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*Adamson*  
Romae, June 24, 1987

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(In responso hic numerus referatur)

Most Rev. Loras Joseph Watters, D.D.  
Apostolic Administrator  
Diocese of Winona  
55 West Saborn, P.OBox 588  
Winona, MN 55987

Your Excellency:

This Congregation wishes to acknowledge receipt of your thorough report on the case of the Reverend Thomas Paul Adamson, a priest of your Diocese.

While we are grateful to Your Excellency for the information provided, we assure you that, on the basis of that information, we shall reply to any possible future complaints which may be received by this Office.

With sentiments of cordial esteem and every best wish, I remain

Faithfully in Christ,

*S. F.*

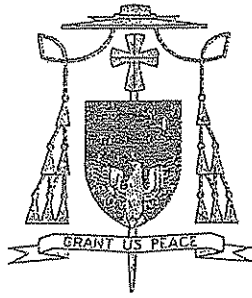
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724 Elder Lane  
Deerfield, Illinois 60015

July 7, 1987

Most Rev. Loras J. Watters  
Diocese of Winona  
P. O. Box 588  
55 W. Sanborn  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Loras,

It's hard to believe that one month has passed since my last visit to Winona. Much has happened in that time and I am grateful for your many kindnesses during this unpredictable time of transition. I am sure that you can't wait until July 29th. I think I'm getting to that point myself. There finally comes the moment when you simply have to let go of what you've been doing and move on to the new challenge.

During my trip out east last week I had the opportunity to attend the alumni reunion of the North American College in New York and also the meeting of Rectors of Theologates and their Bishops at Seton Hall. The first gathering provided me with much pleasure and the second with much less pleasure. I did learn a few things, but it was hard to keep my attention focused since I was naturally preoccupied with all that was going on back in Chicago and in Winona.

During the course of the meeting at Seton Hall I had the opportunity to speak with Archbishop Roach. He mentioned that you, he, and Bishop Carlson recently had the opportunity to come together and discuss some of the legal issues confronting both local churches. The Archbishop mentioned the possibility of a counter suit from the Diocese of Winona against the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis as a part of all the legal complexities involving the lawyers and the insurance companies. Frankly, I would have a very difficult time supporting any kind of a suit between two churches. I sincerely hope that our lawyer will not consider such a step necessary. It would seem that the harm that would come to our local churches as a result would outweigh any possible good. How difficult all this must be for you during these final weeks.

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Most Rev. Loras J. Watters

Thank you very much for hearing me out about your possible future residence. I find it so frustrating being unable to come up with an immediately workable solution for you. I appreciate your desire for simplicity in your retirement home and I assure you that I deeply respect your wishes. I do hope that something can be worked out at St. Mary's, particularly since it would be close to the seminary, obviously one of your very favorite diocesan communities.

My own plans for the Dubuque celebration are briefer than those of most. I plan to be in Dubuque Monday afternoon and evening for the celebration in honor of Archbishop Byrne. But I must return, of course, to Winona early the next day in order to be present for the prayer service at St. Mary's Chapel with the priests. My target date for moving to Winona is Saturday, July 25th. Ironically, that was the date of my first full day as a parish priest twenty-five years ago. Things do come full circle.

God bless you, Loras. I am having a physical this week and I was glad to hear that you, too, plan to touch base with the doctors. I hope that your visit with your sisters will be a delight and that the weeks on the west coast will be truly tranquil and rewarding. Please do keep me in your prayers.

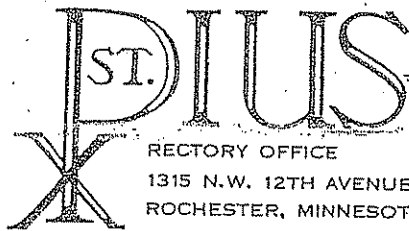
Your Brother in the Lord,

*+ John*

Most Rev. John G. Vlazny

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(507) 288-8238

RECTORY OFFICE  
1315 N.W. 12TH AVENUE  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA 55901

August 5, 1987

Most Rev. John G. Vlazny  
55 West Sanborn  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Once more I would like to welcome you to Winona and also let you know how the festivities of last week have increased my hope for the future. I believe that we have received an excellent new shepherd.

