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December 6, 2000

**VIA PROCESS SERVER**

The Orator  
C/O Saint Brigid's Association  
P.O. Box 71022  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Sir:

**RE: Father Mark Buckley**

We are the solicitors for Father Mark Buckley. Pursuant to the Defamation Act Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980 c. D-6 s. 13 (1) and (2), this letter will serve notice upon you of Father Buckley's intention to file suit against you for defamation with respect to an article published in the Orator during November, 2000 entitled Friends in High Places.

Your article makes statements and allegations which are untrue, inaccurate and vexatious. You accuse or allege that Father Buckley has a criminal history as well as a criminal conviction. In addition, you accuse him of misuse and theft or fraud in relation to church funds and the property and funds of Barbara MacKerrow. Further, you accuse and allege inappropriate conduct, particularly as Mark Buckley is an ordained priest and teacher in the Roman Catholic Diocese. These comments are untrue or inaccurate and vexatious and defame his reputation causing him damages. Additionally, I have been informed that you have forwarded unsubstantiated copies of your newspaper to officials both within the church and within his board. Such conduct is not acceptable, particularly as you have been advised by this office that Father Buckley should be given the opportunity of reviewing your article prior to publication. You have seen fit to publish that article and circulate that article without providing Father Buckley the opportunity of answering your allegations.

You may anticipate receipt of our Statement of Claim in the immediate future. We enclose a copy of the Orator highlighted in places which are of particular significance. These highlighted areas are by no means exhaustive.

Yours truly,



**BLAINE G. SCHUMACHER**

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