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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TODAY AT 12:10 p.m. at the Law Office of Kyle J. Humphrey; 2211 17th St. Bakersfield, CA. Msgr. Harrison will be addressing the media at that time.

Today, Msgr. Craig Harrison has tendered letters of resignation to the Holy Father from his position as the Pastor of St. Francis Parish and from his obligations as a Catholic priest.

This decision has come after nearly two years of seeking due process and fair play from the Bishop. It has become clear that Msgr. has exhausted all efforts at justice from the Bishop.

Msgr. is leaving on his own terms to move forward with his life. Msgr. has chosen to leave the politics of the Church behind. He has dedicated 38 years of his life to serving Christ in the Catholic church.

Msgr. was called to minister for Christ. He has been ordered by the Bishop not to minister for Christ on pain of separation from the faith he loves. The Bishop moved the goalposts from place to place to make sure that whatever Msgr. did would ultimately result in him being judged disobedient by the Bishop. Msgr. knows he cannot receive justice from this Bishop or his hand-picked friends who will do the Bishop's will.

Msgr. will not be intimidated by the pressure from the Bishop to drop his lawsuit against the Diocese and the Bishop personally. The Bishop's threats of retaliation against Msgr., the humiliation this has caused to Msgr. and the absolute denial of a fair process have led to a single conclusion, Msgr. must move on with his life separate from the abuse of power and denial of justice by the Bishop. Msgr. is moving on with his life to continue to fight for his good name in the only venue he has left, the courts. Msgr. is looking forward to the day when the accusers and the church stop their delaying tactics and questions may be asked under oath for the first time on behalf of Msgr. We look forward to deposing the accusers, the Bishop, and any other bad actors involved in this unjust attack on Msgr.

The Bishop has chosen to move forward with disciplinary action against Msgr. for being disobedient by failing to drop his lawsuit. The Bishop also seeks to punish Msgr. for causing hostility towards the Bishop, which was in fact caused by the Bishop's conduct. The Bishop's other grounds for seeking to punish Msgr. are for not following orders which were changed by the Bishop to make whatever Msgr. did



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a violation of the Bishop's orders. Msgr. knows his separation is imminent because he will not drop his lawsuit. On that basis alone the Bishop has threatened and is now in the process of carrying out his retaliation against Msgr.

The Bishop has failed in his obligations to Msgr. by failing to follow protocols; and by choosing to deny due process, The Bishop failed when he denied any meaningful opportunity to be heard. The Bishop failed when he denied Msgr. the right to present a defense. The Bishop failed when he insured that Msgr. will not have an unbiased judge to hear the false allegations against him. The Bishop never interviewed Msgr., never asked for evidence, never talked to known witnesses who could contradict the false allegations. The Bishop took the extraordinary step of bypassing any opportunity for defense, sent his one sided and incomplete investigation to Rome, and was then mysteriously appointed the sole judge of the outcome of the case against Msgr.

Msgr. has decided to walk away from the politics of the Bishop to continue his call to minister for Christ. Once you are called, no man, no matter how bruised his ego, can take that from you. Msgr. feels he owes it to the people of God and to himself to carry out his responsibility to minister for Christ. He can only do this by leaving the place where he has been fundamentally betrayed. There is no justice without transparency and without fundamental due process.

Msgr. wishes all his supporters the blessings of Christ and thanks them for all they have done for him. This is not goodbye; it is a new chapter in his life of service.