome and other places in the spring of 1996.

I'm putting in writing what we talked about on the phone last week. You are free to offer Mass with other priests on your trip. If a pastor asks you to take a weekday or weekend Mass in his parish you should decline.

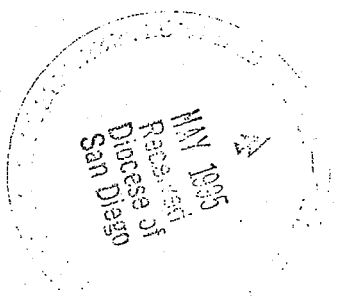
I am happy to hear you are doing well and continue to be active in your retirement years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Steven F. Callahan
Assistant to the Bishop

SIERRA-RCBSD 0172

**MOST REV. ROBERT H. BROM
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO**



DEAR BISHOP :

ON THE OCCASION OF MY FIFTY YEARS OF
PRIESTHOOD I HUMBLY ASK FOR PERMISSION TO CELEBRATE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST ON MY TRIP BACK TO ROME , WHERE I WAS
ORDAINED MARCH 16, 1946, BY ARCHBISHOP TRAGLIA. IN THE
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOHN .. I WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE
HOLY PLACES IN ROME AND THE HOLY LAND. RETURNING I
WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MAYKNOLL FATHERS IN THAILAND, IN
HONGKONG. , ST. PETERS CHURCH IN SINGAPORE.

*M. Brom
1996*

SINCERELY GRATEFUL I BEG TO REMAIN YOUR BROTHER IN
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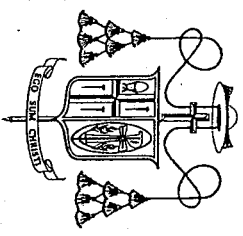
FR. FRANCIS SIERRA

Francis Sierra

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MAY 25TH, FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD 1995

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO



Office of the Bishop

March 3, 1994

Jennifer Edmonson, LGSW
Saint Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, Maryland 20746-5294

Dear Jennifer:

I am writing to inform you that the Diocese of San Diego has decided not to send Father Frank Sierra back to Saint Luke Institute for the aftercare program in May. Given Father's age and that his recovery program here is well-established, we did not see any additional benefit in sending him for the program that would justify the expense involved.

We are pleased with the recovery program that Father Sierra has set up for himself in San Diego, and with the assistance that you have provided to Father in making the transition from his stay at Saint Luke to life back here in San Diego.

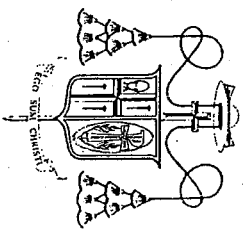
Sincerely,

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Reverend Steven F. Callahan
Assistant to the Bishop

SIERRA-RCBSD 0174

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO



Office of the Bishop

24 November 1993
Confidential

Dear Father Sierra:

I have your request regarding permission to say Mass publicly at Nazareth House, and your request for limited faculties to hear confessions there.

Given the earlier report from your counsellors which indicated that these kinds of activities would not be such as to pose risks, and, more importantly, so long as you are faithful in your program for wellness, I am pleased to be able to permit you to say mass publicly and to hear the confessions of adult men at Nazareth House only.

My prayers remain with you.

Faternally in our Lord,

+ Robert A. Finn

Bishop of San Diego

Steven Callahan

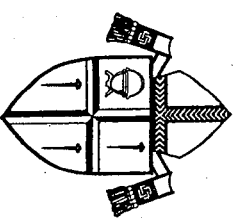
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Office for Communications

July 15, 1993

TO: Michelle Melendez, *MB* Albuquerque Journal, FAX: 505-983-2523
FROM: Mark Brumley, Office for Communications, Diocese of San Diego, 619-574-6365
RE: Response to Inquiry Concerning Fr. Frank Sierra

In November 1992, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe informed the Diocese of San Diego that it had received at least one allegation of sexual misconduct against Fr. Francis Sierra dating from the time when Fr. Sierra was in ministry in New Mexico and before he was incardinated in the Diocese of San Diego.

