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August 12, 2002

The Honorable Lacey Collier
U.S. Federal Court House
1 North Palofax
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Greetings. I trust that this letter finds you and yours, well and blessed. By way of introduction I am the General Chairman of the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship, a ministerial alliance of over 13,000 members in 44 nations, representing 3.5 million laity.

I have known Dino Gentile for more than twelve years. During this time his reputation and participation in the AWCF has been outstanding. I understand that there will be a hearing soon relative to Dino Gentile. I pray that his sentence will be reduced. I respectfully request your consideration for mercy for him and his family at this time. I know that they have suffered greatly as a result of the preceding events. I speak on behalf of the AWCF membership when I say that we will do all within our power to help Dino and his family reconstruct their lives. Dino has two young daughters who are at critical and formative stages in their lives and need a family unit as well as the support of the church.

I know that this incident has been a burden for you and others in authority who bear the responsibility for seeing that justice is served. I say this sincerely, I pray for those who serve in authority for they have a great responsibility to serve society, while maintaining the sacred balance of compassion and social order. For whatever purpose it serves, I humbly state that I feel that Dino can be a contributor to society and maintain his family if given mercy at this time.

I am thanking you in advance for your kind consideration.


Bishop Samuel L. Smith
General Chairman
Apostolic World Christian Fellowship

The Well, Foursquare

"Jesus met the woman at the well..." John 4

Dr. Linda Oakland, Senior Pastor
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December 13, 2004

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500-0003

Dear President Bush,

There is nothing for me to gain or lose by writing this letter regarding Pastor Dino Gentile. It is my observation of his family, his life and ministry, the work he has done and continues to do and the result of his efforts that speak louder than words and prompts me to write to you on his behalf.

The church he Pastored in Southern California has met in my church building for over two years. Dr. Jack Hayford, founder of the Kings Seminary and former Senior Pastor of The Church on the Way in Van Nuys California is a close personal friend of mine. It was his son-in-law, Dr. Scott Bauer who first made me aware of Pastor Dino Gentile, his church, "The Ark," and the trial they had gone through.

There is no question in my mind that what happened to Pastor Gentile was an isolated incident. There is no history or evidence of any criminal activity in this mans life, in fact quite the opposite. All of his life and his work reflect the testimonials, one after another, of people who came out of difficult circumstances, who now serve as vital people in our community.

As a member of the Clergy Council for the Los Angeles Police Department and as a Senior Pastor of a church that has participated in planting more than thirty-seven multi-cultural churches in Southern California and around the world—London England, Tel Aviv Israel, etc.—We are anxious to have Pastor Dino Gentile back, serving our community, in Southern California where he is so desperately needed.

I am asking you to grant clemency and commute Pastor Gentile's sentence to "time-served." And we, as a church, and the Foursquare Denomination, whom I represent, will take full responsibility to support and work with Pastor Gentile and his family to restore them in the ministry and in our community.

Thank you for your time with this matter. God bless you and your family and keep you, by His strength, strong in faith and full of His Wisdom and Knowledge as you lead our country.

Very Truly Yours,

Dr. Linda Oakland, D.Div.



Apostolic Temple Church, Inc.

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"THE HOUSE OF TRUTH"

February 16, 2010

Attention: Mr. David Axelrod

The White House
Barak H. Obama
The Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20510

The President of the United States

I am writing in behalf of Pastor Dino Gentile-USP 14711-112. He is seeking a commutation of sentence. Pastor Gentile had no prior record, however, is sentenced to an outrageous 41 years in prison.

There is questionable evidence that has been overlooked, i.e. he did not carry a firearm and never spoke to anyone in the crime accused, and I am asking that you grant him clemency for this crime against him.

In the years that I have known Bro. Gentile, he has been a great asset to the church. I especially acknowledge him for his cooperativeness, generosity, his dependability, and his example of a life in which Jesus Christ is in control. His work with the youth has been outstanding. He has preached for us in the past, and we had nothing but great results.

In addition, Bro. Gentile is blessed with a talent that makes his teaching encouraging to the church. I find him dedicated to his church as an example to helping those that are lost to find the right way of life. The prison cell in which he is kept is keeping him from this great burden of helping others find the Lord.

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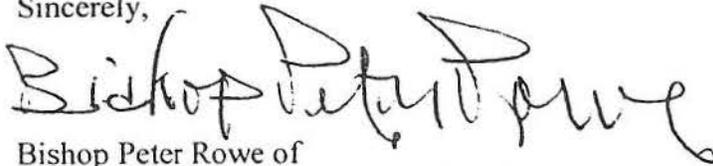
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We encourage this clemency act as a result of over 10 million conservative Christians for NCR/PDG(The National Campaign to Release Pastor Dino Gentile) who belong to The Apostolic World Christian Fellowship, The Well, Foursquare, and God's Saving Grace Ministries. These several millions of Christians are committed to speak out in behalf of this man. This act of clemency could gain their favor in supporting future elections or bills.

As a Board member of the Apostolic Temple World Christian Fellowship, a ministerial alliance of over 13,000 members in 44 nations, representing 3.5 million laity, we will do all within our power to help Dino and his family reconstruct their lives. Please consider this request for clemency and please call me at [REDACTED] regarding this matter. We are praying and looking forward to hearing good results. Please help us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bishop Peter Rowe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Peter Rowe of
Apostolic Temple Church, founding church of the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship
and A.W.C.F. Board member



God's Saving Grace Ministries

Hebrew 13:3

Preaching The Gospel Throughout The World

Tom Papania
Evangelist

P.O. Box 542 Tallevast, FL 34270
[REDACTED]

April 9, 2012

**President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500-0003**

Dear Mr. President,

I am just one of many thousands who have written letters to the White House on behalf of a man who has served the last 13 years in a prison.

His family's life was threatened and so he acted under duress. The man, Dino Gentile, has been a pastor for more than 20 years and I have personally met him and have spoken at this church.

Pastor Gentile has worked with authorities in Los Angeles helping to get young gang members off the streets, working with youth groups, helping the homeless and addicted, the poor and needy. His goal in life was to help others in need. Does this sound like the background of a criminal? Certainly not.

Pastor Gentile's denomination has more than 3.5 million members nationwide. The denomination I am involved with has even more than 3.5 million. We are encouraging all our members to go to the voting polls this November and vote for the man who has the morals and values that we as Christians have.

A man who is God fearing and not embarrassed to publicly proclaim his faith in God. A man, who at all costs will defend his faith regardless of the opposition.

I personally feel that Pastor Dino Gentile, has suffered enough being incarcerated, and away from his family. 13 Years is a long time for an innocent man to endure. That is not my idea of justice.

I implore you to put and end to this injustice and review the circumstances and see for yourself if Pastor Gentile does not deserve to be released immediately and given a commutation of sentence to time served.

With November rapidly coming upon us, this matter is of utmost importance to more than 8 million Christians who are if support of Pastor Gentile

A fellow Christian,

Rev. Tom Papania

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Papania', written in a cursive style.

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The Way of The Cross Church of Christ, Inc.

NINTH AND D STREETS NORTHEAST, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002

(202) 543-0500 Church • [REDACTED]

March 4, 2001

Bishop Alphonzo D. Brooks
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The Office of the President
George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

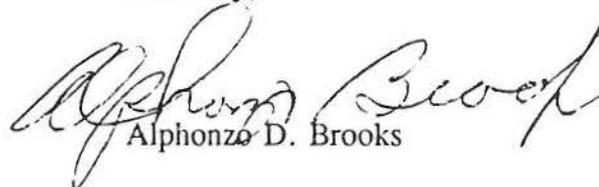
This letter is written in support of Dino Gentile, a Christian brother and pastor, who is asking for a Presidential pardon or a commutation of sentence. I believe Pastore Gentile to be an honorable man. I believe him when he says he was forced to participate in the crime for which he is incarcerated, that he feared for the life of his family. He had no previous record. Additionally, he carried no firearm, nor did he enter the premises or speak to anyone in the crime of which he is accused.

Brother Gentile has been a pastor and evangelist for almost twenty years and, even in prison has continued to minister. In the meantime, his wife and children suffer greatly during his ordeal.

It is my earnest appeal that you give favorable consideration to Pastor Gentile's request to be pardoned or have his sentence commuted to time served.

Thanking you, in advance, for your early consideration of and consent to this request, I am

Sincerely,


Alphonzo D. Brooks

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December 1, 1999

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I am a pastor in San Francisco of one of the largest churches in this great city. It has come to my attention that a fellow pastor, Pastor Dino M. Gentile, has been imprisoned for an offense that is **most impossible** for me to believe that he has committed. I know him personally to be a very honest, straightforward, and just man who has done his best to help hundreds of youth in Los Angeles. I know his character to be impeccable. If there is anything you can do on the national level in an act of mercy in granting him pardon, I am prayerfully asking you to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

May the Lord bless Mrs. Clinton's candidacy and may Chelsea always be blessed with her parents together!

Yours in Christ,
Your friend,

Pastor Richard Gazowsky

P.S. The address of Pastor Dino M. Gentile at the place of incarceration is:
14711-112 U.S.P., P.O. Box 26030, Beaumont, Texas 77705

BE AGGRESSIVE



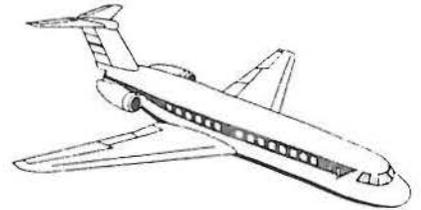
Honorable Judge Lacey Collier
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Pensacola, FL 32501

CAPTAIN RON KNOTT
2705 BAZE ROAD-EULESS, TX-76039



August 11, 2002

BE SMOOTH



REF: Dino Gentile

Judge Collier:

It is my understanding that Mr. Dino Gentile is being awarded a re-trial in your court. Please consider the following dealings that I have had with Dino. I have known Mr. Gentile for several years and consider him to be a very trustworthy individual. In the past I had several legitimate business deals with him. In every transaction he was completely honest and of the highest integrity. I loaned him money on several occasions for his family's needs. Each and every time the funds were paid back well ahead of the due date. I have never known him to be deceitful or dishonest!

Even though Dino he has been in prison I would not hesitate to again be associated with him in business. I would be pleased to have him as an employee of any one of my many companies (www.ronknottrealestate.com) and would not hesitate to place him in a position of great responsibility.

My initial contact with Dino was when I was made aware of his involvement in helping the poor and needy of his area. His compassion for those in need conveyed volumes about his character. You will see that helping the needy is a tender part in my heart as well as indicated in my latest book "God's Guarantees for Giving" (www.godsguarantees.com).

The beautiful city of Pensacola is where I earned my "Wings of Gold" in the U.S. Navy in 1961. From there I flew fighters aboard several aircraft carriers during the Viet Nam War. I joined Delta Airlines in 1967 and flew for that company for 30 years and also flew for the Naval Reserves. As indicated above I am now developing large tracts of land and building custom homes in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. I only include this information so you might grasp an image of my reputation.

Judge Collier, Dino's family, especially his wife and small daughters need him for their support. I pray that you take these needs in consideration. Thanks for your professional assistance in this, my sincere plea, for a reduction in, or a cancellation of his sentence.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Knott". The signature is written over the typed name "Captain Ron Knott".

Captain Ron Knott

PASTOR/EVANGELIST
JOEL S. SINGER

THE ARK



SENIOR PASTOR/EVANGELIST
DINO M. GENTILE

August 14, 2002

U.S. Federal Courthouse
1 North Palofax
Pensacola, FL 32501

Attention: The Honorable Lacey Collier

Regarding: Request for Sentence Reduction for Reverend Dino M. Gentile

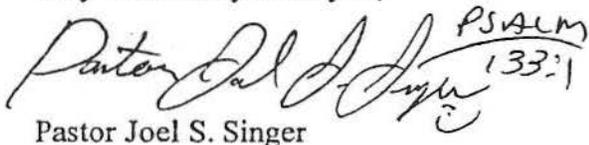
Your Honor:

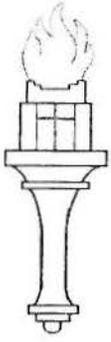
I am writing this letter in request for leniency concerning a blessed man named Reverend Dino M. Gentile. I have worked alongside this man as a pastor with him in a church in Reseda, California beginning in 1987 as well as co-founding The Ark church/academy with him in May of 1991 located in Chatsworth, California. Since his incarceration, I have continued to pastor The Ark which is now located at 19416 Business Center Drive in Northridge, California. Pastor Gentile has been locked away for over three years now and the entire church as well as myself are anxiously awaiting his return to ministry and to his family. His wife and daughters still minister at the church on a regular basis and are continuing to help others despite their own dire circumstance.

Through the years he has ministered night and day without regard to himself. We have seen him help countless people from drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment, marriage problems, orphans, widows, you name it, he has helped them. I have personally seen him take in many people throughout the years into his home to get them on their feet again. He also has a tremendous heart for youth and spent many days evangelizing in various churches focusing on the youth element. He founded a youth center open to the entire community right next to our church and created a safe haven for kids to come and stay out of gangs, drugs, etc... He sat on many boards/organizations including the youth arm of the AWCF (an international association of multiple denominations).

Why am I mentioning all of these things? I could go on for hours about all that he has done. Simply put, he is a great man, deserving of mercy to be shown for he has shown unlimited amounts of mercy to multitudes. A church is awaiting his return and I humbly request any help to make this happen quicker. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me..

May God richly bless you,


Pastor Joel S. Singer



CHATSWORTH FOURSQUARE CHURCH

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Chatsworth, California 91311

Church: 818-341-2144
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Pastor
Rev. Jerry Moreno

March 3, 2010

The Office of the President
Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear President Obama,

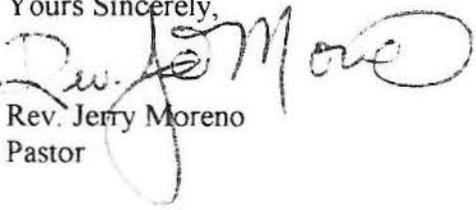
I am writing on behalf of Pastor Dino Gentile who is currently incarcerated. I have had the privilege of knowing Pastor Gentile for approximately 20 years and on a number of occasions met together with him and other pastors for joint prayer.

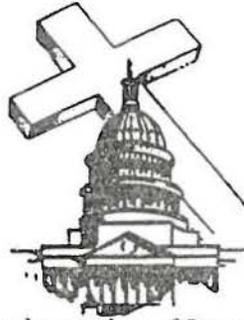
It has been brought to my attention that there is a possibility that Pastor Gentile has been wrongly accused of a crime committed and so I am writing on his behalf to ask if you would consider granting him a presidential pardon.

From what I understand, Pastor Gentile has no previous criminal record at all. He did not carry any firearm during the alleged crime in which he supposedly participated in, and he never entered the premises nor spoke to anyone in the crime accused. His incarceration has caused tremendous hurt and has been very devastating to both his family and the church that he is a pastor of.

To the best of my knowledge, it seems totally and completely uncharacteristic of Pastor Gentile to be involved with or associated with anyone that would be a part of such a horrible offence. Please consider our request for a review of the case and of course a full pardon.

Yours Sincerely,


Rev. Jerry Moreno
Pastor



Ambassador of Prayer

August 21, 2002

The Honorable Lacey Collier
U.S. Federal Courthouse
1 North Palofax
Pensacola, Florida 32501

Honorable Lacey Collier,

It has come to my attention that Dino M. Gentile will soon be before you in court, concerning a reduction in his sentence. Those of us who know him look to you for hope.

Dino Gentile is one of the most gifted men I have ever known. He is also a man with a big heart that only strives to do good for his family, friends and the society he lives in. His main objective is to turn the lives of young people around who have not had the breaks in life that they deserve. He has worked with the youth of his community for many years.

He is a well-respected pastor throughout the United States and to my knowledge, before this time, has not had a blemish on his record. Life does not always deal us an Ace; however, Mr. Gentile does not deserve the Joker. He is much too valuable to his church and family and to his country, to be separated from them.

May your heart see the heart of Dino Gentile while he is in your presence. I personally plead for the mercy of the court on his behalf. I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "April Shenandoah". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

April Shenandoah
Ambassador of Prayer

The
A.C.A. **ROCK**
Community Teen Center

9765 Mason Ave.
Chatsworth, California
91311 (818) 885-1219

Your Honor, and people of the Court,

Thank you for considering this letter as a character Witness for Dino Gentile.

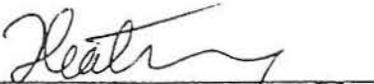
For five years, I have known Pastor Gentile to be one of the most giving and generous persons. My wife and I are Teen directors at a nearby Community Teen Center in Chatsworth where we have beheld his generous support in so much of what we do and have done. From the opening of the teen center where he organized a stunt show put on by the power rangers, To the every day activities such as teaching self defense classes or helping assist young people get off the streets, kick addicting drug habits and stay out of gang lifestyles. Many teens and young adults look to Dino for support and direction in their lives. I have personally seen him give hundreds of hours of valuable time, Saving marriages through counseling, Giving a room to the weak while he helps them "de-tox" from drugs or alcohol, or just simply to move someone who didn't have the means to.

