

**St. Dismas Catholic Community
At Clinton Correctional Facility**

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January 9, 2009

**The Honorable David Paterson
The Governor of the State of New York
Executive Clemency
State Capital
Albany, NY 12224**

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**RE: Executive Clemency Application for
Richard Taus, 91A1040**

Dear Governor Paterson:

I have been requested to write a letter of reference in support of the consideration for Executive Clemency for Richard Taus, 91A1040.

I have been the Pastor of the Catholic Community here at the Clinton Correctional Facility for the past six years and have know Mr. Taus for this period of time. He has been active in our Catholic Community during this period of time and also before my arrival. He has certainly shown leadership ability and responsibility in the various tasks he has been involved with in our community and also as demonstrated in this positions here at the facility.

I do ask that you consider his request for Executive Clemency and thank you for your role as Governor of the State of New York.

Sincerely;

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**Fr. Guy Edwards
Priest Chaplain for Clinton Correctional Facility**