

PARROQUIA DE TODOS SANTOS XOCHITLAN, PUE. OBISPADO DE TEHUACÁN.

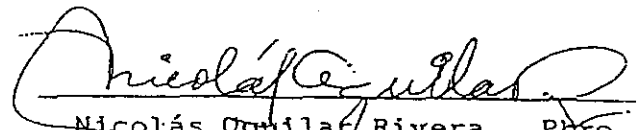
Julio 12 de 1976

Excmo. Sr.  
Dr. Dn. Rafael Ayala  
Tehuacán, Pue.

Excelentísimo Señor Obispo:

Motivos de salud me hacen presentar a Ud. la --  
FORMAL RENUNCIA de la Parroquia de Todos Santos Xo--  
chitlán, Pue. de este Obispado de Tehuacán.

Agradeciendo todo me suscribo Afmo. S. S. Q. B.  
S. P. y pide su bendición.

  
Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, Pbro.  
Pbro.

10-15-76

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Ex. 1

PARISH OF TODOS SANTOS XOCHITLÁN, PUEBLA, DIOCESE OF TEHUACÁN

July 1, 1976

His Most Excellency Rafael Ayala  
Tehuacán, Puebla

His most Excellency Bishop:

Health concerns cause me to present to you my Formal Resignation from the Parish of Todos Santos Xochitlán, Puebla, from this Bishopric of Tehuacán.

Thanking you for everything, I remain S. S. Q. B. S .P. and ask for your blessing.

[signature] Nicolás Aguilar R. Presbyter  
Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera



**DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATION OF  
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

This declaration signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 in Ventura, California.

LOURDES G. CAMPBELL  
Print Name of Certified/Registered Court Interpreter

Lourdes G. Campbell  
Signature of Certified/Registered Court Interpreter



RAFAEL AYALA Y AYALA, POR GRACIA DE DIOS Y DE LA SANTA SEDE APOSTÓLICA, OBISPO DE TEHUACÁN.

Deber nuestro es proveer de Sacerdote idóneo la Cura de almas de las Iglesias Parroquiales vacantes.

Y estándolo por ahora, la de SAN SEBASTIÁN MARTIR, CUACNOPALAN, por su creación de fecha de hoy, y concurriendo en la persona del Sr. Pbro. Dn. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, quien renunció a la Párroquia de Todos Santos Xochitlán, las debtes que en Derecho Canónico se requieren

TENEMOS A BIEN NOMBRAR Y DE HECHO NOMBRAMOS

AL SR. PBRO. DN. NICOLÁS AGUILAR RIVERA, PÁRROCO AMOVIBLE DE LA CITADA PARROQUIA DE SAN SEBASTIÁN MARTIR, CUACNOPALAN PUE.

para que con tal caracter y con verdadero celo sacerdotal, administre los Sacramentos a los fieles que la componen, les predique la Palabra de Dios, organice la Catequesis de niños y de adultos, de acuerdo con las últimas prescripciones de la Santa Iglesia; organice y fomente la ACCIÓN CATÓLICA; y finalmente, cumpla todas las obligaciones y haga uso de todos los derechos que el Código de Derecho Canónico señala para los PÁRROCOS AMOVIBLES.

Dado en la Ciudad de Tehuacán de la Inmaculada, a los diecinueve días del mes de julio de mil novecientos setenta y seis.

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Rafael Ayala  
Ob. de Tehuacán.

Por mandato de S. E. R.

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Félix Rojas Rojas, Pbro.  
Srio.

Al Sr. Pbro.  
Dn. NICOLÁS AGUILAR RIVERA  
PRESENTE.

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Ex. 2

ORIGINAL

Rafael Ayala y Ayala, by the Grace of God and of the Apostolic Holy See, Bishop of Tehuacán

It is our duty to provide the right Priest to cure the souls of Parish Churches that are vacant.

An by being so [vacant], for now, the San Sebastián Mártir, Cuacnopalan,[church] which is created today and I introduce such person Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, who resigned to the Parish of Todos Santos Xochitlán, [illegible] that the Legal Canon requires.

We hereby appoint and in fact name Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, Itinerant Parish Priest from the above mentioned Parish of San Sebastián Mártir, Cuacnopalan, Puebla, so that in his position and with true priestly zeal, he may administer the Sacraments to its members, preach the Word of God, organize Catechism for children and adults according to the latest prescriptions of the Holy Church; organize and promote the Catholic Action; and finally, fulfill all his obligations and make use of all rights that the Canon Law Code allow to all Itinerant Parish Priests.

City of Tehuacán de la Inmaculada, on the nineteenth day of the month of July of nineteen hundred and seventy six.

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Rafael Ayala  
Bishop of Tehuacán

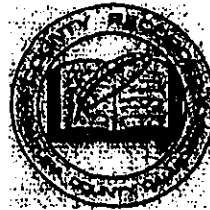
As a mandate of S. E. R.

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Félix Rojas Rojas, Presbyter  
Secretary

To Mr. Presbyter Mr. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera  
By hand