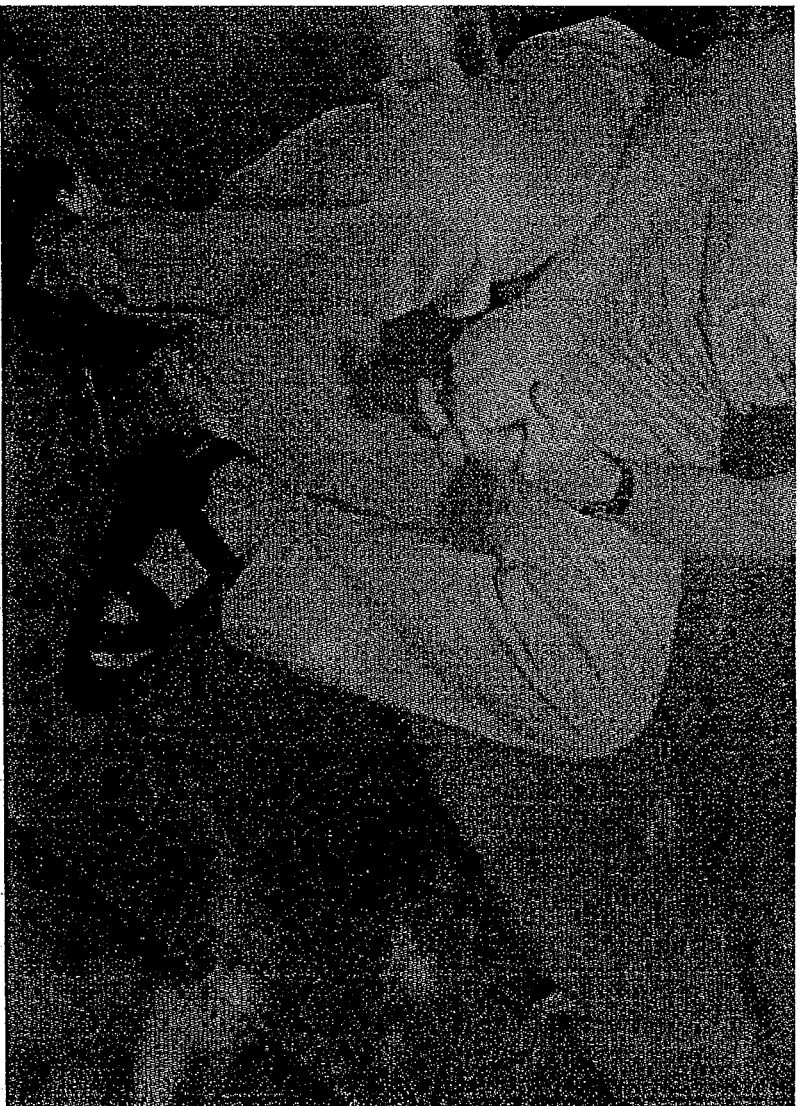
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Promptly upon receiving the information from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe regarding Fr. Sierra, Bishop Brom met with him and, as a result of this meeting, prohibited Fr. Sierra from further ministry and directed him to professional evaluation and assistance, which Fr. Sierra readily agreed to and is presently receiving.

When sexual misconduct is alleged against a priest of the Diocese of San Diego, prompt and appropriate action is taken. Should such allegations be raised against Fr. Sierra in San Diego, the Diocese of San Diego will respond appropriately.

Diocesan policy regarding allegations of sexual abuse by clergy includes the following elements: careful inquiry; relief from ministerial duties and referral for appropriate evaluation and treatment; respect for canonical and civil legal requirements; pastoral outreach to and concern for victims and families; and, within the confines of respect for the privacy and well-being of those involved, dealing openly with the community.