I must speak for the teen center, the school that he and his wife established, (of which our children attend) and for the hundreds of our community members that he has touched.

Your honor, I am humbly requesting that Mr. Gentile be released on his own recognizance while the courts prepare to serve justice and Mr. Gentile continues to serve his community.

I thank you in advance for making a fair judgment in this matter.

Respectfully,


Heath Shamburg
(Teen director the Rock)

the PENTECOSTALS



of ALEXANDRIA **COPY**

December 11, 2002

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

I trust all is well with you and yours. We are continually grateful for your frequent reminders in public expressions that - as a nation - it is "*In God We Trust.*"

I am writing concerning a Petition for Pardon or Commutation of Sentence for Dino M. Gentile received by your office. Dino Gentile is an unfortunate young Pentecostal pastor who is currently serving a 41-year sentence in what I feel was a gross miscarriage of justice. I realize that pardons are an unfettered exercise of exclusive presidential authority and must depend on a balance of judgment for which only you are responsible. I sincerely believe, however, that close inspection of Mr. Gentile's situation will convince you that a travesty of justice has occurred. I am confident Mr. Gentile is deserving of a pardon - and that anything that can be done - should be done. Any consideration you can give this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Please know that you have our love and loyalty. I am praying that God will be especially near you and give you special grace and direction for the future of our country. May a special peace be multiplied to you and yours in the holiday season.

Respectfully yours,

The Pentecostals of Alexandria

Anthony Mangun

cc: Karl Rove
Bishop Samuel Smith

Anthony Mangun
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G. A. Mangun
Bishop

Terry Shock
Associate Pastor

Ernest Huber
Pastor

The Honorable Judge Lacey Collier
United States Federal Courthouse
1 North Palafox Street
Pensacola, Florida 32501

RE: Case Pending Against Rev. Dino Gentile

April 27, 1999

To the Honorable Judge Collier, Members of the Court and To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Members of Christ Temple of the Apostolic Faith, citizens of the community in good standing, by the fixing of our signatures to this document, do make before your most honorable court a plea for our friend, Reverend Dino Gentile. A man we know to be of upstanding character and a man whose life we know has been dedicated to the service of God and the community at large.

Brother Dino has visited our church and to his credit, has had a very positive influence on its members and especially on the youth. We do not believe that he would in any way participate in the crimes whereof he stands accused. We realize that; as a man of God, Dino is called to minister to all men regardless of their situation. And for him to render to his calling an honest effort he must; at times, make association with men about whom he knows very little, accepting by faith that their intentions are just. Ours; after all, is ministry of faith whereby we accept of our fellow man in the hopes that; by our witness to them of Jesus Christ, the fruit they bear will be of good and lawful intent. And if not, then it is our duty to offer prayer on their behalf hoping that our witness to them will influence them in such a way that they may avoid future wrongdoing as is the case with those who are truly responsible for the commission of these crimes.

We pray that God will grant knowledge and wisdom to those investigating these charges and that through this knowledge and wisdom they will see the truth: that Brother Dino did in no way willfully participate in the commission of the crimes wherewith he is charged. And we also pray that God will grant wisdom and knowledge to your most honorable court in seeing that justice will win out the day. And that in so doing will set at liberty a good and decent citizen whose service to the community and the nation, through his evangelism, speaks for itself of his innocence.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Members of Christ Temple, Apostolic Faith
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Winston Salem, North Carolina 27107

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THE HONORABLE LACEY COLLIER
US FEDERAL COURTHOUSE
1 NORTH PALOFAK
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32501

August 10, 2002

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of Pastor Dino Gentile. Up and until 1999, Pastor Gentile was a fellow minister of the gospel, as well as a close friend. I have known him for over eight years and know him to be a man of fine Christian character. He has always been a devoted father and husband, as well as a compassionate minister.

Pastor Gentile went to Chatsworth, California in the early eighties and started a ministry out of his garage. Over the next ten years, that ministry grew to include over one hundred souls. With the establishment of a place of worship, where those souls could find help in their time of need. He has personally kept people in his home, who had nowhere to go. He has fed the hungry and assisted many who were in need; lives broken by divorce, addictions, and with a host of other problems and helped many of them get their lives back together. Ministering to them in their need and restoring them.

Now Pastor Gentile is in need. In need of mercy and compassion. The same type of care and understanding that he gave too so many. This is a request for you to give Pastor Gentile a chance to return to his two beautiful daughters and his fine wife, as well as to his church. To restore him to his ministry.

Sincerely,

Reverend Russ Mearns

Apostolic World Christian University



To all who read these letters, Greetings. Upon recommendation of the Faculty and by authority of the Board of Directors, have conferred upon

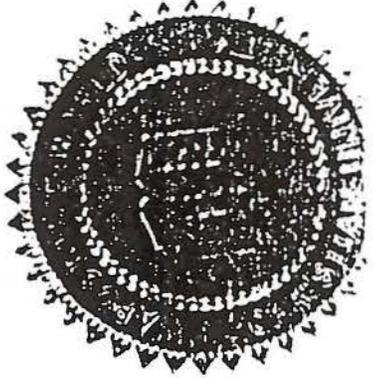
Aino Gentile

in recognition of the satisfactory fulfillment of the course of study and having satisfied all other requirements is hereby awarded the degree of

Master of Science in Theocentric Counseling

In Witness Whereof, our signatures are hereunto affixed this 14th Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

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Chancellor



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Chairman of the Board

Pentecostal Pastor Seeks Clemency For Alleged Wrongful Imprisonment

Thousands of Christians across the nation are supporting pastor Dino Gentile's appeal for clemency

Thousands of Christians nationwide have written letters expressing support for a Pentecostal pastor serving a 41-year sentence for a crime he said he was coerced into committing.

Pastor Dino M. Gentile of Chatsworth, Calif., is seeking clemency from President Bush for his role in a 1998 bank robbery in Pensacola, Fla.

The 49-year-old former pastor of The Ark, a Chatsworth congregation affiliated with the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship Inc., said he was forced to drive the getaway car at the threat of harm to his wife and two children in California.

"Dino was in terrible fear [that] he and his family [would be] executed," said his mother, Emila Gentile Medeiros.

Gentile said he became involved in the robbery when Jeffrey Durham, now serving time for the Monsanto Employees Credit Union robbery, asked if he could accompany Gentile on a cross-country evangelism and fundraising trip.

Durham, who first represented himself as a mild-mannered Christian man and an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, was eager to participate in church activities and interacted closely with the Gentile family. By the time Durham revealed his plan to rob the Pensacola bank, Gentile trusted him.

"Gentile embraced society's throw-aways, an aspect of his personality that spilled into his ministry," said Jennifer Elise Chase in a master's thesis she wrote about Gentile's case, which she titled "The Preacher Who Trusted Too Much." "Dino believes everyone has redeeming value."

But as he sat outside in Durham's getaway car with a bomb on the seat behind him and a threat of death if he did not cooperate, Gentile said he was forced to make a decision. "He turned from a model saint in my church for eight months to this absolutely possessed

young man," Gentile told *Charisma*.

So instead of running to the police the minute he got the opportunity, Gentile drove Durham back to California. "He was screaming at me the whole time we drove back to Los Angeles," Gentile said. "I had to wonder what he was capable of."

Durham was arrested for the robbery in 1998, and FBI agents later linked Gentile to the crime, charging him with aiding and abetting. Gentile claims his attorney failed to introduce evidence that would have supported his version of the events. Within 15 minutes, a Pensacola jury convicted Gentile. He received 30 years for his alleged use of an automatic weapon, and 11 years for the abetting charge.

Since then, friends, relatives, former parishioners and members of his 3.2 million-member denomination have written some 3,000 letters and faxes requesting clemency. Supporters repeatedly describe Gentile as a man of integrity and devotion.

"This good and decent man has suffered enough," wrote Bishop Samuel L. Smith of the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship. "His community work has been exemplary. Helping the poor, the down and out, was a particular passion of this humble man."

Linda Oakland, senior pastor of The Well Foursquare Church in Northridge, Calif., agreed. "All of his life and his work reflect the testimonials, one after another, of people who came out of difficult circumstances, who now serve as vital people in our community," she wrote. "...We are anxious to have Pastor Gentile back serving our community in Southern California where he is so desperately needed."

Among those who received letters and petitions are California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Senators Mark Montigny and Bob Dole, the U.S. Department of Justice, former President Clinton and now President Bush.



MICHELLE LOVATO

Gentile is asking President Bush to commute his 41-year sentence.

In 2001, Justice Department pardon attorney Roger C. Adams sent a letter to Sen. Dole, saying Gentile's request for a reduced sentence was being processed. Four years later, the process is still not complete. Gentile is praying for a miracle.

For several years, Durham, who is serving a 120-year sentence in a Colorado prison, has been promising to exonerate Gentile. "Don't waive your right to an appeal, Brother," Durham wrote in a 1999 letter to Gentile. "That's what's going to get you out of prison—that and a statement from me. I have to wait until after my trial before I make any statements. I will do what I said, Brother. Just be patient and know that the truth will set you free."

Durham has not provided a statement to authorities yet.

Gentile said his appeal process has been exhausted, but a presidential pardon may still be available. White House officials won't discuss Gentile's case. "We do acknowledge when we receive a petition or application that is under review," said Justice Department spokesman John Nowacki, "but we don't discuss anything during the interim process."

Gentile has seen dozens of men saved since his incarceration, but he hopes his prison ministry will soon end and has asked supporters to keep writing and faxing the president on his behalf.

—Michelle Lovato in Lompoc, Calif.

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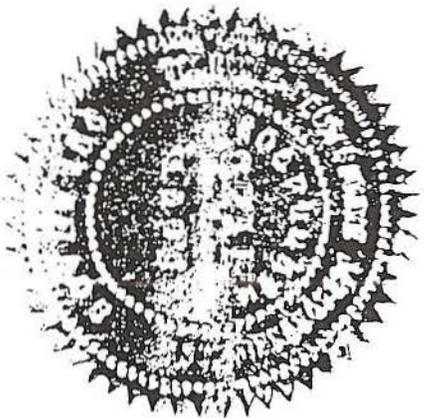
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Carlos Ferlini
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Granada Hills, CA 91344

RE: Character reference for Reverend Dino M. Gentile

To whom it may concern:

The information contained herein relating to Reverend Gentile; is to best of my knowledge the absolute truth so help me God!

I have known Reverend Gentile just over eight years, in this time I have known him to be an individual of impeccable integrity, and of great character. He is highly esteemed for his love towards humanity; for his compassion and mercy for the weak and the poor. He has demonstrated great love for our children; for those who have lost their way, and have been used and abused by society and life in general.

Rev. Gentile is an individual dedicated solely to cause of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. I have never met a person in my life that is so passionate about what he believes. He has given so much of his time, money, love, blood, sweat, and tears to anyone that was in need, with absolutely no hidden motives or agendas for doing so. It is just a plain fact that Rev. Gentile, is a selfless individual always putting others first, even at times to the detriment of his family; some may ask why would he do this? The answer is very simple; he truly cares. He is a compassionate human being, whose sole purpose is to help others irrespective of their faults, and proceeds to address their needs.

I have worked with Rev. Gentile in different capacities, and have observed his actions in his many dealings with respect to people in and out of the church. An example would be, as a co-laborer with other ministers and in business settings. Even in extremely personal and intimate family situations I can honestly testify, that Rev. Gentile has always remained consistent in character and uprightness. He never exhibited partiality to anyone, never compromising his values; but was always fair, honest and standing up for what was right. Truly, Rev. Gentile has been an inspiration for me, and for others who know him. The following is a short list of things I have witnessed Rev. Gentile do for others that have made lasting impressions in my life:

- He picked up an entire family off the street. He gave them clothes to wear, food to eat, found the father a job to get on his feet, helped them get a used car for the family, and helped them get into a home.
- He helped an individual who was physically abused by her spouse, helped her to find shelter, and to build up her self esteem. Ultimately this person divorced the abusive spouse, and with the help of Rev. Gentile remarried to a person that loves her and her children. This individual is now a member of our church and living a productive life.
- He has helped numerous individuals with drug addiction problems, to overcome their habits, comply with the law, clean themselves and become honest hard working citizens. I can recall one individual that literally stayed in the pastor's home until he overcame his withdrawals' symptoms of drugs and alcohol.
- He has prevented several people from committing suicide, staying up all night with them, to watch, comfort, and protect them.
- Has on more than one occasion risked his life to help a few teenagers, that got themselves mixed-up with the wrong crowd, and he stood in the gap to see them back to safety.
- Rev. Gentile has helped just about every person in our church monetarily at least one time. He has helped people in paying their rent, phone bills, water or power, food, medicine, buying automobiles, cash. Rev. Gentile has used his credit cards to help many individuals in the church; for numerous and benevolent reasons, and just causes, I know I am one of those people.

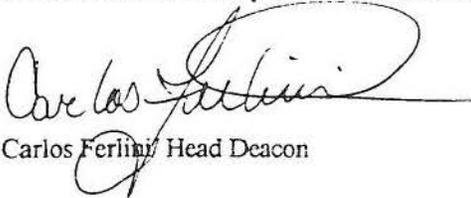
- Rev. Gentile would often help many individuals who did not want a hand out by creating work for them, and then paying them personally.
- Rev. Gentile had the courage to start an academy for our children. A place where they could learn; without fear of violence, drugs, gangs, and other negative elements plaguing our schools today, like teenpregnancy, and abortion.
- Rev. Gentile has help me personally, by helping me make my rent payments on several occasions. He has bought me groceries when I was broke, and my family was in great need. He has helped in resolving marital problems, and taught me to be a caring and responsible father. He has helped my parents, my sisters and their families. In short what else can I say, my pastor has become a tremendous blessing in my life.

If the preceding is not helping "your neighbor" then I do not know what is. I would like to state that my spouse and I have been on ministerial trips with Rev. Gentile in and out of the state of California. The only trip we took out of state with Rev. Gentile was to Nashville Tennessee, on May 11 through 16th, 1998 for a world wide Christian conference. My wife and I had a wonderful time of fellowship with Rev. Gentile and his wife in Nashville. However this trip would have not been possible, if it were not for the generosity of Rev. Gentile. I went to Nashville to receive a Bachelor's degree in Christian Education, however I could not afford the hotel stay. I thought I had miss out on great experience, but my pastor came through for me. He did so by paying for my hotel stay on his credit card, for the entire week! Even though he had to continue for a few more weeks after the conference in Nashville ended, meaning he had to spend more on his credit card for his evangelistic tour. This is the kind of person Rev. Gentile is, he made my dream a reality, I am extremely grateful for what he has done for me.

The only flaw in Rev. Gentile that I can see is that he is a trusting soul. Never questioning your integrity or your character, but taking your word at face value until he is proven wrong. Please do not misunderstand, Rev. Gentile in not a blind gullible fool, but instead a very humble, wise, and caring individual. He would rather seek to find the best in people, instead of being critical or suspicious. Unfortunately, at times he runs into individuals that take advantage of his kindness and generosity. Not all people are forthright from the beginning, these are individuals with hidden motives for seeking help from the pastor; people will say one thing but do another. Rev. Gentile is a people's person, he receivies over fifty (50) telephone calls a day, all week long, he counsels dozens of individuals, and he travels quite bit as an evangelist. He is trusted, well known and respected by other ministers, and business professionals in our community. He has helped form a safe haven for the teenagers in our community, called the "ROCK." It is a place where teens learn all about good morals' and values. The teens are taught to become productive citizens, keeping them away from all the filth that has infiltrated our society. He has supported our local police enforcement, even inviting them over to our church and school to acknowledge the good work they do in our communities. Rev. Gentile gets invitations from many pastors all over the United States to come and preach for them and their youth. I hope by now you are getting a clear picture of the individual you now hold in question.

Finally, let the record show that in my humble opinion it is inconceivable to believe that Rev. Gentile is guilty of committing the crimes brought against him. The indictments he is being accused of are speculative at best and discernibly inconsistent with his character. If you sum up all the facts attributed to Rev. Gentile's moral character and integrity, what you will uncover is the life of an individual that has poured out his life serving others. A person trying to uphold the highest values and moral attributes the bible and our constitution so clearly teaches, and teaching them to all. If there is anyone I know who is a law abiding citizen, and God fearing individual it's Rev. Dino Gentile. I am proud and honored to know him, he is my friend, my bother and my pastor, and I would trust this man to be alone with my wife. We are all sure of one thing, our pastor is innocent. Set him free!!

Sincerely,



Reverend Carlos Ferlini Head Deacon

Steven Contardo
General Chairman NCR/PDG
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April 10, 2012

Honorable Judge
Lacey Collier
US Federal Court
1 North Palafox
Pensacola, FL 32501

Dear Honorable Judge,

I hereby state the following under the penalty of perjury.

I am general Chairman for the National Campaign to Release Pastor Dino Gentile (NCR/PDG). A group of over 200 Christian organizations with more than 20,000 ministries, including 8 million constituents. This group has banded together though in different organizations to try to get you and others to hear our voices.