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En Cuernavaca, perteneciente al municipio de Altar de Bravo, Ex-Distrito Judicial de Tecamachalco, Estado de Puebla siendo las ocho horas con treinta y cinco minutos del día ocho de agosto de mil novecientos ochenta y seis, ante mí NIGUEL PEREZ NUÑEZ, Agente Subalterno del Ministerio Público se presentaron varias personas es decir el C. ANGEL PEREZ CASTILLO, quien informó que le habían pagado al señor cura, acto continuo el suscrito se trasladó al lugar indicado y se tubo a la vista en el saguán que da acceso al interior de la casa parroquial y que está ubicado en la "venida del oriente", abian manchas de sangre, el suscrito penetra a la casa cural y en la entrada del lado de oriente del templo habia manchas de sangre, en la puerta aparecieron huellas de sangre, junto a la mesa de pino se encontraba un paño tirado con manchas de sangre y un pelo al examinar su recámara la puerta de acceso tiene tres cristales rotos el pino derecho de la puerta quebrado en el interior papeles rotos y pedazos de vidrio, Acto seguido el suscrito interrogo a los presentes que alguien habia visto algo que nos diera una pista de lo cual declaro el señor HIPOLITO PEREZ SILVA, yo trabajo aquí al servicio de la parroquia y en la tarde vi un chamaco que vestia gueta verde y de tenis y que nunca lo habia visto porque en diferentes noches han venido a dormir chamacos de las comunidades de esperanza, de Tehuacan, de Cordan, de Tepeteca, de Santa Isabel y de Cuanta Blanca, y questo chamaco no habia tenido que la criada del señor cura NICHOLAS AGUILAR RIVERA, tambien puede dar fe que bienen de varias partes enseguida se interrogo a la criada por sus generales dijo llamarse MARINA FANOGAR NEZALOMA y que el chamaco llego como entre once de la mañana y uno de la tarde espere al señor cura y abia con el, como con el y para lo cura tambien lo hizo con el y lo aloja en su recámara, se lo pregunto si en fechas anteriores habian visto chamacos de otra parte, y contesto que si, que bienen de Santa Isabel, de Cuanta Blanca, de esperanza, de Cordan, de Tehuacan y de Tepeteca y los aloja en su recámara, este chamaco que ayer estuvo aquí se dijo que se llama OSCAR RAMIREZ y que es de Tezuitlan, Puebla que es todo lo que tiene que declarar. - - - - -

Acto CONTINUO: Se procedio a repetir las diligencias al Distrito de Tecamachalco, Puebla para los tramites a que hayo lugar Doy FE.

*Ramón García*  
8/8/86



8 AGO. 1986  
POLICIA JUDICIAL DEL ESTADO  
Tecamachalco, Pue

*Miguel Pérez Nuñez*

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In Cuecnopalan, which belongs to the Municipality of [illegible], ex-judicial district of [illegible], State of Puebla, at fourteen hours and thirty five minutes of August eight of nineteen hundred and eighty six, before me Miguel Perez [illegible], deputy Agent of the District Attorney, several persons appeared [illegible] C. Angel Perez Castillo, who informed that they had paid the priest, after that, the undersigned went to the place indicated and had in sight at the gate that gives access to the interior of the parish house, which is located at Avenida Dos de Oriente, there were blood stains. The undersigned went inside the house [illegible] and at the entrance of the east side of the temple there were blood stains, at the door, bloodstains appeared, next to the ping-pong table there was a piece of paper on the floor with blood stains and a hair, while examining the bedroom the access door has three broken pieces of glass, the inside of the bottom of the door on the right side is broken, in the inside scattered papers and pieces of glass. Next the undersigned questioned those present in regards to someone having seen something, to give us a clue, so Mr. Hipólito Pérez Silva made a statement, I work here at the service of the parish and in the afternoon, a youngster wearing a green suit and tennis [shoes], and I had never seen him before, because at different times, many have come to sleep, youngsters from the communities of Esperanza, from Tehuacán, from Cordan, from [illegible], from Santa Isabel and from Cuesta Blanca and that this youngster had not had, that the maid of the priest Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, who could also affirm under oath that they come from several areas, next the maid was interrogated, in the general information she stated that her name was Marina Fahojas Megalosa and that the youngster arrived between eleven am and one in the afternoon and faced the priest and talked to him, ate with him [illegible]..., and gave him shelter in his bedroom, he was asked about if in the past he had seen kids from other areas and his reply was yes, that they come from Santa Isabel and from Cuesta Blanca, from [illegible], from Jordan, from Tehuacán and from [illegible] and he hosted them in his bedroom, this youngster that was here yesterday told me that his name is Oscar Ramirez and that he is from Teusitlán, Puebla, that that is all he has to declare. -----

Next: The procedure started sending [illegible] to the District of Tecamachalco, Puebla for any procedure that take place. I state.

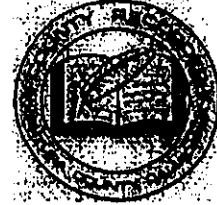
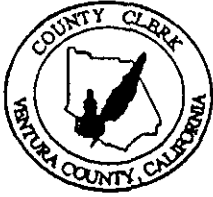
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*Gobierno Eclesiástico*  
*del*  
*Obispado de Tehuacán*  
*Apartado Num. 157*  
*75700*

Siendo las doce horas del día 21 de diciembre de 1985, en el Seminario Diocesano, presentes los Excmos. Sres. Arzobispos, Dr. Dn. Rosendo Huesca Pacheco Metropolitano de Puebla, Sr. Dr. Dn. Antonio López Aviña Arzobispo de Durango, Dr. Dn. Adolfo Suárez Rivera, Dr. Dn. Bartolomé Carrasco Briseño Arzobispo de Oaxaca, Sr. Dn. Rafael Bello, Sres. Obispos, Dr. Dn. Arturo A. Simansky, Obispo de Tampico, Dr. Dn. Luis Munive Escobar Obispo de Tlaxcala, Sr. Dn. Luis Marín Cantón Obispo de Tapachula, Sr. Dr. Dn. Arturo Lona Obispo de Tehuantepec, Sr. Dr. Dn. Hector González Obispo de Campeche, Sr. Dr. Dn. Lorenzo Cárdenas Aregullín Obispo de Papantla, Sr. Dr. Dn. Jesús C. Alba Palaacios Obispo Emérito de Tehuantepec, Sr. Dr. Dn. Hermenegildo Ramírez Sánchez Obispo de la Prelatura de Huautla de Jiménez, Sr. Dr. Dn. Magín Torre Blanca Obispo de Texcoco, Sr. Dr. Dn. Manuel Mireles Vaquera Obispo auxiliar de Durango. sien Consagrantes los Excmos. Sres. Arzobispos Dr. Dn. Antonio López Aviña, Dr. Dn. Rosendo Huesca Pacheco y Sr. Dr. Dn. Adolfo Suárez Rivera se inició la Ordenación Episcopal conforme a Derecho y leídas -- las Letras extendidas por la Delegación Apostólica en defecto de -- las Bulas Pontificias, hecha la profesión de Fe y el Juramento de -- fidelidad se procedió por los Excmos. Sres. Arzobispos Consagrantes al rito de la Ordenación Episcopal del Sr. Pbro. Lic. Dn. Norberto Rivera Carrera, Obispo electo de Tehuacán.

