

31 October 1994

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Dear Father Arana:

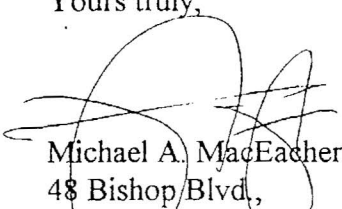
On this day I attended the 12:15 Mass at St. Brigid's and a number of actions by the attending priest bothered me. The priest in question I found out to be a Father Lorne Whalen.

It appears that this priest is now going to become a fixture at our Parish and if this is the case, perhaps his actions should be immediately "corrected" by you, as the Administrator, before we become "sensitized" to his style of Mass. Specifically, the following occurred:

- a. he failed to properly vest for the Mass;
- b. he displayed a lack of respect for his surroundings in that he appeared for and said Mass in running shoes and jeans;
- c. from the altar, he used truly offensive terminology such as: "I can still kick butt"; and
- d. he constantly altered the prayers of the Sacramentary; this he certainly has neither the authority nor the right to do.

In this priest's short career, some six years, he has already served in a number of parishes. He has also lost his faculties as a military chaplain, for reasons, not yet fully revealed. What is clear is that this priest has difficulty with obedience and respect. St. Brigid's does not need such an individual, especially if he fails to correct fundamental flaws in how he conducts what is the most significant act of worship for Catholics. This Diocese has harbored far too many such individuals.

Yours truly,



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