March 31, 1977

Mr. Philip Petit St. John's Seminary 127 Kake Street Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Phil,

I have met with Bishop Gendron and we have carefully examined and evaluated each applicant for the Union Saint Jean-Baptiste and it is indeed a pleasure to inform you that you are the recipient of a \$500.00 grant for the '77-'78 academic year. L'Union St. Jean-Baptiste has just been informed of this grant and you should be hearing from them soom. They will be writing to your home address. They will ask you to become either an associate member whose dues are only \$6.00 a year or an insurance member and you may choose any insurance plan you desire. You are free to choose either kind of membership. The actual grant of \$500.00 will come from Bishop Gendron as soonsas your first tuition payment is due.

I am really pleased that you are one of the recipients and I certainly hope that you will receive even more assistance from other sources as you prepare yourself for the new year.

The name and address of the administrator of this grant is: Rev. Albert H. Brindamour, Chairman, Board of Educational Assistance, Union St. Jean Baptiste, One Social Street, Woonsocket, R.I. 02895

My best wishes for a real enriching Easter Season. May Our Lord truly touch you and your work.

In His Peace and Love,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

May 31, 1977

Mr. Philip Petit St. Gabriel's Parish 139 Washington Street Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Phil,

Thank you for your letter describing your summer assignment and sharing your concern for Chris Bird. I have not seen Chris in a long time but he said that he would be coming to Manchester as soon as he was free.

Concerning Financial Aid, I would suggest that we work on that as some as possible. Before both of us realize, September will be here aid gone. Have you tried the "HELP Loan Program" at the Merchants Bank in Manchester? Actually, You may apply at any bank in New Hampshire where you have an account. If you have no account in a New Hampshire Bank then you could possibly contact Mr. Romeo Dorval at the Merchants. The other institution where you could possibly borrow money would be the "Union St. Jean Baptiste". I believe that you already have the address. I certainly hope that you will be able to find something before the end of the summer. We are strongly urging everyone to remain financially independent of the diocese. Whenever you come up please stop by and let me know how you are doing.

It was great seeing you yesterday. It was a most enjoyable evening. Looking forward to seeing pou at the end of June.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

May 10, 1977 Dear Faul, It was good to see you both in Manchester and Berlin We both had thing to keep us busy so we had little apportunity to speak. I am going to working at: St. Babriel's Parish 139 Washington St. Brighton, Ma. 02135 tel. 254-6582 254-8512 Parti: Ger. Salvatore A. Riccardi C. P. I have done some moisie in the paich since Lent and they are very anxious & have me for the summer. His quite on active and forward looking parish seit should, he aren rewarding and beneficial experience for me. It is possible that I could work up a field ed. involvement in the Parish sext Fall - sort of continue what I've Established for the summer. There just marked off they 12-14 for the gathering I am looking forward to it very much Chris Bird probably mentioned to you that be spent the week-end here a few weeks ago. It had time here to reflect our many things he had time here to reflect our many things he was concerned about. The did ask my advice and I tried to be helpful. Whove all I encouraged him to be open and honest with you regarding next year. He was a bit embaroused about 4423 pulling out after the arrangements were made. I suggeted telling you I have received a letter from him since and be had aporter to refore. All seemed a little relieved man for now. personally a premature entry to a seminary could thank the experience at thank the experience at Titabley will be yord for Chris. Ichool year is gunding to a halt. It will be a plente finish - you can be suce. With week-ends taken up with Ordinations + Masses from Berlin to Lerouton Pa. - It is quite betie. Once settled at St. Sabriels for the summer. I will be up in N. I and will try to contact you. Thanks for you help P.S. - twition is \$2800 next year for me.

Leaves 2300. any and all help is the leave Leve Phil.



SAINT GABRIEL PARISH COMMUNITY

139 Washington Street 254-6582

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June 8, 1977

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D. Bishop of the Diocese of Manchester Bishop's Residence 657 N. River Road Manchester, New Hampshire 03104

Dear Bishop:

In the past couple of weeks we have sort of bumped into each other. Berlin I knew that you would be there, but I did not expect to see you at St. Anselm's last Sunday afternoon. I hope your brother, Fr. Mancy, had a nice day of it for his 25th.

As you might expect I have a favor to ask, but it is painless and will not cost you more than a postage stamp. A friend of mine from Suncook and I have been able to plan a trip to Europe for a period of time this summer. I have never to Europe before, though he was fortunate enough to study there for a year e in college. I seized the opportunity to travel when it presents itself, and I am very anxious for the adventure. And that is precisely what it will be.