We know and love Pastor Dino Gentile and want to see him released to freedom. He is known nationwide for evangelizing, pastoring, leading youth out of crime and gangs. He's detoxed addicts and alcoholics in his own home, put up the homeless, fed the hungry, started schools, youth centers, revivals and taught college classes. He's been an inspiration to all of us, who know his character.

He's a model inmate, first time offender with a sentence way too harsh for an offense he had very little to do with. He's already done almost 13 years out of 41 given, 30 of which is for a gun he never handled in the crime.

He has consistently had counsel that stole his money and never represented him properly. I have known Pastor Dino my whole life of almost 59 years and am intimately aware of his case. You never got to see our massive Affidavits/Declarations we did for the trial because Pastor Gentile's trial lawyer allowed knowingly a fake FBI agent to assist him, later on letting us know he paid a kick back to this man (who he once represented for impersonating an FBI agent) for referring Pastor Dino's case to him. Pastor never had met this man before, and was under the impression he was a real FBI agent. He withheld these and other documents from Pastor's trial once this fake agent was re-arrested for the same crime while assisting trial counsel! And then counsel represented the fake agent again.

We took up nationwide offerings for good counsel and they took our money but never did their diligence. Your Honor, Pastor's appellant counsel never sent in the evidence to back up Pastor's appeal when he promised us he would and that he'd correct the record when he mistakenly stated the bomb used on Pastor Dino was found in his co-defendant's car when everyone knew it was found in the bank. We read the discovery and saw the FBI evidence records, we followed all this closely. Pastor Gentile sent us copies since we were helping financially.

You had allowed action on this appeal until this mistake happened and counsel was too prideful to admit it to the court when he **Did Admit it to us**, who were helping pay his fees. The misplacement of the bomb in his brief is one of the main reason you stated you denied the appeal.

Why would trial counsel purposely omit a hand written letter (That was actually posted in the church) from Pastor's co-defendant admitting Pastor Dino was "innocent." Why would he leave out a remote controlled bomb used in a duress case that was sitting on the evidence table? Something is very wrong here your honor.

We are begging you your Honor, to hear our united cry for justice, for this man who has spent his life helping others. His past is full of testimonies of people who he has assisted, over 3000 people who know Pastor Gentile personally have written letters in his behalf to Congress, the Justice Department and even the White House.

While in prison, Pastor Dino has taught inmate services and has disciplined multitudes out of crime, we have received letters from them or their families attesting to this. He also got his prison to contract 16 homes for Habitat for Humanity. Talk about post conviction rehabilitation.

We implore you Judge Collier to grant a hearing on all this. Though we cannot any longer help Pastor Gentile with his legal fees due to the state of the economy, we will never stop in our quest to see him free. We know him too well.

I speak for 8 million constituents and 20,000 ministries when I say please consider our request, especially since Pastor Dino is submitting another legal plea to your court.

We of the NCR-PDG thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven Contardo
General Chairman

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December 8, 1999

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Holiday greetings to you and your family from Minnesota!

I am contacting you to ask your consideration of a special favor. I am a friend and acquaintance of Pastor Dino M. Gentile, originally from Chatsworth, California, but now being held in a federal facility in Beaumont, Texas (my home State). Pastor Gentile was a student and graduate of the University where I am employed and also where my Father is Chancellor. He was also a well-respected leader in the Apostolic World Christian Fellowship and an active religious leader of his community. He became the unfortunate victim of a great injustice. I'm sure that if you or your associates would only take a moment to review the basics of his case, you would be able to see the need for, at the very least, a new investigation.

He has been sentenced to 41 years in the Federal penitentiary system. Could you please consider a Presidential pardon for Pastor Gentile based on his past record and the circumstantial evidence presented in his case? Would he not better serve the American public out in society than in a prison cell ?

Before you cast this away, please, please make a check of the records to assure yourself that this is worth your time and efforts.

I thank you, in advance, for your consideration and know that our church will continue to pray for you and your family.

Sincerely,

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December 5, 2000

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C .

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BY HAND

RE: Request for Clemency and Pardon/Dino Medeiros Gentile

Dear Mr. President:

I am friendly with a family in New Bedford that has been devastated by criminal charges, a conviction and the incarceration of their son, DINO MEDEIROS GENTILE. The story is long, complicated and set out in great detail in the scores of letters and petitions that have already been forwarded to you and to Vice-President Gore. Therefore, I will simply summarize.

It is a compelling story --- a young man with no criminal record, but rather a solid record of training and employment in law enforcement and security comes into the company of another man who appears genuine in his interest in "redemption" through the guidance and ministry of the first man, Dino Gentile, a Christian Minister since the 1980's. They go together to minister to others in Florida, but what should have been a trip of Christian endeavor turns out to be life altering disaster. The other man is in fact a feion. He has a scheme to rob a bank. He forces Reverend Gentile to participate as "a lookout" by threats to Reverend Gentile's life and the lives of his wife and two daughters if he does not cooperate.

These facts and Reverend Gentile's cooperation with the FBI notwithstanding, he is tried and convicted of aiding and abetting an armed bank robbery and possession of a firearm. The effectiveness of his legal representation and the fairness of the investigation and the trial are the subject of volumes of correspondence and appellate review which I will not summarize here.

Bottom line, a young man with roots in the City of New Bedford is no longer free to continue his ministry. He is imprisoned in Texas and unable to be with his wife, his two daughters, and his many parishioners and friends. He and his family are spent financially and emotionally. They cannot believe that a young man who, at worst, was incredibly naïve in failing to detect an evil individual and ill advised in the handling of the charges against him, is now incarcerated until the Year 2035.

I respectfully ask your review of this case and your consideration for clemency and a pardon. It would be a fitting act of charity and compassion as you end your term. I am enclosing for your information a sampling of the information, letter and pleas sent by others.

Thank you. Enjoy the holidays. We were pleased to be with you tonight at the White House.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret D. Xifaras, Esq.
MDX/lml
Enclosure

AFFIDAVIT

I, Michelle M. Maniord, living at [REDACTED] Chatsworth, California, certify through my signature that my statement given below is correct to the best of my Knowledge and belief: I met Pastor Gentile in a hospital, moments after my mother in law tried to commit suicide. His sincerity, support and dedication that night was life changing. From that day until now I have seen an even deeper dedication and an undying support for all people. In these past six years Pastor Gentile has always been a man of respect, generosity and truth. His wonderful testimony is known to theos4e in his community and all over the world. Personally, he has helped my family recover from a painful family break up. He has helped raise money to pay my sister's gas and electric bill when times were tough. He counicled my husband and I when we on the virge of divorce. He was a father to my son during our separation. He has taken me under his wing and taught me how to love others and myself.

In April of 1996 Pastor Gentile shared with me a burden he had for the youth of our community. Public schools have diminished in quality and have risen in violence. Pastor Gentile could afford a private education for his one school age child, but knew that many if our church and community could not afford high tuition. So in Sept. of 1996 Pastor Gentile opened the A.C.A. where students could be safe, advance academically and spiritually, and where lower income families could send their children. Pastor Gentile is chief administrator of the Academy and is head of the PE department. His one on one involvement with the children has made a difference and has greatly influenced the children to be better individuals, work harder and love one another. In Oct. 1998 Pastor Gentile and owner of Reclaimed Jewels opened Chatsworth's only teen center the A.C.A. ROCK. The Rock which reaches out to teens and offers a safe and legal alternative, counseling, tutoring, Bible studies, abstinence classes, drug and alcohol and a building of leadership skills.

Pastor's commitment does not stop there, he has also been on the board of His Nesting Place, a home for unwed mothers. He has been on the council for Bible Curriculum in Public Schools, striving to bring better moral and values them. He has taken people to his own home and helped them to regain focus, come off addictions, find the Lord, get jobs and to establish their own residency. He has counicled people and brought them back from the point of suicide or homelessness. Pastor Gentile has made himself available to everyone, and will never pass up an opportunity to reach out.

I have never questioned the character of him. He has been a perfect example of a Christian man to our children, myself and all whom his path crosses.

Signature Michelle M Maniord Date 2/26/99

Witness Lynda K Johnson Title Teacher Date 2-26-99

March 17, 1999

Dear Sirs,

I would like to take a few moments to tell you about my Pastor, Dino Gentile, and how he has made a difference in my life.

I have known Pastor Dino Gentile for approximately 7(seven) years. He has been my Pastor, friend, counselor, older brother and father figure for most of that time. I have grown to know, love and trust this man, because of his admirable, righteous and truly Godly lifestyle.

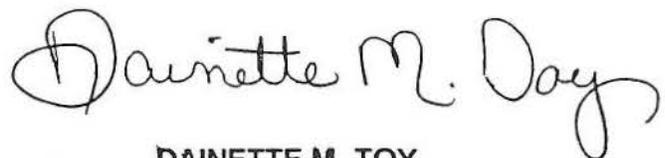
I met Bro. Dino in the church that I had been raised in. He came there in a time of need, to try to help the leadership through a tough time. He acted as a mediator trying to bring unity, to the administrative body of the church. I have always known him to be a man to seek truth. And to also try and bring unity between the parties involved. He is definitely a man of righteousness and peace.

Due to circumstances and my love for this church and this Pastor, I made a decision to get a job here and move closer to this church. It has been a decision I have not regretted. This man has helped me when I had severe marriage problems, counseling me to do what was right. Which was not always the thing I wanted to do. He has helped me find a house when I needed one. He negotiated the deposit with the landlord, helped me with the deposit. He painted my house and helped me to move in. When I needed a roommate, he was there to help with that. He's always concerned if there is enough food in your house, gas in your tank or if you have a car to put gas into, or if that car needs to be repaired. One particular time we were on our way to San Diego and my car's engine blew. Bro. Dino, came and checked out what was wrong. He picked me up and the next day secured arrangements for me to pick up the car. He then got help for me, to get it repaired. He didn't do this because I'm special, he did this, because this is the kind of man, Pastor Dino Gentile is.

I have gone on several evangelist journey's with Pastor Gentile, as well as with his family. He is a kind and generous man and tries very hard to make sure everyone is having a great time. I went with Pastor last July, when we took 19 people to Indiana. The young people that were with us were allowed the freedom to have a good time as well as be with us as a group. Bro. Dino has a lot of trust. He believes we will act Godly in and out of his presence.

Bro. Dino has loaned and also gave me money. He has handed me blank checks, paid for my meals, loaned me his car, co-signed the application on my lease, paid my bills, got me out of hot water, when I had put myself there. He is truly my friend and most definitely a truthful, righteous, humble man of God.

Yours truly,



DAINETTE M. TOY

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Reseda, CA 91335



ARE YOU READY? MINISTRIES

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LOMPOC, CA 93436

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The Office of the President
Barack H. Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20510

02/11/09

Dear President Obama,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the following prisoner.

DINO M GENTILE
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USP LOMPOC
3901 KLEIN BLVD
LOMPOC CA 93436

I came to know Mr. Gentile during prison ministry at the Lompoc United States Penitentiary in Lompoc, California, where I ministered from 1969 to 2006. I was very impressed with Mr. Gentile and immediately recognized him, not only as a true man of God, but also a potential leader for the Protestant Chapel at that institution. Subsequent months proved this to be true. Not only did Dino live a godly life but he also began to preach and teach the other brothers.

As you can see from above, I have ministered in prisons for many years. Mr. Gentile is one of those prisoners that I have always wished could be released. He is not a danger to society and I believe it is not only a waste of his life to remain incarcerated but also a waste of taxpayers' money. I would recommend highly that his sentence be commuted to time served. Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Very truly yours,

Rev. Elaine Webster
Pastor/Director of Are You Ready? Ministries

Rev. Louis Ruano

Van Nuys, CA 91406

The Office of the Pardon Attorney

Ronald L. Rogers

1425 New York Ave. NW

Suite 11000

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Rogers,

Many of us who are familiar with Dino Gentile and his ministry as a Pastor for years are asking for you to please recommend him for clemency. He invented and patented the first blimp that cleans smog and then redesigned it to counteract a dirty bomb and put out fires.

The Defense Department (DARPA), as well as the U.S. Army Labs have interest in it and reviewed it favorably. The paperwork showing this is in his submitted package. It won second place in the world for the Best Idea Contest. It passed analytical studies at Cal Poly, and has been on ABC TV, BBC radio and in numerous magazines. It will bring jobs and revenues to the U.S., as well as help protect our great nation.

We, his supporters, are asking you for your assistance. Out of consideration for your time, we are going to restrict the amount of letters asking this so as not to burden you. Happiest of Holidays to you Sir, and your staff.

Rev. Louis Ruano

11/21/12

Jeanne Turco

[REDACTED]
Canoga Park, CA 91303

To Whom it May Concern:

Being a saint in the Ark church of Chatsworth, I have witnessed a multitude of people's lives being changed by the tenaciousness, and hard work of a Pastor who is dedicated to teach people a better way of life, and that man is Pastor Dino Gentile. I've never witnessed a more caring, loving individual who has faith in everyone that God can move in their lives. I've seen people who have been in and out of prison, hooked on drugs, and alcoholics that found hope at the Ark. Pastor Gentile has gone above and beyond the call of duty in every facet of his ministry, and has found favor with both God and man. His dedication and determination is an inspiration to us all. He does not condemn people when they do wrong, but lifts them up with a spirit of meekness and encourages them as a father would a child to get up and try again. His teachings are edifying and enlightening to the soul and helps us to realize there is a better way of life living in the mercy and forgiveness of God. He does not let any of us get away without being accountable for our actions and teaches us to endure hardness as a good soldier because it is all for the glory of God.

I personally have witnessed a tremendous change both in myself and my best friend who died about three years ago. My friend died of AIDS, and before he died, I watched Pastor Gentile, his wife, and the saints of the church literally take care of Rob in his last days. They took him to doctors appointments, fed him, and even came to clean his house. Pastor Gentile even considered giving Rob his car to make life easier for him; however, Rob couldn't drive. Pastor Gentile and his wife Debra has created a very caring atmosphere at the Ark, and by being our examples, they have caused us to aspire to be more like them.

There are few people in the world whose word we can trust; however, when Pastor Gentile makes us a promise, he is determined to do everything in his power to do it. I have seen and witnessed him in action helping people turn their lives around and Pastor Gentile has such a strength about him that men even desire to do what is right in the eyes of God. I've never seen anything quite like it before; however, I've seen his faith and what his faith in people has done for them. Sometimes all people need is someone to really believe in them, and that's enough to get them on the right track; I have seen a walking miracle and God uses Pastor Gentile and Debra Gentile to reshape men's destinies.

Truly:


Jeanne Turco

P.S. Please feel free to call me anytime [REDACTED]

From Diana L. Sutherland - North Dartmouth, Massachusetts
Regarding: Dino Gentile, My Brother

My Brother, Dino, is an incredibly warm and wonderful human being. He is extremely compassionate toward others... particularly the sick, the elderly and children. Dino is very much an altruistic personality. He is always thinking about the other guy... putting his own needs and feelings last.

His parenting skills are beyond reproach. From the moment his two daughters, Gina and Chaya made their debut into the world.. he was there in the delivery room... with a cap spelling out "Coach" and video camera to record their births. He plays with his children, demonstrates affection, takes time to read to them and teach them their Hooked on Phonics game. He is a terrific, caring father and his children adore him.

When both my stepmother, Ruth, and my godfather, Carmen Contardo, were stricken with pancreatic and jawbone cancer, it was Dino who made special trips back home to conduct bedside vigils and minister to the dying with words of comfort, prayer, and hand holding.

Dino has enriched the lives of everyone he knows whether by thoughtfulness, kindness or generosity. He always remembers birthdays and special occasions. Dino truly loves all mankind. He never misses an opportunity to say a few friendly words to an elderly neighbor, or help someone find their way. He is a pillar of his community and his personality and demeanor have always left an indelible impression of goodness and kindness all of his life. I would call him a humanitarian. A people person. He cares about the plight of the homeless, the forgotten elderly, the poor, the sick.

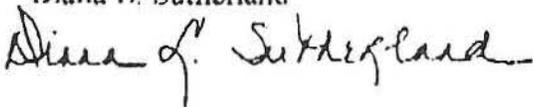
My Brother is almost a modern-day Don Quixote. He hates to see suffering. He wishes the world were an ideal place where all folks could love one another and love in harmony. His belief in God is very strong. He has been a good pastor to his flock whether he is conducting bible studies or counseling folks in the middle of the night. He has worked very hard to build his church and school and his family is very proud of him.

Dino has always enjoyed family-based activities (going to Disneyland, church outings, going for ice cream, etc.).

In most recent years, he has been battling serious and significant health issues: a rare anemia, joint problems (walking with a cane), one kidney, and a growing tumor lodged between his ear and his brain which needs immediate attention. I have been told by a neurologist that before any attempt at surgery, he should have extensive genetic testing and a complete appraisal of his medical condition (especially with one horseshoe-shaped kidney).

