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October 27, 1981

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee
345 North 95th Street
Post Office Box 2018
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

RE: REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Your Excellency:

Reverend Siegfried Widera has served within the Diocese of Orange in California since January 12, 1977. Father Widera came to the Diocese for medical reasons and His Excellency, The Most Reverend William E. Cousins, former Archbishop of Milwaukee, wrote His Excellency, The Most Reverend William R. Johnson, Bishop of Orange, regarding the possibility of extending the Hospitality of the Diocese of Orange to Father Widera while he was on leave from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Father Widera has served here since that time in an exemplary fashion. He was first assigned to St. Pius V Parish in Buena Park and was transferred four months later due to the fact that the parish was given over to the Irish Augustinian Fathers. Father Widera was then assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Justin Martyr Parish in Anaheim and served there from April 11, 1977 through July 6, 1981. He proved to be extremely popular with all the people and a very hard worker in the parish. Father Widera also works with the Naim Conference and serves as Spiritual Moderator for all conferences within the Diocese. On July 6, 1981, Father Widera was assigned as Associate Pastor to St. Edward's Parish in Dana Point. This assignment came at this time due to the diocesan policy of rotating Associate Pastors approximately every four years.

Father Widera has requested incardination into the Diocese of Orange. All the priests of the Diocese think very highly of him and those who have worked with him these past five years have recommended his incardination in very high and positive terms. On October 23, 1981, Father Widera's request for incardination was presented to His Excellency and his Board of Consultors. Once again and unanimously a decision was given in favor of incardinating Father Widera into the Diocese of Orange.

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Siegfried Widera -

Jan. 12, 1977 -

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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- 1/12/77 - St Pius V - Jim Pierce ✓
Dan Hayes ✓
Dennis Lyons ✓
- 4/11/77 St Jesta - Hugh O'Connor ✓
Joe Jertice
Joe Karp ✓
- 7/6/81 St Edward - Lou Knight ✓

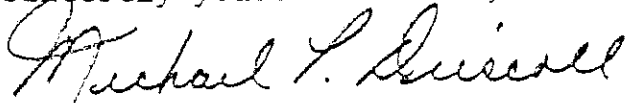
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Some time ago Father Widera wrote to Reverend Joseph A. Janicki, JCL, Vice-Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee regarding submitting his request for incardination into the Diocese of Orange. At this time, in behalf of His Excellency and the Diocese of Orange, I, too, would like to seek your permission to allow Father Siegfried Widera to be excardinated from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in order that he may be incardinated into the Diocese of Orange. We would consider the date of Father Widera's excardination to be the same as the date of his incardination into the Diocese of Orange.

I wish to thank Your Excellency for consideration of this request. I pray that God will continue to bless you and your ministry with the people of God in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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cc: Rev. Joseph A. Janicki, JCL

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St. Edward's Church

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Dear Michael —

Here is the letter I sent to
the address of Milwaukee. I promised
you a copy. Sorry about the delay.
It seems I am procrastinating a lot
lately. Please forgive me. It must
be all this fresh air from the ocean

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and high altitude of St. Edward.
Will have to work at it. I hope
you are fine. I am great - and if
I don't stay away from the table,
I'll be "greater". But the more exercise
I do, the more my appetite increases.
Ah, well !!

Fraternally,

Siegfried

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Dear Fr. Joseph A. Janicki,

I am writing this letter in answer to your request at the meeting we had at your office in August of this year. I want to "Thank You" for sharing an hour of your time with me. I enjoyed that moment with you. You were a good listener.

I should mention something of myself. 5 years ago I came to Orange County which at that time was established as a new diocese between Los Angeles and San Diego with William Johnson as its bishop. My first assignment was at St. Pius V parish in Buena Park - which is near "Knott's Berry Farm" amusement park. The pastor was Fr. Pierce. The first time I went golfing with him, I met 2 other priests who would be my next two pastors, Msgr. O'Connor and Fr. Knight. I was at St. Pius V for about six months when the parish was given over to the Irish Augustinians. All the priests in the parish were re-assigned. I was sent to St. Justin the Martyr Parish - a neighboring parish with Msgr. O'Connor. It is a mile from Disneyland. I was there for 4 years until it was time for a transfer to St. Edward Parish in Dana Point. This took place about 4 months ago.

