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Memorandum

To: All Bishops
From: Msgr. David Malloy *DM*
Date: January 7, 2010
Subject: **FR. ABEDNAGO VARGAS RODRIGUEZ**

The Diocese of Charleston has advised the Conference of its concerns regarding Fr. Abednago Vargas Rodriguez. He is a Somascan Community priest of the Diocese of Yopal, Columbia, who has been serving in the Diocese of Charleston, which advises that his faculties have been suspended by the Diocese effective December 17, 2009, having engaged in a relationship with a woman, in negation of his vow to priestly celibacy. When confronted with this allegation, Fr. Rodriguez offered to return to his home diocese in Columbia. Fr. Rodriguez holds a U.S. legal Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) and is presently in Mexico. The Conference is providing this notice in case Fr. Rodriguez decides to apply for priestly ministry elsewhere in the United States.

If further information is needed, contact should be made with the Office of Bishop Robert E. Guglielmo of the Diocese of Charleston, at (843) 853-2130.