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Reverend Samuel M. Waters
2440 Fairway Drive
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Dear Father Waters,

I received your letter of August 17, 2013 and would like to offer these observations.

Church law clarifies that imputability arises not only from malice but also from culpability. The law actually presupposes imputability when an external violation of the law has occurred.

You indicate your intention to appeal the decree of excommunication you received from me to the Holy Father. Please take note of Canon 1734 which concerns the proper manner of recourse in such matters.

Rest assured that you remain in my thoughts and prayers

Sincerely yours,


+ *Charles J. Chaput*
Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M., Cap..
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