



Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 3, 1989

Reverend Peadar Brennan
Servants of the Paraclete
2348 Pajarito Road, SW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

Dear Peadar:

This is to confirm our phone conversation of April 25, 1989 regarding your taking up residence, immediately, at the Servants of the Paraclete Facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There you will have an opportunity to pursue some indepth counseling concerning your present situation and I hope gain some assistance in discerning your future. Father Joseph Mc Namara, who is well known to both of us, will be happy to assist you.

You are to stay with the Servants of the Paraclete until such time as the legal issues, regarding patrimony of the child are resolved. There is no possibility of your doing any work in any diocese until this is accomplished. I must have, in my hands, a written resolution that you and your attorney negotiate, as well as have an assurance that this matter is completely settled.

I will then work with you as to an assignment outside the diocese. I have contacted both the Diocese of Sacramento and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Both are willing to assist us, in so far as they can, and you mentioned the possibility of working in Arizona.

Father Ned O'Donnell has assured me that he will provide your monthly stipend through the end of June, 1989. I pray that by July 1, 1989, all legal issues will be resolved and an assignment for you can be found. From your monthly stipend, you are to provide funds for all the obligations you have incurred, and payment for your stay at the Servants of the Paraclete.

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I cannot allow you to pursue further studies, at this time, as you need to provide for yourself and your obligations.

The above is my understanding of our agreement and any change is to be clarified with me in writing.

I pray that you can get past this present trial in your life, take care of your duties and responsibilities and, eventually, get back to priestly ministry.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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cc: Reverend Ned O'Donnell
Reverend Joseph Mc Namara, SP.