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ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92667
(714) 974-7120

September 14, 1981

Reverend Monsignor Hugh O'Connor
St. Justin Martyr Church
2050 West Ball Road
Anaheim, California

RE: INCARDINATION REQUEST OF REVEREND SIEGFRIED WIDERA

Dear Monsignor O'Connor:

Reverend Siegfried Widera is requesting incardination into the Diocese of Orange. We understand that Father Widera served under your supervision at St. Justin Martyr Parish 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,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

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

October 12, 1981

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Ans'd.....

Rev. Msgr. Michael Driscoll
Diocese of Orange
2811 E. Villa Real Drive
Orange, California 92667


Dear Monsignor Driscoll:

Father Siegfried Widera served as an Associate Priest here at St. Justin Martyr parish for more than four years.

During that time he had a very happy relationship with me and the other Priests. He served the people zealously in his Priestly ministry and endeared himself to all, both young and old. Devotion to the sick was a special characteristic of his work.

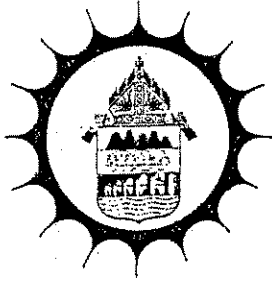
I give my full support to his request for incardination as a Priest of the Diocese of Orange.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. Hugh O'Connor

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June 8, 1981

Phyllis Marie Merrell
1215 South Empire Street #17
Anaheim, California 92804

Dear Mrs. Merrell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 27, 1981 in reference to Father Siegfried Widera.

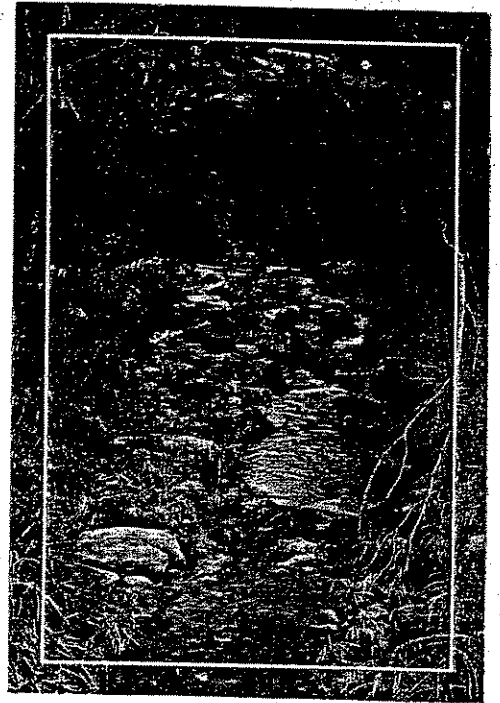
I'm grateful for your support of Father Widera and I am sure he would be pleased to know how much you appreciate the service which he has rendered to St. Justin's parish. From time to time it is necessary for the overall welfare of the Diocese to move some of the associate pastors and even pastors themselves. I am sure that there are many people who would like to keep Father Widera at St. Justin's just as you do. The same could be said, however, for Father Robert Foley who will be coming to St. Justin's from St. John Neumann parish in Irvine. Father Foley is an outstanding parish priest, a man with great zeal and love. I am sure that he will be very well received by the people at St. Justin's as he has been received at St. John Neumann's. I do hope that you and others will give him your full cooperation and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

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Thou shalt be
like a
watered garden,
and like
a spring of water,
whose waters
fail not.

Isaiah 58:11



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Dear Bishop...
Please pray for
me as I do for you.
May God's blessings
be upon you.
Love in Christ


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The Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange
2811 E. Villa Real Drive
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MAY 27 1981

Ans'd.....

[REDACTED]
Anaheim, California 92804
[REDACTED]

Dear Reverend William Johnson,

My name is [REDACTED] and I have been a member of St. Justin Martyr Parish in Anaheim since my early years.

Over the years I have prayed my parish would offer something to our parish community to encourage us to unite us as a parish family.

On May 15, 16 & 17 I attend our first parish renewal weekend that was given by Rev. Fr. O'Connor, our loving pastor. The renewal weekend was a very spiritually rewarding experience for all who participated.

May 23, 24 & 25 Rev. Fr. Siegfried Wedera will be heading the team for the renewal weekend for 80 parishioners. The reason I write concerns Fr. Siegfried Wedera.

I was just informed that he is to be transferred this July. I write begging you to let him stay at least one more year. Fr. O'Connor and Fr. Siegfried Wedera are the only priest in the parish who are trained to present these renewal programs. If Fr. Siegfried Wedera is transferred at this time it would place the entire renewal program on our pastor.

The vision placed before us as a people of God: to "Love one another as I have loved you," is beginning to become a reality lived by my parish family.

With Fr. Siegfried Wedera leaving I see our parish renewal program only being delayed. When our community is open to it now and their ready. A new priest coming into the parish at this time could be difficult for him and us. We desire to continue to put on renewal weekends until everyone has made a renewal weekend who desires to do so. If Fr. Siegfried Wedera could stay at least one addition year it would allow us to make our parish a strong, committed community. While Fr. Carp could receive his training so he could give future renewal programs.

Our parish Youth Minister, Lisa Nollette has resigned as of the end of May. Her resignation along with Father's transfer will only delay our parish growth.

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The renewal gave me the opportunity to come to see my pastor as a loving shepherd who desires to lead his flock into a deeper relationship with Jesus our Lord. The weekends are long and very draining for everyone and Fr. O'Connor's health needs to be considered. As I am a concerned parishioner.

I thank you for hearing me and I'm looking forward to a response from you.

I had the joy of singing at your installation and have felt a special love for you because of this unique bond.

May God's blessings be upon you.

