



January 24, 2023

**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Jim Jordan  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States House of Representatives  
2132 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan,

I am writing on behalf of CatholicVote, a national, lay-organized, faith-based advocacy organization, representing the voices of millions of Catholics across America. The purpose of my letter is to provide you and your committee with a comprehensive list of attacks on Catholic churches and pregnancy resource centers since May 2020, and to offer our assistance as you begin to investigate the failure of the Department of Justice to properly address these widespread and growing attacks.

As you know, following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May 2020, many places of worship were unfairly targeted in the ensuing civil unrest that swept the nation and persisted throughout that summer. These criminal acts were replicated, and increased, following the illegal leak of the draft *Dobbs* decision in May 2022, and involved firebombing, vandalism and violence, including the desecration of religious symbols and houses of worship in violation of several federal statutes. In recent months, while the rate of attacks against pregnancy resource centers has moderated, attacks on Catholic churches remains disturbingly high.

CatholicVote, the nation's largest lay Catholic grassroots advocacy organization, has acted to raise public awareness of these attacks, compiling a comprehensive database updated daily. Our tracker report shows that since May 28, 2020, there have been 278 acts of violence and vandalism against Catholic churches in the United States. Related there have been 78 acts of vandalism and violence against pregnancy care centers since the *Dobbs* leak alone.

Incidents include arson, statues and religious symbols defaced or destroyed, gravestones defaced with swastikas and anti-Catholic language and American flags next to them burned, along with other acts of destruction and vandalism. Many of these incidents openly express hostility toward the Catholic Church and threaten its adherents because of our timeless defense of the sanctity of human life in the womb.

CatholicVote has found evidence of arrests in just 74 of the 278 cases, representing only a quarter of the attacks. This is not for lack of effort by local law enforcement. The local police departments have been searching for suspects and many have offered rewards for information. Regrettably, we have learned that state and local law enforcement agencies often do not have the resources to properly fully investigate the growing number of attacks, patterns that may exist, along with the role of national extremist groups that may be responsible for fueling such incidents.

In December of 2021, my organization asked the Department of Justice to take decisive action in assisting state and local law enforcement in investigating the repeated attacks on churches in the United States. Under 18 U.S. Code § 247 it is the duty of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute, when necessary for substantial justice, those who do damage to religious property or participate in the obstruction of persons in the free exercise of religious beliefs.

In response to our letter, Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta wrote to us in January 2022 stating that Attorney General Garland had ordered a “15-day review to ensure that all appropriate resources are being deployed to protect houses of worship.” Further, Gupta acknowledged that the “Department is taking numerous steps to address such violence, consistent with our commitment to combat unlawful acts of hate in all their forms.” A copy of this correspondence is included below.

Disappointingly, it now appears that the promises made in Associate AG Gupta's January 2022 letter were mere platitudes. To date, the federal government has only found evidence to charge two individuals involved in only a handful of cases, despite hundreds of actual incidences of violence. These charges only recently came to light, indicating the more sunshine that Congress shines on the indifference of the DOJ the more likely they will do their job.


Further, aggressive action taken by the Department of Justice against over one hundred pro-life advocates, some of which involved surprise raids of these citizens homes, suggest that the Department is not fully committed to equally applying the law.

Chairman Jordan, your well known reputation for fairness and dedication to the United States Constitution are to be applauded, and make you the ideal Chairman to exercise proper oversight over the actions of the Department of Justice. Included in this letter is a copy of the list of all known attacks against both pregnancy resource centers and Catholic churches. Further, we are now in regular contact with leaders directly impacted by these incidents, and are willing to help facilitate their participation in offering any testimony that might prove helpful to the committee.

Last week Attorney General Garland spoke affirmatively about the obligations of his Department to equally enforce the law. He said, “We do not have different rules for Democrats or Republicans, different rules for the powerful or the powerless, different rules for the rich and for the poor, we apply the facts, and the law in each case in a neutral, non-partisan manner.”

I look forward to assisting your efforts to see that this pledge of impartiality is followed in every context, including the obligation to protect innocent Americans from widespread pro-abortion inspired domestic terrorism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Burch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Burch  
President, CatholicVote

Enclosure:

List of attacks on Catholic Churches since May 2020  
List of attacks on Pregnancy Resource Center since May 2022  
December 2021 Letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland  
January 2022 Response Letter from Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta

# Attacks on Catholic Churches

## Since May 28, 2020

*Current as of January 25, 2023*

<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Short Description</b>	<b>Arrests?</b>
May 28, 2020	Minneapolis	MN	Basilica of St. Mary	Pews set on fire	No
May 28, 2020	Minneapolis	MN	St. Olaf	Unspecified damage	No
May 29, 2020	Dallas	TX	St. Jude Chapel	Windows smashed	No
May 29, 2020	Louisville	KY	Cathedral of the Assumption	Rectory windows shattered	No
May 30, 2020	Los Angeles	CA	Our Lady of Mount Lebanon	Anti-police graffiti	No
May 30, 2020	New York	NY	St. Patrick's Cathedral	BLM graffiti	Yes
May 30, 2020	Indianapolis	IN	St. John the Evangelist	Car set on fire	No
May 31, 2020	Denver	CO	Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception	Atheist graffiti	No
June 16, 2020	Flagstaff	AZ	Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel	Crucifix spray-painted	No

