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Faith and Morals

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Wed, Aug 31, 2016 at 6:27 PM

Dear Mr. Patashnick,

In a telephone conversation with you on August 29, 2016, I expressed my concern for the welfare of the two undergraduate students who I sent emails to on March 16, 2016, offering to give a developmental lesson on the arguments for God's existence. The only response I got was an email from Fr. Dan O'Reilly threatening me with legal action if I contacted the students again.

On August 13 and August 20, I sent the students emails asking them to contact me. I indicated in the August 20 email that if I did not hear from them I would feel obliged to tell their parents about my concerns.

In our conversation, you indicated that you would contact the students to make sure they were okay. Ken Finnegan called me on August 30, and we spoke on the telephone on August 31. He declined my offer to meet with him. He also indicated that if I contacted you again, I would be guilty of harassing the two students. He took down my address and said he would send me a letter to this effect.

In matters of faith and morals, you and Mr. Finnegan are not qualified to be the guardians of two Catholic undergraduates. The only ones qualified to be their guardians are Msgr. John Paddack and their parents. Msgr. Paddack is the pastor of their parish, and is also a chaplain for the Columbia Catholic Ministry.

I want to speak to either the students, Msgr. Paddack, or the parents of the students about my concerns. I suggest that you and Mr. Finnegan think through how you should carry out your responsibilities.

Very truly yours,

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