As you begin your new work I am sure that you are being besieged by many with various problems or needs. I regret having to add another concern to your list, but felt that something should be done with the matter. Enclosed is a letter from a concerned parishioner about events and people who preceded me at St. Pius. She is a good woman who was in the same RENEW small group I was for a season. I waited to forward this because of her, and my, lack of trust in the way Bishop Watters handled the situation.

As I mentioned, this occurred prior to my time at St. Pius, and although nothing is really ever said to me (especially at first) about the matter, I have noticed that people have been affected. Tom Hargesheimer, the pastor who followed Bob Taylor, and people in leadership here at the time would know more about the situation and perhaps something still needs to be done ... if not here, perhaps in Madelia. The least you might do is let Margo know that you have listened to her concern.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about this matter and I trust your judgment and good pastoral sense. I certainly hope that my future correspondence with you will be more concerned with the Good News.

Pace e bene,

(Rev.) Timothy T. Reker  
Associate Pastor

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1025 W. Mac Arthur, # 209  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

August 22, 1987

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona  
Box 588  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

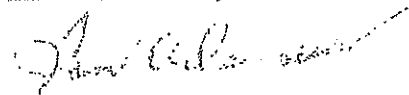
Prayerful greetings in our Lord !

I am sure you have had busy weeks as you began to move throughout the areas of your new diocese to meet the priests, religious, and lay people and to celebrate Eucharist with them. I trust that you are impressed with many things and have had a very warm welcome.

I would like to meet you and visit with you if you are willing to do so. Perhaps you could suggest a date and a time which would be convenient for you.

On this Memorial Feast of the Queenship of Mary I offer my prayers and best wishes for your joyful success as the new Bishop of Winona. As we pray for each other, may our queen and mother guide us and protect us as she leads us to her Divine Son.

In Our Lord,

  
Rev. Thomas Adamson

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August 25, 1987

To the Thomas Adamson File

Archbishop Reach

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I have a meeting on Tuesday, August 25 with Tim Quinn and Andy Eizenhammer.

I met on Tuesday, August 18 with Bishop John Vlazny, the new Bishop of Winona and Bishop Robert Brom, Bishop of Duluth.

Bishop Brom had indicated a need on his part to talk to both of us about the Adamson situation and I welcomed that opportunity.

Bishop Brom made it very clear that what he indicated would have to be held in some confidence, though I am able to communicate this verbally to our attorneys, but the material may not be used other than as background information for ourselves.

Bishop Brom told me that at the time Adamson moved to the Archdiocese he had indicated to Bishop Watters that it was grossly unfair not to inform me of what Bishop Watters knew about Father Adamson. At the time Bishop Brom was Vicar General of the Diocese of Winona. Bishop Watters' response to that was that if I needed to know more about Father Adamson I should get it from the Consultation Services Center where Adamson had been a client. As Bishop Brom pushed the matter, Bishop Watters became angry.

Bishop Watters further went into what Bishop Brom describes as more and more a state of denial about the whole question and he really believes that Bishop Watters at this point has convinced himself that there was no injustice in his not giving us more information than he did.

Bishop Brom believes that Bishop Watters has convinced attorney Hull of this whole question and that Hull is in a sense, a victim of Bishop Watters rather than the other way around.

The most encouraging part of the conversation was that Bishop Vlazny has told Hull that he is to withdraw any cross-filing against the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Bishop Vlazny also is persuaded that he must either replace Hull as attorney for the diocese, or if that is not possible, obtain the services of another attorney to whom he will turn over the major responsibility for the pursuit of the Adamson case.

cc- Bishop Carlson

September 2, 1987

Reverend Thomas Adamson  
1025 West Mac Arthur  
Apartment 209  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

Dear Tom,

Thank you very much for your warm greetings. Your letter arrived last week when I was taking a little time off. New beginnings are fun but they take away vacation time if they occur in the summer!