As you know, travelling is expensive. Limited does not even describe my financial situation, but we were able to get a very good price on flight tickets. We are hoping to be able to take advantage of the hospitality of several people that we know or have been commended to us. We do hope to be able to stay at religious houses in some areas as well. I am assured that they are more than glad to have us.

I was hoping that you would be able to give me a letter of introduction stating that I am in fact a seminarian of the Diocese of Manchester. I am told that this will be of inestimable help when presenting ourselves to religious houses.

I just today received the note about the seminarian week-end in August. I am looking forward to the week-end. We all had such a good experience last year that I am sure there will be a fine response this year. In advance I should thank you for your generosity in paying for part of the expenses.

Thank you very much, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Please remember me in your prayers.

Peace in Jesus Christ, Glorified

Philip A. Petit

June 16, 1977

To Whom it May Concern:

Mr. Philip A. Petit is a seminarian of the Diocese of Manchester who is about to enter his fourth year of theology in September of 1977. He is in good standing in the Diocese of Manchester, and he has my full approval to travel in Europe during the summer months.

Bishop of Manchester

June 16, 1977

Mr. Philip A. Petit Saint Gabriel Parish Community 139 Washington Street Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Phil:

In response to your recent letter, I am pleased to send you the enclosed letter of introduction confirming your status as a seminarian of the Diocese of Manchester.

I am pleased to know that you will have the opportunity to travel in Europe this summer, and I know that the experience will be a rewarding one for you. Please be assured of my continued prayers for a safe and enjoyable trip, and I will look forward to seeing you at the seminarian get-together in August.

With every prayerful good wish, I am Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Enclosure

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July 13, 1977

Mr. Philip Petit St. Gabriel 139 Washington Street Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Phil,

Enclosed you will find the chesk for \$500.00 from the Saint Jean Baptiste Scholarship Fund.

Hope you are having a great summer. My prayers and best wishes.

in His Peace,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

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BISHOP'S HOUSE

MANCHESTER. NEW HAMPSHIRE 03105

September 27, 1977

Rev. Paul E. Groleau St. Theresa Parish 411 Calef Road Manchester, N. H. 03103

Dear Father Groleau:

This will confirm in writing my belief that the appointment of Philip Petit to parish ministry in Jaffrey would be excellent. It would be good for Phil and of great pastoral assistance for Father Smith and the people of Jaffrey. It is not possible at this time to assign an associate pastor full time to Jaffrey, yet the needs of the parish certainly merit additional help.

While I certainly would not consider recommending Phil for Jaffrey solely because of the needs of the parish, I do think that we have here a fortuitous set of circumstances where both would profit - the parish and the seminarian.

I have made an initial inquiry of Father Smith to ascertain whether or not a seminarian would be acceptable. I did this so that you would not proceed in this matter and then have a negative response when all the work was done. I did not give the name of the seminarian to Father Smith nor did I promise that he would be sent there. All I did was to assure him that given his interest and willingness, his parish would be given serious consideration, all other things being equal.

If the Vocation Board gives affirmative action to this suggestion of yours, I would be more than happy to present it to Bishop Gendron for immediate implementation. I am grateful to you for calling this matter to my attention. It certainly proved to be potentially of great help to me in preparing the present parish assignments.

I cannot stress strongly enough, however, that I would not consider the presentation of such an appointment to

Bishop Gendron unless it meets with the approval of the Vocation Board.

With prayerful good wishes,

Sincerely in Christ,

Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester

+ Robert E. Mulver

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VOCATION DEPARTMENT

Diocese of Manchester

Rev. Mr. Paul A. Montminy will be Ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, October 7th, 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Laconia. All are invited to concelebrate and welcome this new priest in our diocese. Please bring your alb and stole.

The First Mass will be at Saint Anne's in Berlin, N.H. on Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m.

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October 7, 1977

Mr. Philip Petit St. Patrick Rectory 220 Main Street Jaffrey, New Hampshire 03452

Dear Philip:

Upon recommendation of Bishop Mulvee and the Diocesan Vocation Board, it pleases me to confirm your appointment to St. Patrick's Parish in Jaffrey effective immediately. I believe that this assignment will be a rewarding experience and present many valuable opportunities as you prepare yourself for ordination to Diaconate and Priesthood.

Because you have received the Ministry of Reader and also because it is an important part of your experience, I will grant you permission to preach. Father Smith has accepted to be the Supervisor and I have also asked him to help you and evaluate your preaching ministry.

I offer you my prayers and best wishes as you enter an important phase of your priestly formation.

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY 127 LAKE STREET BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

26 October, 1977

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director, Diocese of Manchester 153 Ash Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Dear Paul:

In the coming Church year Palm Sunday will be celebrated on March 19, 1978 and therefore will conflict with the celebration of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. To resolve the conflict the Church calendar for 1978 indicates that the Solemnity of St. Joseph is to be celebrated on Saturday, March 18.