While in the Orange Diocese, the Vincent Dwyer Program was adopted totally. I participated in this and have joined a support group. About for the last 3 or 4 years I have

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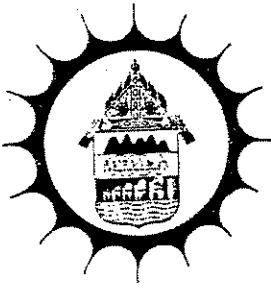
been the Spiritual Director to the NAIM Conference for the widowed person in the Diocese of Orange. Two years ago I entered a Pastoral Doctrinal Program sponsored by the Diocese. I am in the midst of this program to obtain a Professional Doctrinal Degree in Ministry from the "Institute For Continuing Education" of the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. This pursuit has been a source of great personal growth for me. I have also started working in the Matrimonial Office as an Advocate in Marriage cases. During my time in the Diocese of Orange, I have been active as a full time Associate and have participated in Diocesan activities - retreat, etc.

I have no family at present living in Wisconsin. My "larger" family still is in Germany. My "immediate" family is scattered - as we grew up - throughout the U.S. I have a brother here who lives about 10 miles away with his family. I visit them weekly. My parents are Floridians now for a number of years. We exchange letters every week.

From the points I have mentioned above, I have involved myself with the Diocese of Orange. I have enjoyed my years with your presbyters, so it is not easy to make this request. But taking into account what I mentioned, I am asking you to submit my request for incardination into the Diocese of Orange. I have already been approached on this matter by this Diocese. Again, I want to Thank You for your graciousness in our conversation.

Fraternally,

Fr. Siegfried Widera
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Fr. Siegfried Widera



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September 14, 1981

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

Dear Father Widera:

On behalf of His Excellency, The Most Reverend William R. Johnson and the members of the Personnel Board, I am happy to inform you that we have begun the process of responding to your request for incardination into the Diocese of Orange. As of this date we have written to the Pastors and Associate Pastors with whom you have served in the Diocese since January 12, 1977. We are hoping that we will receive a quick response to our requests to them in order that we may fully come to a determination regarding your request in the very near future.

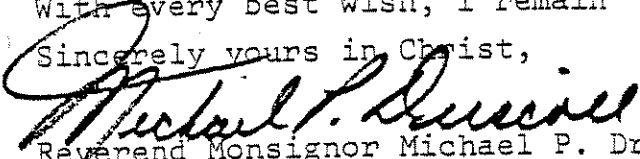
At this time, may I also suggest that you be in contact with the Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B., Archbishop of Milwaukee, Wisconsin informing him of your desires and seeking his advice as to whether he will allow you to ex-cardinate from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in order to incardinate into the Diocese of Orange. His reply will help us to determine how he feels about your incardination request into the Diocese of Orange.

May I share with you my personal joy that you are desirous of continuing to serve within the Diocese of Orange and becoming a permanent part of the Diocese.

I pray that God will continue to shower you with His countless blessings.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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St. Callistus Church

12921 LEWIS STREET
GARDEN GROVE, CALIF. 92640
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Ans'd

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

RE: Incardination of Reverend Siegfried Widera

Dear Monsignor,

I am happy to be asked to write a letter of recommendation for Father Widera in regards to his request for incardination into our Diocese. I apologize for the delay. Your request came during our Festival and so got put aside to be done "tomorrow".

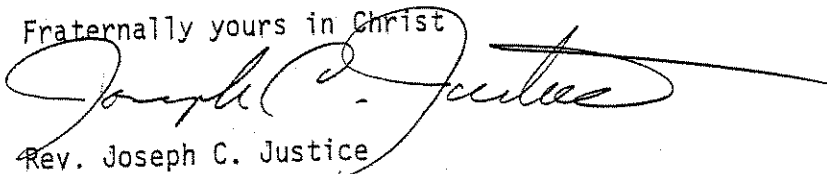
I worked with Siegfried for two years at Saint Justin Martyr Parish and have known him as a good friend ever since. We have spent a good part of our vacations together in the past few years. He is a delightful person and a very good priest. A great variety of people seem to be able to communicate with him. Luckily, he has boundless energy as he is in constant demand from many sources.

He is very supportive to work with and to live with. He would be able to get along with almost anyone. I know him to be both highly intelligent and very sensitive to others.

I strongly recommend the acceptance of his request for incardination. I believe that he is and will continue to be a great asset to our Diocese.