Para constancia se levanta la presente firmando los Excmos. Sres. Arzobispos consagrantes y demás Arzobispos y Obispos presentes dando fe la Secretaría Canciller y doy también fe de que las Letras apud partes se entregaron al Sr. Pbro. Lic. Dn. Norberto Rivera Carrera -- Consagrantes.

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Ecclesiastical Government  
of the Archbishopric of Tehuacán  
Apartado Núm. 137  
75700

At twelve hours on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December of 1985, at the Diocesan Seminary, were present, his Excellencies, Archbishops Dr. Rosendo Huesca Pacheco Metropolitano of Puebla; Dr. Antonio López Aviña, Archbishop of Durango; Dr. Adolfo Suárez Rivera; Dr. Bartolomé Carrasco Briseño, Archbishop of Oaxaca; Mr. Rafael Bello, the Archbishops, Arturo A. Simansky, Archbishop of Tampico, Luis Munive Escobar, Bishop of Tlaxcala; Luis Marín Cantón, Bishop of Tapachula; Arturo Lona, Bishop of Tehuantepec; Héctor González, Bishop of Campeche; Lorenzo Cárdenas Aregullín, Bishop of Papantla; Jesús C. Alba Palacios, Emeritus Bishop of Tehuantepec; Hermenegildo Ramírez Sánchez, Bishop of the Prelature of Huautla de Jiménez; Magín Torre Blanca, Bishop of Texcoco; Manuel Mireles Vaquera, Bishop Auxiliary of Durango; in charge of the Consacration their Excellencies Archbishops Antonio López Aviña; Dr. Rosendo Huesca Pacheco and Dr. Adolfo Suárez Rivera began the Episcopal Ordination according to the Law and after reading of the Letters offered by the Apostolical Delegation in place of the Pontifical Bull, their Excellencies Archbishops in charge of the Consacration proceeded with the oath and the faithful swearing and the rites of the Episcopal Ordination of the Presbyter Norberto Rivera Carrera, Bishop elect of Tehuacán.

As proof, the current record is established and the signatures of the Archbishops in charge of Consacration, as well as other Archbishops and Bishops, and under oath the Chancellor Secretary... [illegible]

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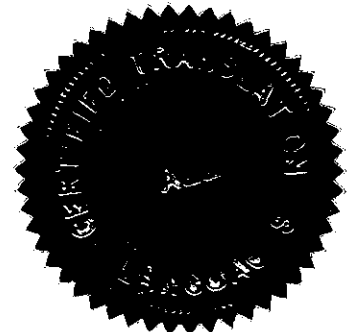
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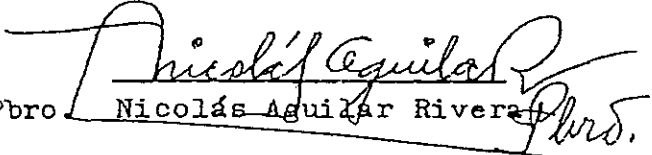
Enero 27 de 1987

Excmo. Sr. Dr.  
Dn. Norberto Rivera Carrera  
Dignísimo Obispo de Tehuacán.  
Tehuacán, Pue.

Excelentísimo Señor Obispo:

Por motivos de salud, con esta fecha, presento a su Excelencia la RENUNCIA IRREVOCABLE de la Parroquia de San Sebastián Martir, de Cuacnopalan, Pue.

Esperando sea aceptada esta renuncia me es grato suscribirme su Afmo. S. S e hijo en Xto.

  
Pbro Nicolás Aguilar Rivera *Pbro.*

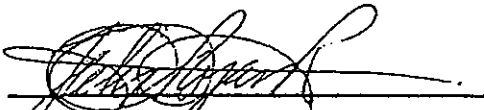
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Conforme al Canon 538 Párrafo lo., acepto la renuncia anterior.



  
+ Norberto Rivera Carrera  
Obispo de Tehuacán

Por mandato de S. E. R.

  
Félix Rojas Rojas, Pbro.  
Canciller Secretario

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Ex. 5

January 27, 1987

His Excellency Dr. Norberto Rivera Carrera  
His Most Dignitary Bishop of Tehuacán  
Tehuacán, Puebla.

His Excellency the Bishop:

Due to health concerns, effective this date, I bring to his Excellency the IRREVOCABLE RESIGNATION from the Parish of San Sebastián Mártir, of Cuacnopalan, Puebla.

Hoping that this resignation is accepted, I hereby remain, cordially at your service and in Christ,

[signature] Nicolás Aguilar R. Presbyter  
Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera

Tehuacán, Puebla, January 27, 1987

In accordance with Canon 538, Paragraph 1st., I accept the resignation stated above.

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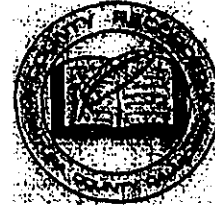
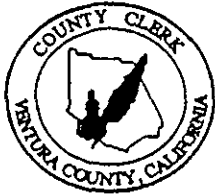
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+ Norberto Rivera C.  
Bishop of Tehuacán

By order of S. E. R.

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Felix Rojas Rojas, Presbyter  
Chancellor Secretary

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Enero 27 de 1987.