Tom, I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. I suspect an evening or a weekend would be better for a more private meeting. I would like to suggest you consider meeting me here at the Pastoral Center in Winona either Friday evening, September 11, around 7:30 p.m., or Saturday morning, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. If neither one of these possibilities is convenient for you, please let me know and we can try to arrange another time.

You are in my prayers. I ask you to remember me before the Lord as well. God bless.

Your Brother in the Lord,

Most Reverend John G. Vlasey  
Bishop of Winona

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1025 N. Mac Arthur, # 209  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

September 5, 1987

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona  
Box 588  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Thank you for your letter and for your willingness to meet with me. I will plan to be at the Pastoral Center in Winona on Friday evening, September 11th, at 7:30 p.m.

No doubt by this time next week we will be caught up in much of the joyful excitement of the visit of our Holy Father to this country. I was present with the hundreds of thousands when he came to Des Moines in 1979. It was a great experience. I pray that his visit will again touch the faith and spirit of millions of people!

May God be with you and bless you in every aspect of your ministry as Bishop.

In Our Lord,



Rev. Thomas Adamson

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1025 W. Mac Arthur, #209  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

December 10, 1987

Most Rev. John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona  
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Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

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In our correspondence in April 1987 Bishop Watters suggested that I try to make some regular payments to Mr. Collins for his future services. I replied that I agreed but simply had not funds to do so. I just barely keep up with my basic monthly living expenses and sometimes have to use from my meager savings.

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I don't know what you might be able to do about this problem of fees. I also do not know if the question of insurance coverage for legal assistance has ever been cleared up. Mr. Collins has been pressing me to do something and so I felt I had to share the issue with you. My thanks for whatever considerations you can give.

I wish you hope this Advent Season and pray that your Christmas will be filled with peace.

In Our Lord,

*Thomas Adamson*  
Rev. Thomas Adamson

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December 16, 1987

To: Bishop Vlazny  
From: John Broadwater   
Re: Rev. Thomas Adamson

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In Fr. Adamson's letter, he asks about possible insurance coverage for his expenses. This claim has been denied on the grounds that the charges against him are intentional acts. In my opinion, there will be no insurance coverage for his personal legal fees or any settlements he may be ordered to pay. This may be an item for the attorneys to argue, but it seems pretty clear.

My advice, in view of the above numbers and potential for future expense, would be to stop paying his personal expenses. I wonder what other person would do in Fr. Adamson's position if they did not have the resources of a Diocese to back them up.

Mr. Restovich should probably be involved in this decision. There may be legal reasons that we should or shouldn't continue to support Fr. Adamson financially.


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DIOCESE OF WINONA  
55 WEST SANBORN  
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the  
Vicar General

PO Box 588  
Tel. 507/454-4643

February 10, 1988

Mr. John Broadwater  
Director of Finance  
55 West Sanborn  
Winona, MN 55987


Dear John:

During the past months the compensation for Rev. Thomas P. Adamson has been \$437.33 per month. After consultation with Bishop Vlazny, I am writing with an updated salary scale which is to be implemented for January, 1988 and following.

Salary	\$ 250.00	
Longevity	58.00	
Car	375.00	
Social Security	33.33	
Total:	\$ 716.33	per month

Please make payment to Father Adamson for the month of January in accordance with the adjusted scale.

Sincerely,

  
Rev. Gerald A. Mahon  
Vicar General

copies to: Most Rev. John G. Vlazny  
Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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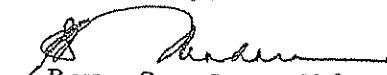
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TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS\*\*\*\*\*

DIocese of Winona

TO THE  
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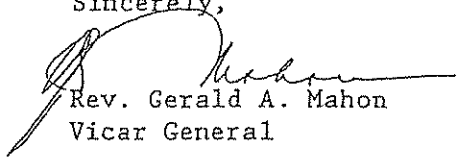
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1025 W. Mac Arthur, # 209  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

February 14, 1988

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona  
Box 588  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Enclosed please find the very detailed invoices of fees due to my attorney, Mr. Theodore J. Collins, as we discussed in our phone conversation on January 16, 1988. The invoices are cumulative through January 19, 1988 so are quite up-to-date.


