

8-12-22

Dear Parishioners of Saint Monica:

Last night while the Parent Meeting on transgenderism was taking place, an arsonist came on our property and set on fire the area around the statue of Mary—located below the upper level parking lot on the Augustine Hall side. An alert cleaner had noted the strange behavior and, with the assistance of a parish staff member, put out the fire, which caused little discernible damage. The arsonist, who had burnt his hands, went to the Duluth Police Department and turned himself in.

The Archbishop and other pertinent Archdiocesan personnel have been notified. The parish is currently cooperating with an investigator with the Gwinnett County Fire and Emergency Services, whose team visited the site last night, talked to witnesses, and is to avail themselves of footages downloaded from our surveillance cameras. A group of men who kept watch over our property soon after the Dobbs decision is currently being reactivated.

The morning before the arson, I felt compelled to pray the "Exorcism Against Satan and the Fallen Angels" on our property, including the site where the fire occurred. I repeated this prayer of minor exorcism this morning, and intend to pray this intermittently. I ask all of you to pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary in reparation for all sins of profanation and sacrilege against our Lady, for the conversion of the arsonist, and for our protection, and that of all Catholic Churches. Be sure to add the "Saint Michael" prayer. Remain vigilant, but not afraid.

In Christ Jesus, Victor, Fr. Jack