Excmo. y Rvdmo. Sr. Arzobispo  
Don Rogelio Mahony.  
P r e s e n t e .

Muy estimado Señor Arzobispo:

Lo saludo atentamente deseándole toda clase de bendiciones en el Señor.

Por motivos familiares y por motivos de salud el Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, Cura Párroco de Cuacnopalan, Pue., perteneciente a ésta Iglesia de Tehuacán, desea permanecer por Un Año al servicio de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles. No tengo ningún inconveniente en conceder el permiso si Su Excelencia lo acepta para que trabaje en su Iglesia Local.

Agradezco sinceramente las atenciones que pueda prestar al Padre Nicolás cuya fotografía de identificación incluye.

Su hermano y servidor.

/ NORBERTO RIVERA C.  
OBISPO DE TEHUACÁN

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Ex. 6



January 27, 1987

His Most Excellency and Right Reverend Archbishop  
Rogelio Mahony

Dearest Archbishop:

Warmest greetings and wishes for all types of blessings from the Lord.

Due to health and family reasons, Father Nicolás Rivera, Parish Priest of Cuacnopalan, Puebla, which belongs to this Church of Tehuacán, wishes to stay for one year providing his services to the Archdioceses of Los Angeles. If His Excellency were to accept him, don't have any concerns in granting your permission, so that he can work in your local Church.

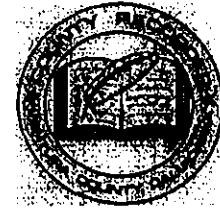
I sincerely thank you for any assistance you may give to Father Nicolás, whose photo I. D. I attach.

Your brother and servant,

+ Norberto Rivera C.  
Bishop of Tehuacán

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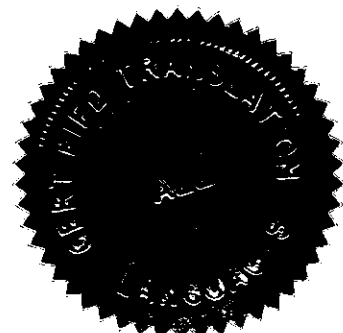
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enice, CA Marzo 12 de 1987

Excmo. y Rvdmo. Sr. Obispo  
Don Norberto Rivera Carrera.  
Tehuacán, Pue.

Muy estimado Señor Obispo:

Reciba mi saludo afectuoso y buenos deseos para su ministerio episcopal.

Ya me presenté a la cancillería de Los Angeles. Me recibió Mons. Thomas Curry, Vicario General del Clero. Le entregué la carta que Ud. Sr. Obispo le envió. Ahora desea Mons. Thomas Curry, otra carta con las siguientes características, que el mismo Mons. Curry, me dicte y en seguida transcribo:

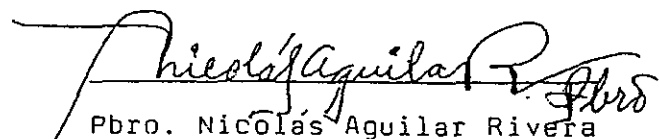
"Una carta Confidencial de su propio Ordinario, dirigida al Sr. Arzobispo Rogelio Mahony con copia a Mons. Thomas Curry, Vicario General del Clero, dando su estimación del Sacerdote en cuestión, indicando las razones por las que viene a trabajar aquí, y recomendándolo para trabajo parroquial en esta Arquidiócesis."

Estas cartas deben ser enviadas a la siguiente dirección:

1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1194  
U.S.A.

Que el buen Padre Dios, pague divinamente las atenciones que preste a mi suplica.

Afectísimo en Cristo,

  
Pbro. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera

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Venice, CA, March 12, 1987

His Excellency and Right Reverend  
Norberto Rivera Carrera  
Tehuacán, Puebla

Dearest Bishop:

Accept my most cordial salutations and my best wishes for you and for your Episcopal ministry.

I have now been to the chancellery of Los Angeles. I was seen by Monsignor Thomas Curry, General Vicar of the Clergy. I delivered to him the letter that you, the Bishop, sent to him. Now Monsignor Thomas Curry wants another letter that would include following, Monsignor Curry himself dictated it to me and I will transcribe it as follows:

“A confidential letter from the Ordinary of your place, addressed to Archbishop Rogelio Mahony with a copy to Monsignor Thomas Curry, General Vicar of the Clergy providing your estimations of the Priest in question, stating the reasons why he is coming to work here, an recommending him for the parish work at this Archdioceses.”

These letters should be sent to the following address:

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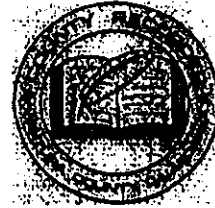
May the Good Lord grant you many blessings for your response to my plight.

Lovingly in Christ.

[signature] Nicolás Aguilar R. Presbyter  
Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera

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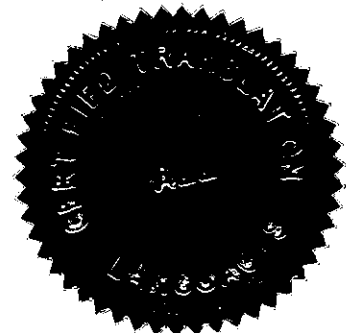
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This declaration signed this 10th day of September, 2007 in Ventura, California.

LOURDES G. CAMPBELL  
Print Name of Certified/Registered Court Interpreter

Lourdes G. Campbell  
Signature of Certified/Registered Court Interpreter



Marzo 23 de 1987.

Sr. Pbro. Don Nicolás Aguilar Rivera.  
834 Palms Blvd.  
Venice, CA 90291

Muy estimado Padre Nicolás:

Te saludo atentamente deseándote toda clase de bendiciones en el Señor.

Me dio mucho gusto el recibir hoy tu carta en donde me notificas que ya te presentaste a la Cancillería con -- M<sup>ons.</sup> Curry el cual te pidió otra carta que hoy mismo estoy enviando.

