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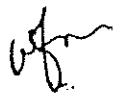
RE Reverend Louis E. Miller
November 20, 1990

Father Lou Miller requested an appointment with me to discuss his Personal Preference Form for 1991. He has, with the archbishop's consent, made plans to extend his sabbatical studies at St. Louis University through May, 1991. At that time he said he hopes to fulfill a long-time dream of making a 30-day Ignatian Retreat at Milford. At the end of that he would like to take a 10-day workshop in Spiritual Direction. Therefore, he will be available for assignment within the archdiocese by mid-June, 1991.

Father Miller was very frank and forthcoming about his present position in the archdiocese. I acknowledged that the archbishop had indicated to me and to the Priests' Personnel Board that there would be restrictions on the type of ministry in which he could be involved at this time. Father Miller took this as an occasion to fill me in, confidentially, on those matters that have necessitated these restrictions. He indicated that he is undergoing very painful but very profitable therapy. He has a fine working relationship with his therapist, Dr. Dennis Wagner, and sees him weekly.

What he proposes for himself is that he continue his work in gerontology (ministry to the sick and elderly) either in hospitals or in nursing homes. He is presently weekend chaplain to Sacred Heart Home and would like to see that expanded, perhaps, to include the Little Sisters of the Poor when they open in the Spring of 1991, and perhaps assist pastors of parishes who have a particularly heavy load with numerous nursing homes within their boundaries. I indicated to Father Miller that I had not yet talked with any pastors but since he would not be available until June, I will have plenty of time to pursue that.

Father Miller also proposed yet another option for himself which he shared cautiously because he has not confirmed with Dr. Wagner the advisability of entering into this ministry. He indicated an openness to prison ministry, particularly the State reformatories in Oldham County. I told him I felt if Dr. Wagner affirmed this inclination, Father Joe Voor would be more than delighted to have any assistance he would be able to offer. He noted that he certainly would not wish to enter into prison ministry fulltime because he felt it would be too stressful and too oppressive but a day or two a week might work out very nicely.

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