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The Hon. High Commissioner for Human Rights  
United Nations  
Palais Wilson  
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1211 Geneva 10  
SWITZERLAND

Dear Sir / Madam,

My name is William Kamm. I am aged 52, and a father of 10 children. I am from Koln, Germany, and migrated to Australia in 1954, and through my mother, became an Australian citizen. I have been a Roman Catholic since birth.

In 1982 I formed a Religious Publishing Organization, which was disseminated throughout the world.

In 1986 – 1988 I founded a Religious Order of Priests, Nuns, Brothers and families. It was, to put simply, a New Form of Consecrated Life, and formed within the framework of the Roman Catholic Church. It now has a membership of 500,000 in 167 countries throughout the world.

In 1984, I forwarded all these matters, as required, to Church Authorities, but these were rejected, and I was publicly denounced. The Media took the matter up, and I was portrayed as a figure of public disgrace - with my work and my followers - resulting in being branded a “sect” and “cult” leader.

In 1985 I went to Rome, and had a private audience with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, to whom I placed my case. He privately accepted my claims, and encouraged me, advising that I continue to lobby the Church Authority in my diocese, Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia 2500. I continued my appeal to Church Authorities up until this present time. I requested a full Ecclesiastical Investigation into my claims, but the Church continued to deny me this right, and the campaign against me continued.

This damaging publicity also continued through the Media: Newspapers, Television, Radio, and the Internet, and my human rights were violated. The Religious discrimination increased in momentum through the Church, Government Bodies - and even the Local Councils, who placed restrictions of every kind upon us. The Councils prevented us from building, and threatened us with a fine of \$1,000 per day if we proceeded without their permission. There is a long list of disputes, even to this day, where I have enlisted the aid of the Lord Mayor.

Most of the discrimination was caused by the Catholic Church, who used the Media as a tool to harass and discredit us.

We also had problems with the Immigration Department, and this culminated in a High Court ruling in our favour.

In 1998, I threatened to expose a sex scandal in the Church, relating to a Priest. Then the Church finally agreed to a full Investigation. However, this Investigation did not proceed in depth. A Commission had been called, but a short time later the Church issued a Public Degree against us, once again.

I made a further appeal, but this was also rejected. In June, 2002, another Decree was given out, and the Media continued to defame us.

I made a further appeal to Rome, and still await the outcome. I challenged the Church with Legal Action, but then in August of last year I was arrested and charged. The Media used this to continue to work against me and my Organization.

Due to lack of resources I have been unable to take legal action against the Media or the Church, but hope to do so in the future. If you wish to study my case more thoroughly, you would need to read my Website.

The Media have tried over 20 years to link me with various "sects": WACO, Jones Town, and the Uganda massacre. All this publicity has turned many against me, inside and outside the Church. It has affected my businesses and public image.

I do not expect a resolve regarding the Church, but I am hoping that you can look into the matter of discrimination of myself, my beliefs and those of my many followers. We are registered as a Church Foundation under Australian Law, and a non-profit Organization. My Case is coming up in August of this year.

I would appreciate it if you would advise me what steps to take in regards to all that I have written to you.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Yours truly



William Kamm