SIERRA-RCBSD 0189



MARK HOWL
Jerome Nelson sits outside Our Lady of Fatima Church in Albuquerque, where he says he was abused as in altar boy 30 years ago.



During a papal audience in Rome last December, Bernadette Stella See hands Pope John Paul II a letter telling of her childhood abuse by a priest.

tell her father because she was afraid he wouldn't believe her because she said the perpetrator was the priest.

"What really grinds me is when parents of victims don't come out and say, 'That's enough. *Ya Basta.*' I would do everything in my power to throw light on it," she said.

Recovery road

"My life is recovery - from alcoholism from drug addiction

... and from sexual, physical, emotional and spiritual abuse. I eat it, live it, drink it, and talk about it."

Bernadette Stella See wrote those words to her brothers and sisters as part of her road to recovery. A road she still travels.

During therapy, she discovered she had been sexually abused as a young child. One of her abusers, she said, was her parish priest.

When she was in elementary school, her father would drop her and her older sister off before 7 a.m. at Holy Cross School in Santa Cruz, N.M. During the winter, one of the teachers would open her classroom for the two and go back to her residence until school started.

The young assistant pastor would come in and send See's older sister on an errand. Then he would tell See, who was 7 at the time, to sharpen pencils.

While she was doing so, he would fondle her. This was repeated throughout the winter.

"When the abuse is going on, you don't breathe. You leave your body," she recalled, adding that is when she started swallowing air.

For as long as she can remember, See has had a terrible problem with uncontrollable burping, which experts tell her can be a physical manifestation of abuse.

She had other problems: She never enjoyed sex, got hooked on prescription drugs, developed a drinking problem and even abused - both physically and emotionally - her own children.

She tried to kill herself in 1989 after a confrontation with a coworker over her burping problem.

That's when she saw a psychologist, who for the first time asked if she had been sexually abused. Then she began having flashbacks.

She reluctantly admitted herself in 1990 to a residential treatment center. And after a month there, she knew she had to confront the church and her abuser.

Late last year, she said, she contacted the priest, who'd left the diocese, by telephone, and he admitted abusing her.

See went to Rome in December to see a friend ordained, and was able to hand a letter to Pope John Paul II during a special audience for the deacons' friends and family. The letter told of her abuse and asked him to declare a worldwide day of prayer for victims and abusers.

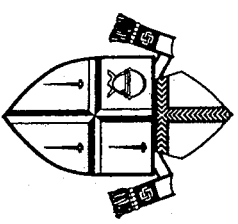
She also saw then-Archbishop Robert Sanchez earlier this year and wrote him a letter, saying he'd done too little, too late, "and it's time for you to step down."

She also met with Chancellor Wolf. Wolf said he contacted the diocese to which the priest had moved, and the priest has been sent elsewhere for treatment.

See said she has made amends to her children and is thankful to the church for paying for counseling - for herself, her husband and her children.

"I think it's important the cycle of abuse stops here now."

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO



July 15, 1993

Office for Communications

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To: Mark Brumley, Communications

From: Michelle Melendez

Message: written inquiry as per your memo.

Yes Allegations made



Ken Wolf

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

Mr. Mass - Fr. [unclear]

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Fr. [unclear] (of the [unclear])*

*What did
Wolf say?*

Mark Brumley, Office for Communications
Diocese of San Diego
Marian Way, University of San Diego

Dear Mr. Brumley,

I received your memo by fax today and understand the need for a written inquiry regarding Father Frank Sierra. This letter contains my specific questions. But first, I will tell you a little about the story I am writing. A woman in her mid-40s has come forward with an allegation of sexual abuse by Sierra which allegedly occurred 40 years ago in Santa Cruz, N.M. Father Ron Wolf, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, has confirmed that he has received at least one allegation against Father Sierra. Also the archdiocese has paid for the woman and her family's counseling. That's all she wanted. she is not suing.

My questions are:

Has the Archdiocese of Santa Fe apprised the Diocese of San Diego of the allegation against Father Sierra?