Last week I had a phone conversation with Father Jerry Mahon concerning the salary compensation given me by the Diocese. Also, I have had some correspondence from Father Mahon on the matter. I am very grateful to Father Mahon and to you for updating the scale.

Mr. Collins has kept me updated on the progress of the Riedle lawsuit and indicates that final settlement is near. Again I am very grateful.

In our phone conversation last month you suggested that we might get together for a visit sometime after mid-February. My schedule is flexible and generally I could be in Winona after rather short notice. Possibly you can suggest a couple of times when your schedule would allow for a visit and we could then confirm it. My unlisted phone number is 715 835 0716. My address is above.

I trust you are settling into life in Minnesota and that all goes well in your ministry as Bishop of Winona. I wish you many graces and blessings during the special season of Lent.

In Our Lord,



Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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\$12,000.00

St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_, Minnesota

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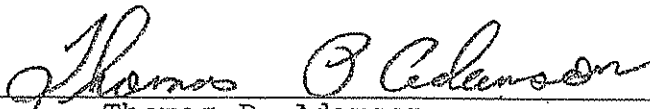
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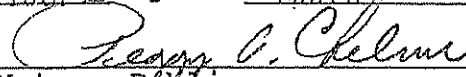
The sum of TWELVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$12,000.00) DOLLARS, without interest, payable in monthly installments of Fifty and no/100 (\$50.00) Dollars, commencing on April 1, 1988, and a like and equal sum of \$50.00 on the first day of each and every month thereafter until the debt is paid in full or upon the death of the Maker, at which time the entire unpaid principal balance, together with accrued interest, shall be due and payable in full.

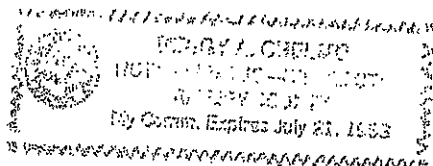
The Maker hereof has the privilege of paying any greater sum than above specified on the first day of any month and also has the privilege of paying his loan in full at any time.

The undersigned stipulates and agrees to and with said Payee, its successors and assigns, that, if any such installment becomes due and is unpaid in whole or in part, the entire principal sum with accrued interest thereon remaining unpaid shall, at the option of the holder hereof, become immediately due and payable. The Maker hereunder agrees to pay all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses in the event payment shall not be made on maturity or as payments become due.

  
Thomas P. Adamson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
16th day of March, 1988.

  
Notary Public



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DIOCESE OF WINONA  
55 WEST SANBORN  
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the  
Bishop

PO Box 588  
Tel. 507/454-4643

April 18, 1988

Reverend Thomas Adamson  
1025 West MacArthur  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

Dear Tom,

The glory of Easter and spring are all around us. I send you best wishes for the Lord's blessings, and I thank you for your continuing cooperation in resolving the litigation matters that touch our lives so deeply.

Tom, it was good to see you on March 4 at my residence. I realize that we had not met since the evening of September 11 when you came to the Pastoral Center here in Winona for our first visit. These have been trying times, I know, but as I shared with you on March 4, it is truly the moment for you to move on with your life. Efforts to relive the past or to plan for the impossible are unhealthy. I am concerned about your inactivity and the effect it has on your own sense of self-worth.

Your personal situation is a complex matter, I know. But as I said when we first met and I repeated more emphatically in March, it will not be possible for you to continue in the priestly ministry. I understand very well and appreciate the fact that you are not now functioning as a priest. But that is not enough. It is time for you to apply for laicization. When we met on March 4, I asked you to initiate the process. I have not heard from you since then, and I am requesting that you take the necessary steps immediately.

