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To whom it may concern:
Contrary to what Fr's Benjamin
and Joseph, former monks
of Holy Transfiguration Mon-
astery, aledge, I have not
accused anyone of Holy Transfiguration
Monastery (Brookline) of immoral
acts.

Fr Elias
Thomas Mahony

Contrary to whatever Fr. Benjamin and Fr. Joseph are now
alleging , they admitted to me on the day Fr. Benjamin left
Holy Transfiguration Monastery that they themselves had never
seen anything immoral or improper at said monastery.

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George Kanellopoulos and his family are members of the Parish
of St. Anna in Roslindale, Massachusetts.

I, Maria Zorbas, an Orthodox Christian living in Dracut Massachusetts, affirm in writing that, shortly after Fr. Joseph left Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Brookline, Mass., he telephoned me and said that it was very hard being a monk, and that the rules of the Monastery were too strict for him to follow. He made no charges whatsoever against anyone in the Monastery.

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Maria Zorbas.....
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Maria Zorbas is here referring to Fr. Joseph's
second departure from the monastery.

To the clergy of the Holy Orthodox Church of North America,
I wish to repeat and clarify that:

I have no accusations to make, nor have I made any
accusations against anyone at the Holy Transfiguration
Monastery.

I am not responsible for what others in their malice or
hysteria thought or claim I said.

If I believed something was amiss in the monastery I would
not be defending it nor would I want my brother to remain in
the monastery, but rather I would be doing all I could to
extract him therefrom.

It is obvious that all of the accusers are joined in a group
effort to slander the monastery, each having their own motive.
Time will reveal what these various motives are. The
monastery and diocese will continue to confess true
Orthodoxy and remain even after these attacks. It is
unfortunate that these accusers are scandalizing a number of
weak individuals.

I believe that the leadership of our monastery is canonical
and Orthodox Christian and capable, and I believe that our
diocese is both canonical and Orthodox in doctrine.

I ask that this letter be distributed to the clergy only. I
don't want to get into character judgements of the people
involved. I hope things soon settle down.

Elias, monk