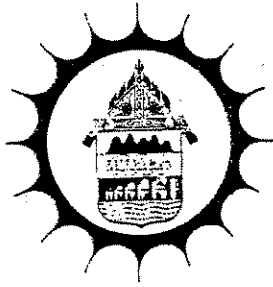
If I can be of further help please let me know. Praying that God will continue to bless you, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ



Rev. Joseph C. Justice

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Reverend Joseph Justice
St. Callistus Church
12921 Lewis Street
Garden Grove, CA 92640

RE: INCARDINATION REQUEST OF REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Father Justice:

Reverend Siegfried Widera is requesting incardination into the Diocese of Orange. We understand that Father Widera served with you as Associate Pastor at St. Justin Martyr Church in Anaheim

Any information you could provide to His Excellency and the Personnel Board to assist in the making of a decision regarding Father Widera's request would be most gratefully appreciated.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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Holy Family Church
13900 Church Place
Seal Beach, California 90740
(213) 430-8170
Rev. James Pierce—Pastor

September 21, 1981

Dear Monsignor,

I am very happy to learn of Father Siegfried Widera's intention to become incardinated.

Father Sieg was appointed to St. Pius V shortly after his arrival in Orange. In my opinion, he is a very dedicated priest and very committed to pastoral ministry. An excellent worker, he spent himself in the service of the people of God. In his short stay, he endeared himself to priests and people alike. I regard him as a very fine priest with a very personal charism for the building up of a community of love, care and service.

In brief, I hold Sieg in the highest esteem not only as a gentleman but as a man of God who adds lustre to his cloth and his profession without prejudice to his diocese.

Appreciatively in Christ,

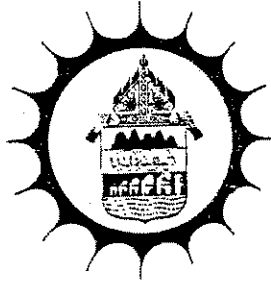
James Pierce.

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September 14, 1981

Reverend James Pierse
Holy Family Church
13900 Church Place
Seal Beach, California 90740

RE: INCARDINATION REQUEST OF REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Father Pierse:

Reverend Siegfried Widera is requesting incardination into the Diocese of Orange. We understand that Father Widera served under your supervision at St. Pius V Parish in Buena Park from January 12, 1977 through April 11, 1977.

Any information you can provide His Excellency and the Personnel Board to assist in the making of a decision regarding Father Widera's request would be most gratefully appreciated.

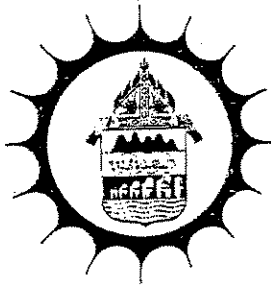
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
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September 14, 1981

Reverend Denis Lyons
St. John the Baptist Church
1015 Baker Street
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

RE: INCARDINATION REQUEST OF REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Father Lyons:

Reverend Siegfried Widera is requesting incardination into the Diocese of Orange. We understand that Father Widera served with you as Associate Pastor at St. Pius V Parish in Buena Park from January 12, 1977 through April 11, 1977.

Any information you could provide to His Excellency and the Personnel Board to assist in the making of a decision regarding Father Widera's request would be most gratefully appreciated.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
1015 BAKER STREET
COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA 92626

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September 18th, 1981

Dear Monsignor Driscoll

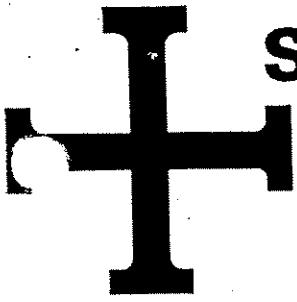
This is in response to
your letter concerning the incardination
of Fr. Widera.

We were stationed together at
Buena Park, but only for a few
months. He is a good priest and
took care of all of his priestly duties
during that period of time.

I see him from time to time
and he seems to be quite happy
in the Diocese. His brother and his
family live in Costa Mesa and I
know them well.

Sincerely,
Dennis Lyons

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Rev. Msgr. Michael P. Driscoll
Diocese of Orange - Marywood Center
2811 East Villa Real Drive
Orange, California 92667

RE: Incardination Request of Rev. Siegfried Widera

Dear Mike:

Regarding the above request, I would like to make the following observations.

Fr. Widera and I were together at St. Pius V, Buena Park, from January 12, 1977 through April 11, 1977. This was Sieg's first association with the area. Since he was new and only temporary at the parish, his actual involvement was very limited. During the brief stay, however, I did notice that he had a great ability to make friends with the parishioners and was very well liked by all the parishioners at St. Pius. He is a very down to earth person and relates with people very well.

