



Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 14, 1988

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Peadar Brennan
St. Francis of Assisi
Post Office Box 1503
La Quinta, California 92253

Dear Father Brennan:

This is a follow-up to our meeting of Monday, October 10, 1988, regarding your resignation from the office of Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in La Quinta. I regret that given the circumstances, your ministry was severely compromised and you were forced to tendering your resignation. Be assured that I am willing to assist you in any way possible to re-establish yourself in priestly ministry.

Father Philip A. Behan, Vicar General, is making the necessary arrangements for a temporary administrator for St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community until a new pastor can be appointed. Kindly be in touch with Father Behan regarding the sabbatical stipend that will be paid to you until, such time as, you receive a pastoral assignment.

For the present, I ask that you to be in touch with me regarding a sabbatical and possible parish ministries. During our telephone conversation of October 11, 1988, I mentioned the possibility of your studying Spanish for several months and also, considering a Military Chaplaincy for three years.

I understand you will be staying with Father Finnerty in San Diego. If you should move, please inform Father Behan, so we can contact you if needed. I hope, within a short time, we can make some definite plans as to how you will spend your time.

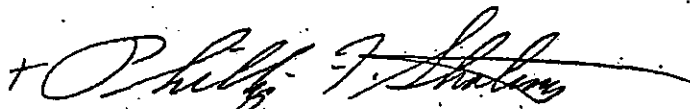
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If you wish to continue to be a priest all relationships with the woman, with whom you have become involved, are to be severed and no contact is to be maintained with her now or in the future. I understand that you are making the necessary arrangements for child support through her attorney and I presume that you have your own legal counsel to assist you. If all contact with this woman is not broken off, I will be forced to suspend you from all exercise of your priestly ministry. I believe you understand the seriousness of the present situation and that you cannot in any way, be involved with a woman. If she continues to pursue you, and you still wish to remain a priest, this may necessitate your accepting a pastoral assignment in another diocese, where you are unknown and she will be unaware of your whereabouts.

Be assured of my continued assistance, and with prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Phillip F. Straling".

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

PFS/jm