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Reverend Peadar Brennan
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Dear Father Peadar,

In this personal and confidential letter, I would like to commend you on the progress that you are making with the AA Program. This program has helped you immensely and I know you are pleased that some of your past problems are behind you. However, to make sure that you continue to grow, it is important that you remain faithful to this program and have the support of the many new friends you have gained while participating in this self-help group.

I was glad you were able to assure me that you are making every effort to distance yourself from the woman who has caused some problems and who still frequents the parish from time to time. The best possible solution would be for her to find another parish community, as this would remove some of the pressures from you. As we discussed, for your own sake, as well as hers and that of the parish, it may be better for you to seek an alternative assignment if rumors or suspicions continue.

Although he has his faults, it is good that you have gotten together with Fred Simon. We must both admit that he has been a very loyal and faithful supporter of the church. I appreciated the opportunity to have lunch with him and his wife and to re-build some of the relationships of the past.

With appreciation for your priestly service and ministry at St. Francis and for your having overcome some of

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the hurdles of these past two years, I wish to again express my thanks and appreciation and ask for God's continued blessings upon you and your parish ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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