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Date: October 2, 2017

To: Priests, Deacons, Brothers, Sisters, Principals, Parish and Chancery Staff

From: Paula Gwynn Grant, Director, Office of Communications

Re: Scam Alert – Comedian Posing as Someone in Need

The Office of Communications has been notified about a scam affecting churches and schools.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Atlanta received a call from a man named Ian Edwards who posed as someone needing help with a serious problem. He called from a private number that is not readable on Caller ID.

Mr. Edwards is a standup comic and podcaster, and his repeated calls may be to acquire material for his comedy act in order to scandalize and/or embarrass the Catholic Church.

Please be aware he may toss out topics to trigger a reaction. He is known to ask about the following topics:

- Space aliens and travel
- Catholics being tough guys
- Churches hiding the Arc of the Covenant
- Homosexuality
- Masturbation
- Premarital sex

If your office receives a call from Mr. Edwards or his staff, please notify me immediately at pgrant@archatl.com or (404) 920-7344.

Thank you.