As you know St. Joseph is the primary patron of the diocese as well as the patron of the Cathedral Church. Since ordinations are diocesan events, it seems fitting that they be held on days that have added significance to the liocese, when this is possible.

Therefore we request that the vocation board consider this date, March 18, 1978 for the date of Diaconate Ordination and would then in turn make this suggestion to the Bishop.

There are also practical reason for this date rather than Friday March 17, as we had discussed earlier. March is still winter in New Hampshire and the driving might be better after a morning ceremony rather than an evening one. It is a Saturday and a morning ceremony might allow more people to attend than would be able to on a Friday evening. Also, everyone would be fresh and rested rather than tired by a day in school or in the office.

We would hope that the vocation board will act quickly on our request and then advise both us and the rector of the decision in an official manner. This would allow us to then begin making definite preparations for the ceremony and a modest reception.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely in Jesus, the Lord

Marcel I. Martel

Philip A. Petit

November 17, 1977

Mr. Philip A. Petit St. Patrick Parish 230 Main Street Jaffrey, N.H. 03452

Dear Phil,

I certainly hope this things are going well with you. It's been too long since we have spent some time together. I have been to St. Meinrad's and Baltimore and keeping up with inquires. However, I understand that we will be getting together on Friday, December 2nd.

On Thursday, November 10th, the Vocation Board discussed your request for Diagonate Ordination on Saturday, MMarch 18, 1978 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Cathedral. Allof the Board members were in agreement with this date and time. However, Fr. Ham informed me that this was too early to confirm it in the Bishop's schedule. There could be a problem with some National and International Meetings. However, Fr. Ham also indicated that the dates for all of these meetings are set by January 1st. This means that you and Marcel should get in contact with Fr. Ham as soon as possible after January 1, 1978 and we will give you confirmation ontthat date.

A Blessed Thanksgiving to you and your family.

In His Peace,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

December 12, 1977

Rev. Robert J. Banks St. John Seminary 127 Lake Street Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Bob,

Upon recommendation of our Diocesan Vocation Board, Bishop Gendron has accepted Mr. Marcel Martel's and Mr. Philip Petit's request to be ordained deacons in March. This request however does not assure ordination for both or either of these men. Bishop Gendron will not make a final decision on the ordination until he has received the proper evaluations from the seminary.

I miss not being around the seminary as much as last year. However I do plan to visit for several days at the beginning of the new year.

My best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

January 10, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit St. Patrick Parish 230 Main Street Jaffrey, N.H. 03452

Dear Phil,

This letter is to remind you that there will be a meeting for the deamons on Tuesday, January 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be probided.

This meeting will be held at the Diocesan Office Building in the Lay Consultants Room.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

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Date 1/21 /78

Follow Up:

. Smith - find out if the weekly meetings have taken place Phil Petit - Daily Mass How does he come across to people

Personal Reaction:

I really don't feel that Phil understands people's needs and how to meet them. He seems to want everything planned and thought through before moving. Is he comfortable in working with a house situation? Phil seems to always come up with excuses and/or reasons for not doing something. (Example - waiting until diaconate ordination before preaching) Phil comes across as tense - his way is the best and probably the only way)

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Jc. Patrick's in Jaffrey, N.H.

This interview was part of the deacon program. Up until now the program was not working to my satisfaction. Phil had come in to explain some of his frustrations. Fr. Smith had not yet contracted with Phil various areas of responsibility.

Today I met with Fr. Smith and things still seemed to be up in the air. But I would not blame the whole thing on Fr. Smith. Fr. Smith indicated that Phil didn't seem to take initiative. Fr. Smith had asked Phil about preaching. Phil showed very little interest. Phil went to the hospital about 3 times. He didn't seem to go to the Nursing Home. Phil didn't seem to have any intentions to work with the high school group.

Within the next few months:

There was also a tension in the house on "life style." Phil wanted things neat and "in order" while Fr. Smith was not overly concerned about either of these.

All three of us together agreed to the following contractural agreements:

Shut in (list will be reviewed)

Nursing home

Hospital visit (visit the parishioners often)

Music (9:00 mass - lead hymns - work on getting a cantor especially for acclamation)

Choir - get a former choir director to lead the choir for Easter.

Folk Group - folded up

Catechesis

Baptismal - (Program for expectant parents)

Marriage Preparation (become involved with a couple)

Preaching - starting January 28th and 29th

Youth Ministry (gave it back to Fr. Dick Smith)

We talked about being a deacon and serving the people. Phil made some strong comments concerning the role of a deacon being to "assist the priest liturgically." I discussed the needs of the people and the parish. Maybe one could celebrate as a deacon at one mass and serve the people as a cantor or choir director at another mass. Phil disagreed with this and said that there are people who can perform all of these functions.

