Compulie May 15, 1971 The Most Rev. Thomas J. Drury, Bishop of Corpus Christi 620 Lipan Corpus Christi, Texas Your Excellency, We, the undersigned, are not members of Holy Cross Parish, but we share the dismay of the parishioners at the transfer of Father Charles McNaboe. Father McNaboe's ability to form a viable Christian community, which is tri-ethnic, has been effectively demonstrated. He has provided a leadership which has affirmed the human dignity of all the people and has created an important sense of belonging to an open, sharing community of believers. Few men have the abilities which a successful pastoral leadership of this community requires. Father McNaboe's training as a social worker provides a skill which is greatly needed in the HIAICO area where there is high density, great poverty and few resources. The people of the diocese paid for Father McNaboe's training as a social worker. Given a chance to use his professional expertise, Holy Cross Parish can become a highly effective instrument for helping the poor. It is simply not enough for a priest to limit his concern to the sanctuary and sacristy when great social ills require the action of the Church to help correct them. Father McNaboe's understanding of this need for Christian action has been impressive. In moving a man who is in a key position in an important community agency (0.E.O.) and who has committed himself to working for the poor, the Church presents to the community the image of a large organization, insensitive to the needs of the people. This priest has touched many lives. Many of us have traveled across town to be a part of a worshiping community which embodies the kind of caring which Christ exemplified. We feel that Father McNaboe should be allowed to continue his apostolate at Holy Cross Parish.