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—Have there been any allegations against Sierra in California? What have Father Sierra's duties of ministries been in the Diocese of San Diego? Has he worked with children? Has he been removed from his duties? Has he been sent for evaluation and treatment of sexual addiction, etc... if so, when and where was he sent? Has he completed treatment? I called his church, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Calexico, and was told that Father Frank is in Washington visiting his brother, who is ill? Does that mean his evaluation and treatment have been postponed? Until when? I would like to talk to him if you can put me in touch or give him my name and toll free telephone number 1-800-641-3451 ext. 3585. Mention to him that the woman says he admitted the abuse to her in a telephone conversation late last year. Is this true. Did he admit the abuse took place? He also mentions having undergone drug abuse treatment. If so, when and where?

Ask Sierra

Your prompt response to these questions would be greatly appreciated, as I am pushing my deadline. I will be very fair and accurate.

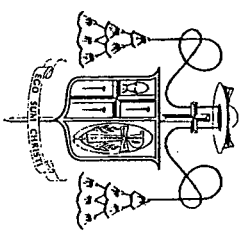
Sincerely,
Michelle Melendez
Michelle Melendez
Journal Staff Writer

Good for you

To Sierra

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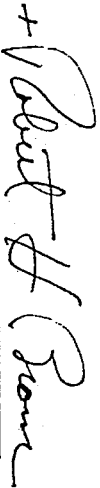


Office of the Bishop


Decree in regard to irregularity
for the exercise of orders

In accord with 1983 CIC 1041, n. 1 & 1983 CIC 1044 § 2, n.2, and having consulted with Fr. Sierra and experts, I have determined that Fr. Sierra is, at present, incapable of rightly carrying out priestly ministry, and I therefore prohibit Fr. Sierra from the exercise of priestly ministry (except for the celebration of Mass completely in private) until such time as I might again confer with experts and perhaps determine to permit Fr. Sierra the exercise of ministry again.

Done by me this 25th day of January, 1993, at the Pastoral Center in San Diego.

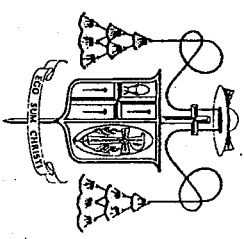

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Fr. Steve Callahan
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Office of the Bishop

23 November 1992

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My prayers are with you.

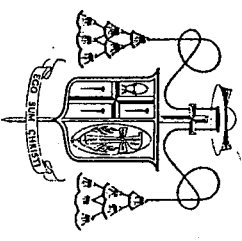
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13 November 1992

Dear Father Sierra:

While I was aware that certain questions had arisen regarding your conduct in Santa Fe, I have just been informed that there now might be some questions regarding your past conduct here in San Diego. I can sympathize with the stress you must be experiencing now, and I hope you can appreciate that this places certain burdens on the diocese as well.

I want to assure you of my commitment to fairness and honesty with all concerned, including you, and in that spirit, I would like to receive your voluntary assurance that, for the time being, and until I can get a clearer picture of this matter, you will not engage in the public exercise of priestly ministry. Could I ask you please to communicate your cooperation in this respect to Msgr. Dillabough by phone as soon as you receive this letter?

I am also inviting you at this time to present whatever you know about this matter to Msgr. Dillabough, whom I have asked to look into things during my absence this week.

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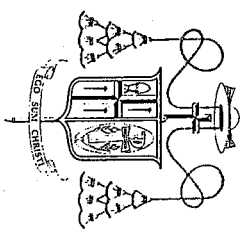
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DIocese OF SAN DIEGO



Office of the Bishop

12 November 1992

Dear Msgr. Dillabough:

In confirmation of our discussion this afternoon, please conduct a cautious inquiry into the facts and circumstances of the alleged activities of Rev. Francis Siera in accord with 1983 CIC 1717.

Fraternaly in our Lord,
+ *Robert A. Brun*
Bishop of San Diego

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