June 22, 2020	Providence	RI	Dominican Community Cemetery	Dominican cemetery defaced	Yes
July 3, 2020	Gary	IN	St. Ann	Mary statue beheaded	No
July 4, 2020	Fremont	CA	Mission San Jose	Red graffiti representing blood	No
July 6, 2020	Rockford	IL	St. Bernadette	Crucifix smashed	No
July 10, 2020	Elmhurst	NY	Cathedral Preparatory School & Seminary	Anti-Catholic graffiti	No
July 11, 2020	San Gabriel	CA	Mission San Gabriel Arcángel	Church destroyed by arsonist	Yes
July 11, 2020	Ocala	FL	Queen of Peace	Man drives car through church and sets it on fire	Yes
July 12, 2020	Punta Gorda	FL	Sacred Heart	Five statues destroyed	Yes
July 12, 2020	Dorchester	MA	St. Peter	Mary statue set on fire	No
July 13, 2020	Chattanooga	TN	St. Stephen	Mary statue beheaded	No
July 14, 2020	Colorado Springs	CO	St. Mary's Cathedral	Statue decapitated	No
July 14, 2020	Miami	FL	Good Shepherd	Statues destroyed; anti-Catholic graffiti	No

July 15, 2020	New Haven	CT	St. Joseph	Satanic graffiti	No
July 19, 2020	Bloomingburg	NY	Our Lady of the Assumption	Pro-life memorial destroyed	No
August 3, 2020	Weymouth	MA	Sacred Heart	Attempted arson of church	No
August 8, 2020	Wounded Knee	SD	Sacred Heart	Deconsecrated church destroyed by arson	No
August 9, 2020	Denver	CO	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Statue destroyed	No
August 17, 2020	Citrus Heights	CA	Holy Family	Statue destroyed, swastika painted	No
August 24, 2020	Allentown	PA	Our Lady Help of Christians	Statue damaged	No
August 25, 2020	Kenosha	WI	St. James	Upside down cross painted, windows smashed	No
September 11, 2020	Brooklyn	NY	Shrine of Our Lady of Solace	Our Lady of Guadalupe statue destroyed	No
September 13, 2020	Midvale	UT	St. Therese of the Child Jesus	Statue destroyed; office burglarized	No
September 15, 2020	El Paso	TX	St. Patrick Cathedral	Jesus statue destroyed	Yes
September 23, 2020	Town & Country	FL	Incarnation	Church set on fire	Yes

September 24, 2020	San Antonio	TX	Assumption Seminary	Crucifix, doors damaged	No
September 25, 2020	El Cajon	CA	St. Peter Chaldean	Graffiti including "Biden 2020"	No
September 25, 2020	El Cajon	CA	Our Mother of Perpetual Help	Swastika graffiti	No
September 29, 2020	Fall River	MA	Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption	Statues destroyed; windows smashed	Yes
October 1, 2020	Derry	PA	St. Joseph	Unspecified vandalism	No
October 2020	Derry	PA	St. Joseph	Unspecified vandalism	No
October 12, 2020	San Rafael	CA	Mission San Rafael	Statue destroyed	Yes
October 17, 2020	Boulder	CO	St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center	Satanic graffiti	No
October 19, 2020	Magnolia	AR	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Pro-life memorial destroyed	No
October 20, 2020	Brooklyn	NY	Resurrection	Statue damaged	No
October 21, 2020	Prescott Valley	AZ	St. Germaine	Statues destroyed	Yes
October 22, 2020	Scranton	PA	Sts. Peter & Paul	Statue damaged	No

October 27, 2020	Louisville	KY	St. Martin of Tours	Altar ransacked	Yes
November 1, 2020	Derry	PA	St. Joseph	Unspecified vandalism	No
November 8, 2020	Shamokin	PA	Mother Cabrini	Statue destroyed	No
November 9, 2020	Chicago	IL	St. Mary of Perpetual Help	Statue of Mary doused with paint; atheist graffiti	No
November 10, 2020	Milford	CT	St. Gabriel	Painting defaced; kitchen ransacked	No
November 15, 2020	Brewster	WA	Sacred Heart	Church set on fire	Yes
November 23, 2020	Sunrise	FL	St. Bernard	Arson; statues destroyed	No
November 30, 2020	Derry	PA	St. Joseph	Sanctuary ransacked	No
December 2, 2020	Derry	PA	St. Joseph	Parish school ransacked	No
December 6, 2020	Houma	LA	St. Louis	"This is the end" graffiti	No
December 11, 2020	San Juan Capistrano	CA	Mission San Juan Capistrano	Graffiti (message unclear)	No
December 25, 2020	Indianapolis	IN	St. John the Evangelist	Nativity scene destroyed on Christmas morning	No

December 28, 2020	Fall River	MA	Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption	Windows smashed	No
January 1, 2021	New York	NY	St. Patrick's Cathedral	Anti-police graffiti	No
January 19, 2021	Toledo	OH	Rosary Cathedral	Arson and graffiti	No
January 29, 2021	Houston	TX	Queen of Peace	Our Lady of Guadalupe statue shot six times	No
February 10, 2021	El Paso	TX	St. Pius X	Statues destroyed	No
February 16, 2021	Denver	CO	St. Anthony of Padua	Altar ransacked, statue destroyed	No
February 17, 2021	Gower	MO	Abbey of the Benedictines	Gunshots fired at remote abbey	No
February 17, 2021	Portland	OR	St. Mary Cathedral	Man smashes windows, breaks in to rectory	Yes
February 19, 2021	San Juan Capistrano	CA	Mission San Juan Capistrano	Doors damaged	No
February 21, 2021	Gower	MO	Abbey of the Benedictines	Gunshots fired at remote abbey	No
February 25, 2021	Knobs	IN	St. Mary of the Knobs	Anti-Catholic graffiti	No
February 27, 2021	Youngstown	OH	Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	16 statues destroyed	Yes