Espero te sigas comunicando con éste tu servidor y si en alguna otra cosa puedo servir ya me dirás.

Tu hermano y servidor que te bendice.

/ NORBERTO RIVERA C.  
OBISPO DE TEHUACAN

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Ex. 8

March 23, 1987.

Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera  
834 Palms Blvd.  
Venice, CA 90291

Dearest Father Nicolás:

Warm greetings wishing you all kinds of blessings in the Lord.

I was very glad to get your letter today where you inform me that you already went to the Chancellery with Monsignor Curry who asked you for another letter which I am sending at this time.

I hope you continue to stay in touch with yours truly and you will let me know if there is anything else I can do for you.

Your brother and servant who sends you a blessing,

+ Norberto Rivera C.  
Bishop of Tehuacán

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Marzo 23 de 1987.

Excmo. Sr. Arzobispo  
Don Rogelio Mahony  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1194  
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Excelentísimo Señor:

Lo saludo atentamente deseándole toda clase de bendiciones en el Señor.

Quiero presentar a usted al Sr. Pbro. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera el cual pidió permiso por un año para ausentarse de ésta Diócesis y trabajar en la Arquidiócesis de los Angeles, California.

El Padre Nicolás Aguilar Rivera venía desempeñando -- muy laudablemente su trabajo en la Parroquia de San Sebastián Cuacnopalan. Es un sacerdote estimado por sus compañeros sacerdotes y por el pueblo al cual sirvió.

Lo que causó su salida de la Parroquia fue una agresión física muy delicada, se sospecha que detrás de los -- conflictos que provocaron esa agresión física hay problemas de homosexualidad. Las acusaciones sobre homosexualidad del Sacerdote son varias sin que se haya comprobado -- ninguna, todo ha quedado a nivel de acusaciones y de sospechas.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para encomendarme a sus oraciones y repetirme de usted su hermano y servidor.

/ NORBERTO RIVERA C.  
OBISPO DE TEHUACAN

C.C. a Mons. Tomás Curry, Vicario General del Clero.

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March 23, 1987.

His Excellency the Archbishop  
Mr. Rogelio Mahony  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Lo Angeles, CA 90015-1194  
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His Excellency:

Warmest greetings wishing you great blessings from our Lord.

I would like to introduce to you Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera who asked for a one year leave of absence from this Dioceses and work at the Dioceses of Los Angeles, California.

Father Nicolás Aguilar Rivera was performing admirably at his work in San Sebastián Cuacnopalan. He is a priest esteemed by his fellow priests and by the town he served.

What caused his departure from the Parish was a pretty serious physical aggression, it is suspected that behind the conflicts which provoked this physical aggression there are problems of homosexuality. There are several accusations of homosexuality against the Priest none have been proven, everything is just accusations and suspicions.

I take this opportunity to entrust myself to your prayers and again tell you that I remain your brother and servant.

+ Norberto Rivera C.  
Bishop of Tehuacán

c.c. Monsignor Tomás Curry, General Vicar of the Clergy.

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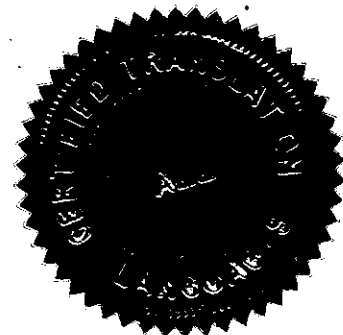
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Loures G. Campbell  
Signature of Certified/Registered Court Interpreter





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March 25, 1987

Rev. Nicolas Aguilar-Rivera  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
4509 Mercury Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Dear Father Rivera:

This will confirm your appointment as

ASSOCIATE PRO TEM

of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Los Angeles, effective  
March 16, 1987.

It is understood that the Most Reverend Ordinary of Los Angeles, Archbishop Roger Mahony, is accepting your ministerial services in this jurisdiction in accord with the provisions of Canon 271, #1,2,3, i.e., your proper Ordinary has given his permission for your presence in this jurisdiction for a specified time, which may be renewable or terminated, and that you will remain incardinated in your own proper Diocese.

Enclosed are full faculties of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. These faculties expire October 31, 1987, at which time a written request for their extension will be necessary.

With personal best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy

/lbm  
Enclosure

cc: Most Rev. Norberto Rivera, Bishop of Tehuacan ✓  
Rev. William McLean  
Most Rev. Juan Arzube  
Rev. Joseph Pina, V.F.

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ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH  
2610 S. MANSFIELD AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90016  
PHONE: 935-8127

Mayo 29 de 1987.

Excmo. y Rvdmo. Sr. Obispo  
Don Norberto Rivera C.  
Tehuacán, Pue.

Muy estimado Sr. Obispo:

Reciba mis afectuosos saludos -  
para su Excia. y para sus familiares.

Con motivo de su Día-Santo,  
reciba mis felicitaciones y  
mis oraciones.

Yo estoy como sacerdote auxiliar  
en la Iglesia de Santa Agueda.

Gracias a Dios estoy bien de salud  
y con un sacerdote que es un alma de Dios

Me despido de su Excia. pidi-  
éndote su Bendición.

Afmo. en Cristo.

Nicolás Aguilar  
Pbro.

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ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH  
2610 S. Mansfield Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90016  
Phone: 935-8127

May 29, 1987.

His Excellency and Right Reverend  
Norberto Rivera Carrera  
Tehuacán, Puebla

Dearest Archbishop:

Warmest regards to his Excellency and his family.

On the occasion of your saint day, please accept my congratulations and my prayers.

I am here as assistant priest to the Church of St. Ageda (sic).

Thank God my health is fine and with a priest who is a godsend.

I say goodbye to his Excellency asking for his blessing.

