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Reverend Parish Priests
Archdiocese of Halifax

Dear Father:

Re: The New Vandals

Veritas Catholic Books and Gifts has been at 1546 Barrington Street, Halifax, for about two years. Maritime Center had refused to renew the lease. The new location has been the object of repeated acts of vandalism since early in the move. These are some of the vandalisms:

- Scratching the windows with sharp stones;
- Smearing the windows with hard greasy paste to cover some of the posters;
- Tearing posters from inside the store: then running out fast before being stopped (the poster was for the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE);
- Taking photos of book covers dealing with darwinism, evolution, creationism;
- Finally, the latest nuisance: injecting glues into the door lock, so that the door could not be opened. Before that, attempts at smashing the door lock were made as evidence can show.

The police have been informed, but it has not been possible to identify the culprits. It seems evident that the message Veritas Bookstore is intended to carry has been noticed. It seems evident also that there are groups of people intent on pushing Catholics back into the sacristy.

These facts are reported to you so that parishioners may be informed and encouraged to take part in activities which bring Catholics outside the Church in large numbers: the FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE comes to mind. We should not be silenced.

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,

Lucian Bianchini, for Veritas.