March 2, 2021	Fort Worth	TX	St. Thomas the Apostle	Statues destroyed	No
March 12, 2021	Boston	MA	St. Monica & St. Augustine	Statue damaged	No
March 12, 2021	Boston	MA	St. Teresa of Calcutta	Unknown substance sprayed on locks to prevent entry	No
March 13, 2021	Washington	DC	St. Joseph	Satanic graffiti	No
March 18, 2021	Spokane	WA	St. Charles	Parish school set on fire	Yes
March 24, 2021	Gower	MO	Abbey of the Benedictines	Gunshots fired at remote abbey	No
April 15, 2021	Woodland	CA	Holy Rosary	Three statues defaced	No
April 16, 2021	Fargo	ND	Cathedral of St. Mary	Statue doused in paint	Yes
April 17, 2021	Rancho Cordova	CA	St. John Vianney	Satanic graffiti	No
April 18, 2021	Van Nuys	CA	Holy Rosary	Statues destroyed	No
April 25, 2021	Van Nuys	CA	St. Elisabeth of Hungary	Our Lady of Guadalupe mural defaced with sledgehammer	No
May 3, 2021	Waltham	MA	St. Charles Borromeo	Statue destroyed	No

May 6, 2021	Riverside	CA	Sacred Heart	Statues destroyed, windows smashed	Yes
May 8, 2021	Everett	MA	Our Lady of Grace	Windows smashed	No
May 9, 2021	Narragansett	RI	St. Thomas More	Statue damaged	No
May 14, 2021	Brooklyn	NY	St. Athanasius	Crucifix destroyed; American flag burned	Yes
May 15, 2021	Staten Island	NY	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Statues destroyed	No
May 17, 2021	Brooklyn	NY	Diocese of Brooklyn	Statue destroyed	No
May 27, 2021	Leavenworth	WA	Our Lady of the Assumption	Church ransacked; audio equipment stolen	No
May 31, 2021	Port Charlotte	FL	St. Charles Borromeo	Windows smashed	Yes
June 8, 2021	Queens	NY	Immaculate Conception	Unrecognizable graffiti	No
June 19, 2021	Philadelphia	PA	St. Veronica	Church set on fire	No
June 26, 2021	Portland	OR	St. Andrew	Windows smashed	No
June 26, 2021	Portland	OR	St. Patrick	Church set on fire	No

June 30, 2021	Denver	CO	Holy Ghost	Anti-police graffiti	No
July 1, 2021	Jersey City	NJ	Holy Rosary	Statues destroyed	Yes
July 2, 2021	Seattle	WA	St. James Cathedral	Protestors leave red handprints on walls	No
July 2, 2021	Portland	OR	St. Francis of Assisi	Protestors leave red handprints on walls	No
July 4, 2021	Merced	CA	St. Patrick	Statues splashed with red paint	Yes
July 7, 2021	Asheville	NC	Basilica of St. Lawrence	Jesus statue splashed with red paint	No
July 8, 2021	Los Angeles	CA	St. Mary	Church bell tower set on fire	Yes
July 11, 2021	Portland	OR	Holy Redeemer	Unspecified graffiti	No
July 17, 2021	Queens	NY	Our Lady of Mercy	Statues destroyed by woman in a rage	Yes
July 25, 2021	South Bend	IN	Christ the King	Man breaks in to church; damage unspecified	Yes
August 6, 2021	Seattle	WA	St. Benedict	"House of murder" graffitied	No
August 9, 2021	Bronx	NY	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mary statue set on fire	No

August 12, 2021	Spring Valley	NY	St. Joseph	Statue destroyed	No
August 17, 2021	Flushing	NY	St. Michael	Statue destroyed	No
August 29, 2021	Miami Shores	FL	St. Martha	Statue destroyed	No
August 31, 2021	Denver	CO	Cure' d'Ars	Tabernacle and other items stolen	Yes
September 2, 2021	Jay	ME	St. Rose of Lima	Satanic graffiti	No
September 5, 2021	Louisville	CO	St. Louis	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
September 23, 2021	Van Nuys	CA	St. Peter Armenian Apostolic Church	Windows smashed	No
September 29, 2021	Boulder	CO	Sacred Heart of Mary	Satanic graffiti	No
September 29, 2021	Miami Shores	FL	St. Martha	Statue destroyed	No
October 10, 2021	Seattle	WA	St. Edward	"House of murder" graffitied	No
October 10, 2021	Denver	CO	Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception	Satanic graffiti	Yes
October 11, 2021	Los Angeles	CA	St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church	Paint splashed	No

October 21, 2021	Manhattan Beach	CA	American Martyrs Church	Threatening anti-Catholic graffiti	No
October 22, 2021	Washington	DC	Annunciation	Swastika graffiti	No
October 22, 2021	Framingham	MA	St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery	25 headstones of Sisters of St. Joseph knocked over	Yes
October 24, 2021	Tacoma	WA	St. Charles Borromeo	Parish office set on fire	Yes
November 1, 2021	Fargo	ND	St. Anthony of Padua	Statue destroyed	No
November 5, 2021	Fremont	CA	Mission San Jose	"Land back" graffiti	No
November 7, 2021	Lake Forest	CA	Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church	Jesus statue smashed	No
November 9, 2021	Chicago	IL	St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral	Unspecified graffiti	No
November 13, 2021	Gary	IN	Sts. Monica & Luke	Man fires into crowd, killing one	No
November 28, 2021	Knoxville	TN	Catholic Charities	Arson causes serious damage	No
November 29, 2021	DeLand	FL	St. Peter	Windows smashed; statues destroyed	No
November 1, 2021	Emmonak	AK	Sacred Heart	Church ransacked and crucifix smashed	No