There was a strong discussion on Youth Mininstry. Phil felt that Fr. Smith did not want him to try his way. Fr. Smith said that Phil could do anything. I heard Fr. Smith say that at our last meeting too. I asked Phil if he was afraid of working with youth. He said that he wasn't but he wanted to take time to develop a solid program. This means that he wouldn't be able to get something solid until the fall. Both Fr. Smith and I tried to convince Phil about an immediate need. Phil said that if he tried to meet the immediate need he would be able to plan for the fall. I disagreed! I explained to Phil that if he felt he couldn't do it then maybe he should admit it. He said that he couldn't and 'r. Smith said that he would take care of it.

Fr. Smith also explained how he had been open with Phil. Phil said that he did not feel that he had been completely honest with Fr. Smith, especially concerning "life style" (cleanliness & etc...)

Conversion of Paul, Apostle 25 January, 1978

Yout Rev. Odore J. Bendron, D.D. Vishop of Manchester ishop & Residence 57 M. River Rd. anchester, N.H. 03105

four Excellency, I am a member of St. John the Boptist Parish, Sunesok, and am resently completing my lost semester of full-time academic reparation for Ordination to the Presbyterate. Os part of this reparation for Ordination to the Presbyterate. sining, your appointing me to St. Patrick Parish, Joffrey, has forded me an educational involvement in pastocal ministry "ha - thereby been able to further exercise the lay ministries are also been admitted as a candidate for Holy Orders.

livector I offer myself for service to the Church in New Hampshire. request that you ordain me to the transitional disconste. make this request freely, of my own will, and not under any ense of compulsion or coercion.

I thank you for your supportive interest and executagement is the past and I ask that you continue to remember me in reason. noger.

Peace in Jesus, Messian Philip a. Petit

2-7-78 Called

Could not make the appointment in Jaffrey so I called Phil. We rescheduled the appointment for Monday, Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Phil mentioned that he had met with the E&A Board at St. John's. Things were not looking good. They brought out a lot of negative points. Phil appeared dis-intergrated, not academic enough, negative with his peers. These are 3 of the 4 points that were brought out. Phil also mentioned that Dick Smith sent a letter of evaluation to the school. His academic advisor said that some things in the letter were negative. Phil is upset because Dick never showed him the letter nor did he ever mention to Phil any of these negative points.

I asked Phil if he had been meeting with Dick Smith. He said yes, but the meetings centered around parish activities and scheduling and not real supervision. I explained that real supervision is an ideal situation. It is not always what we would like it to be. I tried to explain how we need flexibility. Phil reminded me that he was not very flexible. I agreed with him but also said that he is working on it.

I asked Phil to deal with the letter that Dick wrote to the seminary. Meet with Dick and ask if he can discuss its contents with you. As you do this, do it with humility, flexibility and kindness. It would be to his credit if he could deal with this situation right now. We can't really do anything with the school evaluations because that is still in process. Phil reminded me that is is not we but him. I explained that this is not really true because Phil and I were in this together. He is not alone. I will be with him.

I asked Phil if he had been working in the parish. He said that he had been working with hospital and nursing home ministry and he had also preached. I asked him how the preaching had gone. Not too bad was his comment. It was too long. He spoke on the beatitudes especially the first one. He tied it in with the Bishop's letter. One parishioner mentioned to Fr. Smith something concerning policies. Phil's reaction was to tell Dick that the parishioner should have mentioned his comments to him personally.

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Interviewed 2-14-78 2-15-78

Personal Reaction:

Phil seems to have a lack of self confidence. He also seems to have a personality probelm that prevents him from translating his ideal into ministry. I would suggest a parish assignment as least until May '79. I would also suggest a change of assignment in June. And a suggestion of therapy in the Fall.

Is Phil called to Religious Life?

Phil has just finished speaking with Fr. Walter Edyvean. Father Edwin told him that he should be present at the faculty meeting this Friday. Phil has everything to lose by not being there. The reason he is being called before the faculty is because of the negative votes he has received thus far. I asked Phil what it was that the faculty seemed to question. He mentioned 2 points: a) his strong will or inflexible character b) his emotional response to trying situations. I asked Phil what the faculty recommendation might be. He said he wasn't sure and he had asked Fr. Edwin the same question.