Tom, neither I nor any diocesan bishop will be able to license you for ministry in the future. That is a heavy price to pay for past mistakes, I realize, but any further delay only exacerbates the situation. It would be clearly irresponsible on my part to sustain or encourage any unrealistic expectations on your part. Please understand that.

Tom, you continue to have my prayerful support at this time. But I find no justifiable grounds for allowing your present status "in limbo" to continue. I look forward to hearing from you before the end of the month. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlasek

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Dear Tom,

The glory of Easter and spring are all around us. I send you best wishes for the Lord's blessings, and I thank you for your continuing cooperation in resolving the litigation matters that touch our lives so deeply.

Tom, it was good to see you on March 4 at my residence. I realize that we had not met since the evening of September 11 when you came to the Pastoral Center here in Winona for our first visit. These have been trying times, I know, but as I shared with you on March 4, it is truly the moment for you to move on with your life. Efforts to relive the past or to plan for the impossible are unhealthy. I am concerned about your inactivity and the effect it has on your own sense of self-worth.

Your personal situation is a complex matter, I know. But as I said when we first met and I repeated more emphatically in March, it will not be possible for you to continue in the priestly ministry. I understand very well and appreciate the fact that you are not now functioning as a priest. But that is not enough. It is time for you to apply for laicization. When we met on March 4, I asked you to initiate the process. I have not heard from you since then, and I am requesting that you take the necessary steps immediately.

Tom, neither I nor any diocesan bishop will be able to license you for ministry in the future. That is a heavy price to pay for past mistakes, I realize, but any further delay only exacerbates the situation. It would be clearly irresponsible on my part to sustain or encourage any unrealistic expectations on your part. Please understand that.

Tom, you continue to have my prayerful support at this time. But I find no justifiable grounds for allowing your present status "in limbo" to continue. I look forward to hearing from you before the end of the month. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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Most Reverend John G. Vlasey  
Bishop of Winona

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1025 W. Mac Arthur, # 209  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

April 24, 1988

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona  
55 West Sanborn  
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Kind greetings to you on this Good Shepherd Sunday !

I have your letter of April 18th and will attempt to respond to it as well as giving you some update of my activities and efforts since our last visit.

I am grateful that the Riedle lawsuit has been settled and that the finalization of it has been announced publicly. I thank you for your special effort in helping to promote the closing of that lawsuit. The other lawsuits remain and we all pray that they will get resolved as soon as possible. In correspondence this week from my attorney, Ted Collins, there does not seem to be any timetable on these other cases nor does there seem to be much happening at the moment. Hence there is very much which remains unsettled. In view of that it does not seem to be the time to make final decisions which have far-reaching effects on my present and future life.

As I mentioned in our last visit, I am in the fifth year of dealing with the lawsuit crisis. It has been a daily pressure. I do not think I have been unrealistic at any time about the consequences of my actions, the effects of the extensive and repetitive publicity, the many many who have shared in the pain, nor any other phase of the impossible process. At the same time I am not unaware of your responsibilities and concerns.

Since our visit on March 4th, as suggested, I have consulted with my regular legal, spiritual, and psychological advisors about many aspects of my life. I will be meeting with all of them again during the coming week. I have had some limited discussions with my family and friends concerning what the future holds for me.

After making several additional applications I have been able to obtain some part-time work which is proving satisfactory thus far. It was good just to pass the scrutiny of the application process.

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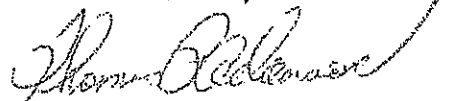
Also I have been able to increase my volunteer work, mainly with aiding the elderly in this area. I planned and was set to move in with an elderly couple at the beginning of April. The week before the planned move the woman had a serious stroke and probably will never return to her home. A daughter has come from Denver to help with the care, etc. It would have been a good situation for me and would have been a substantial savings in rent, etc.

