

Fr. Al. Ramos -

1985

Wed, July 24 -

A.M. - Phone call from Al - wanted to report that he had "slipped" & had an incident w/a 17 yr old boy from parish. Set up mtg for 7/29 at 9 AM.

P.M. - Dinner w/ Sr. Hoppe - Al had met her in A.M. ~~the~~ Told Hoppe that incident happened on Thurs eve - Friday morning (7/18-19).

Thurs, July 25 -

A.M. - Phoned Al - set up appt for Friday, 7/26 at 9:00 AM.

Friday, July 26 -

9:00 AM - Met w/ Al

- Al said parents not going legal - however, may come to me or +WRP.

Parents know Al is coming to see me - tell me.

- Disposition:

- Al leaving parish (vacation) immediately - medical doctor prescribes rest as he is exhausted for at least 2 weeks -

- Will keep in touch - & await appt w/+WRP

- meeting in house on Sat. 7/27 50600081

- Called [REDACTED] - in trial - secretary  
will have [REDACTED] call Al after 4:15 tonight -

Al spoke @ feeling so depressed over this incident -  
just time wanted to drink - even feeling suicidal -  
I'm calling Hyatt to notify him!

Told + John on Wed + Fri of all above.

Sunday night

Dear Mike —

I've tried for three days now to reach you, but haven't succeeded. By the time you get this I'll be at:

OLD MISSION RETREAT Box 409  
SAN LOUIS REY 62068  
619 / 757-3659  
c/o DEACON MICHAEL NEWMAN

There's an A.A. club 10 minutes' walking distance away and the beach is a few miles away. So, this should serve me alright until Thursday. On Thursday I have an appointment with Bill Monroe. Friday I move on to:

ST. ANDREW'S PRIORY  
RETREAT HOUSE  
VALVERDE 93563  
805 / 944-2178  
c/o GUEST MASTER

I'll be attending "The Mind and Spirituality" a seminar by Dr. Hoppe and panel, Dr. Hoppe and I will have a chance to share where I'm at and feeling. After that I'll be back at San Louis Rey

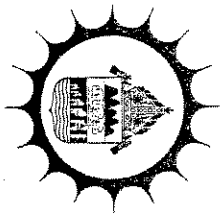
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or travelling a bit depending on whatever  
develops from my interviews with Mr.  
Morroe and Dr. Happe.  
I'll keep you posted!

Peace,  
Al

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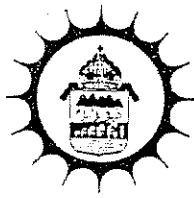


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*(9/21/82)*

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9/21/82

From the desk of:

Father Driscoll

Al Ramos

4-6 years

[Redacted]

Admiral - Rectory Boy  
Dad - [Redacted]

Ⓢ 3 mos ago  
HOTEL  
MAG - homosexual  
Tosche -  
By run - called father -

This weekend - Fri. night - Char. Retreat  
by suitcase -  
Mugs  
wrestling -  
give back my Bible  
Parents picked him

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From the desk of:

Father Driscoll

- MAIL: Playboy Book ← (Several yrs ago)  
 Hustler  
 men - men AI at Parish  
 Pictures - <sup>women - women</sup> taken by w/ Playboy Mag (~~magazine~~)  
After more -  
 call -  
 sent mail - sent picture of naked lady

Charismatic Convention

"scared" - "are you behaving?"  
 Motel -  
 unbutton shirt | took bed in room  
 pull string on pants | stay overnight.  
 suitcase full of mag -  
 "give me my bible" - no - Miguel threats to  
 then suitcase on to goal -  
 TRUNK of car - has present for Miguel  
 called him from Strong's home

[Redacted] - 16

FRI

Befra school got out / Jim  
 went to movie - DRIVE-IN  
 - BAD BOYER - emergency to road  
 - hold hand -  
 try to truck crash -  
 ON way home hold hand - wanted out - got out of car -  
 went home by 2:00 -

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FILE

ASSIGNMENT: (9/1/81)

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\* I've applied for a post office box in San Ysidro, CA, near the border for reasons of security. As soon as my request is processed I'll notify you of my mailing address.

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Father's first. I will need  
your assistance in this area.

I will be on vacation more  
or less for about one week  
starting on Saturday, 24 Aug.

