

**Address to the Sts. Simon & Jude Community by  
Reverend Michael L. Harvey, OFM – Pastor  
June 13-14, 2009**

You may or may not be aware that – a few days ago – allegations were made against two friars who were in active ministry in the parish in the early 90's both of them are no longer involved in active ministry.

I have always made it a practice to be transparent and to openly share pertinent information with the parish community. Our practice is to address issues early and share information promptly – even while the facts unfold. As the investigation into these allegations proceeds, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or our pastoral administrator, Chris Sumpter at the parish office.

At present, all I have to work with is a newspaper article with allegation from a John Doe, against two friars who were in active ministry in the parish in the early 90s.

As I prepared my comments for you, I consulted with members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils and asked them what information you would like to hear. I am grateful for their advice.

First, as your pastor, I am committed to providing a safe environment for children. The parish has taken active steps to ensure children's safety through background checks, fingerprinting, and requiring safety training for the staff and volunteers in our school and catechetical center.

Second, we are committed to seeking out the truth in regards to the allegations,

Third, we will abide by the guidelines established by the Diocese of Orange and the Franciscan Friars as the investigation proceeds.

Most important, I ask that you join me in praying for a just outcome to this very difficult and serious situation.

This is a critically important issue for the life of our parish and we will continue to work with the authorities and provide you with updated communications.

*A printed copy of this message will be available in the parish office along with  
information from the Diocese of Orange.*

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IMPORTANT YOUTH SAFETY INFORMATION</b> <b>PLEASE READ</b></p>
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In keeping with our Diocesan Policy against Sexual Misconduct with Minors and our pledge to be vigilant in the best interests of the children and youth of our parish, we alert you to an allegation of past misconduct.

We have been informed that a former student at Sts Simon and Jude Parish School has filed a civil complaint of sexual misconduct against two former priests assigned to this parish, Rev. Gus Krumm and Rev. Alexander Manville. The complaint alleges this incident took place in the early 1990s. The two priests named in the lawsuit are no longer in active ministry.

The Diocese of Orange remains committed to its policy for the Protection of Children and Young People and hopes for a just and expedient resolution to this case.

Should anyone have any information regarding alleged misconduct or any misconduct on the part of Rev. Gus Krumm or Rev. Alexander Manville, you are requested to report such information directly to the **Huntington Beach Police** at 714-960-8811. We also want to remind you of the Diocesan Assistance Ministry Program and the toll free reporting line 1-800-374-3046.