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Meeting with Reverend Daniel Clark
November 11, 1986

Dan and I met to discuss how things were going with him in his various assignments. He is very pleased with the arrangement at Highland Baptist Hospital and feels that he is getting a great deal out of CPE, particularly with regard to Chaplain Jim Pollard's supervision.

He is also pleased with his involvement as the Catholic chaplain at Highland Baptist Hospital and at this point would like to continue that, even after CPE is completed next spring. When Chaplain Pollard and Fr. Clark meet for Fr. Clark's final evaluation, Chaplain Pollard will call me in order to share that evaluation with me. CPE is over in mid-December and will begin again with a new unit in February. So Fr. Clark will be free during the month of January. He has been working in the drug and alcohol treatment unit primarily, but also in some other hospital units, including the emergency room. At times he has been on-call at Highland Baptist and at Baptist East.

Dan feels that his living situation with the Holy Cross Brothers and chaplaincy to the brothers is quite satisfactory and is working out well. There is one problem with one of the brothers who seems to have an alcohol problem but he has told the brothers that that is their problem and he does not want to be part of dealing with that situation.

Dan has been meeting approximately once every six weeks with Dr. O'Connor. His last meeting was less than a week ago. Dr. O'Connor seems to think that Dan is doing quite well as far as his assignment is concerned. He believes that there are still issues that Dan has not dealt with yet. Dan said that he did not believe that Dr. O'Connor has a firm fix on what is going on with Dan and that Chaplain Pollard has really been able to get into some of this better than Dr. O'Connor.

Dan has substituted a couple of times at SS. Simon and Jude and is committed to substitute during the last part of January and the first week of February while Fr. Dittmeier is gone. Dan has also volunteered to help out with weekend liturgies at Our Lady of Peace Hospital.

Dan and I talked a little about his future ministry after CPE is completed in the spring of 1987. He said at this point he would like to remain at Highland Baptist and is considering what other possibilities would be good for him. Possibly part-time in a parish would be appropriate after that time. He said that Fr. Gentile has given him some indication that he might be interested in having him come to SS. Simon and Jude when Fr. Dittmeier leaves next year.

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Financial arrangements are working out well. Dan is caught up with all of his bills and is now paying his own car payments and other expenses, except for housing which is handled by the diocese. The only exception is his student loan at Mt. St. Mary's in Cincinnati which is still outstanding.

One area of concern for Dan is his continued uneasiness and perhaps shame and guilt when he is with other priests. He has not become comfortable with this yet and realizes that it is something he has to work on.

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