Since our last visit I have experienced some physical medical problems which need attention. I pray that they will not prove to be too serious. I have arranged for a general checkup at Mayo Clinic for next month (All my medical history, records, examinations, etc. have been with Mayo). It has been exactly five years since I have had any medical checkup so I am past due. I also have not had an eye examination nor my reading glasses checked for five years so that is also overdue. The staff doctor who directed my last two general examinations, in 1978 and 1983, is William W. Douglas. He again will be in charge of the upcoming examination. You have my permission to check with him or to examine any of my past or current medical records.

I know these are very busy days for you with the Confirmation schedule and many other things on your appointment calendar. I will call within a few days to see if we can schedule a meeting time within the near future.

Thank you for your care and kindly continue to keep me in your daily prayers.

In Our Lord,

  
Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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# Mayo Clinic

Rochester, Minnesota 55905 Telephone 507 284-2511

William W. Douglas, M.D.  
Thoracic Diseases  
and Internal Medicine

May 19, 1988

1-387-756

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Father Thomas Adamson of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was examined at the Mayo Clinic in May, 1988. He has a history of borderline elevations of his cholesterol, recurrent tendonitis at the right Achilles' insertion, vague aching in his elbows after pushing a car in early February, 1988 and probable acute right renal colic in mid-April, 1988.

On physical examination he was a pleasant, outgoing, enthusiastic man who looked generally well. He weighed 193 pounds. He had a right amblyopic eye and plantar thickening in areas where his plantar warts have been treated.

An excretory urogram showed no evidence of renal stones or other pathology. Mild degenerative changes of his lumbar spine were apparent. X-ray of the right ankle and foot showed an Achilles' spur with possible calcification in the associated bursa. I discussed injections of this area as an option if it becomes painful in the future. His plasma glucose was elevated to 118 mg/dL. He has a strong family history of diabetes. I advised him to continue his weight reduction to 180 pounds, recheck his blood sugar twice a year and avoid sweets and carbohydrates as well as alcohol. His cholesterol was 243 mg/dL, total with an HDL cholesterol of 38 mg/dL. I discussed the general principles including weight reduction and avoidance of cholesterol containing foods.

The remainder of his tests were normal including a rest electrocardiogram, chest x-ray, urinalysis, differential blood count, screening hematology, fecal hemoglobin, total thyroxine, serum sodium, potassium, calcium, total protein, alkaline phosphatase, GO transaminase, bilirubin, uric acid, creatinine, albumin, triglycerides and HDL cholesterol. A refraction was done while he was here.

Father Adamson was dismissed home with the following diagnoses: probable recent renal stone; plantar warts; right Achilles' tendonitis; mild hypercholesterolemia; amblyopic right eye; and mild hyperglycemia.

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SIGNED: 

William W. Douglas, M.D.

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JUN 8 1988

1025 W. Mac Arthur, # 209  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

June 7, 1988

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona  
55 West Sanborn  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

May God fill you with His special love this week as we approach the Feast of The Sacred Heart !

Enclosed please find a report of my recent comprehensive physical examination at Mayo Clinic which I promised to send you. For the most part the examination was unremarkable. I had been most concerned about additional kidney stones and also of the possibility of light strokes which the doctors here had suspected. The Mayo doctors thought the later to be nothing more than isolated physical exertion. I thank God for my overall excellent health. Dr. Wm Douglas is aware of my legal entanglements and we discussed any possible relationships to my physical well-being.

The most unsettling experience since our last visit was a visit from a feature reporter named Robert Ehler and a photographer from the Minneapolis Star and Tribune. It happened that I was showering when they arrived the first time and I did not admit them. They returned to my apartment twice more that same day. I never met them face-to-face and made it clear that I was not interested in an interview and that I had NO comments for them. Their persistence annoyed me greatly and the whole experience caused a resurgence of explosive feelings in areas which I thought I had put to rest. The possibility of another feature article continues to bother me.

I have taken on another part time job, minimum pay but enjoyable so I am staying quite busy. I plan to move to another apartment a short distance from here at the end of the month. It is equally adequate to this one but considerably less expensive. I will give you my new address when I complete the move. My phone number should remain unchanged.

