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## VIA FACSIMILE

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Re: Committee v. Archbishop

Dear Mr. Kline:

It was good to meet with you in person last Friday at the time of the depositions of your clients.

I am writing to request your clients dismiss the federal court action filed against Archbishop Kaplan and the Patriarch. It was clear from each of the depositions that your clients have no evidence to support any wrongdoing of the Archbishop alleged in the complaint. In their own words, they describe the information to which they were testifying as coming from rumor and "Church" gossip. It was acknowledged by at least one of the witnesses that the 9/11 fund money was returned to the individual parishes to allow their parish councils to make a decision as to a disbursement of the money. The money returned to St. Ephraim's was donated by its parish council to a fund established by one of the firefighter organizations in that city. There simply is no evidence of any kind of any misuse of the 9/11 funds by the Archbishop.

With regard to the orphans' fund, the speculation by your clients was that those funds were being misused if by anyone, the parish counsel, and not by the Archbishop. Turning to the poor families' fund, there simply is no evidence of any kind that these cash donations made at liquor stores and other businesses were misused in any way. As you know, we took the depositions of the plaintiffs because we wanted to see if there was any substance of any kind to their allegations. Having taken the depositions and comparing the testimony against the complaint and related documents, it is clear this case should be dismissed and the Archbishop should not be required to incur any additional expense of any kind.