



Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 18, 1987

Most Reverend [REDACTED]
Obispo De Tijuana
Apartado Postal 226
Tijuana, B.C., Mexico

Dear Bishop [REDACTED]:

I appreciated talking with you concerning the possibility of Father Gustavo Benson, of the Diocese of San Bernardino, working in pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Tijuana. A few days later, I was pleased to receive a call from your secretary stating that you would be willing to give Father Benson this opportunity. I was then able to reach Father Benson and asked him to contact you and I presume that by this time, he has done so.

Father Benson can explain to you, the circumstances for which we was undergoing special medical care at the Foundation House in Jemez Springs, New Mexico, staffed by the Paraclete Fathers. I believe that he has made good progress in working on his problems and he has agreed to continued care and supervision by Affirmation House for another year and a half. It is with the recommendation of the staff at the Foundation House that he return to pastoral ministry. Having received their reports and, knowing Father Benson, personally for a number of years, I agree with their decision.

There are some very important recommendations that have been made by the House of Affirmation with which I concur and these are to be strictly followed by Father Benson. I am enclosing a copy of these recommendations for your information and file. I note, in particular, recommendation number 4 to which he must strictly adhere.

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To assist with Father Benson's financial situation, the Diocese of San Bernardino will continue to pay and provide his Health Care Insurance, as well as his Priests' Pension Plan. Will the parish where he would be assigned be able to provide for his room, board and stipend?

If you need any further clarification regarding this particular situation or the background of Father Benson, I would be most happy to provide it. Father has had a good pastoral record here in the Diocese of San Bernardino and has been pastor of several large parishes for which he provided excellent pastoral ministry. His most recent assignment was Pastor of St. Joseph Church in Barstow, California. He is well respected as a priest among his brother priests and by the people. I am sure that if he will abide by the recommendations that have been made by the Foundation House, he can once again resume his pastoral ministry.

I sincerely appreciate your willingness to accept Father Benson and am hopeful that he can be of great assistance to you and to the church of Tijuana.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend [REDACTED]
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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cc: Reverend [REDACTED]