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St. Mary of Egypt Sunday

Greetings in the Lord!

This letter is written to inform you of the status of Robert A. Mitchell with regard to the Brotherhood of St. Moses the Black.

We condemn his actions and remove him from active status in any leadership role within the Brotherhood. He was not forthcoming to us about his 1998 conviction for child abduction. Had we known of this, we would never had approved his leadership in any capacity.

Several months ago, after looking on St. Raphael of Brooklyn Church's web site and seeing that he was no longer listed as an active subdeacon, I inquired as to why this was so, but did not receive any satisfactory answers, so I assumed it must have been for some personal reason.

His situation was kept secret from the Brotherhood at large by those in Michigan who knew about it. I can only assume that this was from some misplaced sense of the need to "cover another's sins" or perhaps a lack of respect and concern for the wellbeing of the Brotherhood itself.

We as a Brotherhood have struggled for over 20 years to serve God and be seen as God-fearing men and women. This situation has cast a dark cloud over us and caused our name to be mentioned in the same breath as that of a child abductor.

We were as shocked as the rest of the Orthodox world to find out about this, and only found out about it by chance, on the internet.

We ask your prayers for the Brotherhood, that we may grow in strength and continue our work of evangelization.

May God bless you,

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Dear brothers and sisters,
Forgive me, I did not mean to imply that Brotherhood chapter members in Michigan had any knowledge of this matter. I apologize for any confusion I caused.

May God bless you all abundantly,

Father Moses