2-15-78

Met with Fr. Banks. He mentioned that the faculty will probably not recommend Phil for ordination. Fr. Banks also said that he agreed with their reservations. The way Phil reacts to situations is not normal. His emotional response and his strong will were two points that were brought out. Fr. Banks did mention that the car situation was not known by the faculty. This was not the reason for their negative vote. Rather, they see a pattern of behavior in Phil and this pattern could be harmful to people and the church. Fr. Banks has very serious reservations as to whether Phil is called to orders. Yet not enough reason to drop Phil completely. Fr. Banks recommends one year of working in a parish. May 1978 to May of '79 before we should consider Phil for diaconate.

I asked Fr. Banks if we should suggest therapy. He did not react strongly in favor of it yet kept suggesting that Phil's response to situations was not normal. He did say that it might not be a bad idea if I suggested it. Phil doesn't seem to have grown much since his first year of theology. He came to the seminary with a letter of recommendation from St. Anselm's that labeled him a "rebel". We would translate that today as aside from the main stream of things. Phil's problem seems to be more evident every day. And they are serious problems.

Fr. Walter Edyvean

He shared with me last year's faculty vote which was 9 yes 3 no and 1 abstention. I reviewed Fr. Bank's conversation with me. I explained how Fr. Banks didn't feel as if the Fr. Lind situation had a strong influence on the faculty vote. He also said that very few of the faculty even knew of the situation. Fr. Edyvean disagreed in that most of the faculty knew about it. I also explained how Fr. Banks felt that some of Phil's recent behavior appeared abnormal. Fr. Edyvean again said he disagreed. What he knew of Phil did not indicate this. He would vote in favor of Phil. The negative votes center on - the Music Director - Fr. Lind situation and those who heard about his strong will.

I explained my own relationship with Phil and how I see Fr. Smith's relationship with him. Fr. Edyvean said that he now saw a different light on the subject. He could agree a lot more with the faculty members that were voting no. Maybe there is a personality problem. I suggested that there might be. Phil seems to do well on a conversational level. He presents his case real well. I didn't see him being able to translate it into ministry. I don't see him as being able to really assess the situation as it is.

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY LAKE STREET BRIGHTON, MASS. 02135

OFFICE _. THE RECTOR

Feb. 18, 1978

Dear Paul.

This holiday week-end will keep my secretary from cetting off our evaluations, so let me send you an advance briefing on the deacon candidates.

Marcel Martel, as you must know, was approved or recommended for diaconate by all the voting faculty, with only one abstention.

Philip Petit was not recommended for Ordination to the Diaconate, and the following is the evaluation:

"Philip Petit began this academic year as a resident student, enrolled full-time in the M.Th. program. Early in the year, after careful reflection and consultation, he decided to request a transfer into a parish internship. This was arranged for him at St. Patrick's Parish, Jaffrey, N.H.

The faculty evaluation notes that Philip seems to have sincerity of purpose, shows average intellectual interests and ability, and is conscientious in his field education responsibilities. He is also personable and pleasant in conversation.

At the same time, the faculty evaluation committee felt that Philip should work to correct some characteristics of being self-willed and inadequately docile. The committee also noted that Philip could be excessively negative about others and rigid in his expectations of them. And it was further observed that there could be excessive emotional reactions on Philip's part to certain situations.

In summary, Philip is a conscientious, young man who has given himself to the seminary program for the past four years with dedication and a real concern to prepare himself properly. During these years, Philip has had to deal with aspects of his personality that have gotten in the way of his working with others in ministry and living with them in community. At the present time, the faculty feels that he has not worked these problems through adequately, and so the faculty has not recommended Philip for Ordination to Diaconate at this time. (3 yes; 8 no; 3 abstentions)

I hope this will give you a little more time to handle Phil's case. I'm sorry that the faculty evaluation had to come so close to the date of Ordination.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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NAME: Philip A. Petit

Class: 1978

Diocese: Manchester

Date: February 21, 1978

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Phil Petit 2-27-78

I met with him in Keene. Phil does not feel as if I am supporting him. He sees me change my mind. I talk with the Rector and my feelings seem to change. He saw this happen with the MA Program and now with the question of ordination.

He does not trust Fr. Dick Smith. He feels as if the supervisor and pastor should be two different persons. He also explained how he had not been supervised. He wants supervision. I explained that there is a big gap between supervision as he sees it and the way in which it can come about.

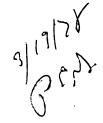
Phil has been going to the hospital, to the campus and will work on the Baptismal Catechesis after Easter. He prefers staying in Jaffrey until the clergy changes. I asked him who he wants to work with. He refused to say. He wants to be able to serve the diocese anywhere and he is willing to work with anyone.

I gave him until next week to think about our relationship. Does he want someone else to work with him? He said that he preferred not to decide on that right now. I indicated that I would call him Tuesday.

