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Your Excellency,

The Easter Sunday, March 31, 2002 *Catholic Communicator* contained the announcement that Sr. José Hobday, OSF is being sponsored as a speaker by the Office of Pastoral Outreach on April 11, 2002 at the Church of the Risen Savior. [Enclosure 1] According to the April 2002 Calendar for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Palmira Hay is the “responsible person” for bringing this speaker to Risen Savior, as part of a day of Spiritual Growth for Mature Adults or Seniors. [Enclosure 2]

You may be unaware that Sr. Hobday is a member of the dissident Call to Action “Speakers and Artists Referral Service.” [Enclosure 3]

You may be unaware that Sr. Hobday teaches “creation spirituality” at Matthew Fox’s University of Creation Spirituality. Other members of the faculty include Matthew Fox, who left service in the Catholic priesthood after problems with the Vatican over his increasingly problematic “creation spirituality” and “Starhawk,” a self-identified “leader in the Wicca tradition.” [Enclosure 4]

You may be unaware that Sr. Hobday said, in her keynote address at the 1990 Catholic Educator’s Convention in New Orleans that Catholic teachers “should forget about any Church doctrine prior to twenty years ago...cut the spiritual and emotional umbilical cord to the Church and start in a new direction.” [Enclosure 5]

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You may be unaware that Sr. Hobday is promoted as a teacher of “Native American Spirituality,” not of Catholic spirituality. [Enclosure 6 and 4]

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You may be unaware that Sr. Hobday was a speaker at the 1993 World Council of Churches Re-Imaging Conference, at which Sophia was worshipped and celebrated as “the biblical goddess of creation.” [Enclosure 7]

You may be unaware that Sr. Hobday was the opening speaker at the 1993 WomanChurch conference in Albuquerque, which Native American women complained misappropriated sacred tribal symbols and Catholics complained “dabbled in witchcraft.” [Enclosure 8]

The above sampling of Sr. Hobday’s work and teaching raises questions about the appropriateness of this speaker being brought to Albuquerque by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Asking your Excellency’s blessing,
we remain yours in Christ,

Valerie Lubitz,
President Los Pequeños de Cristo

Enclosure 1: March 31, 2002 *Catholic Communicator*

Enclosure 2: April 2002 Calendar for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

www.archdiocesasantefe.org/Calendars/02Apr.htm

Enclosure 3: Call to Action “Speakers and Artists Referral Service.” www.cta-usa.org/resstars.html

Enclosure 4: University of Creation Spirituality Faculty, www.creationspirituality.com/faculty.html

Enclosure 5: Donna Steichen, *Ungodly Rage: The Hidden Face of Catholic Feminism*, (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1992), p. 392.

Enclosure 6: Promotional Flier for Sr. José Hobday, speaking for the Center for Action and Contemplation Year End-New Year Retreat, at the Madonna Retreat Center, 12/30/96 – 1/1/97

Enclosure 7: David Cloud, “WCC Conference Honors Sophia Goddess, Gives Ovation to Lesbians,” *O Timothy Magazine*, 1994.

Enclosure 8: Kathleen Howley, “The Enemy Within,” *The Catholic World Report*, June 1996.

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