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RE:

Robert Mayer

1. I met with Bob today at the retreat house.

2. With regard to his next assignment, I explained that I would like it to be a place that would be both physically and psychologically distant from the three parishes where difficulties have arisen. Bob is kind of sensitive about saying that there have been problems at St. Stephen's, as he really thinks that things have gone very well there. The only problem was the anonymous phone calls to the TV station and Bob honestly thinks that that was perpetrated by the group at St. Edna's. Bob wants a place that really wants him and where he can work. He would like to stay north of Madison, if possible, as all of his support group, family, etc. are north rather than south. Ken Velo is Bob's contact man on the Personnel Board. I will have to check with the Board to see if St. Stephen's is on Open Listing. Bob said that the staff is very supportive of him, including the pastor. While he thinks Lenny has problems of his own, nevertheless, Lenny has been supportive of him. Bob feels that St. Stephen's is a very workable place. The

with any of them.

3. I talked to Bob about the mandate not to have youngsters under 18 in the rectory, cottage, or anywhere else without another adult being present. This is no problem for Bob. He has made up his mind long ago not to have anything to do with that age group. I told him the reason for the mandate was simply that we want to eliminate as much as possible anything which could lead people to complain about Bob. Since this has been the source of complaint in the past, even though there seems to be no truth to the charges of pedophilia, for Bob's own sake, the mandate remains. Bob accepted this.

