



STIGMATINE FATHERS and BROTHERS

Office of the Provincial

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Most Reverend
+ Robert J. Banks
Vicar General
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
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Re: Rev. Richard J. Ahern, CSS
Stigmatine Missions
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Waltham MA (Tel.: 894-7125)

Most Reverend and dear Bishop Banks,

In pursuance of our telephone conversation this morning, I was under the impression that Fr. Ahern was helping on Sunday mornings at St. Joseph's in Waltham. However, I discovered that he assists with Sunday ministry at St. John the Evangelist, in Newton - where Fr. Paul Shanley is Pastor.

When I spoke with Fr. Ahern following your call this morning, he told me that he had not told Fr. Shanley of his previous difficulties - but, that he was finishing at St. John's now for the summer. After this Sunday, he would not be returning there.

We do have a Stigmatine working in the Chancery Office of SAN Jose California, perhaps an old class-mate of yours, Fr. Charles Egan. There is also another Stigmatine in California, Fr. Joseph Welch, who is about to retire - but is serving the Diocese under Bishop Dumaine, as prison chaplain.

A further difficulty at the moment in Fr. Ahern's situation is that his Mother is in a Retirement Facility in the Quincy-Braintree area, and he would have to be near-by to care for her.

From next Monday evening until Friday noon, I will be on retreat at the Espousals Center with a group of Stigmatines. If you wanted to contact me there the number is 893-3465. On Monday morning, and until late afternoon, you could reach me here at the provincial office.

Thank you most sincerely for your kind consideration of our difficulties and efforts also to assist Fr. Ahern. Let us pray for each other.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Joseph C. Henchey

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Stigmatine Provincial