In Christ's love,

[Signature]  
Nicolás Aguilar Rivera

Presbyter

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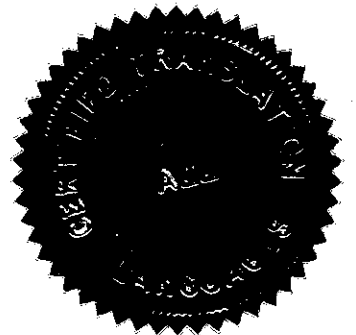
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ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH

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Diciembre 20, 1987

Excmo. y Rvdmo. Sr. Obispo  
Don Norberto Rivera Carrera.  
Tehuacán, Pue.

Muy estimado Señor Obispo:

Reciba mi atento saludo y buenos deseos para que nuestro Padre Dios bendiga su ministerio episcopal.

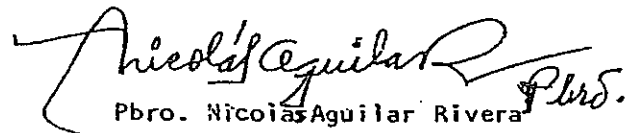
Estando por terminar mi permiso al servicio de la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, suplico a Su Excelencia me conceda permiso por tiempo indefinido para la misma y concreta Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles.

Excelentísimo Señor, suplicamos que no se haga mención del permiso anterior de un año, ni renovación de permiso. Porque ese permiso no se presentó a la Embajada. El proximo permiso se presentará como primera vez. Y como recomendación para trabajo parroquial en la Arquidiócesis. Dirigido a: Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Curry, Vicar for Clergy.

Yo personalmente presentaré ese permiso en la Cancillería del Arzobispado.

Agradezco las atenciones que preste a mi solicitud, que Dios Padre generoso pague divinamente esta deuda de gratitud.

Afectísimo en Cristo,

  
Pbro. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera

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ST. AGATHA'S CHURCH  
2610 S. Mansfield Avenue  
Los Angeles, California 90016  
Phone: 935-8127

December 20, 1987

His Excellency and Right Reverend  
Norberto Rivera Carrera  
Tehuacán, Puebla

Dearest Archbishop:

Greetings to you and best wishes so that our Lord may bless your Episcopal Ministry.

As my permission to provide services to the Archdioceses of Los Angeles is about to end, I am pleading with his Excellency to grant me an extension for and indefinite period of time to [remain in] the same and specifically the Archdioceses of Los Angeles.

His Right Excellency, we implore that no mention be made of the previous one year permit or about the renewal of the permit, because this permit was not brought up to the Embassy. The next permit will be requested as the first request and as a recommendation for parochial work in the archdioceses. Address to: Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Curry, Vicar of the Clergy.

I will personally bring this permit to the Chancellery of the Archbishopric.

Thanking you for the attention to my request, may God our generous Father pay you divinely to this debt of gratitude.

In Christ's love,

[Signature]  
Presbyter Nicolás Aguilar Rivera

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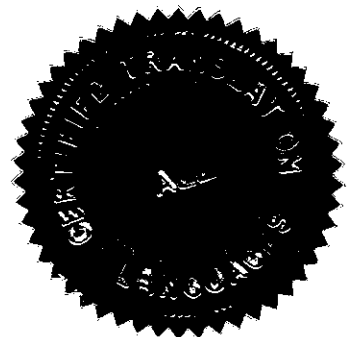
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January 11, 1988

Most Reverend Norberto Rivera C.  
Bishop of Tehuacan  
Obispado de Tehuacan  
Apartado Num. 137  
75700  
Tehuacan, Mexico

Dear Bishop Rivera:

It is with great sorrow that I write to you, but it has come to our attention that several families in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Los Angeles, where Father Nicolas Aguilar-Rivera served for some months on his first coming here, accuse him of acting very inappropriately with their children. Two families have already spoken to the pastor of that parish, and he knows of another family that has not yet approached him.

According to the civil law here, the accusations must be reported to the authorities.

I spoke to Father Aguilar-Rivera on Saturday, January 9, and told him that until a full investigation has taken place he may not serve in this Archdiocese and that his faculties have been withdrawn.

I believe he plans to stay with some family members here and then return to Mexico.

I regret having to inform you of this, but I believe you would want to know of this information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy

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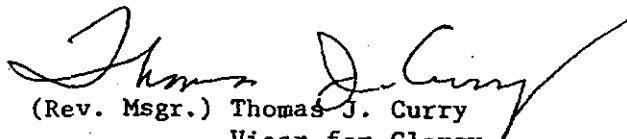
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Bishop of Tehuacán  
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Apartado Num. 137  
75700  
Tehuacan, Mexico

Dear Bishop Rivera:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a story from the  
Los Angeles Times of February 20, 1988.

May I request that if you know of the whereabouts of  
Father Aguilar-Rivera you urge him most strongly to return  
here to answer the allegations that have been made against him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy

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## *Visiting Mexican Cleric Flees*

# Priest Sought in Alleged Molestation of Altar Boys

By MARITA HERNANDEZ, *Times Staff Writer*

A visiting priest from Mexico, who gained the confidence of Spanish-speaking families in two Los Angeles Catholic parishes and was welcomed into their homes, is under investigation by police for allegedly sexually molesting at least 18 altar boys before fleeing the country.

Investigators said they expect the number of alleged victims to rise. So far, they have been able to reach only about half of the two parishes' 60 or so altar boys. The children, ranging in age from 9 to 13, make up the primary group of possible victims, police said.

The priest under investigation was identified as Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera, 46, by Detective Gary Lyon of the Los Angeles Police Juvenile Division.

The alleged molestations—ranging from fondling to masturbation—began last April, shortly after Aguilar arrived at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in the El Sereno area of East Los Angeles and ended about a month ago, with his sudden departure from St. Agatha's Parish in South-Central Los Angeles, police said.

Police said they have received less than full cooperation from the church in the investigation, and parents who opened their homes to the priest and encouraged their children to spend time with him have raised questions about the church's handling of the case.

