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Dear Archbishop,

I just returned from the Institute of Behavioral Medicine in Minneapolis, and the week-long training with Dr. Patrick Carnes on "Counseling the Sexual Addicted". I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for sending me. It was a fantastic experience and the training very intense. It will take a couple of weeks to process all the information provided. The program covered a multitude of issues. I hope to share information and concerns with the Priest Health Board after processing.

As you may know, Dr. Carnes is a very devoted Catholic and expressed his concerns for Clergy and Religious. He shared with me a letter requesting information on addiction/recovery from Rev. Thomas Doyle, O.P. who is associated with the Congregation for Clergy in Rome. The information will assist discernment of appropriateness in returning Clergy to active public ministry who have acted out sexually. We were relieved that the Church is actively seeking out information considering the projected economic devastation that this disease will cause. Dr. Carnes shared his concern about the Seminarians also. Obviously there exist no small amount of homophobia within the seminaries which creates additional denial agenda in students most in need of help. The addict is more than capable of sabotaging testing and family history in addiction denial. I hope to provide information to Dr. Munson on new tools for screening. I received a license from Carnes to utilize his copyright inventories and assessments. All-in-all, it was a very insightful week. I came away very affirmed in my work and concerns for my Church and addicts still unrecovered.

Again, thank you for sending me. I am keeping myself very busy with several projects and helping here at the Monastery. The most recent project was facilitating a group specifically for high risk career professionals (Health Care Professionals, Clergy, Social Workers) who would certainly lose their careers if their addiction became known or who would feel very

uncomfortable with a chance meeting of a client/parrishioner at a regular meeting. We had our first meeting just prior to my week away and I was very surprised at the number of professionals who attended indicative of the need. Fr. Francis was pleased to provide a safe place for the group to meet here at the Monastery. There is so much more I would like to share from the training -- especially the hostile media issues. Since I tend to be lengthy with letters, I had best sign off.

I hope you are doing well and be assured of my prayers. God Bless -- I hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,



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