December 7, 2021	Washington	DC	Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	Statue of Our Lady of Fatima destroyed	No
December 12, 2021	Hillsborough	NJ	Mary Mother of God	Christmas decorations damaged/stolen	No
December 13, 2021	Portland	IN	Immaculate Conception	Church set on fire	Yes
December 14, 2021	Stanley	ND	Queen of the Most Holy Rosary	Vents blocked, causing harmful carbon monoxide	No
December 23, 2021	Hillsborough	NJ	Mary Mother of God	Christmas decorations damaged/stolen	No
December 26, 2021	Woodland Park	NJ	Holy Cross	Statues stolen from Nativity scene	No
December 29, 2021	Hillsborough	NJ	Mary Mother of God	Christmas decorations damaged/stolen	No
January 14, 2022	Fresno	CA	St. Alphonsus	Tabernacle stolen	No
January 20, 2022	Washington	DC	Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	Sacrilege by pro-abortion protestors	No
January 26, 2022	Burke	VA	Nativity	Fatima statues destroyed	No
January 27, 2022	Greenwood	MS	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Altar ransacked	No

February 14, 2022	Albuquerque	NM	Shrine of the Little Flower	Windows smashed; \$100,000 in damage	Yes
February 17, 2022	Milledgeville	GA	Sacred Heart	Statues destroyed	No
February 18, 2022	Framingham	MA	St. Stephen's Catholic Cemetery	Seven headstones knocked over	No
February 23, 2022	San Antonio	TX	St. Margaret Mary	Statue stolen	No
February 28, 2022	San Francisco	CA	Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption	Costumed protestors disrupt Mass	No
February 28, 2022	Baltimore	MD	St. Michael the Archangel	Tombstones toppled	No
February 1, 2022	Bethlehem	PA	St. Josaphat	Vandalism and theft	No
March 1, 2022	Jacksonville	FL	Holy Family	Satanic graffiti; statues destroyed	Yes
March 8, 2022	Royal Oak	MI	St. Mary	Statues destroyed; windows smashed	Yes
March 12, 2022	Wellington	KS	St. Anthony	Satanic graffiti	Yes
March 19, 2021	Woodland Hills	CA	St. Mel's	Statues damaged	No
March 22, 2022	Philadelphia	PA	Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul	Statue destroyed	No

March 26, 2022	Hydes	MD	St. John the Evangelist	Tabernacle stolen	No
April 1, 2022	North Beach	MD	St. Anthony	Sanctuary ransacked	Yes
April 8, 2022	Austin	TX	Cristo Rey	30 windows smashed	Yes
April 16, 2022	Boone	NC	St. Elizabeth	Man pours gasoline outside doors of church	Yes
May 4, 2022	Boulder	CO	Sacred Heart of Mary	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
May 4, 2022	Eagle River	AK	St. Andrew	Vulgar graffiti	No
May 5, 2022	Armada	MI	St. Joseph's Priory	Satanic graffiti, "Republicans dead"	No
May 8, 2022	Los Angeles	CA	Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels	Costumed protestors disrupt Mass	No
May 8, 2022	Fort Collins	CO	St. John XXIII	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
May 8, 2022	Atlanta	GA	Cathedral of Christ the King	Pro-abortion activists disrupt Mass	No
May 8, 2022	New York	NY	Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral	Pro-abortion demonstrators attempt to invade church	No
May 9, 2022	Katy	TX	St. Bartholomew the Apostle	Tabernacle stolen	Yes



May 9, 2022	Houston	TX	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Attempted desecration of the Eucharist	No
May 9, 2022	Houston	TX	Holy Rosary	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
May 11, 2022	Overland Park	KS	Church of the Ascension	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
May 17, 2022	New York	NY	Our Lady of Sorrows	Statues destroyed	No
May 17, 2022	West Windsor Township	NJ	St. David the King	"Worthless" spray-painted on memorial	No
May 21, 2022	Oakdale	CA	St. Mary	Multiple acts of vandalism	Yes
May 22, 2022	Olympia	WA	St. Michael	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
May 17, 2022	West Windsor Township	NJ	St. David the King	Statue vandalized	No
May 27, 2022	Villas	NJ	St. John Neumann	Pro-life sign destroyed	Yes
May 28, 2022	Hollywood	FL	Archdiocese of Miami Respect Life Office	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
May 30, 2022	Brooklyn	NY	St. Augustine	Tabernacle stolen; statues destroyed	No
May 1, 2022	Bethlehem	PA	St. Josaphat	Vandalism and theft	No

June 3, 2022	Hillsborough	NC	Holy Family	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 3, 2022	Villas	NJ	St. John Neumann	Pro-abortion graffiti	Yes
June 4, 2022	San Francisco	CA	Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption	Costumed protestors disrupt Mass	No
June 12, 2022	Eastpointe	MI	St. Veronica	Naked protestor disrupts Mass	No
June 22, 2022	Fredericksburg	TX	St. Mary's	Man attempts to firebomb church	Yes
June 23, 2022	Buffalo	NY	St. Margaret	Statues destroyed	No
June 24, 2022	Brooklyn	NY	Guardian Angel	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 25, 2022	Renton	WA	St. Anthony	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 25, 2022	Hutchinson	KS	St. Teresa	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 25, 2022	New Orleans	LA	Holy Name of Mary	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 25, 2022	South Bend	IN	St. Therese, Little Flower	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 26, 2022	Bellevue	WA	St. Louise	Man spray-paints church then assaults employee	Yes

June 26, 2022	Portland	OR	All Saints	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 26, 2022	Harlingen	TX	St. Anthony	Statues destroyed	No
June 26, 2022	Chicago	IL	Immaculate Conception	Pro-abortion protestors disrupt Mass	No
June 26, 2022	Reston	VA	St. John Neumann	Church set on fire; pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 26, 2022	Philadelphia	PA	St. Patrick	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 27, 2022	Shady Spring	WV	St. Colman	Church destroyed by arsonists	Yes
June 27, 2022	New York	NY	Ascension	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 27, 2022	Framingham	MA	St. George	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
June 30, 2022	Chippewa Falls	WI	St. Peter	Pro-abortion graffiti	Yes
June 30, 2022	Chippewa Falls	WI	Holy Ghost	Pro-abortion graffiti	Yes
June 30, 2022	Chippewa Falls	WI	Notre Dame	Pro-abortion graffiti	Yes
June 30, 2022	Chippewa Falls	WI	St. Charles	Pro-abortion graffiti	Yes

