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## OUR LADY OF BELEN CHURCH

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REDACTED

Servants of the Paraclete  
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear REDACTED

I am in receipt of the letter your wrote Archbishop Mahony dated March 12, 1987. I feel it urgent that I respond to this, since you speak of "sneaky and manipulative excuses and misinformation."

You state: "He regularly has excuses for missing his appointments with Dr. REDACTED " I have kept every appointment Dr. REDACTED has given me for the calendar year of 1986. Father Ed Bambara and Father Frank Ivy can both attest to this, as well as Dr. REDACTED log which he keeps when we meet. The only appointment I missed was the November appointment. I traveled the 75 miles one way to keep the given appointments, which were always scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and would then wait from 15 to 50 minutes to see the doctor.

The taking of the depo-provera has always been a point of issue with me and your staff. I take it faithfully every day and the many blood tests Dr. REDACTED has me take can confirm this. I just want to have written documentation of my objection, so that if the medication does prove to be hazardous to my health, I will have the needed written documentation to take whatever action may be warranted. I was asked by a member of your staff to share my experience of taking depo-provera. I did this truthfully and candidly. I do feel a tremendous moral force to take the medication and I will not deny this.

My trips to Los Angeles are well known to Archbishop Mahony. I asked him about them when we met. He told me then that it would be alright, since he was assured that no one was looking for me for any possible criminal action. He stated that he had no problem in my returning to Los Angeles, but not just then. This was October of 1985. He told me to be very low key, which I am. I



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stay home and do what has to be done for my mother and visit my father in the rest home once or twice. I am not out making public appearances. These visits have helped me a great deal and have given me added strength to understand and cope with my situation. I would trust that you would understand this. If Archbishop Mahony wants these reduced, I will comply.

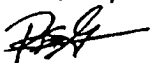
My reaction to Dr. REDACTED is purely personal. I do not question his work or his interest in helping priests and the Church. Still, to me, he is cold and insensitive.

You speak about my not keeping to the conditions of the aftercare. I completed the module in June of 1985; attended the six month follow-up in December of 1985; another six month follow-up in June of 1986. I have my spiritual director; I exercise regularly; I have a small support group that I am in touch with. Each time I returned to Jemez Springs and at the end of the module, I was told that I would be visited by a member of the staff, as part of the aftercare program. I am still waiting for such a visit.

I would ask you to consider the feasibility of recommending another therapist for me. I ask this due to the fact that a doctor-patient relationship is based on total trust and confidence. Since you state Dr. REDACTED does not trust me, I feel the trust between us has been totally destroyed. I cannot work under such conditions comfortably. If this is not possible, I understand, and will try to do the best I can with a most difficult situation.

This is the second time you have reacted to a situation concerning myself, without taking time to ask for or listen to the two sides of the story. I know for a fact that you do not teach this at Foundation House and form us to approach a given problem objectively and prudently in order to solve it in the interest that will best serve everyone. Please do not judge me so harshly until you have heard and evaluated all the facts.

In Xto,



(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

CC: Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.  
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