Father Joseph Battaglia, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, said

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# PRIEST: Alleged Molesting of Altar Boys

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the archdiocese's immediate response upon learning about the charges against Aguilar was to remove him from all church duties. Police were not notified until two days later.

"He was asked to stay in the country to face the accusations against him, but he chose to leave," Battaglia said. He added that the archdiocese has contacted Aguilar's church superiors in Mexico "to try to convince him to come back."

The archdiocese's decision to confront Aguilar with the allegations two days before reporting the matter to police may have inadvertently allowed the priest to evade arrest. Detective Lyon said.

He said that while the church acted properly in relieving [Aguilar] of any duty involving children . . . it's unfortunate that we couldn't have been there when he was notified [of the allegations] by the archdiocese."

## Called by Principal

The police first learned of the alleged molestations when they were called by the principal of the Catholic school affiliated with Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Because multiple victims were alleged, the officers were prepared to take Aguilar into custody, Lyon said.

Some parents resented having learned about the alleged molestation from police rather than church authorities, and that the priest's sudden departure from their parish about a month ago was explained to one of the congregations as a "family emergency."

"The church shouldn't be telling us," said the father of two of the alleged molestation victims. "They should tell us the truth so that we can be prepared for something like this. How can we be alert if they don't tell us the truth about things?"

Battaglia pointed out that the allegations against Aguilar have not been proved.

## Walking a Fine Line

"You walk a fine line between recognition of an allegation and a presumption of guilt," he said. In cases like this, "reputations and psychological health are of paramount importance for both the accused and the ones allegedly injured." Psychological counseling has been offered to the families by the archdiocese, he said.



Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera

the care and control of children, usually leads to felony charges as well, he said.

Police efforts to contact all potential victims of the alleged molestation have been hampered by the church's refusal to furnish lists of altar boys at the two parishes, Lyon said.

"We've had to ferret out the names on our own," he added. At Our Lady of Guadalupe parish, where Aguilar spent about two months, parents provided police with a list that has allowed investigators to contact most of the boys there, Lyon said. But no such list has been available from St. Agatha's parish, where the priest worked for eight months.

Investigators have been slowly contacting some boys through public schools in the St. Agatha's parish area, Lyon said.

The archdiocese's Battaglia said he did not know why the lists were not made available to police. Calls by The Times to other archdiocesan and parish officials, including Archbishop Roger M. Mahony, were not returned.

Aguilar came to Los Angeles with the permission of his Mexican bishop, and his credentials showed him to be "a priest in good standing," Battaglia said.

"I guarantee you that if any problem had even been hinted at, he would not have been accepted here," he said.

Aguilar, however, told a parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe that he had had a "problem" with a

For some supposedly educated person to come into my home and disrupt my family."

After he learned of the alleged molestation, the father spoke to close friends with whom the priest had also stayed overnight. When questioned, the second couple's children told their parents that the priest had fondled them during a three-day stay at their home.

"We opened the doors to our home because my children liked him and because one of our sons has a vocation for the priesthood and we wanted a priest to counsel him," the second father said.

As he did with other families, Aguilar attended family gatherings and took the children on outings. The priest also asked the families to allow their children to teach him English. Several said they gladly gave their permission.

It was during these private English lessons, several of the children alleged, that they were molested.

The two couples and a third, whose children also said they were molested, pondered what action to take for about a week before approaching their pastor and the school principal, who eventually reported the matter to police.

Although parents said they hope that the priest is located and either forced into psychiatric treatment or punished, most of the parents said that the painful experience has not shaken their faith in their church.

For the one family, however, the experience dealt a more severe setback.

"My kids have always helped out at the church and we've encouraged them," the father said. "I didn't want them hanging out on the street and getting involved with gangs."

"But I don't know who to trust anymore. . . . My children say they will never help out at church again."

## Millionaire in Bouquet Bomb Case Sentenced

From the Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—A saga in which millionaire landlord Peter Pilaski was convicted with his homosexual lover in a bombing that injured his estranged wife ended Friday when Pilaski was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

## ■ Huyó de Los Angeles, EU

# Sacerdote mexicano acusado de abuso sexual a 18 monaguillos

Efe, Los Angeles, California, EEUU, 20 de febrero. La policía de Los Angeles busca a un sacerdote mexicano acusado de abusar sexualmente de por lo menos dieciocho monaguillos durante nueve meses de estancia en California, informó hoy *Los Angeles Times*.

Según la policía, el sacerdote fue identificado por el detective Gary Lyon, de la división juvenil de la policía de Los Angeles, como Nicolás Aguilar Ribera, de 46 años, quien huyó a su país.

Los abusos sexuales comenzaron el pasado abril después de que Aguilar llegó a la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, en la zona de El Sereno, en el este de Los Angeles.

Terminaron hace un mes, cuando el cura abandonó súbitamente la parroquia de Santa Agata, en la misma ciudad.

La policía se quejó de no haber recibido el suficiente apoyo de las autoridades eclesiásticas en este asunto, pero un portavoz de la arquidiócesis católica de Los Angeles, el padre Joseph Battaglia, dijo que al enterarse de lo sucedido se le

prohibió al padre Aguilar continuar ejerciendo su ministerio.

"Le pedimos que siguiese en Estados Unidos para hacer frente a las acusaciones en su contra, pero optó por marcharse", dijo Battaglia.

Tehuacan

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# Priest Formally Charged in Sex Abuse of 10 Boys

By WILLIAM OVEREND, Times Staff Writer

A fugitive priest suspected of molesting as many as 26 altar boys in two Los Angeles Catholic parishes was formally charged Monday with sexually assaulting eight of the youths and two other children.

Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera, 46, a Mexican national believed hiding in Mexico, was charged in a felony complaint issued by the Los Angeles County district attorney's office with 19 counts of committing a lewd act with a child.

Police and prosecutors said the filing of the charge is a necessary step in seeking Aguilar's arrest in Mexico if the priest fails to return to the United States voluntarily to face prosecution.

