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Dear Bill,

I wanted to write and give a little update in regards to pursuing what I had shared with the Health Board.

I spoke to Dr. Bob O'Connor and received his approval for going to a treatment center. He stated that he had no problem with a treatment program considering what I wanted to do in Pastoral Care. He did wonder why it was necessary to do inpatient in order to be a counselor. I also discussed this with my Probation Officer and she also stated that there would be no problem in getting the necessary travel permits. The next step was to contact Golden Valley to see if I qualified for the "inpatient" treatment program. I was told that the inpatient program is for patients who are not currently able to function in society because of addictive acting out (chemical, drugs, sexual). During the discussion concerning treatment, Golden Valley like O'Connor, was somewhat puzzled as to why I needed "inpatient" treatment after my stay at Our Lady of Peace, the seven years with O'Connor, the six years of work in the 12 Step programs and all the CPE. During the discussion I also told them that I celebrated my first "birthday" in S.A.A. and have become a Sponsor for new people coming in. In answering the "why?", I told them that I wanted and hope to do Pastoral Care and minister to the dependent and codependent. I had been advised (by John Maloney) that going through a treatment program would give me knowledge and experience in this area and would also assist me with my own addictions. Golden Valley and Dr. O'Connor told me that it was not necessary for a counselor to go through such a program in order to have an understanding of the dynamics, techniques and issues to be dealt with such as denial. Golden Valley stated my own experience in working the 12 Steps in S.A.A. and Adult Child has given me the same experience as inpatient without the intensity. They then stated that perhaps their training programs would better suit my needs. I had already received the impression that inpatient might not be possible from previous conversations with Golden Valley and with Dr. Patrick Carnes. I discussed the possibility


with John and John stated to try for the training then.

When I asked about their training programs I was informed that I could attend the advanced training entitled: Counseling The Sexual Addict. It is a five day focused training program which my good friend John Maloney will be attending in August. He plans to incorporate treatment of sexual addiction at Baptist East with the chemical dependency Unit. They are also having a three day training program specifically for Clergy entitled: Healing The Wounds. They are sending me the information on the Clergy program immediately. I already have the information on the Advanced (copy enclosed).

Since I have become a Sponsor and have worked the program, I have become even more convinced that this is what my Lord wants me to do in the ministry of Pastoral Care. I have learned long ago to trust my God for the when, where and how; in fact, for everything in my life and ministry. I would really like to go to one of these training programs at Golden Valley. The five day advanced costs \$550.00 plus transportation and lodging. I will not know the cost of the Clergy training until I receive the packet. Out of the \$500.00 for continuing education, I have already spent \$65.00 for the Patrick Carnes workshop. I am currently paying the balance of my hospital stay before Christmas and the \$300.00 deductible for medications. With my car payments among other things, I would be hard pressed to come up with the remaining funds to attend the training. I will be sending this letter to Bill Medley and Joe Merkt also. I know that the Archbishop is out of town presently and assume the matter will have to be taken up with him.

I would really appreciate your support and the support of the Board in what I hope to do. With so many people (O'Connor, Probation, etc) involved, it's been rather difficult trying to get everything together. I realize that it will take time but, like I said, God has been pretty good at taking care of me these past years. I thank you for your fraternal love, support and encouragement.

Fraternally,

  
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