I wanted Phil to meet with the Bishop and the Vocation Board. He indicated that he didn't see a great need for that right now.

Called: 3-6-78

Wishes to continue supervision with me. Wants to stay in Jaffrey until June Will come to Lunch and Hospital 3-8-78



February 28, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit St. Patrick Parish 220 Main Street Jaffrey, N.H. 03452

Dear Phil,

This letter is to confirm that on Thursday, February 23rd, the Diocesan Vocation Board met with Bishop Gendron. Part of the agenda included your petition for ordination to diaconate. A lot of effort, energies and time was seriously and enthusiastically spent on this concern by each member of the Board. Your welfare and your potential was the prime consideration. After hearing all of the imput and evaluations it was decided that we would recommend to Bishop Gendron that he postpone your ordination to diaconate. Bishop Gendron accepted this unanimous recommendation of the Board.

This recommendation was made in hopes that this will give you more time and an opportunity to work out the concerns which I have already shared with you.

May I offer once again our prayers and support in this difficult moment. It was not an easy decision to make. We pray that God will give you the eyes to faith to see what it was made and the strength to work it through.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

Philip Petit

April 4, 1978

I met with Phil and Fr. Smith. I aksed Phil about his eating habits. He continued to insist that he was not going to be restricted to a schedule. He is not always hungry at twelve noon. He also did not want to eat in the kitchen. Here he was making reference to the fact that Fr. Smith has been using the dining room table for office space. Fr. Smith prefers eating in the kitchen. Phil said the dining room is the place to eat and he insisted that if the atmosphere were changed he could understand eating together or at least sitting at the table for meal times. I asked him what he would do if a housekeeper was there, had prepared a meal and he wasn't hungry. He said that he would eat it. He has a diet to follow. His father is not well, he is overweight and sugar is a problem. He might have the same problem. I asked him if he was certain. He said no. I asked if he had gone to a family doctor. He said if I insisted that he would. I pointed out that he shouldn't go because I insist but because he is concerned about his health.

I then asked Phil if he had been preaching. He said yes. I asked him if he had any serious problem with it because of our last conversation.

We talked about Holy Week. Fr. Smith indicated that things were done - but life seemed to be lacking.

Fr. Smith asked about future plans. Is Phil staying there. This led to a discussion on supervision. Phil broke down - I asked him not to keep pushing - Did he want to be a priest.

We talked about the pros and cons of staying there. We talked about supervision.

We discussed

Ca Toward Marriage Work at the college Time spent in his room Confrontation

Phil indicated that if supervison was not available that he preferred staying in Jaffrey.

Next meeting is May 9th at 10:00

March 9, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit St. Patrick Parish 220 Main Street Jaffrey, N.H. 03452

Dear Phil,

We are preparing to close the account on your seminary education. You could really help us by sending me the following information:

- 1. Total amount of loans borrowed from outside the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Example any bank or school loan.
- 2. Name of the immittation to which it is owed.

Numbers one and two pertain to loans you took out while you were a seminarian. If you took out loans before you were accepted by the Diocese, I would not need to know that at this time.

Please return the enclosed form with the information as soon as possible.

In His Peace,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

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Thil talked about his visits to the hospital and nursing home. He also ntioned how he was working on the Baptismal Catechesis. He plans to develop this so that it will present a course in baptism itself. He feels that it's important to remind parents of their own baptism and baptismal promises. He did go over marriage preparation couples with Dick. However, he and Dick had differences on approach. Phil had been told by Fr. Ham and Fr. Christian that it was best to do the Pre Nuptial later. Dick encourage Phil to do it right away. I asked Phil what the problem was. He said "who am I to believe"? I said it's not a matter of believing. It is a matter of putting into practice what others suggest. What major difference is there between what was suggested by Fr. Smith and Frs. Ham and Christian. If Fr. Smith wants him to do it before, why not do it then? We also talked about preaching. Phil feels he doesn't want to preach anymore. He said that he was going through too much inside. He didn't feel he had anything to offer. I asked him what he would do as a priest? Would he stop preaching because there was too much going on inside? He mentioned that Fr. O'Donahue in Boston had said "one who does not break bread should not break the word". Again, how can you take the ideal and put it into "flesh"? It's not all black or white. There is a big gray matter.

We talked about his feelings and staying in Jaffrey until June or beyond. He said that if he was asked to stay beyond June that there would be a lot to think about. He would not want to force his opinion on any one but he is not sure he could stay in Jaffrey after June.

I indicated to Phil that I wasn't sure I had or anyone on the Board had found a good alternative to Jaffrey. Phil said that he felt personnel was even more important than a variety of ministries. I agreed that both were important. If a move would be made, it would have to be a better opportunity than what he presently has. Phil also mentioned that he had been going to the college.