June 30, 2022	Lorain	OH	St. Anthony of Padua	Arson causes \$1 million in damage	No
July 1, 2022	Vinton	IA	St. Mary	Pro-life sign defaced	No
July 1, 2022	Portland	OR	Holy Redeemer	Rioters attempt to storm church	No
July 1, 2022	Weston	WV	St. Bernard	Unspecified	No
July 2, 2022	Madison	WI	St. Bernard	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
July 2, 2022	New York	NY	Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral	Pro-abortion protestors disrupt Mass	No
July 3, 2022	Lebanon	PA	Lebanon Catholic High School	Arson causes serious damage	Yes
July 4, 2022	San Francisco	CA	Star of the Sea	Facade doused with paint	No
July 7, 2022	Ontario	OR	Blessed Sacrament	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
July 7, 2022	Upland	CA	St. Joseph	Violent threats during Mass	Yes
July 9, 2022	Lower Township	NJ	St. John Neumann	Pro-abortion graffiti	Yes
July 10, 2022	Overland Park	KS	Church of the Ascension	Pro-abortion graffiti	No

July 10, 2022	Bethesda	MD	St. Jane Frances de Chantal	Church set on fire	Yes
July 11, 2022	Portland	OR	St. Patrick	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
July 11, 2022	Portland	OR	Archdiocese of Portland Office	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
July 12, 2022	Emporia	KS	Didde Catholic Campus Center	Pro-abortion graffiti	No
July 14, 2022	Lansing	MI	Lansing Catholic High School	Windows smashed	Yes
July 14, 2022	Lansing	MI	St. Thomas Aquinas	Statue destroyed	Yes
July 15, 2022	Long Beach	MS	St. Thomas	Statues destroyed	Yes
July 20, 2022	Halstead	KS	Sacred Heart	Pro-life display damaged	No
July 20, 2022	Houma	LA	Holy Rosary	Statues destroyed	No
July 21, 2022	Framingham	MA	St. George	"Pedo priest" spray-painted	No
July 23, 2022	Kingsburg	CA	Holy Family	Holy Family statues destroyed	No
July 31, 2022	Bakersfield	CA	San Clemente Mission	Statue destroyed	No

July 9, 2022	Kennett Square	PA	St. Patrick	Statues damaged, graffiti	No
July 20, 2022	Springfield	GA	St. Boniface	Pro-life sign defaced	No
July 31, 2022	Bakersfield	CA	St. Joseph	Windows smashed	No
August 6, 2022	New York	NY	Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral	Rioters attempt to storm church	Yes
August 6, 2022	Denver	CO	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Gunshots fired at church	No
August 8, 2022	Denver	CO	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Gunshots fired at church	No
August 11, 2021	North Little Rock	AR	St. Patrick	Two statues destroyed, causing \$20,000 in damages	No
August 12, 2022	Washington	DC	St. Anthony of Padua	Statue destroyed, garden ransacked	Yes
August 17, 2022	Evansville	IN	St. Mary	Windows smashed	No
August 19, 2022	Glens Falls	NY	St. Mary	Pro-life memorial damaged; statues graffitied	Yes
August 21, 2022	Weston	WV	St. Bernard	Man and woman break into church; nothing stolen	Yes
August 23, 2022	Palatine	IL	St. Theresa	Swastika graffiti	No

August 29, 2022	Houston	TX	St. Michael the Archangel	Windows smashed	No
August 30, 2022	Gibbsboro	NJ	St. Andrew the Apostle	Our Lady of Fatima statue stolen	Yes
September 16, 2022	Sauk Centre	MN	Our Lady of the Angels	Extensive damage; suspects arrested	Yes
September 18, 2022	Palo Alto	CA	St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center	Racist graffiti	No
September 21, 2022	Bethlehem	PA	St. Josaphat	Vandalism and theft	No
September 19, 2022	Detroit	MI	St. Hyacinth	Theft of cash	No
September 24, 2022	New York	NY	St. Patrick's Cathedral	Pro-abortion extremists shout obscenities	No
September 25, 2022	Arcata	CA	St. Mary	BLM graffiti	No
October 3, 2022	Queens	NY	Mary's Nativity / St. Ann	Man smashes Mary statue and runs over sign	Yes
October 5, 2022	Tulsa	OK	Holy Family Cathedral	Attack on employee and attempted arson	Yes
October 9, 2022	Lansing	MI	Church of the Resurrection	Threatening and lewd graffiti	No
October 17, 2022	Watsonville	CA	St. Patrick	Church set on fire by arsonist	Yes

October 23, 2022	El Paso	TX	St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	Man attempts to engrave glass	No
October 23, 2022	Reva	SD	Our Lady of the Prairie	"Almost everything", including the tabernacle, stolen	No
October 25, 2022	Colusa	CA	Our Lady of Lourdes	Altar ransacked	Yes
October 28, 2022	New York	NY	St. Patrick's Cathedral	Man throws wrench through Cardinal Dolan's residence glass doors	Yes
October 29, 2022	New York	NY	Archdiocese of NY	Man throws rock through glass at archdiocesan offices	Yes
October 30, 2022	Mountlake Terrace	WA	St. Pius X	Satanic graffiti	No
October 30, 2022	Washington	DC	St. Stephen the Martyr	Red substance splashed on Blessed Mother statue	No
October 30, 2022	Greensboro	NC	Our Lady of Grace	Blessed Mother statue defaced	No
October 31, 2022	Rochester	MN	Calvary Cemetery	Graves and columbarium spray-painted with Satanic graffiti	No
November 1, 2022	Stanford	CA	Memorial Church	Sacramental wine spilled at back of church	No
November 21, 2022	Kenosha	WI	St. Peter	Divine Mercy image spray-painted in unknown language	No



