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permissible by law in the event that the Archdiocese does not provide outreach to other potential victims of Fr. Tourigney.

I hope that the Archdiocese will finally begin to address the concerns of these two men, as previously conveyed to Cardinal Law and Father McCormack.

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We are hereby putting the Archdiocese of Boston on notice about these additional claims against the Archdiocese and Alpha-Omega, Inc., Fr. Lane, Fr. Surrette, Fr. Roche, Fr. Shanley, Fr. O'Sullivan, Fr. Mahan, Fr. Tourigney, and former priest, Robert Towner. As with our other cases, we request that the Archdiocese execute tolling agreements and immediately agree to mediate these cases. In the meantime, we request that the Archdiocese advise our clients concerning the current status of those seven men who are still functioning as priests incardinated in the Archdiocese of Boston. Our clients wish to know whether or not any of these men continue to function in positions which give them access to youth, and if so, what exactly the Archdiocese (as their incardinating authority under Canon Law) is prepared to do to prevent these men from abusing again. Second, we fully expect that the Archdiocese has conducted its own investigations into these or similar charges involving the above-mentioned men. Our clients hereby request a copy of the results of any such investigation. Third, we also request that, as a basic interim measure, the Archdiocese make specific arrangements about reimbursing our clients for past and future therapy costs. Several of our clients are in vulnerable financial positions, and cannot afford to bear the cost of getting immediate and ongoing treatment for the emotional, spiritual and psychological wounds inflicted on them by these priests.

Next, as promised above, we refer you to our other claims against the Archdiocese and several other of its priests. We have previously notified you of all of these claims, so we set out the facts below by way of summary and to restate more emphatically our requests for immediate response from the Archdiocese with respect to the various issues and specific demands raised herein:

8. Father Philip Bretton

Reference is herein made to our August 12, 1993 demand letter to you regarding the sexual abuse of [REDACTED] by Father Phillip Bretton. As you will recall, Mr. [REDACTED] asserts that Fr. Bretton sexually molested him approximately twice a week over a four-month period in 1957. Mr. [REDACTED] met Fr. Bretton while Mr. [REDACTED] was recovering from a concussion at Cambridge City Hospital, where Fr. Bretton served as chaplain. Fr. Bretton invited Mr. [REDACTED] to become an altar boy and accompany the

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priest on his pastoral rounds visiting physically deformed children and others at Cambridge City Hospital and Mt. Auburn Hospital. At the end of each visit, Fr. Bretton brought Mr. [REDACTED] to his apartment at the Holy Ghost Hospital for the Incurables. Once there, Fr. Bretton would undress fully, leaving only his Roman collar on, and perform oral and anal sodomy on Mr. [REDACTED], then a [REDACTED]-year old minor. Fr. Bretton tried to persuade Mr. [REDACTED] to perform these acts on him, but the boy consistently refused. Each time Fr. Bretton performed anal sex on Mr. [REDACTED], he would hold his hand over the boy's mouth to prevent him from expressing the excruciating pain of this abuse. And even after Mr. [REDACTED] fled Fr. Bretton for his parents' home in [REDACTED], Fr. Bretton persisted in his attempts to gain access to Mr. [REDACTED], visiting the [REDACTED] home and driving down the street alongside Mr. [REDACTED] all the while repeating over and over again that if the boy should tell anyone about this abuse, Fr. Bretton would "kill him." As you remember from our letter, Mr. [REDACTED] has information that, prior to abusing Mr. [REDACTED], Fr. Bretton was put on "sick leave" while serving at St. Louis DeFrance parish in Lowell, Massachusetts, for engaging in sexual acts with a child on a beach in Hampton, New Hampshire. Rather than remove Fr. Bretton from active duty after this "sick leave," he was reassigned to these city hospitals, where he would continue to have the high moral status which comes with being a priest, while also having unsupervised access to children like Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] also knows that, contemporaneous with the abuse inflicted on Mr. [REDACTED] in 19[REDACTED], another young male made charges against Fr. Bretton for sexual abuse, leading to Fr. Bretton's second "sick leave." And yet, despite these documented and confirmed activities, the Archdiocese continuously reassigned the predatory Fr. Bretton to several parishes thereafter, including St. Bridget's in Maynard and St. Anne's in Salem. Our client has also been in touch with another individual who claims to know the names of "many, many" people who were similarly abused by the prolific Fr. Bretton.

On Monday, September 13, we sent you a tolling agreement and monetary demand in the amount of [REDACTED]. I await your swift and affirmative response.

9. Father John Atwater (Cardinal Cushing Academy, Scituate, Massachusetts)

We have still not received any substantive response from you for nearly three months concerning claims of sexual abuse against Fr. John Atwater. As you will recall, [REDACTED] of our office sent you a demand letter on June 29, 1993 on behalf of [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Connecticut. I refer you again to that letter, wherein our client states that, while a boarding student at Cardinal Cushing Academy in Scituate, Massachusetts, he was sexually abused by Fr. Atwater during his second year of school, from approximately August to September, 19[REDACTED]. Fr. Atwater was Director of the School, and had befriended Mr. [REDACTED] while trying to help Mr. [REDACTED] control his tendency to fight with other boys. Fr. Atwater knew that Mr. [REDACTED] was at that time having difficulties with his family, and he showed a great deal of favoritism for Mr.