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May 24, 1985

Reverend Siegfried Widera
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
1100 South Center Street
Santa Ana, California 92704

Dear Father Widera:

His Excellency, Bishop William R. Johnson, has directed me to confirm your appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR
ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH
YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA

This appointment will become effective on MONDAY, July 1, 1985.

Praying God's continued blessings upon you and your work, I remain

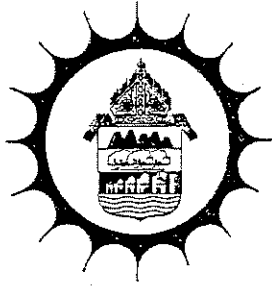
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

jr

cc: Rev. Daniel Hopcus
Rev. Francis Moran

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May 17, 1984

Reverend Siegfried Widera
St. Edward Church
33926 Calle La Primavera
Dana Point, California 92629

Dear Father Widera:

His Excellency, Bishop William R. Johnson, has directed me to confirm your appointment as

ASSOCIATE PASTOR
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

This appointment will become effective on MONDAY, July 2, 1984.

Praying for God's continued blessings upon you and your work, I remain

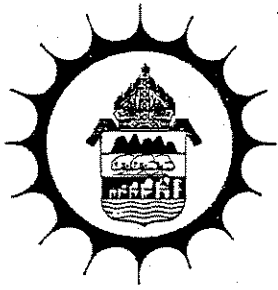
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cc: Rev. Louis Knight
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July 19, 1983

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We verify that Reverend Siegfried Widera is a priest of the Diocese of Orange and is attached to the Church of St. Edward in Dana Point, California.

With our approval he now wishes to be absent from the Diocese for vacation from July 24 - August 14, 1983. Father Widera is a priest of sound moral character and is in good standing. He is commended to the Ordinary for permission to offer Mass.

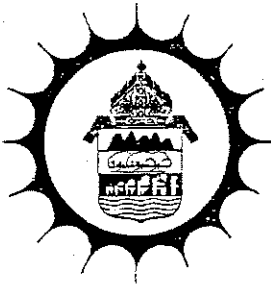
Given this 19th Day of JULY, 1983

For the Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

By

Reverend Monsignor Harry Trower
Vicar General

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November 24, 1982

Reverend Siegfried Widera
St. Edward Church
33926 Calle La Primavera
Dana Point, California 92629

Dear Sig:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your own conversations with [REDACTED]

I really appreciate your efforts in working with her in a difficult situation which affects both of you.

I pray that the Holiday Season will be filled with all of God's choicest blessings for you.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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St. Edward's Church

33926 CALLE LA PRIMAVERA - PHONE 496-1307
DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA 92629

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Ans'd.....

Dear Mike,

Thought I would drop you a note to let you know about our conversation. I had a talk with [REDACTED]. It was very nice. She related how she felt about Fr. Knight and the School Commission. She and I came up with the same conclusion that you and I achieved - there is not much that can be done. We parted

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in a good frame of mind. We have seen
each other since then - just a greeting - and she
seems active in school activities. Concerning [REDACTED]
I believe he is coming back December 9. I talked
to his doctor, [REDACTED], who has had a
recent letter from him. [REDACTED] mentioned to the
doctor that although he is taking medication that
he feels normal. He mentioned that he is helping
out in the local parish. Sounds good for him.
Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

Sig

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REQUEST FOR PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

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Ans'd.....

NAME SIEGFRIED F. WIDERA
ADDRESS 33926 CALLE LA PRIMAVERA
CITY DANA POINT, CA. ZIP 92629
PHONE 496-1307

AGE 41 ORDINATION DATE May 20, 1967
CURRENT ASSIGNMENT Ass-PASTOR - St. EDWARD
HOW LONG IN PRESENT ASSIGNMENT 10 months
LANGUAGE ABILITIES German

I WOULD PREFER:

- 1. Established parish. Please give reasons and use back of paper if necessary.

