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Importantly, I did not know that Father Ripperger recommended to people with psychiatric issues that they should consider going off their medications in favor of only using spiritual practices to remedy serious mental health issues. I would expect that any priest providing spiritual counseling, including an exorcist, would collaborate with an individual's doctors on an important issue such as ceasing some or all a patient's medication, even if the priest has determined there is a spiritual origin to some of the patient's problems.

Even though he lives here in the archdiocese and is a priest here, I have not read all Father Ripperger's materials, nor have I listened to his videos. Many people have told me how much he has helped them, and those reports gave me a positive view of his ministry. This means that I am grateful that you have brought to my attention this most serious matter as I am sure you will.

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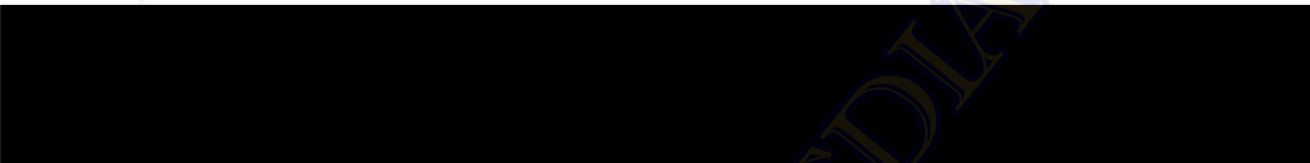
In response to your letter I have begun a thorough investigation into Father Ripperger's works to be completed by exorcists from outside the archdiocese, and a medical doctor, and a psychologist within the archdiocese. One of the priest's lives on the east coast and he would like to visit with

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Furthermore, I have placed restrictions on Fr. Ripperger's ministry while the investigation is occurring, including that he may not counsel any person until the investigation is completed and he is prohibited from asking or suggesting to anyone that they should stop taking medication. I have also instructed him to take down materials that he has on the internet and not place any more materials on the internet. I know that controlling electronic media is difficult because once

materials are on the internet, they may remain available, but my instructions are intended to do all I can to control this information and any harm that might come from it.

There is due process on matters such as this that I must follow according to canon law. I am certain that the team I have put together will act promptly, though it will take some time to review the matter as some of those investigating live in different parts of the country.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel J. Aquila".

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver



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