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The Rev. Michael Cody
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Dear Mike:

I am writing in reference to your recent phone call to Father George Thomas concerning your request to become involved in weekend ministry in the Diocese of Orlando. As Father Thomas told you, we have informed the Bishop of Orlando that we are unable at this time to recommend you for priestly ministry based on the information that recently came to light in a review of your confidential personnel files.

Mike, all of us are hopeful that you have come to terms with the psycho-sexual issues addressed in your 1962 assessment. However, recent research tells us that we simply cannot take this for granted. At this moment in our history, I am keenly aware of the fact that the diocese of incardination continues to have great responsibility for its priests regardless of where they are located. For this reason, I find it necessary to require that you take the steps necessary to insure your continued well-being as well as that of the community in which you now live.

Upon the recommendation of my professional advisors, I am asking that you contact Richard Laws, Ph.D., at the Florida Mental Health Association, associated with the University of Southern Florida, who has the professional training to evaluate cases such as yours. The Archdiocese of Seattle will assume financial responsibility for this assessment. Bills may be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor in Seattle.

I want you to undergo a complete assessment as soon as it can be arranged and would like the results of this evaluation to be sent to me as soon as possible. In this way, we can together make decisions based on sound psychological information.

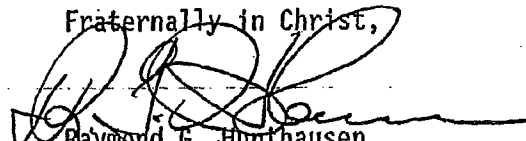
If the results of the 1962 assessments are confirmed, it will then be necessary for you to involve yourself in life-long psychological treatment and support. Until then, Mike, I want to remind you that you will be disallowed from exercising any form of priestly ministry except as provided by Canon 976 (hearing the confession of someone in danger of death.)

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I want to assure you that I have taken these steps out of my sincere concern for you and your spiritual and psychological well-being, and out of my own responsibility to the greater community. I ask for your understanding and your cooperation. You may be certain of my prayerful support for you in the days ahead. If you have need for further information, you can direct your inquiries to Father George Thomas in the Office of the Chancellor (206, 382-4888).

Fraternally in Christ,



Raymond G. Hunthausen
Archbishop of Seattle

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