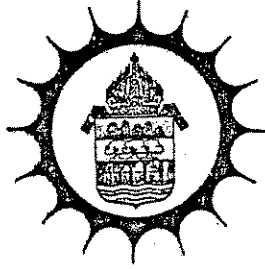
*I would serve the Diocese of Orange
wherever they (the Diocese) deems fit!
The choice is yours - God Love you!*

- 2. New parish. Please give reasons and use back of paper if necessary.

RETURN TO:

REVEREND MONSIGNOR MICHAEL P. DRISCOLL
CHANCELLOR
Marywood Center
2811 East Villa Real Drive
Orange, California 92667

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June 14, 1982

Reverend Siegfried Widera
St. Edward Church
33926 Calle La Primavera
Dana Point, California 92629

RE: REQUEST FOR ADDITION TO PARISH SCHOOL BUILDING

Dear Father Widera:

I am happy to inform you that your request for the addition to the school building of St. Edward by construction of classrooms on the second floor to accomodate older children at an estimated cost of \$116,170 along with the work needed to bring existing building up to earthquake code estimated at approximately \$34,000, bringing the total cost of the project to approximately \$150,000 has been approved by His Excellency at his meeting with his Diocesan Consultors on June 2, 1982. Also approved at that time was the request of the parish to borrow \$75,000 from the Diocese in order to complete this work.

May I suggest that you be in touch with Mr. Lee Meyer, our Diocesan Business Manager, regarding the transmittal of funds and with Mr. Martin Sharpe, our Diocesan Construction consultant regarding the work on this project.

I pray that God will continue to bless you always.

With every best wish, I remain

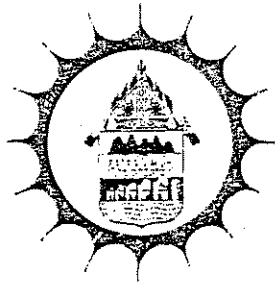
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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cc: Mr. Lee Meyer
Mr. Martin Sharpe

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December 4, 1981

Reverend Monsignor Sylvester F. Gass
Vicar General
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
Post Office Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

RE: REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Monsignor Gass:

Please find enclosed copies of the incardination decree of Reverend Siegfried Widera to the Diocese of Orange signed by His Excellency, The Most Reverend William R. Johnson, Bishop of Orange in California along with the copies of other materials pertinent to his incardination into the Diocese of Orange. You will note that we have dated Father Widera's incardination into Orange as of November 23, 1981 which is the same date as the excardination decree signed by Archbishop Weakland.

On behalf of His Excellency, The Most Reverend William R. Johnson and all of the priests in the Diocese of Orange, I wish to thank you and His Excellency, Archbishop Weakland for your kindness in granting Father Widera's request to be excardinated from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in order to be incardinated into the Diocese of Orange. Father Widera has served here in an exemplary fashion these past five years and we welcome him as a real asset to our Diocese.

Regarding the materials on file in your Chancery Office concerning testimonials of Father Widera, we believe that these testimonials can remain on file in the archives of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and it is not necessary to forward them to us.

I pray that God will be with you in a very special way during this coming holiday season. May He continue to bless and reward your ministry always.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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Ans'd.....

The Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor, Diocese of Orange
Marywood Center
2811 East Villa Real Drive
Orange, California 92667

Dear Monsignor Driscoll:

Archbishop Weakland has asked me to send you a copy of his letter ex-
cardinating Father Siegfried Widera, effective upon his being incardinated in
the Diocese of Orange. The original has been sent to Father Widera with
a note that he will be hearing from you to complete the incardination.

Enclosed also is a form of oath for Father Widera, indicating his inten-
tion to remain in the Diocese of Orange. It has been our practice to
request this, so that a copy of it in our files will indicate that he
no longer intends to be a subject of this Archdiocese.


We shall appreciate a copy of Bishop Johnson's letter of incardination,
in order that we can close our file.

Canon 117, 2° mentions that testimonials regarding the priest's birth,
life, moral character and studies are to be provided by the excardinating
bishop. If you have need of any or all of this pertinent information, we
shall be happy to provide it.

Archbishop Weakland expresses his sincerest thanks to Bishop Johnson and
to you and sends his kindest regards.