November 23, 2022	Eagle River	AK	St. Andrew	Vulgar graffiti	No
November 26, 2022	Weston	WV	St. Bernard	\$2,000 of damage to window (third attack this year on this church)	No
December 3, 2022	Omaha	NE	St. John Paul II Newman Center	Note threatening violence taped to door	No
December 10, 2022	Downingtown	PA	St. Joseph	Three statues destroyed	No
December 24, 2022	Tybee Island	GA	St. Michael's	Statues stolen from Nativity scene	No
December 24, 2022	San Francisco	CA	Star of the Sea	Man doused facade with paint and threatened pastor	No
December 25, 2022	Scranton	PA	St. Peter's Cathedral	"666" carved on church doors on Christmas Day	Yes
December 25, 2022	Escondido	CA	St. Mary's	Man breaks into church and damages statue of Mary	Yes
December 25, 2022	San Francisco	CA	Star of the Sea	"We Hate God" graffitied on doors	No
December 30, 2022	Grand Island	NE	Blessed Sacrament	Brick thrown through window	Yes
January 5, 2023	Subiaco	AR	Subiaco Abbey	Man breaks through altar & steals reliquaries; attempts to destroy tabernacle	Yes

January 5, 2023	Queens	NY	St. Nicholas of Tolentine	Vandals destroy Nativity scene	No
January 9, 2023	Escondido	CA	St. Mary's	Same man damages different statue of Mary	Yes
January 10, 2023	Escondido	CA	St. Mary's	Same man throws object through windows	Yes
January 13, 2023	Woodbury	NJ	Holy Angels	Man sets cross on fire	Yes
January 13, 2023	Runnemede	NJ	Holy Child	Man attempts to throw brick through window	Yes
January 13, 2023	Blackwood	NJ	St. Agnes	Man throws brick through window then sets flagpole on fire	Yes
January 18, 2023	Billings	MT	Mary Queen of Peace	Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe image defaced	No
January 20, 2023	Pittsburgh	PA	St. Rosalia	Memorial to aborted babies defaced	No

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# Attacks on Pregnancy Resource Centers and Pro-Life Organizations Since May 2, 2022

*Current as of January 25, 2023*

<b>Date</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Short Description</b>
5/3/2022	Austin	TX	Trotter House	Graffiti, property destruction
5/4/2022	Frederick	MD	CareNet Frederick	"Not real clinic" graffiti
5/5/2022	Portland	OR	Southeast Portland Pregnancy Resource Center	Smashed windows, graffiti
5/6/2022	Bangor	ME	First Step Pregnancy Resource Center	Sign destroyed
5/7/2022	Reiserstown	MD	Alpha Pregnancy Center	"If abortions aren't safe, neither are you"
5/7/2022	Manassas	VA	First Care Women's Health	"Abortion is a right" graffiti
5/7/2022	Alexandria	VA	Concerned Women for America	Property damage
5/7/2022	Denton	TX	Loreto House	"Forced birth is murder" graffiti
5/8/2022	Denton	TX	Woman to Woman Pregnancy Resource Center	Unspecified
5/8/2022	Frederick	MD	BirthRight of Frederick	"F*** fake clinic" graffiti

5/8/2022	Keizer	OR	OR Right to Life	Arson (minor damage)
5/8/2022	Madison	WI	WI Family Action	Arson (major damage)
5/12/2022	Ypsilanti	MI	Family Life Services	"Free safe legal abortion now" graffiti
5/14/2022	Ypsilanti	MI	Family Life Services	Unspecified
5/16/2022	Long Beach	CA	His Nesting Place Home for Mothers & Children	Woman invades prayer service
5/25/2022	Lynnwood	WA	Next Step Pregnancy Services	"If abortions aren't safe, neither are you"
5/25/2022	Auburn	AL	Women's Hope Medical Clinic	Staff cars keyed
5/27/2022	Eugene	OR	Dove Medical Clinic	Jane's Revenge graffiti
5/28/2022	Hollywood	FL	South Broward Pregnancy Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/2/2022	Anchorage	AK	Community Pregnancy Center	Graffiti, smashed windows, nails
6/2/2022	Des Moines	IA	Agape Pregnancy Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/3/2022	Washington	DC	Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/4/2022	Federal Way	WA	CareNet Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound	Pro-abortion posters
6/6/2022	Asheville	NC	Mountain Area Pregnancy Services	"If abortions aren't safe, neither are you"

6/7/2022	Buffalo	NY	CompassCare Pregnancy Services	Firebombing
6/9/2022	Vancouver	WA	Options360 Women's Clinic	Fake blood, Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/10/2022	Gresham	OR	Gresham Pregnancy Resource Center	Firebombing; building declared a total loss
6/15/2022	Philadelphia	PA	HOPE Pregnancy Center	Windows smashed
6/15/2022	Minneapolis	MN	MN Concerned Citizens for Life	Graffiti, smashed windows
6/19/2022	Dearborn Heights	MI	Lennon Center	Smashed windows, Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/19/2022	Redford Township	MI	Pregnancy Counseling Center	Smashed windows, Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/21/2022	Jackson	MI	Jackson Right to Life	Smashed windows, Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/24/2022	Salt Lake City	UT	Pregnancy Resource Center of Salt Lake City	"If abortions aren't safe, neither are you"
6/24/2022	Akron	OH	Northeast Ohio Right to Life	Crowd gathered to threaten staff
6/24/2022	New York	NY	Pregnancy Help Inc.	Glass door smashed, graffiti
6/24/2022	Southfield	MI	Mother & Unborn Baby Care	14 windows smashed; Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/25/2022	Longmont	CO	Life Choices	Arson (minor damage)
6/25/2022	Lynchburg	VA	Blue Ridge Pregnancy Center	Smashed windows, "if abortion isn't safe, neither are you"

