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MEMORANUUM:

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FROM: Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O.P.

RE: Father Joe Stoltz

Father Stoltz has been rejected by OLOP for return to clinical work despite Dr. Bentley's assurance that he is ready to do so. I attach pertinent correspondence: On the telephone Sister Barbara Thomas said that the hospital is afraid that the young man (MS-17) will keep talking and cause Joe and the hospital to suffer.

I met with Father Stoltz on April 19th. We had a good discussion.

St. William's wants him as their pastor. They had originally talked about a 10/30 hours arrangement with OLOP, then 20/20. When we delayed replying to their recent offer to appoint Joe as pastor, they even offered to have him full-time and, apparently, to pay all his costs, etc. (I asked what they're offering to Jim Flynn. Joe did not think anything was being given to the new association.)

I don't think it's right for Joe Stoltz to be full-time in the employ of St. William's. Besides my ideological misgivings about St. William's (I find them elitist and woefully self-centered), I also feel that it is an improper use of Joe's ability and time. Joe agrees.

His first choice for a work add-on would be the Cathedral. He would like to be a sort of associate, taking the weekday morning Masses and having an office there to do pastoral counseling or whatever else is required. He likes Ron, but Ron knows the story of Joe's current difficulties and may be afraid to take him on. There may be other reasons for Ron's reluctance. But this avenue will have to be pursued again. The pastor's job at St. William's requires him to be there from 9 a.m. to about 1 p.m. on Sundays, but if he were given the weekend Masses at the Cathedral he could do all but the ten a.m. Mass.

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A second choice, one that I find attractive, is to make himself available for pastoral counseling in the Bardstown Road area parishes. Fees would be charged to fill out his financial needs.

Someone has invited him to work with him in group therapy.

Finally, least attractive to Joe, is the tribunal where he has worked before.

I am now writing to Dr. Bentley to ask her to provide the Archdiocese with a letter similar to the one she wrote to OLOP, stating that Joe is fit for service. I will ask for the omission of parts that are unrelated to our needs, viz, OLOP and mandatory treatment. I am asking permission to show this to Father Hogan so that **MS-17** can be informed of the treatment taken and Joe's current performance capacity. I too feel the need to silence **MS-17** if possible.

cc: Rev. William Medley  
Rev. B. J. Breen

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