With every good wish I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ


(Rev. Msgr.) Sylvester F. Gass
Vicar General

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Ans'd.....

The Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor, Diocese of Orange
Marywood Center
2811 East Villa Real Drive
Orange, California 92667

Dear Monsignor Driscoll:

This is to acknowledge receipt of Bishop Johnson's decree incardinating Father Siegfried Widera into the Diocese of Orange. I also wish to acknowledge receiving the other pertinent documentation.

We are indeed sorry that Father Widera has left our Archdiocese, but we are also happy to know that Father has done well in his priestly ministry in the Diocese of Orange and we pray that he will continue to serve the Eternal High Priest for many years in good health.

Archbishop Weakland expresses his gratitude to Bishop Johnson and to all who have had a part in bringing this process to a conclusion.

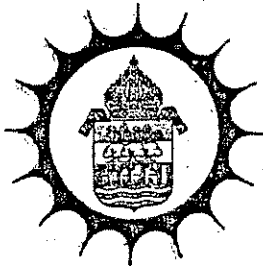
Reciprocating with the sincerest good wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with many graces, much peace and joy, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ

Sylvester F. Gass

Rev. Msgr. Sylvester F. Gass
Vicar General

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May 26, 1982

Reverend Siegfried Widera ✓
St. Edward Church
33926 Calle La Primavera
Dana Point, California 92629

Dear Father Widera:

His Excellency, Bishop William R. Johnson has directed me to confirm your appointment as

ADMINISTRATOR (PRO TEM)
ST. EDWARD CHURCH
DANA POINT

This appointment will become effective this date, Wednesday, May 26, 1982.

Praying for God's every blessing upon you and your work, I remain

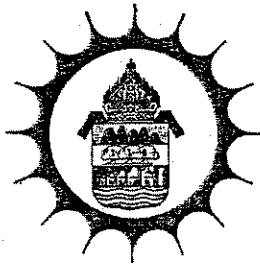
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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cc: Rev. Louis Knight

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440 SOUTH BATAVIA ST.
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92668
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA, with firm faith, believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, that is:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. By Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And He became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of His kingdom there will be no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and Who spoke through the prophets. And one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come.

I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberation or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, accordingly as they are proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of the Holy Church of Christ, its sacraments and the sacrifice of the Mass, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

Reverend Siegfried Widera
SIGNATURE (In presence of Delegate)

DATE: DECEMBER 1, 1981

Michael P. Russell
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS/DELEGATE

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Prescribed by canon 117, 3°, Code of Canon Law

I, Siegfried Widera, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, fully aware of the prescription of canon 117, 3°, which states that a cleric who wishes to transfer to another diocese must declare under oath that he desires to be ascribed permanently to the new diocese, do hereby state that I desire to be permanently ascribed to the Diocese of Orange and I solemnly promise and swear that I will permanently dedicate my service to the same Diocese of Orange, in accordance with the prescriptions of the sacred canons.

So help me God and these His Holy Gospels which I touch with my hand!

In testimony whereof I now affix my signature.

Reverend Siegfried Widera

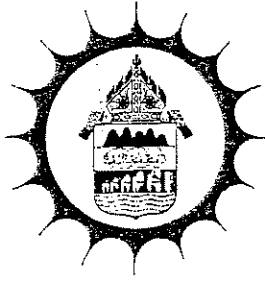
At Diocese of Orange

On this the 1st day of December 1921.

Sworn in the presence of:

Michael P. Dussell
Chancellor

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Reverend Siegfried Widera
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Reverend and dear Father:

In view of the needs of our Diocese and in accord with the provisions of Canon Law especially regarding your title of Ordination and officially advised that you have received a decree of excardination from THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE with assurance of your good character, your course of studies and your good example and in view of your oath which I have received (personally or before a delegated priest) by which you declare and affirm that you wish to be permanently attached to the service of Our Diocese of Orange in California, in response to your petition, we by this present document incardinate and declare you incardinated in Our Diocese of Orange in California.

Given in Orange, California

on NOVEMBER 23, 1981

With our Seal and the co-signature
of Our Chancellor.


