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Memorandum

To: All Bishops
From: Msgr. Ronny Jenkins *Jen*
Date: December 22, 2009
Subject: **FR. JOHN SILLUP**

The Diocese of Fréjus-Toulon (France) has advised the Conference of its concerns regarding Fr. John Sillup, a citizen of the United States who is incardinated in the Diocese of Fréjus-Toulon.

The Bishop of that diocese advises that until July, 2009, Fr. Sillup was studying with his diocese's permission in Washington, D.C., but that following the receipt of formal complaints against him the diocese directed him to suspend his studies and return to his diocese to respond to an investigation. Despite repeated exchanges, the diocese relates that Fr. Sillup has not complied with those directions but instead has remained in the United States.

Further, the diocese relates that it has now received complaints regarding Fr. Sillup relating to subsequent alleged misconduct in this country, said to have occurred at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. The Bishop of Fréjus-Toulon has now directed Fr. Sillup to cease the exercise of all priestly ministry, and the direction for him to return to his diocese remains in force. The diocese also relates that the Diocese of Steubenville has revoked its prior permission for Fr. Sillup to exercise limited ministry there, and has advised him that he does not enjoy the faculties of the Diocese of Steubenville.

Those needing further information regarding Fr. John Sillup should contact the Diocese of Fréjus-Toulon.