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Meeting with Reverend Daniel C. Clark  
In-residence  
Passionist Monastery  
June 28, 1989

Dan reports that he is doing well, feels relieved that at long last litigation related to his case has been settled. He said he does not know any details of that and perhaps feels better off not knowing them at this point. His lawyer, Mike, has advised him that he wrote a letter to the insurance company to try to precipitate a settlement that was very strong and contained inferences that Dan might not agree with but as Mike reports, it worked. He advised Dan that should he be asked about this particular letter he can comfortably deny that he had knowledge of its preparation or presentation to the insurance company or to the Chancery.

Dan would like in future ministry to work in pastoral care. He very much enjoyed his opportunity to work at Highland Baptists Hospital, especially working in the addiction treatment program with adults. He hopes to pursue this further and his counselor and friend, John Maloney, has advised him that in order to qualify to do this he should, himself, complete an institutional treatment program. Mr. Maloney seems to feel that Dan would then be very employable. Dan wants to enter into the Golden Valley Program (a thirty-day treatment program for sexually addicted adults).

Dan has been participating for a long time now, in both an Adult Child of Alcoholics Group and a Sexual Addicts Group, both twelve-step programs. He also has been seeing Dr. O'Connor on a regular basis for nearly seven years now. Dr. O'Connor supports Dan in his desire to enter an institutional treatment program. I advised Dan that I had discussed this briefly with the archbishop and that the archbishop was receptive to the idea, particularly of a program that would be limited, at this time, to thirty days. I advised Dan to continue pursuing the Golden Valley Program and gather materials necessary for presentation to the archbishop when he returns from vacation in mid-July.

I questioned Dan further about his desire of future ministry and what opportunities might present themselves within the archdiocese. As before, he indicated he hopes to work in pastoral care, particularly in the area of addiction treatment. He said that both John Maloney and Deacon Jim Pollard of the Baptist Hospitals would welcome him back on the staff there but they are not certain the administration would accept that. In light of this, I asked him what Mr. Maloney meant when he indicated that Dan would be "very employable" after completion of this treatment. Dan said that he did not know except for the fact that there are many treatment programs in Louisville.

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Dan indicates that the Passionists, and particularly the rector of the house Father John, have indicated that he is welcome to continue his residence there for as long as he wishes. Dr. O'Connor has, however, suggested that Dan might want to consider rectory living again as an important step in his recovery and living in the "real world." Dan understands the restrictions that have been placed upon him as a condition of his probation that is that he has no contact with children or youth for a period of fifteen years. Dan will be on a supervised probation for five years, that is, he is required to maintain regular contact with a probationary officer. He is not certain of the full implications of the restrictions of the probations, i.e., could Dan work in a hospital that offered pediatric services. He said that this would probably have to be worked out with his probationary officer. I pointed out that any hospital that does offer pediatric services might be very reluctant to accept Dan on staff in any capacity.

Even the question of rectory living has implications for the court's restrictions. Though Dan may live in a rectory and have no formal affiliation with a parish at all the proximity to parish children and youth could leave the Church liable in the event of any charges brought against Dan in the future. Dan is sensitive to that and realizes that much of his future within the Church will be dictated by just considerations of the Church for its own liability.

Dan asked if there were any reason why his name had not been returned to the mailing lists of the diocese. He receives virtually none of the archdiocesan mailings. He misses this communication and feels quite cut off. I told Dan that I would look into that and see what could be done. Dan indicated that he would communicate to me the process of pursuing the Golden Valley placement. He seems to think he may be free to enter that program as early as August 1, 1989.

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