Lovingly in Jesus,

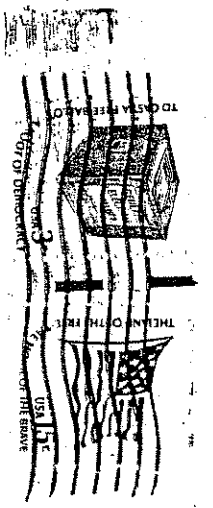

May 25, 1981

Anaheim, CA 92804

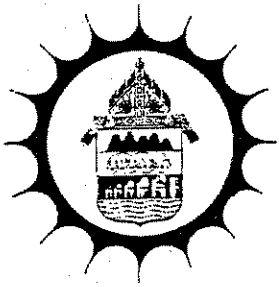
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The Most Rev. William Johnson, D.D.
Bishop of Orange
2811 E. Hillside Road
Orange, CA

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May 20, 1981

Reverend Siegfried Widera
St. Justin Martyr Church
2050 West Ball Road
Anaheim, CA 92804

Dear Father Widera:

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

ASSOCIATE PASTOR
ST. EDWARD CHURCH
DANA POINT, CA

This appointment will become effective on Monday, July 6,
1981.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Michael P. Driscoll
Chancellor

jr

cc: Rev. Hugh O'Connor
Rev. Louis Knight

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Fals
Fr. Siegfried
Widera

Mater Dei High School

1202 WEST EDINGER AVE.
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA 92707

Dear Mike.

I am happy to be able to tell you that Fr. Siegfried Widera has graciously agreed to be chaplain to the "Main Conference" in the diocese of Orange under the umbrella of the Family Life Commission.

I spoke with his pastor, Fr. Hugh O'Connor, and Hugh was in full support.

It might be appropriate to make this "appointment" officially known.

With great joy.

Don.

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April 12, 1977

[REDACTED]
Anaheim, CA 92804

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date in reference to the transfer of Father Widera.

The transfer of any priest is always a source of difficulty to the people of a parish since it breaks relationships which are important to the success of the work of the Church. It is particularly difficult because Father Widera has been with you so short a time. Unfortunately, we have over forty parishes in the Diocese which like your own are understaffed and we are not in the position to revoke the decision which has been made in reference to his transfer. I am sure that Father Widera will be happy to know of your gratitude for his service.

With good wishes and appreciation for your kindness in writing to me I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

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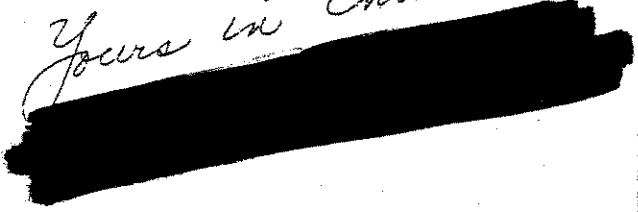
Dear Bishop Johnson -

We have just learned
our dear Fr. Widera is to
be transferred - We ask you
prayerfully to reconsider this
move - Our parish deserves
the talents & many gifts of
this beautiful man - our
young people are touched by
his joy, they & the rest
of our parish deserve to
have a vibrant priest who
truly lives & reflects the
love of Christ -

We are certainly
not Moses, but just as
he pleaded with God for
the Israelites after receiving the

Ten Commandments - We Please
write you to let our parish
Keep Fr. Widera -

What ever your
decision is, we pray God
will bless you as you do
His work -

Thank You
Yours in Christ


Fr. Widera

April 6, 1977

[REDACTED]
La Palma, CA 90623

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

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April 5, 1977

[REDACTED]
Buena Park, CA 90621

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 30 in reference to the transfer of Father Widera.

The transfer of any priest is always a source of difficulty to the people of a parish since it breaks relationships which are important to the success of the work of the Church. It is particularly difficult because Father Widera has been with you so short a time. Unfortunately, we have over 40 parishes in the Diocese, which like your own are understaffed and we are not in the position to revoke the decision which has been made in reference to his transfer. I am sure that Father Widera will be happy to know of your gratitude for his service.

With good wishes and appreciation for your kindness in writing to me, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

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March 30, 1977

Rt. Rev. Hubert Johnson
Bishop, Diocese of Orange

Dear Bishop Johnson:

I wish to join with the many families of St. Pius II parish who are so unhappy about the re-appointment of Fr. Videra. He has been a joy to all of us in the short time we've known him — St. Pius II hasn't had a priest of his kind — a bright glow in a dreary day type — for some time. We really need his friendliness.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Buena Park, Cal 90621

509 00178

April 6, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

La Palma, CA 90623

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

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With good wishes and appreciation for your kindness in writing to me I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

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Dear Bishop Johnson ;
I'm writing this
in regard to Father
Siegfried Widera at
Gius & Church. Father
has been with the parish

for just a short time and
yet so many people have felt
his influence. We would love
to have him stay if it's at all
possible.

My husband and I have
become involved with alot of
people in the parish through
Father Siegfried Widera.

Thank you for taking the
time to read this and if you
could keep Father Siegfried Widera
in our parish I think the parish
would benefit.
May God Bless You
Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]

April 5, 1977

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
Cerritos, California 90701

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 31 in reference to the transfer of Father Widera.

The transfer of any priest is always a source of difficulty to the people of a parish since it breaks relationships which are important to the success of the work of the Church. It is particularly difficult because Father Widera has been with you so short a time. Unfortunately, we have over 40 parishes in the Diocese, which like your own are understaffed and we are not in the position to revoke the decision which has been made in reference to his transfer. I am sure that Father Widera will be happy to know of your gratitude for his service.

With good wishes and appreciation for your kindness in writing to me, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William R. Johnson
Bishop of Orange

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