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Abbot Martin Lugo, O.S.B.  
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Dear Abbot Martin:

I remember well your service here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and trust that you and all the monks are well.

It is with sadness, however, that I am writing you. Enclosed, please find a letter that Cardinal Mahony received from \_\_\_\_\_, alleging abusive conduct on the parts of Fathers Francis and Mathias at St. Benedict's, Montebello, in the mid 1960's.

Would you please be so kind as to contact \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible to discuss what sort of pastoral outreach the Benedictines can make to aid his healing? Hopefully, you can provide some ongoing counseling for him, which is the sort of pastoral assistance we provide when one of our Archdiocesan priests has abused anyone. Since \_\_\_\_\_ lives in Idaho, I would hope that Bishop Driscoll in the Diocese of Boise could make appropriate referrals to well-trained counselors convenient to him.

In looking over our records, I assume the two priests to whom \_\_\_\_\_ refers would be Father Mathias Faue, O.S.B. and Father Francis Simon, O.S.B. The records in my office do not contain any previous complaints about abusive behavior on their part, but it may be that you have information that we do not. If I am mistaken in this identification, please correct me.

Since our records from that period are not that well kept, I would appreciate learning from you the exact years in which Fathers Faue and Simon were assigned to St. Benedict's or any other parish or post in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

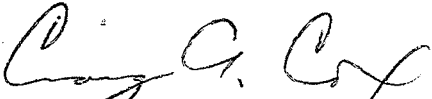
Given the passage of time and since I do not see either of these priests listed in the Kenedy Directory, I am assuming that they may have passed away or left the priesthood. Please send me as well the dates of their death or, if they have left the priesthood, the dates of their departure or dispensations.

Please feel free to contact \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss with her the sorts of ministry we strive to offer victims of abuse. Also, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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Thank you for your attention to this distressing matter. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

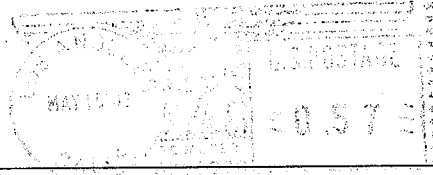
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig A. Cox'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Craig' being the most prominent.

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
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cc: .

Rev. Msgr. Craig Cox  
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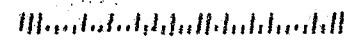
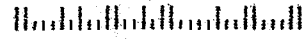
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