Dick Smith

Dick Smith said that the last 24 hours have been great. Phil however has not said that he would participate liturgically in any of the Holy Week Service. He also mentioned that Phil wasn't eating properly. He was hoping to have a woman come in to cook but didn't dare do it until Phil could budget his time and have regular hours for eating. Phil seems to have trouble budgeting his time. He was suppose to do banking the day before, Dick had asked him to do it. However, Phil thought it more important to visit the elderly in the nursing home. Banking didn't get done so Dick had to do it before our meeting.

Phil and Dick

We met together and discussed eating habits. Phil was aksed if he had had a physical recently. He said not in the last 3 years. I asked him if he could work it in. He said that he could. Dick and I mentioned to him that we were concerned about his health. I also said that it was important for him and Dick to meet for meals on a regular basis. We also talked about the banking situation. Phil admitted that he had not done it and gave no real reason why he didn't do it except that he wouldn't be able to go to the

Phil and Dick continued

e nursing home any other day that week. We then spent most of the afternoon on Holy Week. Phil kept going to extremes. Dick asked Phil how he would like to get involved. Phil kept saying I don't know. Finally he said that he's tired of making suggestions. None of them are accepted. I asked Phil if he had ever asked Dick if he needed help for Holy Week. Phil said that he wasn't about to do that. Or - he asked if that is what was expected of him. I said, I didn't believe he understood what I was saying. I am not just asking him to report or be a robot, but to ask and offer to help. He would bring a lot of himself in whatever he would be doing.

Then I talked about honesty between the two of them. Phil said that if we talk about honesty we should talk about the letter. (this refers to the letter that Fr. Dick Smith sent to St. John's) Phil said that as far as he was concerned he didn't know how Fr. Dick felt about him. Fr. Dick said that he wanted to work with Phil. He didn't hold anything inside. He didn't feel bad about anything. Phil indicated that for him the relationship was on the I asked why. He said that Fr. Smith had not shown him the letter before sending it to Boston. I asked Phil if he was sure of the contents, he said yes that Fr. Smith had shared the contents but only after mailing it. I indicated that there was no malice involved on Fr. Smith's part. He did not send it that way in order to hurt Phil. Phil said that it will take time for him to regain his trust in Fr. Smith. He said that having his ordination delayed hurt him. It would take time. I asked them to meet on Monday's and talk about the issues that they have.

Follow Up

- l. Health
- 2. Budget of time
- 3. Eating habits
- 4. Marriage cases
- 5. Involvement in Holy Week services

08/2/78



ST. PATRICK CHURCH 4457 220 MAIN STREET JAFFREY, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03452 TEL. (603) 532-6634

17 March, 1978

Dear Paul,

On the one occasion that spoke to Mr. Raoul Hebert in person, he said that any amount borrowed must repayed to the Gelinas Trust Fund. I am not sure if this is the policy or not, but I have listed the amounts borrowed.

I believe that Mr. Hebert is now retired. I remember the conversation that you had with Connie Goggin in Nashua, and that he suggested you contact a Mr. Chapedelaine at St. Mary's Bank. Perhaps you could get more information from him about wether this is a loan or a grant from the trust fund.

If I can be of any further help, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Peace,

thelip retur March 23, 1978 Reverend Robert J. Banks Rector St. John Seminary 127 Lake Street Brighton, Massachusetts 02135 Dear Father Banks: Many times we only hear criticism. is why I decided to write and let you know how much I appreciate the courage and honesty which was shown by yourself and the faculty on the occasion of Mr. Philip Petit's call to Diaconate. It is never easy to postpone a man especially in his fourth year of theology. However, no matter how difficult it may be, we must always be sensitive to the Church and Her mission. I believe that you and the faculty at St. JohnAs are to be commended for the way in which you handled this very difficult task. My prayers and best wishes. Cordially in Christ, Bishop of Manchester



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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

March 27, 1978

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron 153 Ash Street Manchester, Mass., 03103

Dear Bishop Gendron:

Thank you for your very kind and thoughtful letter concerning the faculty's recent decision. You are right; we don't often receive letters of encouragement or praise, so your remarks are doubly appreciated.

I know all of us regret the pain that has been caused Philip by the faculty decision. I just hope and pray that ultimately it will serve the truly best interests of Philip and the Church.

At times like this, the faculty and I are grateful both for your support and the great confidence which you place in us.

You have my prayers and best wishes for a happy and blessed Easter Season.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert J. Banks

Rector

When Phil Petit arrived at St. Patrick's in Jaffrey there was the

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Howerver, Fr. Smith and Fr. Groleau did meet with Phil and prepared the outline which is attached: It inclides what is available in the parish, what were Phil's needs, the needs of the parish and finally the contract agreement.