6/25/2022	Paso Robles	CA	Tree of Life Pregnancy Support Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/25/2022	Glendale	CA	Avenues Pregnancy Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/25/2022	Cortez	CO	Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center	Pro-abortion graffiti
6/25/2022	Concord	CA	Options Health	Unspecified
6/25/2022	Iowa City	IA	Informed Choices Clinic	Sign destroyed by graffiti
6/25/2022	Oklahoma City	OK	Crossroads Clinic	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/26/2022	Portland	OR	First Image	Pro-abortion anarchists vandalize businesses which donate to First Image
6/26/2022	Winter Haven	FL	LifeChoice Pregnancy Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/26/2022	Burlington	VT	BirthRight	Smashed windows
6/27/2022	Portland	OR	First Image	Mob smashes windows, leaves vile graffiti
6/27/2022	Everett	WA	Two Hearts Pregnancy Aid	Attempted arson, smashed windows
6/27/2022	Dayton	OH	Women's Centers of Ohio	Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/27/2022	Brooklyn	NY	Expectant Mother Care Frontline	"Fake clinic" graffiti
6/28/2022	Littleton	NH	Pathways Pregnancy Center	"Fund abortion, abort God"

6/29/2022	Nashville	TN	Hope Clinic for Women	Attempted arson, Jane's Revenge graffiti
6/29/2022	Yuba City	CA	A Woman's Friend Pregnancy Resource Clinic	Smashed windows, graffiti
July 2022	Sacramento	CA	Alternatives Pregnancy Center	Man approaches with machete
7/3/2022	Hialeah	FL	Pregnancy Help Medical Clinic	"If abortions aren't safe, neither are you"
7/5/2022	St. Paul	MN	BirthRight of St. Paul	Jane's Revenge graffiti
7/5/2022	Kenmore	WA	CareNet Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound	Smashed windows, "If abortions aren't safe, neither are you"
7/5/2022	Moab	UT	Arches New Hope Pregnancy Center	Black paint splashed all over building
7/6/2022	Oreland	PA	Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia	Windows smashed, Jane's Revenge graffiti
7/6/2022	Worcester	MA	Problem Pregnancy Resource Center	Windows smashed, Jane's Revenge graffiti
7/6/2022	Worcester	MA	Clearway Clinic	Windows smashed, Jane's Revenge graffiti
7/8/2022	Akron	OH	Northeast Ohio Right to Life	Smashed windows, graffiti
7/12/2022	Baton Rouge	LA	Women's New Life Clinic	Jane's Revenge graffiti
7/19/2022	Tomah	WI	Monroe County Right to Life	Sign destroyed

7/26/2022	Northfield	MN	Northfield Women's Center	Windows smashed; graffiti
8/1/2022	St. Paul	MN	Abria Pregnancy Center	"If abortions aren't safe, neither are you"
8/9/2022	Pocatello	ID	Compassion & Hope Pregnancy Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
8/18/2022	Easthampton	MA	Bethlehem House of Western Massachusetts	Jane's Revenge graffiti
8/22/2022	Schenectady	NY	Alpha Pregnancy Center	Jane's Revenge graffiti
9/5/2022	Petoskey	MI	Pregnancy Care Center of Petoskey	Black paint splashed on facade
9/16/2022	Southfield	MI	Mother & Unborn Baby Care	Jane's Revenge graffiti
9/19/2022	New York	NY	Avail NYC	Anarchist protestors picket, harass pregnancy center
9/24/2022	Englewood	CO	Bella Health + Wellness	Satanic graffiti
10/13/2022	Wasilla	AK	HeartReach Pregnancy Care Center	Pregnancy center and church which supports it spray-painted
11/11/2022	Minneapolis	MN	First Care Pregnancy Center	Extremists project profane messages on to clinic building
12/2/2022	Washington	DC	Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center	Extremists repeatedly disrupt fundraiser
12/19/2022	Eastpointe	MI	Pregnancy Aid Detroit	Board member's home vandalized; pregnancy center graffitied



1/24/2023	Washington	DC	March for Life	Annual gala disrupted by protestor
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December 15, 2021

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Attorney General Merrick Garland  
Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights Kristen Clarke  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Garland and Assistant Attorney General Clarke:

On behalf of CatholicVote, representing the voices of millions of Catholics across America who seek to renew our country and our culture, I am writing to voice our concerns over the disturbing increase in attacks against Catholic symbols, shrines, statues and churches across the United States over the past year. We ask that the Department of Justice investigate these complaints and take appropriate action.

In the past year, we have witnessed, among other things, in California, statues of Father Junipero Serra toppled in protest of what activists have called the ‘enslavement’ of Native Americans. A monument for “babies whose lives are ended by abortion” was knocked over at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg, New York. The Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colorado, was recently marked with Satanic graffiti. Earlier this month, just miles from your offices, security-camera footage recorded a man attacking a statue of Our Lady of Fatima at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., by cutting off her hands and hammering at her face.

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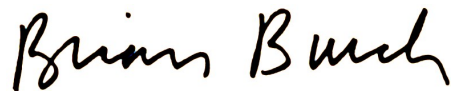
In total, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has documented at least 114 incidents against Catholicism across 29 states and the District of Columbia, since May 2020. These incidents include: arson; statues beheaded, smashed, and painted; gravestones defaced with swastikas and anti-Catholic language and American flags next to them burned; and other forms of destruction and vandalism. These incidents appear driven by animosity directed specifically at Catholics.