Signed this day, February 26th, 1999

Diana L. Sutherland



FLOR MEJIA

CHATSWORTH, CA. 91311

Memo

To: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.
From: **FLOR MEJIA**
CC:
Date: 03/04/99
Re: **REV. DINO GENTILE**

I MET REV. DINO GENTILE BACK IN MARCH 25, 1994 WHEN I CAME TO VISIT OUR CHURCH FOR THE FIRST TIME. SHORTLY AFTER THAT I DECIDED TO BECOME A CHURCH MEMBER BUT, THERE WAS A LITTLE PROBLEM I USED TO LIVE IN REDONDO BEACH, CA. AND THE "ARK CHURCH" AT THAT TIME RECIDED IN RESEDA, CA. AND I DIDN'T HAVE A VEHICLE TO COME TO OUR CHURCH SO THANKS TO OUR PASTOR HE ASKED ONE OF THE CHURCH MEMBERS IF THEY COULD PICKED ME UP FROM REDONDO TO RESEDA AND I WAS ABLE TO COME TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY!

I WILL NEVER FORGET ALL THE EFFORT AND PRAYERS FROM REV. GENTILE AND HIS FAMILY. REV. GENTILE HAS BEEN IN MY LIFE LIKE A TRUE FATHER, HE'S HELP ME SO MUCH IN GOOD AND BAD TIMES. I LOOK UP TO HIM SO MUCH, HE HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE PASTOR, AND A TRUE FRIEND AT ALL TIMES. NO MATTER WHAT TIME IT WAS DAY OR NIGHT HE'S ALWAYS THERE TO HELP ANYONE IN NEED, YOU COULD CALL HIM AT ANY TIME FOR ANYTHING. HE'S GIVING HIS ALL TO HIS CHURCH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

HE BUILT OUR CHURCH IN CHATSWORTH, RAISED A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, THE ARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, SO THAT OUR CHILDREN DON'T HAVE TO GO TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND BE EXPOSED TO ALL THE BAD STUFF OUT THERE, HE CARE SO MUCH FOR THE YOUTH OF TODAY, THAT HE BUILT A "TEEN CENTER" FOR THEM TO SPEND TIME AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AND WEEKENDS.

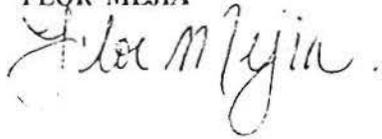
REV. GENTILE HAS GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL IN OUR CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO SERVE UNDER HIS MINISTRY, HE'S A TRUE MAN OF GOD ALWAYS THERE TO LEAD ME TO THE WORD OF GOD, WHENEVER I NEEDED CORRECTION IN MY WALK WITH GOD. HE HAS HELPED ME SO MUCH IN MY WALK WITH THE LORD. HIS GUIDENCE AND COUNSEL HAS HELPED ME TO BE A BETTER CHRISTIAN.

I LOVE MY PASTOR FOR ALL HE'S DONE IN MY LIFE, AND OUR CHURCH, I THANK THE LORD JESUS FOR BRINGING A GOOD SHEPERD AND A CHURCH FAMILY IN TO MY LIFE, HE'S A TRUE MAN OF GOD I HAVE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE HIM.

I GIVE ALL GLORY AND HONOR UNTO THE LORD FOR REV. DINO GENTILE.

SINCERELY,

FLOR MEJIA

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Flor Mejia". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name "FLOR MEJIA".

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO RELEASE PASTOR DINO GENTILE

(NCR/PDG)

[REDACTED]
Dartmouth, MA 02748
[REDACTED]

The Office of the Pardon Attorney
Ronald L. Rogers
1425 New York Ave. NW
Suite 11000
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Rogers,

We nationwide are asking you to please consider Dino M. Gentile when it comes to clemency recommendations. He has been a model inmate for 13 years. He is a first time offender, and a previously outstanding citizen in public.

He has spent years of his time and efforts doing community service. Even now in prison, he teaches, and mentors men to come out of the gang lifestyle. We have seen many a letter from these men once they get out, sent to our organization as a testimony of how he has affected their lives for the good. (You'll see them in his clemency package.)

In prison he crusaded to have his prison contract to build 16 homes for the Habitat for Humanity group, this is very commendable. He has also worked with the Obama Super PAC on a cause for prison reform with a "Right to Serve" your country or time concept. It can be viewed at prisonreformact.org.

We are hoping and praying that during this holiday season, you, your office and the President will give this matter of his clemency, great consideration. Thank-you for your diligence and mercy. The best to you all for the holidays.

Faithfully Yours,

Steven Contardo
General Chairperson (NCR/PDG)
12/1/12

Rodney Murakami


Los Angeles, CA 90065

March 3, 1999

To Whom it May Concern, I do declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Pastor Dino Gentile has been my pastor since 1993, and during that time he has shown me that he cares and trusts me enough that he even lent me his car. Once a year we would go to the desert with him for revival. I've also gone on evangelistic day trips with him to three other churches. He is the most loving, gentlest, compassionate man I know. He would go the extra mile to save a person from going in the wrong direction in life. I've spent a day with him at his home while he got approximately thirty calls and he answered each one. Whenever anyone needed money, he would lend them whatever he had. Whenever I had problems and called him, he would always return my calls, or if he was there he would answer my calls. He has counseled me for hours at a time, once from 8:30- midnight. This shows me that if a person is in need, he will take time to counsel. He is very dedicated and diligent in doing the will of God. He's also made sacrifice to meet the needs of the ministry and suffered personally and financially for it.

I trust him so much that I co-signed for the lease of the church because he is a man of his word and I trust him completely.

Knowing Pastor Dino Gentile the way I do, I know he could not possibly do the crimes that he has been accused of doing.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely:



Rodney Murakami

Attidavit

I, Lynn Johnson, residing at [REDACTED] #221 Northridge, CA. county of Los Angeles
do hereby testify:

I am a single mother of two, and a CA state certified foster care provider since 1993. I met Pastor Dino M. Gentile in June of 1994, after events in my life had left me struggling for survival to continue living. I had just walked away from a life in the entertainment business of corruption, and was faced with a destination of slowly loosing everything I had worked 20 years of my life to establish. Providing monetarily and mentally for my children was becoming more difficult with each day. My children and I began attending church services ministered by Pastor Gentile. While my children would soon be baptized, I was continuing to fall into a darkness of depression and suicidal thoughts that I would share with no one. Depending now on the state to provide for my children and self, I began a plot of self-destruction. After moving my foster daughter out, receiving a court ordered eviction notice, no money, no transportation, no family to help, I was lying awake with a gun at my side, feeling as though I was taking my last breath, when my phone rang. It was 2:00 a.m., my Pastor and his wife had been in prayer and had felt it on their heart to call, that something might be wrong. At that point in my life, everything changed.

Pastor Gentile took repeated collections to raise funds for us. He had me moved, including his own physical labor, donated a car to me, gave me support, encouragement, love and at times rebuking to motivate me out of my hurt, anger and self pity that this life had delivered unto me. He, (Pastor Gentile), taught me how to build a foundation through righteousness that can not crumble. That it starts with me as a person first. You see, I was a ward of the court from age nine until I became an emancipated minor at the age of sixteen. Never receiving the tools that one needs to build a strong foundation. Pastor has shown through our love of God, recognizing he is in us, we then have to have lover for oneself, thus learning how to truly give back to society through our gifts of God. Through my gratefulness of not being a "statistic" of the "one whom fell through the cracks of our system", I now follow the Pastors example of reaching out and doing all I can for others in need.

Once my eldest child, when she was fifteen, was hospitalized with a diagnosis of spinal meningitis, Pastor came and was by my side in my fear, and anguish of seeing my child in such pain. After his visit and prayers, the very next day, she was sitting up, and after three days of such a detrimental diagnosis, the Doctors downgraded her to viral meningitis. She has since then graduated from Malibu High School, has completed her first year at California State University Northridge (C-SUN) and is currently a volunteer, tutoring at the Ark Christian Academy, which my youngest attends, and I am employed as a teacher. I am also a specialist at a federated department store.

Pastor Dino M. Gentile has stood in as a father, counselor, and brother in the lord for all of us. He attends and evangelizes at student conventions and youth conferences throughout the United States, giving the opportunity for our youth the opportunity to attend as well. He attended a conference in Columbus, Ohio with my daughter one of many with him. While there he administered to my children's absent father, and his family, of fourteen years. For thirteen years I have unsuccessfully tried to pursue child support through the judicial system, to no avail. Approximately two months after Pastors evangelizing tour, I started receiving child support payments.

My story is one of many, several of which I can testify to, for I am a witness to the wonderful works of this man, Dino M. Gentile. Lives that are touched, put back together, and made whole to which they to in turn reach out to assist others in need.

I once told Pastor Gentile, "I am a sinner, I don't believe in what you do, I do things and will continue to do things your belief says is wrong". His reply to me was "I am not here to judge you, nor will I tolerate anyone else at our church to, please don't stay away because of these things." Thank God for that, for again I am one of many through his mercy and grace has become not a "statistic" but instead great leaders of truth, love, and service in his name.

Signature Lynn A. Johnson Date 03-09-99

Witnessed and Verified by Nelan J. Wilson Date 3-9-99

March 9, 1999

To whom it may concern;

Pastor Dino Gentile came into my life six and a half years ago. My mother had just tried to commit suicide. We had just found out that my father, a Pastor for twenty years, was having an affair and doing drugs. Needless to say my family was devastated. Pastor Gentile came to our aid and started helping us put our lives back together. I know of no other man that would have taken the time or energy. His compassion and love was what we needed. Not only did he become my Pastor but also one of my best friends. Let me just say this one thing. After all that had happened in my life, trust was something that I did not give freely. But the Character of this man let me to know that there were still honest and respectable people that I could believe in. Throughout our friendship he has helped me in so many ways. Not only spiritually bur financial as well. My husband and I have needed help with our rent on more than one occasion, and he has always been there. There has been times that we would not have had electric or water if our Pastor had not helped us. It is so hard to try and write something that you hope will help keep a man out of prison. I wish I could just rip open my heart and let you really see how much his kindness and love has helped me heal. I have gone from being rebellious and skeptical, to truly loving people and wanting to help in anyway that I can. I am now an Elder and a Youth Pastor at the Ark, the church were Dino Gentile is Pastor of. There has been many situations were I have seen Pastor Gentile truly show what kind of man he is. There was one man that came to our church that had to spend some time in jail. Pastor Gentile Put him through a bible college course and wrote him weekly, When he got out of jail he helped him find work and get on his feet. However, after many months of counseling and loving this man, at times he would resort back to his old ways. This did not discourage Pastor from continuing to reach out and help him in anyway that he could. This is just one incidence of how Dino Gentile will stand by someone. The hours that he spends counseling couples is just amazing. He will not give up till something positive comes of it. Most Pastors give you a word of advice, and that's it. He is determined to make a difference in this world. If anything were to happen to him, I know my life would be affected in a terrible way. The church would never be the same. The school that Pastor Gentile started could not possibly uphold the standard that he has fought to achieved. Therefore my children would be greatly affected. I hope I have in some way helped you to get to know Pastor Dino Gentile a little better and to understand what kind of man he truly is.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janna Shamburg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Janna Shamburg

January 18, 1999

Dino M. Gentile
10001 Limerick Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Reference: Letter of Recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves as my letter of recommendation for Dino M. Gentile. I have personally known Mr. Gentile for a total of eight years. Not only is he my Pastor and dear friend, but I also consider him part of my family. In the time that I have known him, he has shown himself to be a kind and considerate person, always willing to lend a helping hand. He is the type of person who will go the extra ten miles for you.

When I met him and his wife eight years ago, I was coming off a \$350 a day cocaine habit, as well as drinking alcohol heavily. I was going through a very nasty divorce and had been kicked out of my parent's house with no place to go. Memories of the years of sexual abuse imposed upon me as a child had begun to surface. I was on anti-depressants and was having some very serious health problems.

Now I am happily married to the Associate Pastor of the church and have been for over five years. I have a very responsible job as the Controller for a multi-million dollar international corporation. I have been delivered from drugs and alcohol. I am happier than I have ever been in my whole life and have not used anti-depressants in over seven and a half years.

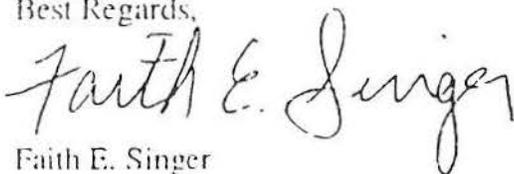
I attribute my success directly to Pastor Gentile and his wife. The years of counseling, teaching and prayer that they have given to me have been invaluable in my regaining control of my life. If it had not been for them, I truly do not know where I might have ended up. Now I am a happy and productive member of society, with many talents to contribute.

Due to the ministerial training that I have received under Pastor Gentile's tutelage, I in turn have taught others that there is an alternative to deal with the pain they are going through. I am currently counseling with half a dozen individuals on a weekly basis in the hopes that I can make a contribution for all that I have received from Pastor Gentile. I am the Treasurer of the church and I have taught Sunday School as well.

In summary, Pastor Dino M. Gentile is one of the finest individuals I have ever met. Whenever I have needed him, he has always been there. I feel extremely fortunate to call him Pastor and friend. He is the ultimate example of what a Christian should be and I only hope that the legacy that he has created will live on and on.

If you have any questions or you would like to personally discuss my recommendation of this man, please feel free to contact me at (818) 712-6930 at home or (818) 773-0900, extension 359. I would be more than happy to go into more depth.

Best Regards,



Faith E. Singer

The Wengers

[REDACTED]
Osceola, IN 46561

The Office of the Pardon Attorney
Ronald L. Rodgers
1425 New York Ave. NW
Suite 11000
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Pardon Attorney Rodgers,

We are wanting to make you aware of a request by many U.S. citizens that there languishes in prison a man who was a Pastor in Los Angeles for many years, an evangelist nationwide, a youth leader, one who ministered day and night to the homeless, the addicted (detoxing them at his own home), and the lost. His name is Pastor Dino Gentile.

Over 200 Christian organizations with thousands of ministers and millions of constituents seek his release.

This man had a successful (affordable) K-12 school, a satellite bible college and a youth outreach that many of our families attended. He worked tirelessly to get people off drugs and alcohol, and out of a life of crime. He pastored churches in Los Angeles and the Bakersfield area.

He also had a radio show, and a cable broadcast and visited the sick in hospitals, went to nursing homes, especially during the holidays, with his choir and musicians and taught home bible studies to those who could not make it to church, all over the Los Angeles area.

Our youth traveled all over the country with him when he evangelized and never had a problem until one man drug the pastor into a bank robbery of which now he is admitting he in fact put pastor Dino under duress. He not only has written letters speaking of pastor's innocence, but had his attorney contact pastor's attorney, but unfortunately it was too late when he offered to exonerate the pastor at this man's retrial.

We believe the clemency process is partly for this very purpose, to correct injustices. We are asking for your help in granting mercy to this good man.

Sincerely Yours,

The Wengers
Date:

JEFFREY T. SCHOENHERR
ATTORNEY AT LAW

DEVONSHIRE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
20933 DEVONSHIRE STREET, SUITE 102
CHATSWORTH, CALIFORNIA 91311



August 20, 2002

The Honorable Lacey Collier
U. S. Federal Courthouse
1 North alofax
Pensacola, FL 32501

RE: Dino M. Gentile

Dear Sir:

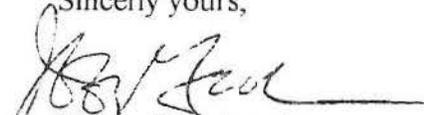
I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. Dino M. Gentile. I request you seriously consider his request for either leniency or an early release from prison.

I have known Mr. Gentile for approximately 6 years, as a Pastor, Youth Leader, Principal of the Ark Christian Academy, client, and friend. In all this time, prior to the circumstances leading to his arrest and conviction, I had nothing but respect for the good works he was doing in the community where I live.

Pastor Gentile is also a loving family man. Being separated from his family must be devastating on his wife, and two small daughters. I hope that you will also take this into consideration at this time.

I believe he has a great deal to offer to the community when he is returned to it, and I hope that in your good graces you are able to reduce his sentence and release him as quickly as the law allows.

Sincerely yours,



Jeffrey T. Schoenherr

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To Whom It May Concern:

We have known the Gentiles for over eight years now and in all that time we would say that Pastor Dino Gentile is the most honest hard working man that we know. Both Pastor Gentile and his wife Debra have set the highest moral and ethical standard for the church to follow. It is their dedication to the principals of Jesus that has earned the Gentile family the respect they have in our church.

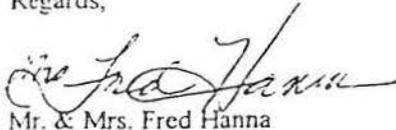
Our family regularly attends church at least twice a week and all three of our children attend the school "The Ark Christian Academy". Pastor & Mrs. Gentile opened the Academy because of their concern for the children that are in the community/neighborhood. They wanted give them an alternative to public schools in Los Angeles. Our family is also involved with many other activities, functions and committees and it would be impossible for him to hide a less that sincere and caring attitude.