I trust that the Study Days, IHM anniversary celebration, and the ordination will all be pleasant affairs. I enjoyed your column in the June Courier. On the other hand I was quite surprised by the strong and negative language of the WHEREAS'S in the Proposed Resolution # 3 on Priestly Morale from the May meeting. I wonder.

Kindly keep me in your daily prayers.

In Our Lord,

*Tom P. Adamson*  
Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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REC. 2 THOMAS HANBORN

July 24, 1988

Dear Jerry,

Greetings to you on another hot and humid summer day!

I am writing to give you a change of address. I have lived in this apartment since July 1st. It is equally adequate to the place I lived previously and considerably less expensive. I did not send the new address sooner because I continue to wait for a postal box that will be closer to this apartment but none is available - - I have tried to get one since early June. So that will mean another change when one opens up but I cannot avoid the inconvenience.

My new mailing address is simply:

Box 8034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Would you please pass this change along to Bishop Mazzy, Mr. Broadwater, the COURIER, and other diocesan offices which may need it. You do not need to give it to Catholic Charities or to Fr. Elken's committee. Sufficit.

My phone number remains 715 835 0716.

I have a couple of part time jobs which are interesting and keep me well occupied. The pay scale is minimal but I am keeping all bills paid and will try to catch up on some of the old ones which I have incurred.

Thanks again for your help with getting my check from the diocese updated. I really was going into the whole each month - - even more than I realized.

The efforts of the Mpls Star and Tribune to contact me and several others to do a feature article were extremely irritating. They also contacted some of my priest friends and at least two members of my family, none of whom granted them an interview.

I hope that all is well with you and that you have a good year at the seminary and with your other tasks. You will have to do an even better job now or your men may just transfer up to Stockton Hill !

Keep me in your prayers. The best to you.

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Box 3034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

September 4, 1988

John Broadwater  
Director of Finance  
Box 588  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

Thank you for your note of August 31, 1988 explaining the Social Security benefit and the method of payment of same.

You asked that I contact you if I have any questions. My only concern is your indication that the Diocese has paid my Social Security benefit in the past in a lump sum at the end of the year. I have no immediate recollection of this and as of this date I have not been able to locate the check stubs for the end months of past years. I could very well be completely wrong about this matter but I thought I should call it to your attention for the correctness of both of our records.

I enclose a check for \$150.00 for one half of my payment toward 1988 dues for the Bureau of Priests' Retirement.

Please note my current correct mailing address as it appears on the top of this page. I am sorry for the inconvenience but it is a postal department detail over which I had no control. I will be writing to Father Mahon so that he can inform other diocesan departments.

Sincere thanks for your help with all these details.

In Our Lord,

*Rev. Thomas P. Adamson*  
Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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- Change his address  
on 11/17 was 9034  
- Did we pay him Social Security  
in past years? *yes we did*  
Think that it is *paid*  
in his check.

Box 3034  
Eau Claire WI 54702

September 4, 1988

Rev. Gerald Mahon  
IHM Seminary  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Jerry,

Kind greetings to you !

I write to give you my updated mailing address which I told you a couple of months ago would be changing. I am sorry for the inconvenience but have no control over the postal department system. I enclose a couple of "change of address" cards which should help the processing. Mr. Broadwater's office is already aware of the change.

I will probably be writing to you soon about Mr. Theodore Collins recent request that I again try to update payment on my personal fees due to him. I do continue to need his legal counsel. It seems to me that it is possibly time to challenge once again the Archdiocese for assistance in regard to my personal legal fees. All the legal matters presently under scrutiny arose during the time I was an employee of the Archdiocese. I will also consult Ted Collins about it. The continuing condescension and "holier-than-thou" attitude of the Archdiocesan Bishops and attorneys wears more and more thin.

I had to do a third deposition last week. A lot of rehashing. Ted Collins said it was the first time in his 30 plus years as an attorney that someone had to do a 3rd deposition. As you probably know, Bob Patterson represented Restovich.

I saw your parents' 50th anniversary pictures in the Post Bulletin. I trust that it will be a great celebration.

