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Milwaukee County District Attorney John T. Chisholm
821 W. State St., Room 405
Milwaukee, WI 53233

RE: William Eberhardy - Allegation of Sexual Abuse

Dear District Attorney Chisholm

In accordance with our policy and protocols for reporting sexual abuse of minors, the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians) is submitting the following information to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office. A Male Victim, 51 years old, who chooses to remain anonymous, has reported that he was sexually abused once in approximately the years 1978-81, when he was about eleven to fourteen years old, by William Eberhardy, who was a Catholic priest at the time but has since left the priesthood. This abuse is alleged to have occurred in Milwaukee County.

The Victim reports that he was an altar server at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chilton, WI, where Mr. Eberhardy was part of an inter-parish ministry, including St. Mary and St. Augustin Parishes in Chilton, as well as neighboring towns. Mr. Eberhardy reportedly invited the Victim to Six Flags Great America. As part of the trip, they stayed the night in an RV or camper at Mr. Eberhardy's parents' residence in Milwaukee, WI. It was there that the Victim reports Mr. Eberhardy engaged in fondling and masturbation. To the best of my knowledge, this was an isolated incident for this Victim, who refused to travel with Mr. Eberhardy thereafter, although he reports that Mr. Eberhardy made similar trips with other altar servers, as well.

At the time, Mr. Eberhardy was a priest and member of the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians), USA Province, a Catholic religious congregation. In 1985, he transferred to the Diocese of Green Bay, and then later left the priesthood. The Salvatorians have had minimal contact with Mr. Eberhardy since then, and no contact as far as I'm aware in at least the past ten years.

Respectfully submitted by

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