Pastor himself has not only helped us to move and paint our house, but he has done this for several people in our church. He has brought food to our family and many others when we had none and even to people who didn't attend our church. He has helped people find jobs and cars they could afford.

Anyone who has known the Gentiles for any length of time would know that they put other's needs before their own. Our family holds the highest regard and admiration for the entire Gentile Family.

Thank your for allowing us to take this opportunity to write you concerning our Pastor and friend Reverend Dino Gentile.

Regards,



Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hanna

3/4/99

March 8, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Pastor Dino Gentile since the beginning of 1993 and I am the better for it. There have been many times that Pastor Gentile has come to my aid, however, there are two that I often think about.

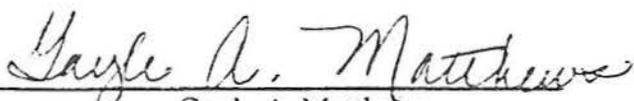
I was out of work from the middle of April until September of 1995. I had very little money put into my unemployment funds because I had been disabled for almost three years. I was looking for work but I had not found any. Since I was a member of the church, The Ark, I called Pastor Gentile to receive counseling from him. It was my hope that he could help me with a direction of what I could possibly do. I had no money at that time; I had exhausted all my savings. When Pastor Gentile found that out he very generously gave me one hundred dollars, there was a stipulation however, I was not to pay him back or even bring it up because he was just giving that money to me to help me. That money was enough to supply me with the means to go on interviews, to buy one good set of clothes for interviewing and to buy food. I will never forget it. I never asked him for it, he just gave it to me.

In August of 1997, I was again between jobs. The Pastor gave me a job to assist him in the running of The Ark Thrift and Men's Used Clothing Store. He didn't have to, he just did it and instead of being given money he gave me the opportunity of using my office skills. I didn't have to go on General Relief or collect a Federal "hand-out". I had the funds to go out and find and eventually get work.

There are many things I could tell you about my Pastor for instance the number of times he helped me pay or just paid for repairs on my car so that I could keep a job, or how he changed my flat tire after giving a class in martial arts for almost three hours, taking his own personal time to see that I was doing okay no matter where I was living. You may not know this, but this is not the "norm" for the majority of Pastors, most keep their distance from the laity and leave the counseling or interaction to their deacons and elders. He's always been the example of what it means to be right in the eyes of not only the congregation of The Ark, but also to all people including those who are the lawmakers and the lawkeepers.

I am happy to write about the many sacrifices that Pastor Gentile has done, however, I am grieved that the occasion to write is an unhappy one.

Sincerely yours,


Gayle A. Matthews

To whom it may concern,

This is a most difficult letter to write, not because I haven't anything to say but because I know that words are not enough to describe what I and my family feel for this good, tender-hearted man, Pastor Dino Gentile. My words cannot portray to you what I have lived through, unless you have lived through the same circumstances. But Pastor Dino has been by our side. I cannot ever remember him not being there. He has seen us through the night.

Pastor Dino Gentile has been my Pastor, my spiritual mentor for the last 7 years. He has taught me and my two young sons to have hope for the future when there was none for us.

I have lived in the USA (formerly Greek-Canadian) for 15 years. I immigrated to the US with my former husband and my then 7 week old son in Jan. '83. In Jul. '84, I had another son. My sons are now 16 & 14, Honor students in Christian School, go to regular church services and youth group activities, both within the church family and the community. On Oct. '88, I separated and later divorced with my husband because he molested a 5 year old girl! After a while I remarried. Again I ended up separating and later divorcing. Records indicate and I lived through it, by the grace of God, spousal abuse, and battery. It was now Aug. '92. Through these nightmares, I remained a loving mother to my boys and a productive member of society, but I was alone and oh so tired. My family lived in Greece and Eastern Canada. I wanted to move back to be with my family but I couldn't because of court orders imposed for my children's visitation with their father. I had nowhere to turn. Then, God smiled upon me and brought Pastor Dino and his wife Debra into our lives. They helped pull this knocked-down, beat up, broken woman, with two little boys to support, out of the pit of hell! They loved my children and me unconditionally. I remember calling Pastor, several times, in the early morning hours, crying my heart out, feeling low, without any self-esteem and empty inside. He never once turned me away. Instead, he spoke to my babies and me gently and tenderly as a father to his children. Slowly but surely after weeks and months, my children and I started attending church regularly. Pastor was coming to our home every week, faithfully, teaching us about the word of God. Through his love, kindness, and guidance, we started to hope, to forgive, and to have compassion, to trust and to love again. I was 38 years old then, I am 45 now. I started late but finally with the help of Pastor Dino, I matured and grew up. My children and I owe our lives to him and his family.

Pastor Dino has been our Pastor, our father, our brother, our best friend, even our provider, when times have been extremely difficult financially. Those years of hardship are long gone, thank God, but Pastor is not. He is still in our lives and plays a vital role. When difficulties arise, he is there for us, no matter what. His counsel has consistently been wise and honest. His guidance loving and trustworthy.

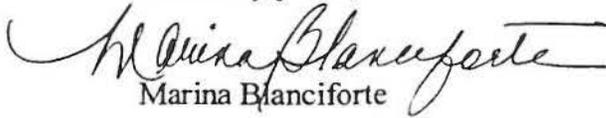
When I lost my livelihood, he offered me a job. Last year I re-married to a most wonderful man. I am proud and honored to be a member of The Ark Christian Church

and the pastoral leadership of Reverend Dino Gentile, and now a member of his family through marriage.

This whole ordeal is a grievous mistake. Pastor would never, could never do any of the things that he is being accused of. He is truly a man after God's own heart. Pastor Dino loves God too much to ever hurt and disappoint Him. I hope you can understand that. His only "crime" is caring for others. Unless we are living in a Science-Fiction novel where everything is upside down, love and care of your fellow man is not a crime is it? Or are we?

Honorable Gentlemen, Honorable Judge, I beseech you, I beg of you to search deep into your hearts and souls, and remove any blinders from your eyes and free this innocent man.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marina Blanciforte". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Marina Blanciforte

Mark Davis

[REDACTED]
Thousand Oaks, Ca. 91360

To Whom It May Concern:

I am taking this time to write you a letter in the hopes that you will come to know the man that we call "Pastor Dino" a little better. However, how useful is a character reference unless the character of the person giving the reference is known. Therefore I will tell you briefly of myself.

My name is Mark Davis and I was raised to be a Christian since the day I was born. My father has always been in law enforcement and I was raised to respect the law as well as God and his laws. I went to school to receive a Masters degree in Speech Therapy so that I could make a living helping others and making a positive contribution to society.

I have been a member of "The Ark" now for three years. In that time I have witnessed Pastor Dino giving up his life to serve the ministry. He tirelessly worked around the clock to serve the members of his congregation. Most pastors will not give their congregation direct access to their home phone numbers and lives. Because Pastor Dino is different in his desire to help others, he made himself available at all hours to any person in need. This cost him tremendous amounts of personal time and sacrifice in the way of his family and health. In response to this kindness the congregation took advantage of Pastor Dino's good will. They have called him continuously for help in everything from resolving disputes about when the lawn should be watered to being called about a loan that one member of the church made to another member. Where most churches would like to collect money and send it to organizations to help the homeless, jobless, and people with out modes of transportation (which there is nothing wrong with giving these organizations money), Pastor Dino has chosen to personally help people by giving them food and shelter, helping them find jobs (i.e., giving them a suit to where to interviews), and fixing up junk cars to help people with transportation to get them back on their feet again. Pastor Dino has had little time to do anything else but serve his congregation in every way possible. I hope from this letter that you realize that Pastor Dino is not the typical pastor of a church, and that he has made great personal sacrifices to help others in his church and the community.

Sincerely,



Mark Davis

Nathan Knox


Chatsworth, CA 91311

February 26, 2001

Dear President Bush,

I am 16 years old. I have been going to the Ark Church coming up on 4 years in June.

I am sending you this letter because I believe in the innocence of my Pastor.

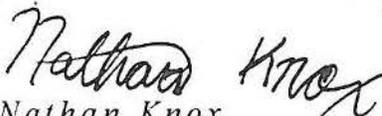
I have been attending the Ark Christian Academy for 2 years. Which was started by Pastor Dino Gentile four years ago. I have made Honor Roll this quarter, where I have not been able to do this in the public school system; because of all the peer pressures and the lack of attention given by the teachers due to the over crowded classrooms. I am grateful that we have students that help one another, and that you feel the teacher's main purpose is the kid's education. This would not be possible if Pastor Gentile and not started such a school.

I have been on several Youth Conferences with Pastor Dino Gentile. We, meaning the kids from my school and church have been to Indiana, Chicago and various other states within the United States. Pastor Gentile during Youth Conference spent many nights staying up late talking about the Bible, people in the Bible and just having some clean old fashion fun. For example, telling stories, bowling, playing harmless pranks on our friends, eating many meals together, and sometimes talking about problems we are having. These have been the most fun times I have ever had. I would not love our Lord if my Pastor had not taught me the Gospel. He has shown me how to be a good Christian. He has taught me to Love and Respect my parents and elders, obey God's commandments, and most of all to do all good things unto God with a good attitude.

I miss my Pastor's face, hugs, love, kindness and most importantly, trips to Youth Conference.

With all the Power that you have, would you please send him home?

Thank you for listening,


Nathan Knox

March 6, 1999

To whom it may concern:

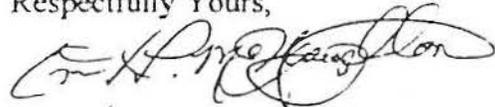
We have known Reverend Dino Gentile for two years come June of this year. During this period, there have been a few occasions we were short money for our rent, and without hesitation Pastor Gentile gave us the amount needed. On one occasion Pastor Gentile gave us his credit card, with no questions asked, enabling us to use a rental truck to move our belongings from one house to another. This occurred in October of 1997.

Pastor Gentile has chaperoned many children on evangelistic trips, including our three teenagers. At these conventions, they attended such states as Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio. Twice, Pastor Gentile willingly paid for our children to attend, being that we were unable to at that present time.

Pastor Gentile has been the driving force in our children's future. Our children do not engage in drugs, alcohol, and promiscuity and above all have learned to respect authority figures. Which is not always prevalent amongst teenagers today.

Pastor Gentile has been an example of love, joy and peace to our family. We have grown to love and respect him for all he has done for our church as well as our family. We are both willing to spend whatever time or money required, and to testify before God and men, on behalf of Pastor Dino Gentile if need be.

Respectfully Yours,



Mr. and Mrs. Grant McNaughton

March 6, 1999

To whom it may concern:

I do declare under the penalty of perjury: that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge. I am writing this letter in regards to my pastor, Dino Gentile. I have known him personally for about six years. I attend his church regularly and I am a student at his school.

Pastor Gentile is one of the most generous, loving and caring people I have ever known. He is always there for my family and I, no matter what the situation. He has taught me moral values and has been an outstanding example in my life. I have seen him open his home to strangers, put his financial situation on the line to help others, and give his time willingly, without any complaints. On many occasions he has lent money and provided work to my family without any obligations.

I have attended two conventions with Pastor Gentile. These conventions being held in Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio, lasting about two weeks. He helped pay for a portion of the trip, so that I might be able to attend. Also, Pastor Gentile brought about twelve other children, excluding his own, to the convention with only two other chaperones. He allotted his credit card to pay for the tickets, rental cars, and hotel. Pastor Gentile generously paid for various meals and activities. He took care of us in the midst of preaching and counseling.

Pastor Gentile opened a Christian private school, about three years ago, so children of all ages would be able to focus on education instead of negative peer pressures. He is very active in the school. He teaches film and drama, physical education, and various chapel services. He is there for the school whenever needed.

Pastor Gentile is a great man of God. He has changed my life in many ways. There are not words to describe his love and generosity; for he is the most unselfish person I have ever met. I would do anything for him.

Sincerely,

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Samantha F. Garoutte

March 5, 1999

To Whom It May Concern,

I Sylvia Ferlini would like to express what a great privilege it has been to have such a man as Reverend Dino Gentile in my life.

I met my Pastor Dino Gentile in 1991 through my husband Carlos Ferlini. Immediately when he and my husband met they became great friends. About the time of our meeting my husband and I were having marital troubles and he began nurturing and counseling us. I can truly say I thank the Lord for bringing him into our lives. This month my husband and I are celebrating our 13th year anniversary and I attribute our success in meeting Reverend Gentile, because of his loving words and long hours (at all hours) counseling with us.

Of course this is just the beginning of our relationship. I consider Reverend Dino a great man of God. He is without a doubt one of the best Christian's I know. He is truly the most giving and loving man I know. He has in many occasions supported my family spiritually, physically, and financially. When my spirits are down I can assure he is there calling me on the phone to lift me up. When I've been sick he has literally gone to the store to buy me medicine. Financially, he has always been there for us even when I know for a fact he didn't have much himself. He has and will give to us and others first before himself. At times when we have had trouble financially we have found groceries at our front door that he has placed. He has also helped us with our rent. He has made us feel as family. One thing I would like to state is that I know for a fact that not only is he or has he been this way with us but with every member of his congregation, and I have seen him be so very kind to strangers.

Reverend Gentile has always visited the sick, and ministered to those in need. He is not a selfish man at all and always gives the benefit of the doubt to you. His goal is that everyone make it to heaven. He is also very concerned for our youth of today, he is always thinking of ways he can reach out to the youth. My children admire him and respect him very much.

I have had the privilege of traveling with him and his wife. In May of 1998 my husband and I were part of a group that went with him to Nashville Tennessee for a conference. At the conference of about 5000 people I witnessed many people coming up to him and greeting him with so much love and joy. He was so generous to all of us with his undivided attention, always making sure we were taken care of and without need. During that trip I realized just how loved he is worldwide, many who attended that conference were from all around the world.

My husband has been under the leadership of Pastor Dino for 8 years. He could have not had a better example of a Christian man, leader and friend then that of Rev. Dino Gentile.

He is who he is today because the influence, guidance and loving care Rev. Gentile has so freely given to him. Personally I am a better person today due to Rev. Gentile's wisdom, compassion and unconditional love he has provided over the years.

I can testify that Reverend Dino Gentile is a honorable man. He has honestly without any doubt been there for me anytime I have ever needed him. I am confident he is an honest, responsible, diligent, compassionate man and I cannot stress enough truly **a man of his word.**

To have Rev. Dino Gentile in my life has been one of my greatest joys and I pray that he will remain to be a part of it through my entire life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sylvia Ferlini". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sylvia Ferlini



To Whom It May Concern:

3/6/99

My wife and I have known Pastor Dino Gentile for over 7 years. Pastor Dino has always been an honest and caring pastor and is always there in our time of needs. He makes time to talk with us and we've seen him do the same for others. Pastor Dino is a humble man of God. Him and his family have struggled over the years to build a Godly run church. We've seen him bring in homeless families and help them straighten their lives out. He would give his shirt off his back to help them and I know he would do the same for us if needed. He has dedicated his life to serving God and saving souls. We can't think of any negative remarks to make about our Pastor and friend.

Sincerely,

(In Jesus' Name)



Terry & Daniele Jenkins

March 8, 1999

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ernie Lallave and I'm so proud to say that I've met this wonderful man Pastor Dino Gentile four years ago. I was invited to bible studies in his house and I'm so happy to say that I've not known or met any man of God of such a high degree. He is a man that loves to help everybody. He just loves God so much and with his honesty and integrity, I have been encouraged to follow truth through this man. He is compassionate, he is merciful and always tries his best to go beyond what a regular average good person would do. I've learned to be a good person with his example and leadership. I've learned the worth of Love and Life. I've not been loved like this before, not even through my own parents and family. He just does not say it, but he practices it and lives it (truth and love).

I've traveled several times with him when he's been invited to preach at different places. I've never had the opportunity to travel and meet such beautiful people before until I have with this man of God, Pastor Dino Gentile. I've gone to Nashville, Carolton, KY, South Bend Indiana and passed by some other cities.

I love this man very much! There has been times I've been hungry and he has fed me before he even feeds himself. I've been jobless for over two years and he has always been there to help me in any way he can. I praise God for such a man as him. I'm not related to him and all the members of his church, but he loves us all and he helps us all with such a great and tender heart.

He also allowed me to attend college in his church. I graduated with his help and I now have a Bachelor's of Religious Science.

I give honor to this man. He has the highest respect and honor and love's this country and his fellowman, but also love's truth and justice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ernie Lallave', written in dark ink.

Ernie Lallave

To whom it may concern,

This letter is being written with the intention of describing the character of Dino M. Gentile.

I, Frank Blanciforte, have known Mr. Gentile for many years and can only say that believing the charges against this said Defendant is going to take a lot of convincing.

Mr. Gentile for the longest time has devoted his time to saving lives, bringing happiness to the sad and hope to the hopeless. It would take a forest of paper to write about all the wonderful deeds he has done.

