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It is with a heavy heart that we send this statement to the public and press today. The whole family and many, many friends loved our daughter, Anne Catherine Swanke. We received the news of the abduction and the discovery of her body with great sadness.

But we take great consolation in knowing that she is at rest. From what we have been told, we believe that Anne died defending her integrity. She preferred death to degradation. That is hard for those of us who are left to mourn, but I hope it is an example to all--especially the young. I hope that every one who knew Anne learns that virtue and integrity are needed for happiness and peace.

Anne has peace now, and for that we are glad. The deep grief which my family, myself and my friends have now will heal. We will continue to live and to remember the beauty of that person who is Anne.

It is our hope that she will continue to live not only in the memory of those of us who knew her so well, but also in a living memory. Anne wanted to be an opera singer. I think she had the intelligence, sensitivity and talent to reach that goal. So even though she herself will use her beautiful voice to sing the praises of God in his heaven, I am hopeful that all of her family and friends will help us develop a fund which will help other singers get the education and training which they will need to become the opera singer on earth that Anne wanted to be.

I would ask you to make a contribution to the Anne C. Swanke Memorial Fund which we are establishing at the University of San Diego. The interest on this fund will be used to pay the tuition and, as the fund grows, the expenses of some young woman in the future who will strive to study music and voice. The principal of this fund will never be used, only the interest, and only a part of the interest so that each year the fund will grow. It is our hope that eventually, the fund will not only support a student, but will also be able some day to support a chair in music at the University of San Diego.

My wife, my children and myself are very grateful to the many people who rallied around us during this sorrowful hour and we appreciate all the kind words and good deeds which all of you have done for us. Please continue to give us this kindness by supporting the Anne C. Swanke Memorial Fund. In this way Anne will continue to live on and spread beauty, cheer and happiness on earth as she did for the twenty-two years she lived.

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