

Romano J. Ferraro

Conversation by phone with Fr. Francis
M^c Cormack, Pastor of St. Joseph's, Kings Park
on January 7, 1977 provide the following
information.

He has been working in St. Joseph's full time
for 1 1/2 yrs - receiving full salary and
automobile allowance. Fr. M^c Cormack also
loaned him \$4400 to purchase a new car
(\$3000 has since been paid back). There was
no official check with our Chancery in his
status. Fr. M^c Cormack did speak with Frs.
Martin Bannon + John Mahoney about
him. Both Fr. Bannon + Mahoney advised
Fr. M^c Cormack of his difficulties. Fr.
Mahoney indicated that according to
Dr. Elbert, Fr. Ferraro's condition was
cured + the Brooklyn diocese was
considering reassignment upon Elbert's
recommendation. Fr. Mahoney also indicated
that since Fr. Ferraro was doing so
well there it might be good for him
to remain at St. Joseph's. Fr.

offered him the hospitality of St Joseph as well as his own help + support should Fr. Ferraro feel the need.

Fr. Ferraro was told that he could not have youngsters in the rectory.

The prohibition was violated on a number of occasions & he was confronted by Fr. McCormack.

While he was very popular in the parish & worked very hard, there were areas of irresponsibility (failure to lock doors, carelessness with money etc.)

The incident leading to the discharge of Fr. Ferraro took place following a Home Mass celebrated by Fr. Ferraro. After Mass Fr. Ferraro, according to the accusation, grabbed one of the young boys twice and then tried to engage 2 of the other boys in a conversation & discussion on ~~the~~ their masturbatory practices.

This was reported to Frs. McCormack & Freeman.

Upon confrontation by Frs. McCormack & Freeman 7 7

be brought to the attention of Fr. Brown.
Fr. Ferraro was dismissed from
St. Joseph's on January 5th 1977 with the
recommendation by Fr. McCormack that
he call Fr. Brown.

Fr. Ferraro called Fr. Brown on
Jan 6, 1977 and arranged an appointment
for Jan 10, 1977 at 10 AM in the
Personnel Office.

Copy to Msgr. Bendiguer