I have marveled at how he can council couples at mending their marriages, go and rescue some confused person with a gun to their head, go and bail people out of jail, give people money so that they may have some food on their table, give cars away to people so that they may have some transportation, go help out at the school he set up so some children do not have to go to unsafe schools and potentially get abused or even killed, go home and have his phone ring continuously where he constantly listens to people's problems and get to sleep at 3 in the morning. This is just in one day! He will wake up the next day and continue where he left off. What is so amazing is that he loves his role. He is not asking for anything. His religious conviction leads him to believe that his ultimate reward will be given to him in heaven.

I could go on and on and countless people can also give countless stories of what they have witnessed. All that I have related to you is what I have seen with my own eyes.

Mr. Gentile has worked very hard in his life, to become who he is. Now, I ask you, does this sound like a man that would do what he is being accused of? Sounds to me like a man with a lot to lose. Though charges have been files against Mr. Gentile, believing them are preposterous and absurd! Many others can and will say the same.

I may not have any money to secure his honor but I am willing to wager my honor and my soul that Mr. Gentile is innocent. I write this letter with the utmost sincerity.

To the presiding Honorable Judge, I hope that you can read this aloud for witnesses and jurors to hear. Please do not let my letter be just a number or statistic or end up in some trash bin. A letter was asked to be written for a character reference. Well, here it is. Please take it serious.

In God We Trust. Hail to the Justice System!

Yours truly,

Frank Blanciforte

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Marie Brikner


Canoga Park, CA 91304

To Whom it May Concern:

Being in the Ark since 1991, I have been ministered to by Pastor Dino Gentile and Debra Gentile through an abusive relationship, my pregnancy, and severe health problems. During that time, the Gentile's opened their home to me, helped me to stand on my feet, and prayed for me while I was in the hospital several times. People say there are few true friends in a lifetime, but in my lifetime, I've known two of the most sincere, loving, and caring people I have ever known. They have been with me through the tears and hardest years of my life. They have never failed me and I know they never will.

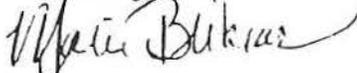
Pastor Dino Gentile ministered to one brother in particular whose marriage was ready to fall apart when they came to the church. Through the pastor's counseling with this brother and his wife, their marriage was strengthened and they are happy. His life completely turned around in a matter of months and now that young man is ministering to others just like the pastor did for him.

Pastor Gentile motivates people and strengthens them through their trials through words of encouragement and prayer. People's lives change in miraculous ways when they come to the Ark, including mine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (818) 701-5985.

Thank you for your time and your patience and may the Lord bless you.

Sincerely,



Marie Brikner

Robert A. Sutherland
Information Systems Director
P. O. Box 2292
Abington, MA 02351

June 21, 1999

Regarding Dino Gentile.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to inform you about the character of Dino Gentile. I have known Dino for over sixteen years and have always found him to be an honest and trustworthy individual, as well as a good friend, confidant, and brother-in-law.

Dino has always been available for me in times of need. He is a devoted husband, son, brother, and especially, father. He is a devout worshipper of God, and believes strongly in the Ten Commandments, never wanting to do anything to jeopardize saving his soul and spending his time with God in eternity. I have never known him to do anything wrong during these past sixteen years. He has been a dedicated Pastor for "The Ark" in Raceda, California, and has devoted his life to the saving of others souls, always caring for his church members, friends and family, and has a never-ending love for God.

Dino has dedicated his life to the caring and helping of others.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Sutherland

copy

February 12, 2001

The Office of the President
George W. Bush
The White House
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you as a citizen of the United States and also as a Sister in the Lord. Mr. President I am asking you to please, take the time and read my letter. This is regarding my Pastor Dino Gentile, who has been wrongfully incarcerated at the Beaumont Federal Prison in Beaumont, Texas for 41 years.

Mr. President I've known Pastor Gentile for almost 10 years he's the most wonderful person you would want to know. Both Pastor Gentile and his wife Debra have helped both my daughter and myself from a very abusive environment they gave us shelter and food. Pastor Gentile has counseled me and brought me to the Lord. I am now still going to Pastor Gentile's church in Chatsworth, California.

Mr. President I am asking for a pardon or at least commutation of sentence to time served, for his family and Pastor Gentile has suffered enough. Pastor Gentile has no past criminal record, never carried a firearm, and never entered the premises nor spoke to anyone in the crime accused.

Pastor Dino Gentile has been a Pastor, evangelist for almost 20 years and has a wonderful wife and two beautiful daughters whom unfortunately whom has only seen there father twice in almost two years.

Please Mr. President I praying that you grant my Pastor's pardon.

Thank you for you time and understanding it is greatly appreciated, and may the Lord Jesus Christ Bless you and your family, and guide you through your always.

Thank You and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Marie Brikner-McSherry

February 10, 2001

Reference: Pastor Dino Gentile, 14711-112 @ USP Beaumont

The Office of the President
George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mister President Bush,

I am writing this letter in the behalf of my Pastor Dino Gentile. He's in Federal Prison at Beaumont, Texas at this time.

He was outrageously sentenced to 41 years. He has a wife and two daughters who are suffering real badly because he's not with them anymore. We are all Christian people and we can't figure out why he's where he is.

When his daughters pray each day, they always ask God to send their Dad home. They are 12 and 7 years old. It broke my heart the other day when the 12-year-old girl said to me, "will you be my dad until he comes home".

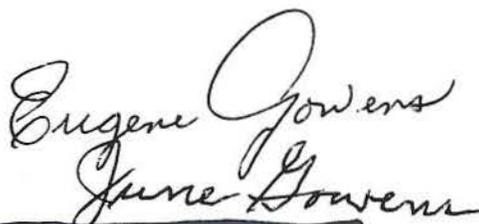
The church misses him so much. I've known Dino Gentile for a number of years, and he has always been a person you could depend on for help when you needed it. He was not only a good Pastor but also a real friend to everyone. I've known him to help people financially when he really couldn't afford too.

He has helped in so many ways. I'm asking you please pardon him or at least a commutation of sentence to time served.

Thank you,

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gowens

EG/dg



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SYLMAR, CA 91342

[REDACTED]
South Dartmouth, Mass. 02748
August 14, 2002

The Honorable Lacey Collier
U.S. Federal Courthouse
1 North Palofax
Pensacola, Florida 32501

Dear Judge Collier:

I have learned that Dino M. Gentile, currently imprisoned at the United State Penitentiary in Atwater, California will be appearing before you within the next few weeks. The purpose of this letter is to relay to you what I know about Dino Gentile as you ponder the decision before you.

I met Dino approximately sixteen years ago when he became a member of the church to which I and my family belonged. He was always very polite and willing to assist the church and its members whenever needed. Dino was a big hit with the youth of the church.

Dino later moved to California where I believe he met his wife and married. We learned that he became the Pastor of a church and that the church experienced growth under his leadership. Since Dino's mother lives in Massachusetts, he visited our church with his new family several times. He and his wife appeared very happy with each other and their children.

We were all quite surprised to learn of his imprisonment and feel very badly for him, his mother, and young family. They are obviously very upset about the situation. Dino's mother is aging and his incarceration has created a hardship for his wife in bringing up two daughters alone. Many people are hoping that Dino can be reunited with his family again real soon. It would be inconceivable that he would not cherish and make the most of such an opportunity.

I hope that the little that I know about the situation provides you with some information that will assist you with whatever decisions that you must make.

Sincerely,



Robert Costa

the PENTECOSTALS



of ALEXANDRIA

August 14, 2002

Honorable Lacey Collier
U. S. Federal Courthouse
1 North Palofax
Pensacola, FL 32501

Re: Dino M. Gentile

Dear Judge Collier:

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for leniency on behalf of Dino Gentile. I understand his case will be coming before you shortly for consideration.

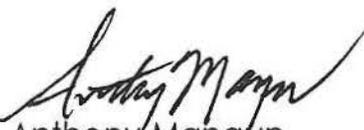
I have been acquainted with Mr. Gentile's situation for many years. Mr. Gentile has a long history of service and ministry, and he is well known for his assistance to the unfortunate, the homeless and the hungry. He is much loved and respected by hundreds. He is a loving husband and parent and over many decades was an exceptional contributing member to the Christian community.

I sincerely believe that Mr. Gentile has much to offer society. I hope that close review of this situation will persuade you that he should be provided a chance to prove this to the court and the community. I trust that you will feel leniency is justified and would be of benefit, not only to Mr. Gentile, his wife and two daughters, his aging mother, but also to society at large.

I respectfully request compassion from the court in his behalf. I personally feel he is exceptionally deserving and that anything that can be done - should be done. Any consideration you can give this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

The Pentecostals of Alexandria


Anthony Mangun
Senior Pastor

Anthony Mangun
Senior Pastor

G. A. Mangun
Bishop

Terry Shock
Assistant Pastor

Ernest Huber
Pastor

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February 25, 2001

Brother and Sister Frank Padgett, Jr.


Washington, D.C. 20032

The Office of the President
George W. Bush
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, DC 20510

Dear President Bush:

My wife and I are writing because of Pastor Dino Gentile's unfair incarceration. Our hearts are heavily burdened when we think of how this man, his wife, Debra K. Gentile, and their children have had their lives completely, adversely overturned. All this Christian leader did was go out of his way to minister to another troubled human being, because that's what true ministry is really about. He trusted someone and that trust was grossly betrayed.

President Bush, this man is not a criminal. He didn't behave like a criminal before being accused of this crime and has not since being convicted of this crime. Instead, he has been sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with other inmates and his ministry to them has changed their lives.

I believe it noteworthy that you consider the following 4 important facts:

- ◆ Pastor Gentile, this Godly man, had no previous record, but was well respected in his community.
- ◆ He did not carry any firearm.
- ◆ He never entered the premises where the crime took place.
- ◆ And, he never spoke to anyone in the crime accused.

I reiterate, this man does not behave like someone who was involved in any criminal activity. However, he has been embarrassed in his home community; his children and neighbors saw him thrown to the floor and handcuffed, and carried off like a hardened criminal.

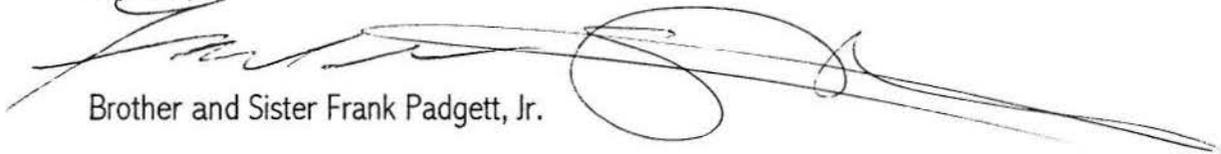
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President Bush, as fellow Christian Americans, I request for the immediate pardon and release of Pastor Gentile. This is a good man. His family needs him. His church needs him. This society needs him!

THIS REQUEST IS NOT ONLY JUSTICE, IT WILL BE A PROFITABLE MOVE FOR SOCIETY. IF HE HAS CHANGED LIVES BEHIND BARS, PLEASE GIVE HIM THE CHANCE TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM GOING THERE.

Expecting a careful and prayerful response,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Padgett, Jr.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brother and Sister Frank Padgett, Jr.

October 10, 1999

Alan Christopher Fitch & Family

[REDACTED]
Northridge, Ca. 91325
[REDACTED]

Mr. President,

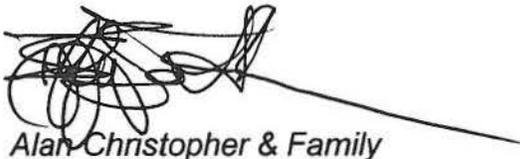
I've known Pastor Gentile for five years and during that time he has shown himself to be a model Christian and Pastor. Whenever we've been in need he's been there to support my family and I.

When I was out of work for three months he gave us something to eat and groceries for the fridge. What I found out later was that he and his family in order to help us and those others that were suffering went without living on hamburger helper, macaroni and cheese and water. This was normal for him and his family, they were not suffering, but rewarded in that they could do something (help) others in need.

When my wife and I were near separation he counseled us back to a healthy and joyful loving marriage. When my second daughter was stillborn he ran to our side to support us.

Please I beg you, release my Pastor Dino Gentile.

Sincerely,


Alan Christopher & Family

NOTE:

*My wife & I were "World News Tonight People of The Week"
1/17/94 (Northridge Earthquake)*

Tracey Moses

[REDACTED]

Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Dear Mr. President,

Before I make my request of you I would like to say how pleased I was with the "final" outcome of this years election. I will certainly pray for you and your staff as you begin your term of leading this country. God's word claims that a nation that forgets God will be turned in to Hell and it certainly seems we have forsaken Gods Holy ways. I hope you will do your best to restore the term "In God We Trust".

My request to you concerns someone I know who is incarcerated in a facility in Beaumont, Texas. His name is Dino Gentile. Before being incarcerated he had been a Pastor, evangelist for almost 20 years. He has been sentenced to 41 years in prison. I am hoping you will help him by pardoning him of this unjust sentence or at least a commutation of sentence to time served which is over three years. If you review his case you will find he had no previous record, he did not carry and firearm, and never entered the premises nor spoke to anyone in the crime accused.

This is a young man with two precious daughters and a beautiful wife who hopefully and anxiously await his freedom.

You have spoken of a "new start", "justice for all", and "forgiveness". Would you please review his case immediately and send this innocent man home so that he can try to put his life back together again. Please President Bush, help my friend.

Thank-you

Tracey Moses

March 6, 1999

To Whom it may Concern,

I do declare under penalty of perjury: that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge. I am writing this to you in rebuttal against the character assassination that has been charged against my Pastor, Dino Gentile. I am and have been for the last six years a member of the Congregation at the Ark Christian Church. I sing on the Ark Worship team.

Pastor Dino Gentile has always been completely honest to my family and I, and our congregation. In fact, he has been a pillar of good, moral character through many trials. Pastor Dino Gentile has been an example of virtuous character from our first meeting in Oct. of 1992, until now. The reason I began attending this church was because of the Godly attributes in his character. I had tried a few other churches, looking for an honest representation of God. From the first service I saw Godly examples of respect toward my mate and I. In that they were concerned for my soul and not there for ulterior motives. Pastor Dino Gentile preached the unadulterated word of God. I had nothing but good things to say about the Pastorate and the congregation.

This man, Dino Gentile, has not only saved my eternal soul through his obedience to God, but my daughter Samantha is a devoted Christian at the age of sixteen. She has gone on youth conferences entrusted to Pastor Dino Gentile. My husband, David Smith, and I were married by a teary eyed Pastor Gentile on Aug. 14, 1994. He has been helping my family and I continually, including; counseling, establishing our new home, and providing my daughter and stepson Jason, along with many other children, a Christian school to attend.

The fact is, there have been countless other selfless acts of love, only inspired from the great relationship Pastor has with our God, Jesus. Of all the people I have ever met, this man has helped me change my destiny. I am completely transformed and have a good conscience toward God. Pastor Dino Gentile's obedience to God (the highest authority of morality) is the reason.

I am eternally grateful to Pastor Dino Gentile. I cried quite uncontrollably when I heard of the alleged charges against Pastor Dino Gentile. I have never met anyone who would do so much good, for so many people, to the point of exhaustion, than Pastor Dino Gentile.

Sincerely,



Tina M. Reo Smith

Aileen Morris

[REDACTED]
Van Nuys, CA 91405

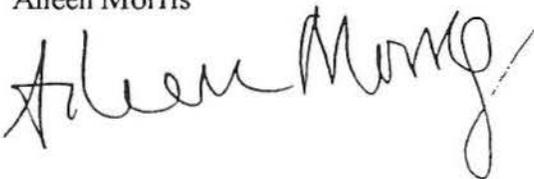
March 5, 1999

To Whom it may Concern, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about Pastor Dino Gentile, and I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

I've known Pastor Gentile since June of 1996 when I became a member of the Ark Church. Through the Pastor's teaching, I was baptized in Jesus' name and have given my life over to God completely. Pastor Gentile has always stood by my side, has prayed for me, and has supported me spiritually when I had no one else. Pastor Gentile is my counselor because of his strong relationship with Christ; he has helped my husband and I in our marriage. I also know that our marriage means a lot to him since he helped us before we got married and he also married us. He's taken extra time out for us, setting aside himself, so that he could help us. I greatly respect Pastor Gentile and truly believe in the fruit of his work. Because of me seeing him help others in the church, receiving confirmation from his prayers, he is the God Father to my only son. Surely that shows how much I trust and respect this man because I am willing to put my son's life in his hands. I have also witnessed seeing him help the Ark Academy by teaching PE classes to the children, and witnessing his patience, dedication, and true love to each of the children. I have never witnessed more love and respect he has for others and others have for him.

Thank you,

Aileen Morris

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aileen Morris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Miguel A. Cortez

Los Angeles, CA 90042

March 25, 2001

The President of the United States
George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you this letter asking you and your administration for help. My pastor has been wrongfully accused of a crime and sentenced 41 years. His name is Pastor Dino Gentile. Our church is The Ark located at 9823 Mason Avenue, Chatsworth, California, 91311.

