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Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

**Re: Father John Gallagher v. Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc.
No. 18-964**

Dear Sir/Madam:

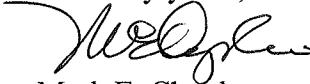
We represent Respondent, Diocese of Palm Beach, Inc., in the above-referenced matter. The undersigned should be substituted as counsel of record in this matter.

After the Court granted Petitioner's application to extend the time to file, Petitioner filed his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, which was placed on the docket on January 22, 2019. Respondent's opposition brief is currently due on or before February 25, 2019. Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of this Court, Respondent requests an extension of eighteen (18) days, until March 15, 2019, to file a brief in opposition to the Petition. Petitioner consents to this request.

Respondent requests this extension for efficiency in the proceedings. Last week, Respondent received a request from CHILD USA, a child advocacy group, seeking consent to file an amicus brief in support of granting the Petition. After an exchange of communications, Respondent advised that it would not consent to CHILD USA's participation, and CHILD USA stated its intention to move to file. Accordingly, Respondent seeks this extension to allow time to review and respond to CHILD USA's motion and/or brief in Respondent's opposition brief.

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests an eighteen (18) day extension of time, until March 15, 2019, to file a brief in opposition to the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari. Thank you for your time and consideration of the foregoing.

Sincerely yours,



Mark E. Chopko

cc (via e-mail): Counsel of Record