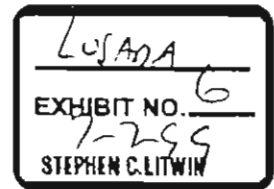


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Dear Enrique:

I am writing to respond to your letter of March 25, and to bring you up to date on the steps I have been taking concerning psychiatric examinations.

To date, I have had two meetings with Dr. Michael Alvarez, and two with Dr. Laura Dorin, a psychiatrist to whom I referred me. I have also done considerable work on my own in responding to extensive questionnaires that he gave me, and in writing essay-type answers to other questions he provided. Both he and Dr. Dorin will evaluate their findings independently and will then confer with each other. After that, I will have a further meeting with him. Following that meeting, he will write his final report, which will be forwarded to you and Msgr. Loomis, as well as to Dr. Mary Sevilla. I have asked that she be included because the report may highlight areas that I need to work on with her in the future.

I had hoped to have this process completed before the end of March, but that was not possible. As you might imagine, this has been a very difficult time for me. While my meetings with the psychiatrists have been worthwhile, they have also been rather harrowing. I just hope that some good will come from this trying experience.

Mike Brooks and I are going to meet on Tuesday, April 9, to discuss the details of his contacting Ms. [REDACTED]. I shall

Keep you informed of any future developments on that front.

Having received your letter of March 25 and a copy of Msgr. Loomis' letter of March 19, I find myself wondering if what I have been going through is seen as having much value. I honestly do not understand how he can arrive at a decision regarding whether or not I am fit to serve in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles without having seen Michael Alvarez' report. It seems that his action is based solely on the allegation of Ms. [REDACTED] and my admission of guilt regarding events that occurred nearly thirty years ago. Has any consideration been given to the fact that I may have grown and changed during that time? If I cannot minister in Los Angeles, can I minister outside the Congregation in any diocese? It would seem that I cannot, given the nature of the investigations that are done nowadays.

Regarding your suggestion that it would be prudent for me to move to a house of the Congregation, I entirely agree that it would be prudent. However, from a practical standpoint, it would be very difficult. The only houses of the Congregation in this province are in Hemet and in Berkeley. If I move to Hemet, I will be more than 150 km. from my office. The nearest member of the province, Mike Brooks, will be about 100 km. away, in Cathedral City. Both houses in Berkeley are rented. I could get a room in one of them, but I would be isolated from the community, and would be about 700 km. from where the provincial office is now.

I want to make it clear that I am not opposed to your suggestion, nor am I even opposed to Msgr. Loomis' decision. I am completely open to whatever you decide. If that means that I have to live on my own in Hemet for the rest of my days, with no ministry outside the Congregation, that is okay, God's will be done. However, I do not think that such decisions should be made until all the facts are in.

I hope your visits to Japan and Spain go well, that that your celebration of the Lord's Resurrection is truly joyous.

Be assured of my prayers as you continue your difficult ministry and of my loyalty to you and the Congregation.

Fraternally in the Sacred Hearts,

Martin P. O'Loghlen, SS.CC.

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