Bishop of Orange, California


Chancellor

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INCARDINATION

I REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA hereby declare and affirm that I intend and do bind myself permanently to the priestly service of the Diocese of Orange, California.

With the help of Almighty God and touching these His Holy Gospels.

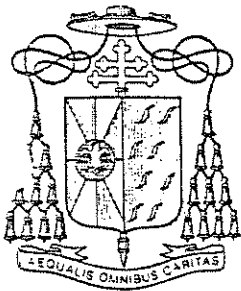
Reverend Siegfried Widera

Orange, California

November 23, 1981

Michael P. Sussell
Witness
Chancellor

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REMBERTUS GEORGIUS

Miseratione Divina et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

Archiepiscopus Milvauchiensis

The Reverend Siegfried Widera
Priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

GREETINGS IN THE LORD

In accordance with your request based on good reasons and having been informed by His Excellency the Most Reverend William R. Johnson, Bishop of Orange, that he is willing to incardinate you, I hereby excommunicate you from this Archdiocese perpetually and absolutely and declare you excommunicated according to canon 112 of the Code of Canon Law, transferring for all time whatever jurisdiction and authority I have over you to the same Bishop Johnson and his successors in the Diocese of Orange, with the condition that this letter becomes effective only when you are duly ascribed to the Diocese of Orange.

Given at the Chancery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this the 23rd day of November, 1981.

+Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.

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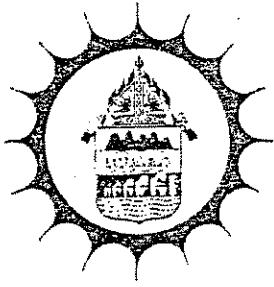
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October 27, 1981

Reverend Siegfried Widera
St. Edward Church
33926 Calle La Primavera
Dana Point, California 92629

Dear Father Widera:

I am happy to inform you that on October 23, 1981 your request for incardination was presented to His Excellency and the Board of Consultors. Your request was unanimously approved and I have, as of this date, written to your Ordinary, The Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B. asking his permission to excardinate you from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in order that you may be incardinated into the Diocese of Orange.

I will keep you informed as to the results of our request to Archbishop Weakland. I pray that he will look upon our request favorably and that you will probably be able to join the presbyterate here in the Diocese of Orange.

May God continue to bless you and your ministry always.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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St. Edward's Church

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DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA 92629

Dear Michael,

I just received this letter from
Fr. Joseph Janschi. I am forwarding it to you
with the request, if you desire, to initiate a
formal request for the process to begin. All
is well, Yours in Christ,

Siegfried

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VICAR FOR PRIEST PERSONNEL

October 27, 1981

Rev. Siegfried Widera
St. Edward Church
33926 Calle La Primavera
Dana Point, CA 92629

Dear Siegfried:

Your most recent letter reminded me of the pleasant visit we had this summer. At that time you stated your desire and the invitation of Bishop Johnson to affiliate with the Diocese of Orange. Subsequently, I discussed this matter in great detail with Archbishop Weakland, and we are now both in agreement that should the invitation still exist you are free to pursue it and all its implications.

Your next step would be to approach Bishop Johnson with this letter as a confirmation of your permission to seek incardination into the Orange Diocese with assurance that you will be excardinated from Milwaukee with our blessings. He then will initiate a formal request for the excardination/incardination process to begin. After that the process is quite simple and culminates when you take your oath of allegiance to the Bishop of Orange and his successors. Following your incardination the monies which have accrued to you in the Archdiocesan Priests' Pension Plan will be transferred to the Diocese of Orange for a similar purpose.

I am edified at all the good work and study that you are accomplishing in your present assignment. It is good to know that the combined effort of ministry and study has been a source of great personal growth and joy for you. I wish you only the best in success and blessings for the future. Let me know if there is anything further I can do to facilitate this process. In the meantime let us continue to pray for each other.

Fraternally yours in Christ,



Reverend Joseph A. Janicki
Vicar for Priest Personnel

JAJ/srs

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