Under 18 U.S. Code § 247 it is the duty of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute, when necessary, those who do damage to religious property or participate in the obstruction of persons in the free exercise of religious beliefs. The Justice Department has touted efforts to prosecute crimes against protected classes of Americans, including race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and ancestry. Yet you have made no meaningful effort to raise awareness, or address the disturbing rise in hate-filled attacks on Catholic religious symbols, shrines, statues and churches.

Religious liberty is a foundational principle of enduring importance in America, enshrined in the First Amendment of our Constitution and federal law. The vandalism we are seeing today is quickly rising to levels that haven't been seen since the late 1800's and early 1900's from organized groups such as the Know-Nothings and the Ku Klux Klan.

It is imperative that the Department of Justice investigate these incidents. Those who break the law by defacing a house of worship or causing major damage to church property and important religious symbols must be held to account for their actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Burch". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Brian Burch  
President, CatholicVote



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of the Associate Attorney General

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January 28, 2022

Mr. Brian Burch  
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Dear Mr. Burch:

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2021. Two days after learning of this correspondence, the Attorney General ordered a 15-day review to ensure that all appropriate resources are being deployed to protect houses of worship. On December 21, the Department found a number for you online, attempted to contact you by phone, and left you a message. As we have yet to hear back, we write today to provide you with the information in response to your letter.

We share your concern with and commitment to preventing and addressing acts of vandalism, property destruction, and other incidents that target religious symbols, shrines, statues, or churches. The Department is taking numerous steps to address such violence, consistent with our commitment to combat unlawful acts of hate in all their forms. In your letter, you note specific incidents documented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in which Catholic monuments and churches were attacked or vandalized in California, New York, Colorado, and Washington, D.C., in the last year, and you ask the Department to investigate these and other anti-Catholic incidents and to take appropriate action.

The Department is aware of the incidents that your letter describes. Combatting hate crimes is among the highest priorities of the Department, and where evidence reveals a violation of the federal criminal statutes, we are committed to taking appropriate action. Where an incident is not prosecutable under federal statutes and state or local action is more appropriate, we work with our state and local partners to investigate these incidents.

The Department is committed to the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes, including those that are religiously motivated. The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division and the United States Attorneys' Offices are responsible for enforcing federal hate crime statutes. Among these statutes is 18 U.S.C. § 247, which prohibits intentionally defacing, damaging or destroying religious property, or attempts to do so, because of the property's religious nature, where the crime is in or affecting interstate commerce. The statute also prohibits anyone from intentionally obstructing or attempting to obstruct, by force or threat of force, a person in the enjoyment of their religious beliefs, or attempts to do so, where the crime is in or affecting

interstate commerce. Finally, the statute prohibits anyone from intentionally defacing, damaging or destroying any religious property because of the race, color, or ethnic characteristics of any individual associated with the property.

The Department has successfully pursued and prosecuted a number of religiously motivated hate crimes in recent years. For example, the Department indicted a man for setting fire to a Catholic church in Ocala, Florida;<sup>1</sup> convicted a woman who threatened to bomb a Catholic preparatory school in Washington, D.C.;<sup>2</sup> convicted a man who threatened a shooting spree at a Catholic church in Oregon;<sup>3</sup> convicted a man who carried out a series of arsons at churches in Tennessee;<sup>4</sup> and convicted a man who opened fire on worshippers in a synagogue and set fire to a mosque in California because he wanted to kill Muslims and Jews, resulting in a life sentence.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to criminal prosecutions and investigations, the Department is committed to providing training and education to help protect houses of worship and faith communities. As part of that effort, the Department conducts outreach to educate the public of the resources available to prevent and combat hate crimes, including crimes targeting houses of worship. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for example, conducts hate crime trainings and civil rights outreach events, several of which specifically address safety issues at houses of worship. In October 2020, the FBI and Department of Homeland Security hosted a virtual Security & Safety Symposium for Faith-Based Communities, which was attended by approximately 2000 attendees across the country. The webinar focused on strengthening relationships between law enforcement and communities of faith and contained two main teaching blocks: *Enhancing Security in Houses of Worship* and *Practicing Safety Within Your Community*.

The Community Relations Service also regularly works with church leaders in its work providing facilitation, mediation, and consultation services, and responds to requests from religious leaders to facilitate forums to keep places of worship safe. CRS's Protecting Places of Worship forum is a half-day session that provides faith-based leaders and congregations with information about religious hate crimes, state and federal hate crimes laws, law enforcement threat assessments, and ways to protect places of worship from potential hate crimes and other threats of violence. CRS held three forums in 2021, including one forum held after a shooting at a church in Texas.

Finally, the Department's Office of Justice Programs has several grant programs that can be used to prevent and address hate crimes, including crimes targeting houses of worship. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is a formula grant program that is the leading federal source of criminal justice funding to states, territories, local governments, and tribes, and can be used for crime prevention efforts to increase patrols and deployments that bolster the security of at-risk nonprofit organizations, including churches and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/florida-man-charged-federal-hate-crime-setting-fire-church>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-woman-sentenced-15-months-threatening-bomb-catholic-prep-school>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/oregon-man-pleads-guilty-federal-hate-crime-threatening-shooting-spre-eugene-church>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdtn/pr/nashville-man-pleads-guilty-civil-rights-violations-series-church-arsons>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/california-man-sentenced-life-followed-30-years-prison-federal-hate-crimes-related-2019-poway>

other places of worship. The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners in conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes committed on the basis of a victim's protected characteristics, including religion.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department if we may be of assistance with this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vanita Gupta", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Vanita Gupta  
Associate Attorney General