Is it OK to do a friend's  
wedding on Saturday, 7 Sept.?  
He's from St. Joseph, Placentia,  
and she's from St. Juliana in  
Fullerton (where the wedding  
is to take place).

Thank you for your attention  
and response.

Father Al Ramos  
Providence Hall

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Dear Bishop Johnson, <sup>Personnel</sup> FILE

I've given thought to various areas of priestly ministry as you suggested and in consultation with Doctor Hoppe.

These are the areas of interest to me:

- Mexico - somewhere in Baja California.

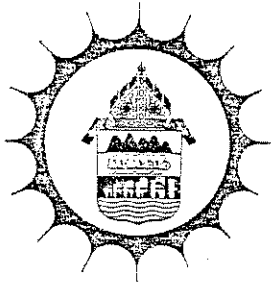
- Alcoholic Rehabilitation Unit in one of our hospitals (need training)

- Hispanic Ministry Office  
Encuentros Conjugales,  
Adult Education, Liturgy  
Pre-Marriage Preparation,  
etc.

- Paraclete Fathers ministry to chemically dependent priests. (may need some training)

These are in the order of my personal likes. However, in order of what may be best for me at this time I would put the ministry with the Paraclete

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September 24, 1985

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Most Reverend Emilio Berlie  
Calle 10 a y Ocampo  
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Tijuana, Baja California 22300  
MEXICO

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

RE: REVEREND ELEUTERIO V. RAMOS

Your Excellency:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend William R. Johnson, has asked me to write to you regarding Reverend Eleuterio V. Ramos sharing his activities and assignments in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, as well as the Diocese of Orange, and some of the problems which Father Al has had, along with the actions taken.

Father Al was born March 23, 1940, in Los Angeles and is a citizen of the United States of America. He attended school in the city of Los Angeles - entering the high school seminary in 1954. He completed his studies in 1966 and was ordained in the Cathedral of Saint Vibiana by His Eminence, James Francis Cardinal McIntyre on April 30, 1966.

Father Ramos was assigned as an associate pastor on May 14, 1966, to Saint Thomas Apostle Parish in Los Angeles. He served there in this capacity until June 14, 1971, when he was assigned as associate pastor to Saint Marianne Parish in Pico Rivera. August 1, 1972, he was assigned as associate pastor to Resurrection Parish in Los Angeles. On March 5, 1975, he was assigned as associate pastor in Placentia to Saint Joseph Parish.

The Diocese of Orange was created from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on June 18, 1976. On this date Father Ramos became a member of the Diocese of Orange as all priests living in the boundaries of Orange County were officially made priests of the new diocese. On July 1, 1978, Father Ramos was assigned as associate pastor to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Santa Ana where he served until September 21, 1979. On this date Father Ramos was granted sick leave and entered an alcoholism treatment program at Saint Luke Institute at Marsalin, Massachusetts. He was at Saint Lukes until May 6, 1980, when he was assigned as associate pastor to Saint Angela Merici Parish in Brea, continuing his therapy. July, 1983, he was appointed as associate pastor in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in La Habra, and pastor of Saint Anthony Claret in Anaheim, July, 1984, where he served until September 1, 1985.

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In going through the personnel file on Father Ramos, I have found the following notations and memoranda regarding problems and actions taken:

3/27/75 - a memo from Monsignor John Rawden, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, to Monsignor Benjamin G. Hawkes, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, informing him that as director of the Priests' Relief Association, Father Ramos would be in contact with him. The memo continues that Father Ramos would be in psychological care with Dr. Klaus Hoppe. This care was suggested by the District Attorney as a result of a recent incident. This was the entirety of the memo and the incident was not clarified.

4/1/75 - a letter from Father Ramos to Monsignor Hawkes stating that Dr. Klaus Hoppe had become his psychotherapist and requesting funding for payment of the therapy.

9/13/79 - letter from [REDACTED] and Sr. Mary Albert, principal at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Santa Ana, to Bishop William Johnson. This letter expresses concern for Father Ramos and a desire to meet with Bishop Johnson. Their concern was over a suspected alcohol problem as well as a feeling that Father Al was taking young people to inappropriate movies.

In December, 1979, Father Al entered alcoholism therapy at St. Luke's Institute, Marsalin, Massachusetts. Following his treatment there, which concluded May, 1980, he continued therapy with Dr. Klaus Hoppe, as well as attending weekly AA groups.

