



# *Saint Gregory's Abbey*

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Office of the Abbot

**Monsignor Craig A. Cox  
Vicar for Clergy  
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**Dear Monsignor Craig Cox,**

I received your letter of May 14, 2002. I was not able to answer more quickly since I was on our community retreat and meeting days. I do remember you well. You were just beginning your studies in Canon Law.

I am also saddened that \_\_\_\_\_ has alleged abusive conduct against Fathers Francis Simon and Matthias Fauve, former member of our community of St. Gregory's Abbey. Both are deceased.

You requested the assignments dates of these two Priest's ministry in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We had two parishes founded by the Benedictines: Our Lady of Lourdes in East Los Angeles, and St. Benedict in Montebello, California. Fathers Francis and Matthias served in both parishes.

According to our records the approximate dates of their service in the Archdiocese was as follows:

**Fr. Matthias Fauve, OSB: Our Lady of Lourdes: 1953-59  
St. Benedict Parish: 1966-75.  
St. Benedict Parish 1983-1988.  
Fr. Matthias died January 30, 1988.**

**Fr. Francis Simon, OSB: St. Benedict Parish: 1958-71.  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish: 1964-1969  
Fr. Francis died in Dec. 18, 1995.**

For more accurate dates, one of the former associates suggested that the Baptism registry be reviewed. Usually associates would begin baptizing as soon as possible.

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I will get in contact with  
ministry offered to abuse victims.

to discuss the types of

Before speaking or writing to  
Father Dan Ward, OSB, since  
counseling, assistance for his medical costs and "providing for his family."  
I plan to consult  
has made references to extensive

Thank you for the difficult work you are called to render.

Yours in Christ,

*Abbot Martin Lugo, OSB*  
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