

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ERIC E. HOYLE,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 08-CV-347C

FREDERICK DIMOND, ROBERT DIMOND,
and MOST HOLY FAMILY MONASTERY,

Defendants.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA)
)
COUNTY OF Pinellas) ss:

GARY CRAFT, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a resident of the State of Florida and presently reside at 675 Mandaly Drive, Number 6, Clearwater, FL 33767.

2. Prior to December 31, 2007 I visited the website for the Most Holy Family Monastery (“MHFM”) at www.mostholymonastery.com. Prior to that date, I also had occasion to purchase materials from MHFM and was a supporter of the monastery. During the

occasions I ordered materials from MHFM, I spoke and/or dealt with an individual by the name of "Brother Edmund" who represented himself to be a monk from MHFM.

3. In the course of purchasing materials from MHFM, I provided my personal address, telephone number, and e-mail address. This information was provided to MHFM only, and only as part of the ordering and purchasing process. Moreover, the personal contact information I provided directly to MHFM was not information that was publicly available. I did not intend for it to be used by Eric Hoyle for his own personal reasons.

4. In January of 2008, I received a letter from Eric Hoyle. At that time, Mr. Hoyle informed me that he was formerly a monk who had been associated with MHFM and while there was known as Brother Edmund. During my dealings with MHFM, I never gave my personal contact information to Mr. Hoyle for his personal use. As such, I was surprised that Mr. Hoyle had my personal address and that he used it to contact me directly and without my consent. Indeed, the personal address that Mr. Hoyle used to send me his letter was not publicly listed or available information. That address was private information that was given to MHFM only in the process of my ordering materials from them because it was the address connected to the credit card that I used to purchase those materials.

5. When Mr. Hoyle contacted me, he informed me that he left MHFM because of a dispute he had with certain beliefs espoused by the organization. In particular,

Mr. Hoyle indicated that he left because Brother Michael (Frederick Dimond) and Brother Peter (Robert Dimond) attended Mass and received the Sacraments at a certain church. Mr. Hoyle indicated in his letter his belief that this constituted heresy.


6. Following my receipt of Mr. Hoyle's letter, I had occasion to speak with him on two separate occasions. During those conversations, Mr. Hoyle again told me his belief that the teachings and beliefs of MHFM (specifically with regard to where to attend Mass and receive the Sacraments) constitutes heresy and, as such, Brother Michael and Brother Peter are heretics. Mr. Hoyle also indicated that he had a website under construction that would address his new beliefs in opposition to those espoused by MHFM.

7. During the two occasions when I spoke with Mr. Hoyle after receiving his letter, he also informed me that he did not believe MHFM was a legitimate monastery, he told me that Brother Michael and Brother Peter were not the Brothers' real names, and that there was a serious question as to the legitimacy of MHFM. In this regard, Mr. Hoyle insinuated that Brother Michael and Brother Peter were misleading people in their work at MHFM.



Gary Craft

Sworn to before me this
4 day of June, 2008.



Notary Public

