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Dear Mr. Wiersma:

I am now in receipt of your letter of 30 January 2010, in which you present serious allegations against Father Joseph Maurizio. Previously, we had been informed by Elizabeth Williams of ProNino of similar problems.

As you know, Mrs. Williams has taken this matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). This is the agency which has the jurisdiction in such matters. We have had no contact with the FBI agents. Meanwhile, I notified the local civil authorities, but they do not have any jurisdiction over the matter. They noted that they have never had an allegation against Father Maurizio.

In your letter you state that: "For each of these boys, it has taken tremendous courage to finally share the fact that they have been the victim of sexual harassment and abuse by a much older, foreign priest." You, however, never provide names of any individuals, who claim to be victims. We do not have names of those who were approached or abused.

I make that note because we have been presented testimony of witnesses who make this accusation. Our difficulty is that the "victim" denies that anything occurred.

We are very desirous to protect children from sexual abuse. Our policy is to remove a priest from ministry when there is a credible allegation. We need names of and

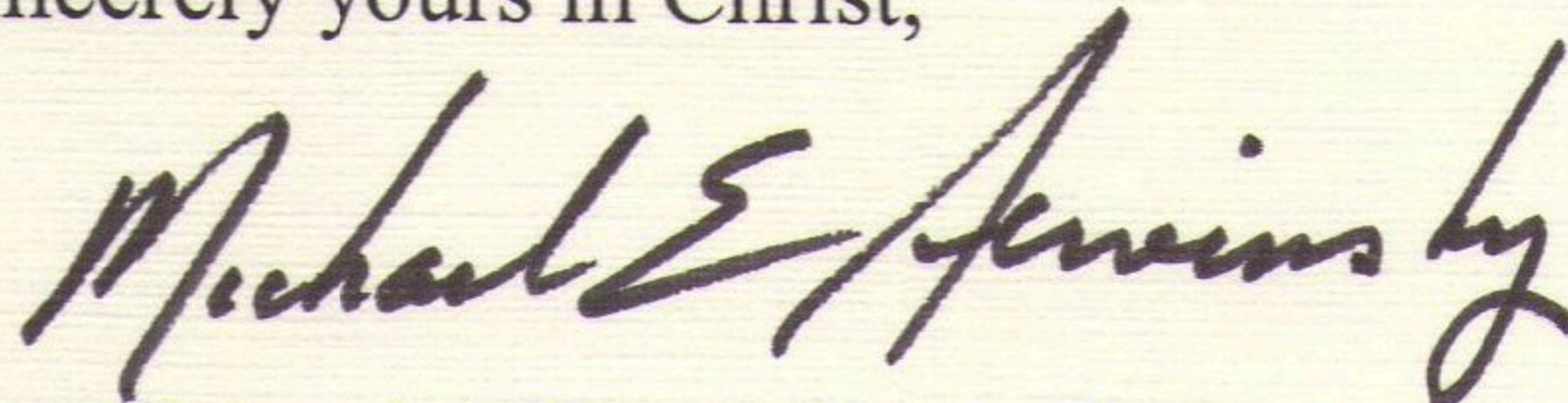
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statements from victims and witnesses, if possible, so that we can make an appropriate judgment in the matter.

I want to express my appreciation for your coming forth with this information. I hope that you will be able to provide this additional information.

With every kind wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Servinsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

(Rev. Msgr.) Michael E. Servinsky, V.G., S.T.L., J.C.L., D.Min.
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