At the end of January it seemed that things were not working according to the agreed contract. Phil was frustrated because he was not receiving the supervision he thought he should have been receiving. As a result, a lot of what had originally been contracted seeamed to come: apart. IXMINXEEF Fr. Groleau did explain how he felt-that some xx supervsion was available and that mybe Phil's expectations of supersvision were much different that what could be provided in the diocese. In any case, a new contraft seemed to be in order. Preaching was not yet a reality, 14hil coould not always get to the N rsing Homes because there was a conflict with the shut ins: The idea of working with a high school group became more and more difficult. On the latter, Phil presented many reasons why he would like the frame in the world to the frame with the form the world to the frame with the first the frame with the frame with the first the fi to wite until Fall before starting a program . Fr. Smith suggested that Phil should start something now. He could do anyting and experiment with activity the group. IXX Phil IXXXXXXXXXXXXX presented reasons khy it would not back ceasible at this time. Some of the reasons included a lack of money and a lack of an already organised group. A new contract was then worked out which included the following:

Shut-Ins
Nursing Homes
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Music --Choir
Baptismal Cathechesis
Marriage Preperation
Preaching

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On hospital ministry for example, Phil thought that Fr. Smith did not want him to make any visitations. Fr. Smith simply explained to Phil that he did not want him to get over involved with the hospital; It is a regional hospital and Fr. Smith felt that he should limit himself to 🕏 wiki visiting parishioners. Baptismal cathechesis was postponed until fx after Easter. Marriage Preperation afforded another opportunity \$00 discussion. Phil felt that Fr. Smith was making unnecessary demands on him in the same that he was asking Phil for too much before getting started with a particular couple. Fr. Smith had asked for an outline of how Phil thunhit this is a Learning The Inspiritual. would proceed with a couple (MXXXX Preaching was following

and Phil seemed to be doing well.

Then came the guestion of Phil's ordination. It certainly was not an easy thing for Phil to accept. However he did stay in the parish and has tried to make the best of the situation.

In Summary:

Phil has shown sincereity and sticktuitiveness. However, during our seesions a lot has come to the surface. One key work seems to be confrontation. In all of our seesions together there seemed to be a certain amount of confrontaion. They centered on such issues as music, youth ministry, hospital ministry and lyfe style in the rectory. Phil sees things one way and compromise if a difficult process for those who are involved with him. Phil also presented many reasons for delays on areas that had been contracted. His trong will meemed to get the best of him. /I do not believe that Phil ever intended to promote confrontation. However it is a serious point and he is still trying to deal

with it) The living situation in the rectory was not an easy one

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June 8, 1977

Mr. Philip Petit 167 Main Street Suncook, New Hampshire 03275

Dear Mr. Petit:

I recently reviewed the many applications for benefits from the "Yvette B. Cote, Aquilas Cote and Elise Cote Fund", which provides benefits for educating worthy young men to be Roman Catholic priests in the Catholic Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire. There appears to be a great need for assistance for the many seminarians studying for the priesthood. It was a difficult decision as to who to distribute the funds this coming year. The funds are limited, and therefore, I must apply them where the need appears to be the greatest.

I must, therefore, advise you that the fund will be unable to assist you for this coming year. I wish you continued success in your education and the vocation to which you have been called.

Sincerely yours,

w.´Jean laflamme

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cc: Reverend Paul E. Groleau

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Jüne 6, 1977

Mr. Philip Petit St. Gabriel 139 Washington Street Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Phil,

Thank you for your note and it would be possible to meet with you at 9:30 a.m. on the 20th. I hope that this is not too early for you. The reason I have scheduled it in the morning instead of the afternoon is because there will be a clergy meeting at Vamp Fatima on that Monday afternood. If there should be any problem and you are unable to make it, please feel free to call or write.

Everything is set for the seminarian reunion. It will be on August 5,6 and 7th at the Oblate Retreat House in Hudson. It will begin with registration and welcoming between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, August 5 and close with the liturgy on Sunday, Letters should be sent out soon.

I hope that your summer experience is a good one. Looking forward to meeting with you. My best wishes and prayers.

In His Peace and Love,

Pev. Paul E. Groleau Vocation Director

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June 3, 1977

Dear Paul:

I will be in N.H. on June 20, so if you could make an appointment to see me on that day I would appreciate it.

If you have any information on the seminarian week-end in August, it would be helpful if I knew in order to plan ahead -- cost, time it begins and ends, where, etc. If you have this on June 20 that is soon enough.

N.B. I Have a dental appointment at 11 a.m. in Pittsfield.

Peace in Jesus Christ,