9/21/82 - a meeting with myself and the parents of a boy named [REDACTED] age 16. Feelings expressed by parents that Father Al needed help. Once again it was over inappropriate movies as well as the showing of "girlie" magazines. Father Al continued therapy with Dr. Hoppe.

August, 1985, - incident with a 17 year old boy from St. Anthony Claret Parish, in Anaheim, resulting in Father Al's resignation from the parish and his application to Your Excellency for work.

Bishop Johnson has provided Father Ramos with an automobile. The registration of the car has been changed to the name of Father Al Ramos. Bishop Johnson will continue to carry the insurance for the automobile whenever it is in the United States. He has requested Father Ramos to purchase insurance in Mexico for the car while it is there.

Bishop Johnson has agreed to pay Father Ramos a monthly honorarium to help him in his support. This honorarium amounts to \$332.00 per month.

Bishop Johnson has asked Father Ramos to meet with Dr. Hoppe on a monthly basis which Father Ramos has agreed to do. Father Ramos will pay the cost of this therapy which amount to \$100.00 per visit.

Bishop Johnson has told Father Ramos that if there should be any further incidences of his problem that he, as his bishop, would have no hesitation in suspending him from his priestly duties and make an application to Rome for his reduction to the lay state.

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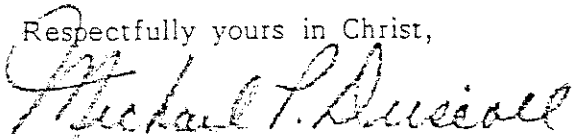
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Bishop Johnson feels that it is very important that the pastor where Father Ramos is staying be made aware of the nature of his problems. He would hope that this pastor would be open to help and assist Father Al, if tempted, so that there be no reoccurrence.

Bishop Johnson is most grateful to Your Excellency for your openness to Father Ramos. Father Ramos is a beloved member of our clergy and a friend. We deeply regret the problems he has and hope that he may now completely come to grips with facing these problems and overcoming them.

Praying God's continued blessings on you and your ministry, I remain

Respectfully yours in Christ,

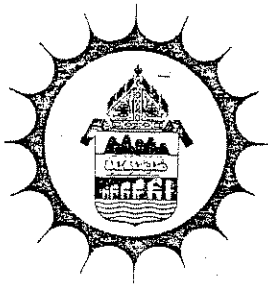


Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll  
Chancellor

MPD:ds

Enclosure

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**FILE**

October 15, 1985

Reverend Eleuterio Ramos  
4462 Camino De La Plaza #A-47  
San Ysidro, California 92073

Dear Al:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 2, 1985 and really am very happy to hear from you.

I am glad to have gotten your new mailing address and that it is on the U.S.A. side of the border. I am notifying the priests in the Clergy Changes of this new address.

You should have received, by now, and mailed to the San Ysidro address, information from our Insurance Department (Mr. Tom Flynn) regarding your car insurance. I have asked him to be in contact with you and to mail the papers to you at that address. I believe there was a little mix-up in that Tom also obtained for you Mexican insurance. However, I explained to him that you were obtaining this insurance yourself in Mexico and that the insurance being provided by the Diocese was insurance for within the United States. He is now taking care of that.

I will also be notifying our Accounting Department of the United States address so that your monthly diocesan stipend can be sent to you at that address.

I am enclosing in this letter a copy of the letter that I mailed to Bishop Berli. I hope that it is substantially correct as the information contained therein is what I found in your personnel file. I hope you, too, can then use this letter to your best advantage.

I am really sorry to hear that you are having problems controlling your blood sugar level. I hope that it will soon be regulated as you certainly do not want to lose your health. We will keep these intentions in our prayers.

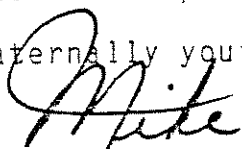
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Regarding writing some of the pastors in Orange County as to possible donations to the parish in which you are serving, Bishop Johnson has no objection to your requesting or to their sending clothing or other material things. He does not wish you to ask for money or have them send monies. The reason for this is our program with the Propagation of the Faith and the Missionary Cooperative Plan.

Please be assured of my continued prayers, Al. I think of you often and hope that all will go well with you.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. P. Driscoll".

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll  
Chancellor

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