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PERSONAL

December 24, 1986

Office of the Archbishop

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Dear Mike:

I am writing as a follow-up to our two personal visits in my office, one on Monday, December 22nd, and the other on Tuesday, December 23rd.

It was during those visits that you revealed to me your involvement with two young men over the past several years, beginning in approximately the year 1978 and continuing until approximately a year ago.

As both I and Monsignor Thomas Curry pointed out to you, we are dealing with an extremely serious and grave situation. The sexual activity which you had with these two young men, one named Matthew and the other Armando, requires that I take immediate and clear steps, as follows:

- (1) you will not be assigned to any pastoral ministry position within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until such time as competent professionals can assure me that the cause of this activity on your part has been fully treated and corrected;
- (2) you will report to the Paraclete Fathers in Jemez Springs, New Mexico, as soon as possible in order to enter their diagnostic program; and depending upon their findings, you will then enter their full program of professional treatment taking as much time as their staff indicate;
- (3) we will begin steps as soon as possible to see what type of counselling would be the best for the two young men involved; we will need to make contact with them and to offer every assistance we can so that any negative impact on their lives can be diminished as fully as possible.

Please be assured that I will do all that I can to be of assistance to you throughout the coming professional evaluation and treatment program. You will be very much in my prayers, as will the two young men involved in this situation.

I will need you to be as open as possible to what the Paraclete Fathers and their Staff at Jemez Springs require. Your full cooperation in their

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processes there will be extremely important for your own spiritual and psychological development, and will help us determine what lies ahead for you in your priestly ministry.

Assuring you again of my prayers and concern, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ RMM

Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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cc: Msgr. Thomas Curry