



October 8, 1969

Reverend John Farris, C.M.

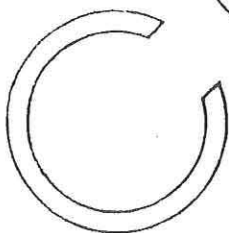

Dear Jack,

The grace of Our Lord be with us always!

I got the recommendation from  today. Will you write a letter to Father Richardson, asking him simply for a leave of absence for six months to work as a priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Mention that this is recommended by the treatment team at  and that you have discussed the matter with me and I agree that it is worthwhile making the trial. I shall send a separate letter to Father Richardson approving the trial period.

It was good to see you in Detroit even if it was only for such a short time. Keep up the good work and keep in touch. My best wishes.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,


James A. Fischer, C.M.
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October 28, 1969


Dear 

Father Jack Farris was just in to see me here in St. Louis. He tells me that he might have the opportunity shortly to work in a parish in Detroit. He seemed a bit concerned about permission to do this.

I have written to our Superior General on October 15, asking this permission. There is no doubt that the permission will be granted. Unfortunately, a mail strike has tied up the correspondence in Rome.

My own authority is sufficient to cover this case. I hereby grant Father Farris permission to serve as a parish priest in any parish which meets your approval.

My thanks to you and your staff for the fine work that you have done.

Sincerely yours,

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November 12, 1969

Reverend John Farris, C.M.
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Dear Jack,

The grace of Our Lord be with us always!

A letter from Father James Richardson dated November 3 says: "In the matter of Father John Farris, we grant him the six months absence he is asking and you can give him the necessary authorization in obedience and poverty. The Council also agreed to leave the future developments in your hands as Visitor."

So we are all officially cleared away. As to obedience, I assign you to whatever parish you will find most advantageous. As to poverty, I grant you all permissions to receive and spend money which you will need. Just keep in touch with me. May all go well.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.
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