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Dear Archbishop,

Greetings - I hope this finds you well. So often when I have seen you we have only had just a few moments together. Your warm receptions have always made my day and days beyond! I just wanted to write and let you know how I am doing and what I am doing. Sorry this letter is a tad long but I don't know if I have ever been able to write a short letter! There is just so much I wanted to share with you.

I am still involved in the offender treatment program mandated by the State and have found it to very good for me and others. I am in the final stages of the Phase II, the intense therapy, and will soon be in Phase III, which is the maintenance program. I have asked John Burke if he would be my partner for this six-week program and afterwards. He graciously agreed. I have been in Phase II for about three years, which has dealt with my own victimization in childhood by my Pastor, my anger, guilt and shame, and the trauma I caused as a perpetrator. Much of it has not been without a great deal of pain but I have had marvelous support from my groups. I have never been alone. I am not sure who conceived "Priest Support Groups" but whoever it was deserves sainthood! No one needs to try to convince me anymore about the meaning of grace, the blessings of God, and a Jesus who hugs much like you - go figure! Of course, I still see Dr. O'Connor monthly to bi-monthly. It's been ten years now and he is as helpful, and at times confrontive, as ever. The group you helped us establish has been very good. There are issues unique to priests which cannot be shared elsewhere with understanding but can be addressed openly and honestly in this forum. I must thank you again for that!

I have received much encouragement from my support group in my special ministry of helping other people find help who are sexually or chemically addicted. I am presently the

executive secretary for the Greater Louisville Council on Sexual Health and Addiction. The council is rapidly growing and our Board of Directors is comprised of therapist, educators and other interested parties. Judith Matheny is our chairperson and I have worked very closely with her on educational projects such as conferences and workshops. John Maloney and other top-notch people are on the Board and I have been blessed to be a part of it for almost five years. We are now publishing a Newsletter on a bi-monthly basis. Currently we are working on a program for volunteers and professionals, who work with youth, on setting boundaries in addition to a program for clergy on safe pastoral counseling settings. I have also asked Judith if we could develop a workshop that would help priests resolve the anger and victimization resulting from the media and the behavior of priests who are perpetrators. As one priest stated to me recently, he felt he was found guilty by reason of being a priest without committing a crime. We have some very good local people who could offer such a program very privately, Rev. Jim Pollard being one. I know he was well received by those who attended his talk a few months ago. Judith will contact our Continuing Education when a program has been worked out to ascertain interest. I have also been a referral person for treatment centers and programs for other Diocese.

As you may know, I am also very active in Sex Addicts Anonymous and continue to organize meeting places. The numbers are growing quite rapidly and the need for additional meeting places and different times remains a constant job. It is difficult to go to institutions to request a meeting place that is safe for "sex" addicts as you can imagine. Many of our members are very new to the program and very, very scared. I am currently sponsoring about 14 people; several who are HIV and in great need of spiritual healing, love and reconciliation. This sponsorship involves being there with phone and beeper close-at-hand when they find themselves in crisis or when they just need to talk. Unfortunately, our city is full of places where they can easily get out and it is usually late at night. This past weekend, Louisville hosted the S.A.A. International Convention. About three hundred delegates from around the world attended. I can see the day when S.A.A. meetings will be as common as A.A. and as openly publicized.

As you know, Peyton asked me to help out at the Tribunal with auditing cases. I have been writing second instance and keeping on top of the pile. I have always been impressed with how well the Tribunal works and tend to brag about it with

friends in other Diocese. Trying to stop that though. I met with Fr. Thompson and told him I would be open to helping him in whatever way was appropriate. Of course, I'm still helping the community here at the monastery in whatever way I can. And, I am the Alternate for Region VI whenever Ted Sans is absent - which is quite rare! I found the one meeting I was allowed to attend quite exciting but it dealt with taxes which I know nothing about.

Finally, one of my hobbies has been radio. I took the test and completed my FCC Technician's license for amateur radio about two weeks ago. Whenever I am at home, I monitor the emergency channel on citizen band to relay accident reports and other emergencies to EMS or police. I have received training as a weather spotter for storms and tornadoes and became a member of the Radio Emergency Action Communications Team and the Disaster Emergency Services of Louisville and Jefferson County. On the side, do not use a cellular phone with an antenna on it. The frequency these phones use is very close to that of a microwave oven - which ought to tell people something!

My ministry is very much behind-the-scenes. And, I must honestly say there are some times when I get caught-up in grief that I can no longer do what my brothers do in ministry. A phone call from an addict snaps me back to the grace of what I am doing and my special ministry in building the Body of Christ. In my heart I know that God is doing with me exactly what God wanted to do.

I am very much looking forward to attending the Assembly; my first in six or seven years. There is some apprehension too, but I know my support group will be there for me, and I for them. I thank you Archbishop for your support and for believing in me. I have been blessed with so many wonderful people and you are at the top of the list - thank you - I can't say it enough! Know you are in my daily prayers.

Fraternally,



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