I have known Pastor Gentile for approximately eleven years. He is honest, sincere, giving, diligent, humble, and a true man of God. Pastor Dino Gentile has many times helped my family and I during financial hardships, marriage counseling, and moving.

Mr. President, my Pastor, his wife, and his two daughters need your help. Pastor Dino Gentile does not have a previous record, and in the crime accused he did not carry any firearms and was held at gunpoint. *Please release him.* Pastor Gentile's address is 14711-112 USP, P.O. Box 26030, Beaumont, Texas, 77720.

Please contact Pastor Gentile's wife, Debra Gentile, at (818) 932-0497 or Pastor Joel Singer, (818) 712-6930 for all the detail information concerning the wrongful accusations and harsh sentence.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your time and your attention to this important matter. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Miguel A. Cortez



President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

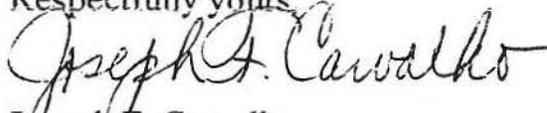
Dear Mr. President:

My name is Joseph F. Carvalho. I live at [REDACTED], Fall River, Massachusetts. I am employed as a career specialist in two suburban high schools southwest of Boston. I am also a Vietnam veteran.

I am writing you on behalf of Dino Gentile who is currently incarcerated in a facility in Texas. I have known Dino and his family for nearly twenty five years and during that time I have come to appreciate just how good a person he is. He has been a devoted husband, a loving father, a dutiful son and brother, a committed minister and, perhaps most importantly, a compassionate and caring individual to all who meet him. His primary concern has always been the care and welfare of others, this often coming at his own expense. Personally, I have never known of any needy person who has ever been turned away by Dino and his love for his God and his fellow man are unquestionable.

Mr. President, I implore you to do everything in your power and influence and intercede on behalf of a truly good man, Dino Gentile. I continue to pray that you will be moved to action just as Dino has acted on behalf of those who came to him in time of need. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours


Joseph F. Carvalho

[REDACTED]
Fall River, Massachusetts 02720

Donna Bernis

[REDACTED]
Northridge, CA 91325

March 5, 1999

To Whom it May Concern I do declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge:

I've been a member of the Ark of Chatsworth since June 15, 1996. During that time when I first came to the Ark, I was very unstable and very ill. Due to the Pastor, Dino Gentile, and his call of God, I became more stable and secure in myself. The church also helped my son and has greatly influenced my son in a great way. Pastor Dino Gentile began a school for our children, and they asked me to help out in the school. Because of that, I've become more inspired and feel as if I belong. Pastor Dino's guidance has helped me in more than I can even say. He has given me a father figure for my son; he has helped me financially when I needed it the most; he helped me to get my down payment to move into my apartment; and I know what he has done for me, he has done for others in the church and outside the church. He is a wonderful, wonderful man, and I'm so thankful that he's in my life and my son's life. I am blessed to have Pastor Gentile in my life. Never have I known a man who is as dedicated to helping people as he is.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely:



Donna Bernis

Sidney Kern
5851 Hazeltine Avenue, #211
Van Nuys, CA 91401

March 6, 1999

To whom this may concern, I do declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I Sid grew up in the Jewish faith I came to California in 1964, I met Pastor Dino Gentile about 1992, I became a saint in his church. A great man of God is he.

He taught the Bible to me once a week. Just he and myself for many months and I grew to love him and his family. There are many reasons for these feelings

1. He taught me how to love God.
2. I have seen him bestow blessings to so many people.
3. He has ministered to the sick both physically and mentally.

In 1998 I under went a quadruple bypass of the heart, God , Pastor Dino Gentile and the rest of the Saints in the church nursed me back to health.

If there is a greater man of God on this earth I would Like to meet him. A man like Pastor Gentile sure be treated with deepest respect on humility.

I thank you for the time and patience you took to read this letter.

Sincerely,


Sidney Kern

Norman & Debra Greenfield

[REDACTED]
West Hills, CA 91304
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March 1, 1999

Pastor and Sister Dino Gentile
9825 Mason Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

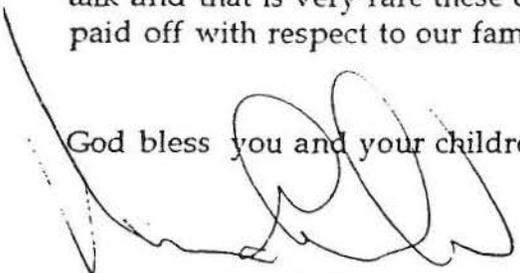
Dear Pastor and Sister Gentile:

I know Debbie recently asked permission to add Pastor Gentile to the speakers list for the juvenile boot camps. I want to take this opportunity to express to you both how much we appreciate everything you have done for our family.

From the 3AM phone calls, panic attacks, and cries for help, to your willingness to help search down prodigal children and even putting yourselves and your own family in harms way in order to protect others. There is nothing that can really be said to express our sincere gratitude.

I just want you to know that while some may profess love for their fellow man, you live the talk and that is very rare these days. I also want you to know that your help and caring has paid off with respect to our family. Thank you so much for all your help.

God bless you and your children always.


Norman Greenfield

Eric Morris

[REDACTED]
Van Nuys, CA 91405

March 5, 1999

To Whom it May Concern, I do swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Pastor Dino Gentile has helped me out greatly in learning about God. He helped us to straighten out my wife and my marriage. When my wife and I got married, he married us and he did it all for good will. He never charged us any money. He and his wife Debra are the God Parents to our son. Pastor Gentile is also helping me to become a young minister and has taken time to talk to me about growing in God. He has been like a father figure to me, and has helped me to take responsibility for my life. I am so thankful that I've met Pastor Gentile, and I know that he would always be there for my family and me.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 818-782-0165.

Sincerely:

Eric Morris

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Morris". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Eric Morris".

Lizzie P. Richardson
[REDACTED]
Columbus, Ohio 43227-3281
[REDACTED]

March 05, 2001

The Office of the President
George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

PARDON OR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE FOR PASTOR GENTILE

Dino Gentile has been sentenced to 41 years for a crime for which he has been accused. He has no prior record, did not carry any firearm and never entered the premises nor spoke to anyone involved.

Since you have spoken of a "new start", justice for all" and forgiveness" in your term as President, I would like to add my name to the request for a pardon or at least a commutation of sentence to time served. He and his family have suffered considerably. Mr. Gentile has been a pastor, evangelist for almost 20 years. His family has only been able to visit him twice in almost two years.

I am affiliated with the Original Glorious Churches of God in Christ (Apostolic Faith).

Thank you for your consideration.

LIZZIE P. RICHARDSON

cc: Pastor Dino Gentile, 14711-112 USP
PO Box 26030
Beaumont, TX 77720

February 5, 2001

Flor Mejia

[REDACTED]
Chatsworth, CA. 91311
[REDACTED]

Re: **Pastor Dino M. Gentile.**

Dear Mr. President Bush:

I'm writing this letter in behalf of my Pastor Dino Gentile, pleading for his release. Pastor Gentile, is a man of excellent character & an amazing person. He has been like a father to me. I've been looking for someone to help me find my direction in life and reach out to me through the Love of God, I knew someday God would answer my prayer, you see I was adopted and then I lost my Dad & Mother at the same time. I was left alone with no hope and no parents. I grew up and stumble my way to adulthood. I was very confused and I wanted to die, until one day I met Pastor Gentile, and his Wife reached out to me & showed me though the love of Jesus Christ., I cau still go on and they loved me like if they were my parents. I started going to their Church called The Ark and my life was truly changed through the word of God & as well as having people that loved me & they became the family, I never had since I was abandoned. I've never met a man of God that gave so much of him to people and just anyone that was in need.

He has no criminal record and he didn't carry any firearm, and he never entered the premises nor spoke to anyone in the crime accused.

If he had one dollar and I had nothing to eat he would give it to me so that I can be fed. He went out of his way to reach out to people to be there to protect, to serve and to minister as a pastor. I thank God so much for leading me to the Gentile's family. He's family misses him so much and all of his friends, brothers & sisters in Christ. We have suffered this last two years that he had been incarcerated. We're hoping that President Clinton would pardon him before he left office, but he didn't and Pastor Gentile remains incarcerated. Please help us to release him and give him his freedom back. It's not fair that an innocent and just man was outrageously sentenced to 41 years!

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. May God richly bless you!

Sincerely,



October 10, 1999

Rodney Murakami

[REDACTED]
Los Angeles, Ca. 90065
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. President,

I'm writing to you in reference to Pastor Dino Gentile. Pastor Gentile is and was the Pastor of the Ark Christian Church, California. He's a dedicated minister of the Gospel and has been instrumental in touching the lives of many people in the Los Angeles area, as well as throughout the United States, he is also a personal friend of mine and I have been privileged to minister in his Church.

Pastor Gentile has a problem; he has been accused and found guilty of a crime that he didn't commit. A gentleman came to him in the disguise of a Christian conversion induced him for unscrupulous purposes the gentleman who used him was known by the F.B.I. Pastor Gentile didn't know this and attempted to befriend this man, only to be in a situation of robbery, under Duress there was much evidence that was withheld at Pastor Gentile's trial, that had been presented would undoubtedly brought a different outcome. Mr. President you who have the weight of accusations against your own character have the ability to see the records are researched and the truth is revealed. We're talking about a man of utmost character, a man who has gone out of his way to assist those less fortunate in rebuilding their lives through the ministry of the Word of God. He has gone the extra mile to feed the hungry, find jobs for people and financially sustained families whose spouses had walked away and left them abandoned. Pastor Gentile gave them support, and was there to encourage them. We're talking about a man with no prior criminal background, not so much as a parking citation.

Please Mr. President do not forsake a Ministerial career, with a growing Church, and suddenly become a criminal person. His life was built on prayer and the study and application of the Word of God in his life. We, who are of the Christian Faith, still believe in this country stands for. We believe that "Truth can prevail". This is only through our Officials that this can be done so.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,



Rodney Murakami

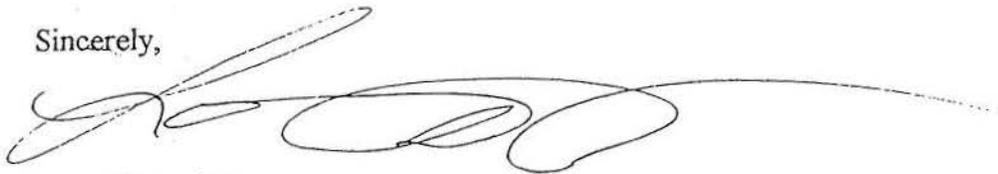
Larry Yzaguirre
[REDACTED]
Arleta, CA 91331

March 5, 1999

To Whom it May Concern, I do declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

I was baptized in August of 1995 by Pastor Dino Gentile, and if it wasn't for him I wouldn't be reading my Bible on a regular basis. He has taught me more about God and Jesus than all my years in church prior. He's always been there for me when I needed a prayer, especially when I found out I had diabetes. I've gone on short evangelistic trips with him to see him preach and lay hands on people. I've seen God use him to deliver people. I've also been in need of money and he's helped me out with some cash. He was invited to go to the mountains once, and he invited the church to go with him. I went and we enjoyed spending time together. Overall, Pastor Gentile puts others before himself and his family. I love him very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Yzaguirre', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Larry Yzaguirre

" CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS MINISTRIES"

P.O. BOX 17308

SALEM, OREGON

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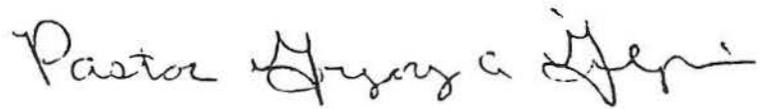
To whom it may concern

My name is Gregory A Gilpin #66476-065. I'm a inmate at USP Atwater and a member of the Christian Community. I am also a licensed and ordained minister and lead a ministry here in the prison called "Christian Soldiers Ministries." We also have several other services here at Atwater. These services are Christian services also and their name is "The Ark of Atwater." The pastor of all these services is Pastor Dino Gentile. Pastor Gentile is also my Senior Pastor here at the prison. Never have I seen a man so dedicated to what God has called them to do! For many of us here at Atwater, Pastor Gentile has set the standard of Godliness and holiness for us to follow. His walk is blameless, his passion is great and his commitment is a cut above that of the norm. He has been a Mentor to us young ministers, building us up in the faith and molding us to what God has called us to do. Pastor Gentile is not only my Mentor but my friend and I consider myself blessed to know him and be a part of what he is doing here within the prison system.

I feel that for my crimes the punishment was just. Some, or I should say most of us deserve to be in prison, I can't say this about Dino Gentile! Its not very often you meet someone in prison, like him, who doesn't belong here. I look forward to being life long ministerial friends with Pastor

Dino Gentile. I Just pray that its where it should be,
outside these walls! Nevertheless I can only pray to become a
great man of God as Pastor Gentile.

PASTOR GREGORY A GILPIN

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Gregory A. Gilpin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS MINISTRIES

March 12, 1999

Mr. & Mrs. B. Easter
VAN NUYS, CA 91406

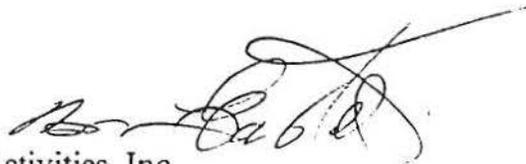
To Whom it May Concern:

I was informed by members of the church where Elder Dino Gentile pastors. Information is from members that are closest to him. They informed me of such a terrible false accusation being charged against him (Elder D. Gentile). I could not believe this accusation; neither could my organization believe this accusation. Due to our relationship and fellowship over the years, we know no better person when it comes to moral character, peace loving and being law abiding. This person, Elder Dino Gentile, in my evaluation is the best U.S.A. citizen that ever existed.

We are aware that there are loop holes in many laws permitting certain law enforcement to reach out and seemingly mischievously apprehend someone. On a compassionate note: loopholes should be a passage that allow law enforcement to perform field interviews with a compassionate heart. In doing so they could avoid someone innocent from having to go through so much to prove themselves, especially when theory is the only suspect. In all due respect to all concerned, please do the right thing. Resolve this incident and return Elder Dino Gentile back to his freedom and his Christian livelihood.

Truly yours in my Christian duty,

Brother Ben Easter
True Vine Restorative Activities, Inc.



June 15th 2009

Dear President Obama,

I am writing on behalf of Pastor Dino M. Gentile in full support of his Clemency Petition. A great injustice has been done with the length of sentence Mr. Gentile is serving. This man serves the Lord with a passion that is unrivaled and unprecedented in the prison system. I met him in the beginning of my sentence and saw immediately a unique individual that stood out above all others. He is the reason I am a devout Christian today with faith and knowledge that I would not possess without him. He is the most intelligent person I have ever met with superior teaching ability and an infectious personality. I feel truly blessed to have met Dino and learned as much as I have from him. I can honestly say I am a better person for having known him and my life has been impacted dramatically for the good by having him as a Pastor, a Mentor and as a Friend.

Please show mercy Mr. President and use Clemency in it's appropriate manner. There is a small list of people in the prison system that is worthy of Clemency and I testify under God that Dino Gentile is at the very top of that list. I pray that you take the time to review his case and see for yourself the effect this man has had on so many lives and return him home to his family where he belongs. Thank You.

Sincerely Yours,

AARON BROWN #11586-042



June 10, 2009

Mr. President,

I just wanted you to know that there is a man here who has done a really great job in changing my life and outlook. His name is Dino Gentile.

Some of us are writing you to inform you of how much we all wish to see our prayers answered by you sending him home.

I've been in different services and heard different sermons but nothing has ever affected me like his preaching and ministry.

I know I am a changed man. I don't even think the same as I used to! I live right now and care about others and God.

Is there anyway for you to help Pastor Dino? Can you help him like he's helped so many of us in here?

I hope so. Please have mercy on him he's a really good man. He cares and doesn't think of himself.

Yours truly,


Rogelio S. Acosta.

U.S. Penitentiary
3901 Klein Bl.
Lompoc, CA. 93436

6/10/09

President Obama,

Dear Sir,

I am requesting that you keep in mind Pastor Dino Gentile for clemency this year when you take up these kinds of matters. He has been an outstanding example of leadership in the ministry and greatly influenced our lives here at USP Lompoc.

He has gone out of his way to teach us biblical standards of righteousness and holiness and we will never forget him.

He has gone through much persecution in order to do this in prison and has affected all of us greatly. So many of us are no longer "gang banging" or violent or stealing.

Please Mr. President, we can't help Brother Dino but you can.

We all have great hopes for your administration, especially for the prisoners who have currently no parole and really long sentences.

Pastor Dino has more time than any of us and it's not fair.

Please do what you can Mr. President. Thank You.

Teer Nos Pos #2.

P.O. Box 1173 - 86514 -

Derek Bileen

Derek Bileen

June 14th, 2009

Dear President Obama,

Please have mercy on Pastor Dino and grant him clemency from his federal conviction. He has been an amazing and outstanding role model for me during these troubling times. He is an inspirational pastor that gives hope and love in a place most doubt you can find. Other men would break under the emmense pressure that he is under knowing that his sentence is almost a death order, but not him he has given hope to many like myself that are not going to be imprisoned to such a drastic amount as time.