From what I understand of his present assignment, he still has this wonderful ability, and, of course, he is very involved with parish work now. Sieg is the type of person who is very easy to live with in the rectory and takes his work seriously.

Regarding his request for Incardination in the Diocese of Orange, I have no hesitation to recommend him for Incardination. I feel that he is a great credit to the Diocese and whatever parish he is assigned to. I am very pleased to hear that he is requesting Incardination.

If you should need any further information, please feel free to contact me. I would be most happy to assist Sieg in any way possible.

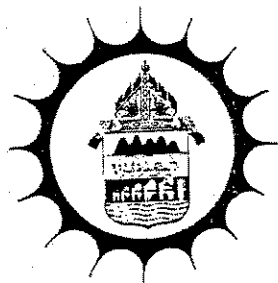
With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Dan Hopcus

Fr. Dan Hopcus
Pastor

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Reverend Daniel Hopcus
St. Martin De Porres Church
19767 Yorba Linda Boulevard
Yorba Linda, California

RE: INCARDINATION REQUEST OF REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Father Hopcus:

Reverend Siegfried Widera is requesting incardination into the Diocese of Orange. We understand that Father Widera served with you as Associate Pastor at St. Pius V. Parish in Buena Park from January 12, 1977 through April 11, 1977.

Any information you could provide to His Excellency and the Personnel Board to assist in the making of a decision regarding Widera's request would be most gratefully appreciated.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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ST. JUSTIN MARTYR CHURCH
2050 W. BALL ROAD - ANAHEIM, CALIF. 92804

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Ans'd.....

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

Dear Mike,

I am pleased to provide the following information on behalf of Siegfried Widera---Father Widera is a very human person who loves to be in the company of the parishioners. He worked very hard while here at St. Justin Martyr. He seemed to have time for all who came to him in need. He worked well with the youth, the sick the aged---with all.

I wish to mention the following just in case some negative information might be submitted about Fr. Widera which might hinder his incardination. During Fr. Widera's stay here some unkind and imprudent individuals tried to discredit his name. What was rumored was just lies and Fr. Widera reacted in a very priestly manner.

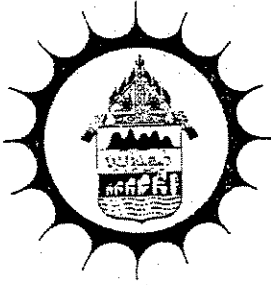
May I say that Father Widera's Incardination will be an asset to our diocese and I hope that he will be happy working with us in the future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph A. Karp

Rev. Joseph A. Karp

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Reverend Joseph Karp
St. Justin Martyr Church
2050 West Ball Road
Anaheim, California

RE: INCARDINATION REQUEST OF REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Father Karp:

Reverend Siegfried Widera is requesting incardination into the Diocese of Orange. We understand that Father Widera served with you as Associate Pastor at St. Justin Martyr Church in Anaheim from April 11, 1977 through July 6, 1981.

Any information you could provide to His Excellency and the Personnel Board to assist in the making of a decision regarding Father Widera's request would be most gratefully appreciated.

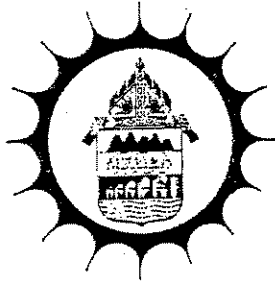
With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Reverend Louis Knight
St. Edward Church
33926 Calle La Primavera
Dana Point, California 92629

RE: INCARDINATION REQUEST OF REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Father Knight:

Reverend Siegfried Widera is requesting incardination into the Diocese of Orange. Since July 6, 1981 Father Widera has been serving under your supervision as Associate Pastor at St. Edward's Parish in Dana Point.

Any information you could provide to His Excellency and the Personnel Board to assist in the making of a decision regarding Father Widera's request would be most gratefully appreciated.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
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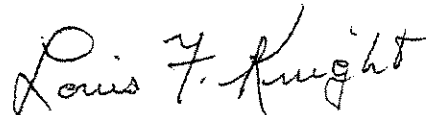
Dear Monsignor Driscoll:

Father Widera has been here a short time but I am happy to say he has been here long enough to recommend him for incardination into the Diocese of Orange.

He is a good worker without being a workaholic. He is friendly with people without being effusive. He is co-erative without being servile. He is at ease with God and the Church.

I believe that he is reliable and will be an asset to the Diocese.

Yours in Christ,



Louis F. Knight.

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