Aguilar, who arrived in Los Angeles a year ago with credentials that persuaded officials of the Los Angeles Archdiocese that he was a "priest in good standing," allegedly began his series of molestations while assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in El Sereno.

After two months there, he moved to St. Agatha's Church in South-Central Los Angeles, where he remained for about six months until fleeing to Mexico in January after being confronted by church officials

with complaints of his alleged activities from parents. Aguilar, according to church officials in Mexico, stopped at his former diocese in Tehuacan in the Mexican state of Puebla after fleeing Los Angeles and announced that he was resigning as a priest. He said he was going to Cuernavaca, Mexico, to stay with relatives.

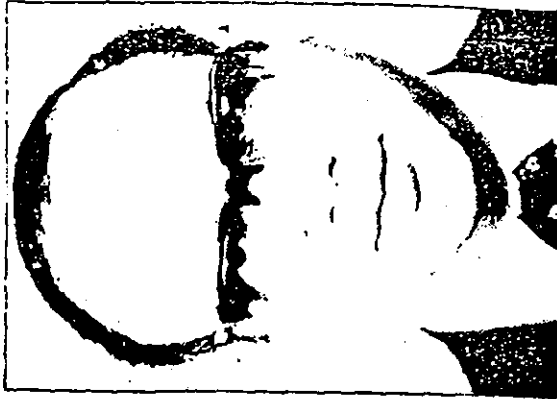
Deputy Dist. Atty. Al Jenkins said Monday that the charges against Aguilar are that he "fondled and masturbated" the 10 boys, all between the ages of 9 and 14.

### No Extradition Treaty

"There's no extradition treaty between us and Mexico," Jenkins said. "He will either have to come back here himself or be arrested by authorities in Mexico."

Detective Gary Lyon of the Los Angeles Police Department's Juvenile Division, who investigated the case, said LAPD's first effort after the issuance of the formal complaint will be to "try to get the priest to come back voluntarily."

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Father Nicolas Aguilar Rivera





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Muy Estimado Monseñor Rivera Carrera:

Le escribo a Vd. tocante a la situación grave y urgente del Pbo. Nicolás Aguilar Rivera, sacerdote incardinado en la Diócesis de Tehuacán, Pue., México.

Nuestro Vicario por Los Cleros, Monseñor Thomas Curry, le ha escrito a avisarle de las acciones depravadas y criminales de este sacerdote durante su tiempo aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles, California. Es casi imposible determinar precisamente el número de jóvenes acólitos que él ha molestado sexualmente, pero el número es grande.

Sabemos que él ha regresado a México, y nosotros queremos cooperar totalmente con la Policía de Los Angeles en buscarlo y arrestarlo. Es necesario que este sacerdote esté detenido y regresado aquí a Los Angeles para sufrir las consecuencias de sus acciones tan inmorales. El ha causado daño terrible a estos jóvenes, y además, ha creado escándalo grave.

Le pido a Vd. si pudiera mandarme lo más pronto que sea posible una lista de todos los familiares de este sacerdote, incluyendo los nombres de sus padres, sus hermanos, tíos, y otros familiares--por todas las partes de México. Además, necesitamos las direcciones y números de teléfono para todos sus familiares.

Es tan urgente que recibimos esta información lo más pronto que sea posible. Favor de llamarme aquí en Los Angeles, o dejar la información con mi sacerdote-secretario, Pbo. Lorenzo Estrada, a este número: (213) 251-3261. O, favor de mandarme la información por correo expreso. Estamos dispuestos pagar todos los gastos necesarios para obtener esta información muy pronto.

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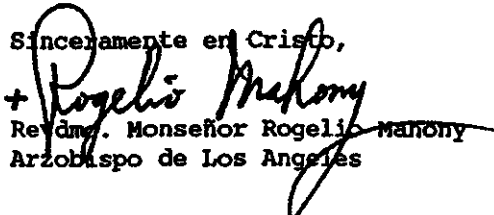
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Revdmo. Monseñor Norberto Rivera Carrera  
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Estoy muy agradecido a Vd. por su cooperación total en este asunto grave,  
y espero recibir toda la información que Vd. puede mandarme.

Le ofrezco mis oraciones, y me encomiendo a las suyas durante este tiempo  
de la Cuaresma.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

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Revdmo. Monseñor Rogelio Mahony  
Arzobispo de Los Angeles

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Highly Esteemed Msgr. Rivera Carrera:

I write to you regarding the grave and urgent situation of Nicolas Aguilar Rivera, a priest of the Tehuacan Diocese, Puebla, Mexico.

Monsignor Thomas Curry, our Vicar of Clerics, has written to advise you of the depraved and criminal actions of this priest during his time in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California. It is impossible to determine precisely the number of young altar boys that he has sexually molested, but the number is large.

We know that this priest has returned to Mexico and we wish to cooperate fully with the Los Angeles Police in finding and arresting him. This priest must be arrested and returned to Los Angeles to suffer the consequences of his immoral actions. It is necessary that this priest be detained and returned to Los Angeles in order to suffer the consequences of his immoral actions. This priest has caused terrible pain and suffering for these youths, and in addition has created a grave scandal.

I petition you to send me as quickly as possible a list of all of this priest's relatives, including the names of his parents, his siblings, his aunts and uncles and other family - residing anywhere in Mexico. Additionally, we need the addresses and telephone numbers of all his family members.

It is very urgent that we receive this information as quickly as possible. Please call me here in Los Angeles, or give the information to my secretary Father Lorenzo Estrada, at this number: (213) 251-3261. Or please send me the information via express mail. We are

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willing to bear the cost necessary in order to obtain this information as quickly as possible.

I deeply appreciate your total cooperation in this grave matter, and I expect to receive all the information that you can send me.

I offer you my prayers, and I ask for yours during this time of Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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