He has changed my life 180 degrees, I believe with all my heart that he is rehabilitated and that he will be a better asset to the public out there reaching out to a larger group of lost souls than being in here. I selfishly would like to be around him more so I can learn to have the endless faith that he has and understand the love that flows to everyone around him, but I know that his mission is greater and that you have the power to allow the course to begin.

With all due respect,

Jay Kharvett # 17765-097

2422 meadow Dr

LODI CAL. 95240

President Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

6/9/09

Dear President Obama,

The undersigned do ask with all humility for you to have mercy on our Pastor Dino M. Gentile concerning his incarceration. He has already served 10 years of a 41 year sentence.

For 10 years he has taught inmates throughout the country how to live right and leave a life of crime and violence. Many of us here who have lived a life of crime and are going home soon hurt to know he has to remain here with such a long sentence.

He continued his ministry in here and has helped multitudes. Many of us who thought we could never change have done so and we just implore you to help him and wanted you to know first hand that his tireless efforts have made a difference. How else would you know?

As federal inmates we think that Pastor Dino is worthy of clemency. We hope and pray you can grant him freedom as soon as possible, so he can return to his family. His was not a life of crime but of compassion.

Thank you Mr. President, we pray for you, the undersigned church at U.S.P. Lompoc.

<u>TY RYAN</u>	<u>12108-111</u>	<u>Ty Ryan</u>
<u>Rogelio S. Acosta</u>	<u>49011-112</u>	<u>Rogelio Acosta</u>
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<u>ZUNIGA DAVID</u>	<u>11738-098</u>	<u>David Zuniga</u>
<u>Nambo Silva, Jose</u>	<u>36585-086</u>	<u>Jose Nambo</u>
<u>Russo, Antonio</u>	<u>41228-048</u>	<u>Antonio Russo</u>
<u>Frank Molina</u>	<u>96923 080</u>	<u>Frank Molina</u>
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Juan Sanchez	86984-022	
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ANITA PAHIO	87141068	
JOSE ALBAICO	63674097	

Angelica Briseno


Canoga Park, CA 91303

March 5, 1999

To Whom it May Concern:

Pastor Dino Gentile is a great pastor; he's helped me and my family so much financially and spiritually. He's always been there for us when we've needed him. I've known Pastor Gentile for three years now, and in that time he's taught us Bible Studies and has inspired us to live for God. He has been a great example of a real man and has been like a father to me and my family. He is very loving in every way. I know that I could trust him with my life and the lives' of my family. He's shown me right from wrong in times of need. He's also given me words of wisdom to live by.

Sincerely,

Angelica Briseno

Patricia Galvin


Canoga Park, CA 91303

March 5, 1999

To Whom it May Concern, I do declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Pastor Dino Gentile has been an excellent example of a man of God for me and my children. He has gone out of his way to help us in every way possible. For example, he has helped us financially to pay my rent approximately four times. He also got transportation, and supplied me and my family with a vehicle. Being separated from my husband has been such a hardship on me and my family, and if it wasn't for the support of Pastor Gentile and the Ark, I don't know where me and my four children would be. I cannot tell you how much he has helped us in every way from counseling, teaching, preaching to encourage our souls. He is an incredible man of God and has proven himself as such. He has given us strength and the church has become like our family. He has given us courage in times of need and has been dependable in every way. He has blessed both me and my family, and I thank God for him.

He has gone out of his way to give us food, clothing, and everything we need. I don't know what we would have done without Pastor Gentile in our lives.

Truly,

Patricia Galvin and children

**Petition for Commutation of Sentence**

Tuesday, December 1, 2009 2:41 PM

From: "DJ Dave" <hotdjdave@yahoo.com>**To:** president@whitehouse.gov**Cc:** senator@boxer.senate.gov, senator@feinstein.senate.gov, Karl@Rove.com, brad.sherman@mail.house.gov, info@bradsherman.com, info@chuckdevore.com

Dear Mr. President,

Below is a petition for you to grant clemency or a commuted sentence to a man, Pastor Dino Gentile, who did not deserve even 1/20th of the outrageous sentence he received under the prior Administration. As you will read in the petition, you must agree that Pastor Gentile was over-sentenced. Please take a moment to read the petition and remarkable story of this Pastor who was given an unfair chance. This petition is one of many hundreds correspondences from citizens, politicians, community leaders, bishops, and pastors that have been sent to the White House and White House Staff (this and the prior Administration) on his behalf regarding this matter. Please excuse us for the format taken from the online petition web site regarding the signatures; I know many of the petitioners personally.

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Dear Mr. President,

For the last ten (10) years, thousands of people have written the White House concerning the release of Pastor Dino M. Gentile. Hundreds of Christian organizations representing millions of constituents have pleaded for his release. The people in these organizations are from various denominations, races, backgrounds, and generations. In short, this vast majority has been ignored.

We only wish you knew Pastor Gentile like we do, as we would the judge and prosecutor in his case, who have not witnessed the years of his altruistic service to people nationwide.

He has fed, clothed, and housed many people, helped the homeless, youth, the elderly, the downtrodden, the sick, the mentally ill, the oppressed, drug addicts, alcoholics, distressed families, and the elderly – some even in his own home – and continues to do so as a model prisoner, despite his incarceration.

The former administration, under President George W. Bush, has ignored his request for clemency. Pastor Gentile will now have to wait another year to apply for clemency. You can change this – you can commute his service at any time without having to wait another year to reapply.

Pastor Gentile has a lovely family – two daughters who are growing up without having their loving father, who need him so badly, and a wife who is trying to rear their children without the aid and support of her husband. Many have pledged to help Pastor Dino Gentile readjust when he is released.

Why is it only at holidays or at the end of a President's term that clemency is given? Our founding fathers did not design clemency as a lottery or private "friends and contributors" club, or to be a "dirty deed." Clemency was designed as a cure for unfair sentences (which Pastor Gentile has received) – a cure for aberrations in justice. For over twenty years, our "advanced nation" has had no federal parole program. If the Presidency commuted one sentence per day, it would not put a dent in the 200,000 or more inmates in Federal Prison, and could do it in dignity as incentive for those without hope – model inmates, first time offenders, the elderly, all of which Pastor Gentile represents. Mr. President, people from nations like Libya shoot down planes with 200 passengers on board and say they will repent, and we grant them forgiveness; but our own citizens with far lesser crimes are left to languish without mercy.

In the case of Pastor Dino Gentile's involvement in a Florida bank robbery, federal prosecutors offered him two (2) years if he plead guilty, but believing he was not guilty of the crime for which he was being prosecuted, he exercised his constitutional right to have a trial, and instead he received a forty-one (41) year sentence – a twenty-fold enhancement. Thirty (30) years of this enhancement was for the fact that the actual bank robber used a firearm. Pastor Gentile's involvement in the crime was forced under duress by the actual bank robber by fear of injury and even death to him, his family, and possibly to innocent bystanders – he went along with the act, only waiting in the car for the robber with a bomb strapped to the chair behind him by the bank robber. During the crime, Pastor Gentile spoke to no one, threatened no one, had no weapons, never went onto the premises, and no one was injured – even the actual bank robber admitted to this. Pastor

Gentile's lawyer, for various dubious reasons, did not properly defend him, even to the point of leaving out evidence that would have proven his side of the story, either acquitting him or drastically reducing his sentence. Because Pastor Gentile did not plead guilty, the prosecutors sought the maximum sentencing, and using broad conspiracy and gun laws had him punished with an outrageous and unfair sentence. Authorities admitted he had a very small part in the crime.

This is not a fugitive donating money to a library. This is a model citizen, a philanthropic Pastor in Los Angeles, an national evangelist, and a youth leader since 1984, who traveled the country, changing lives, rescuing people, and literally giving the shirt off his back for anyone who was in need. This man made a mistake and they locked him up and threw away the key.

Bishops, congresspersons, senators, former federal prosecutors, pastors, laity, and citizens wrote the former Administration that was supposed to represent conservative Christians, even promising clemency would be put on "the fast track," yet, nothing. People wrote to, and even went to the White House on Pastor Gentile's behalf. Of the thousands who wrote on his behalf, all of them personally know Pastor Dino Gentile, and have seen his benevolent work first hand.

Articles about Pastor Gentile's prison ministry have been published, where he continues to reach lost souls, many who upon release have written testifying of his affect on them to change there ways. All on his own, Pastor Gentile, through petitioning Habitat for Humanity to allow prisoners to build homes for the needy families, recently was successful in the FCC Lompoc implementation to contract to build sixteen homes for Habitat for Humanity. In the past, he had sent to the White House a plan signed by volunteer inmates to work on "nation building" in Afghanistan and Iraq to free up US troops there and prove that inmates can still be useful, hoping this might reduce their draconian sentences – again, no response.

When interviewed, jurors have stated that Pastor Gentile's trial was "botched by his attorney" and were shocked to find out he received a forty-one year sentence. He has fully accepted responsibility in writing to all about his part. After serving over ten years, he still has tremendous support. Held on file are some of the most persuasive letters written in the past, along with new ones being added all the time. We know you are busy and do not want to inundate you since you have a lot to do.

Please, remember Pastor Dino Gentile and have mercy upon him. Please do not wait – he

has already been waiting ten years for the scales of justice to be put in its proper balance. Please do not let Pastor Gentile be punished yet another holiday season waiting as in previous times by the last Administration. Please exercise your constitution power by granting clemency – [REDACTED] terrorists – to release Pastor Dino Gentile immediately, reuniting him with his suffering family, church, and community.

We are praying for you and support you as the leader of our great nation and looking forward to a positive change. God bless you and God bless America .

We, the undersigned, assert our rights as citizens of the United States in urging that President Barak H. Obama exercise his constitutional power of clemency – [REDACTED] - to pardon Pastor Dino Gentile immediately, reuniting him with his suffering family, church, and community.

<http://www.petitionspot.com/petitions/PastorDinoGentile>

<http://www.thegreatideashow.com/5.html>

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debra greenfield said 3 days ago (unverified) - I support this petition. #97

Ancisa Simon said 4 days ago (verified) - I support this petition. #96

Morgan Kaptain said 5 days ago (verified) - I support this petition. #95

Shayna Szmiot said 6 days ago (verified) - I support this petition. #94

Terry Ward said 1 week ago (unverified) - I support this petition. #93

April Szmiot said 1 week ago (verified) - I support this petition. #92

Ashley Wells said 1 week ago (verified) - I support this petition. #91

Jeff DeYarmon said 1 week ago (unverified) - I support this petition. #90

Deirdre Coffey said 1 week ago (verified) - I support this petition. #89

mARILYN bROWN said 1 week ago (unverified) - I support this petition. #88

BELTRAN ALMA said 2 weeks ago (unverified) - I support this petition. #87

Debra DeYarmon` said 2 weeks ago (verified) - I support this petition. #86

Lisa Schaefer said 2 weeks ago (verified) - I support this petition. #85

Jack Autry said 2 weeks ago (verified) - I very much support this petition in every way and form possible. I am 67 years old, and I have known Mr. Gentile for almost 25 years. I was not only his best man at his wedding but a member of his church for many years. It saddens me after all the years of fighting for our freedoms in other countries that our freedoms here at home have been all but taken away from us. Please do the right thing for Pastor Gentile and his family. for his children need him now more than ever. May God bless you and our country always. #84

Richard Conti said 2 weeks ago (verified) - I support this petition. I Believe that everyone should have the correct and fair legal guidance. #83

Jessica Geer said 2 weeks ago (verified) - I support this petition. #82

Anthony Autry said 2 weeks ago (unverified) - I support this petition. Dino is a great man, wonderful father, and a life long family friend, i will stand beside Dino Gentile till the day i die, God will be with him hopefully you and i as well. Please have mercy on him, his family and the world needs him.- ciao #81

Dee Jay Shoulders said 2 weeks ago (unverified) - I support this petition. Pastor Dino is a good man and his family needs him. Justice has been served here way more than enough. Thanks for your time. #80

william crase said 3 weeks ago (verified) - I support this petition. #79

Ronald M. Colitti said 3 weeks ago (unverified) - I support this petition. #78

Tom Papania said 3 weeks ago (verified) - I support this petition. #77

Alan Fitch said 3 weeks ago (verified) - I support this petition. #76

Anthony Sneed said 11/02/09, 8:39 pm (unverified) - I support this petition. #75

Jose Cuevas said 10/22/09, 7:22 pm (unverified) - I support this petition. #74

Tiffany Johnson said 10/21/09, 12:22 am (unverified) - I support this petition. #73

Terry Jenkins said 10/20/09, 10:06 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #72

Shawn M said 10/20/09, 9:02 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #71

Ashley Eastern said 10/20/09, 9:01 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #70

Bob said 10/20/09, 9:00 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #69

JME said 10/20/09, 8:57 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #68

Anders Wendt said 10/20/09, 8:55 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #67

bob smith said 10/20/09, 8:53 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #66

SubHorror said 10/20/09, 8:51 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #65

Sidd said 10/20/09, 8:51 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #64

mo said 10/20/09, 8:50 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #63

Chaos+1 said 10/20/09, 8:48 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #62

Fyad94404 said 10/20/09, 8:48 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #61

ted froggs said 10/20/09, 8:47 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #60

testoo0 said 10/20/09, 8:46 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #59

Joe456 said 10/20/09, 8:46 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #58

jimmy said 10/20/09, 8:43 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #57

L. Shea said 10/20/09, 8:43 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #56

Paul C Howard said 10/20/09, 8:40 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #55

Scott Razner said 10/20/09, 8:40 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #54

Peter Nisida said 10/20/09, 8:39 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #53

I\'m Richard said 10/20/09, 8:37 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #52

Kiran K said 10/20/09, 8:36 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #51

SPAMBOT said 10/20/09, 8:34 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #50

javasucks said 10/20/09, 8:34 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #49

Michal said 10/20/09, 8:31 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #48

████████████████████ said 10/20/09, 8:31 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #47

logan walters said 10/20/09, 8:30 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #46

████████████████████ said 10/20/09, 8:29 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #45

Yasch Siemens said 10/20/09, 8:28 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #44

Bob DaBuilder said 10/20/09, 8:27 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #43

Edward Caraballo said 10/20/09, 8:26 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #42

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Ryan said 10/20/09, 8:23 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #40

Sam Forster said 10/20/09, 8:21 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #39

Joey Ramone 1221874803 said 10/20/09, 8:21 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #38

Blerk said 10/20/09, 8:18 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #37

barbara elidai said 10/20/09, 8:18 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #36

JimmyPage said 10/20/09, 8:16 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #35

nick said 10/20/09, 8:15 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #34

[REDACTED] said 10/20/09, 8:13 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #33

Ia M Maximus said 10/20/09, 8:13 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #32

[REDACTED] said 10/20/09, 8:12 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #31

Me Myself said 10/20/09, 8:12 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #30

Bmonks said 10/20/09, 8:10 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #29

Chip Orr said 10/20/09, 8:09 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #28

Francine said 10/20/09, 8:08 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #27

roflcopter said 10/20/09, 8:06 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #26

Arthur Frank said 10/20/09, 8:05 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #25

Mark G said 10/20/09, 8:05 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #24

Zee/ShadowWaffle said 10/20/09, 8:03 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #23

Danilo Stepic said 10/20/09, 8:03 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #22

[REDACTED] said 10/20/09, 8:02 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #21

Vincent Fortuin said 10/20/09, 8:01 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #20

javasucks said 10/20/09, 7:59 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #19

Luke said 10/20/09, 7:58 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #18

Sudhir said 10/20/09, 7:56 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #17

David Williams said 10/20/09, 7:56 pm (unverified) - I support this Petition and fully agree with its contents. #16

Ryan Cucor said 10/20/09, 7:55 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #15

Racists SucKKK said 10/20/09, 7:54 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #14

Simon of Stevenage said 10/20/09, 7:53 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #13

[REDACTED] said 10/20/09, 7:51 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #12

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Brian Cair said 10/20/09, 7:49 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #10

KrazyKMK said 10/20/09, 7:48 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #9

Derick said 10/20/09, 7:48 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #8

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Jo said 10/20/09, 7:43 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #4

Jerk55 said 10/20/09, 7:42 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #3

Jay said 10/20/09, 7:41 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #2

Ian Barretto said 10/20/09, 7:40 pm (verified) - I support this petition. #1

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Thank you for your time and consideration. God bless you and God bless the USA .

Respectfully submitted,

David Williams

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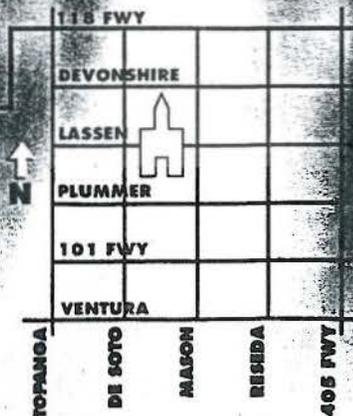
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