Best wishes to you and your staff for the new academic year.

Many thanks for your help. Please keep me in your prayers.

In Our Lord,



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DIOCESE OF WINONA  
55 WEST SANBORN  
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of Diocesan  
Finances

PO Box 588  
Tel. 507/454-4643

September 8, 1988

Rev. Thomas P. Adamson  
Box 3034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Father Adamson,

I apologize for confusing you on the Social Security payments. You are right in that you have not received a lump sum Social Security check at the end of each year. When you first went on leave of absence I was asked to pay you monthly, including the Social Security, and that has been my practice from the start. Therefore, all checks you received have included Social Security up through and including the current month. My note regarding the change of procedure should not have gone to you. Again, I'm sorry for the confusion.

I have noted your current mailing address. We did receive a change of address from you a few months ago but the box number listed was 8034. I will now change it to Box 3034 as it was on your letter. I will notify the other departments to do the same.

Thank you for writing and calling these things to my attention and also for your check for \$150 in payment of one-half of your 1988 retirement dues.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater  
Director of Finance

JB:Pp

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Box 3034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

December 17, 1988

Rev. Gerald A. Mahon  
Office of Vicar General  
55 W Sanbron St  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Father Mahon,

Enclosed please find copies of legal fees due to Mr. Theodore Collins through the month of October 1988.

I had written to you in September 1988 indicating that Mr. Collins was asking for some payment on the monies which were due to him. I think the enclosed letter from Mr. Collins' bookkeeper, Sara Peotter, will show clearly that the delay of these few months came from their office rather than from me.

I remain hopeful, and I am sure the diocese has the same wish, that in due time some of these legal fees can be recovered from insurance.

Thank you again for your help with these matters.

Sincerely In Our Lord,



Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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PROMISSORY NOTE RECEIVABLE

\*  
\$ 11,229.06

February 21, 1989

after date REV. THOMAS P. ADAMSON

promises to pay to the order of The Diocese of Winona the sum of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred twenty-nine and 06/100, payable at Winona, Minnesota.

Value received with interest at -0% per cent per annum payable semi-annually.

No. PROMISSORY NOTE Due \* \$100.00 due per month, first payment due 3/1/89

REV. THOMAS P. ADAMSON Parish

Seal

By President

Vice President

Secretary

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

1358-00					
	Date Paid	Interest	Paid To	On Principal	Unpaid Balance
1				2-21-89	11,229.06
2	4/28/89			100.00	11,129.06
3	5/24/89			100.00	11,029.06
4	6/28/89			100.00	10,929.06
5	6/30/89		* New Note	12871.57	23800.63
6	7/27/89			100.00	23700.63
7	8/30/89			100.00	23600.63
8	9-28-89			100.00	23500.63
9	10/9/89		* New Note	27293.23	50793.86
10	12/15/89		New Note	9379.21	\$60,173.07
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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the  
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PO Box 588  
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April 10, 1989

Rev. Thomas Adamson  
P.O. Box 3034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

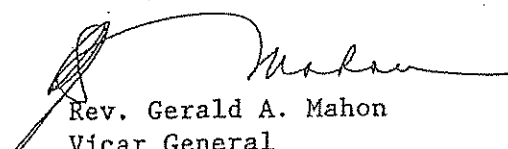
Dear Tom,

I am writing in reference to a monthly payment which you have agreed to make in the amount \$100 to the Diocese of Winona. According to our records, the first payment was to be made on March 1, 1989.

While I appreciate, Tom, the issues of finances, I am also aware of the significant increase which has been offered to you during the past year and it would seem that payments would be feasible. The concept of a promissary note is essential and we must treat it seriously and according to the agreements which have been established.

Blessings, Tom, for you in this Easter season.

Sincerely your in Christ,

  
Rev. Gerald A. Mahon  
Vicar General

Tom -

It won't be long and you will  
be "sunning the club" -

Peace,



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April 10, 1989

Rev. Thomas Adamson  
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Eau Claire, WI 54702

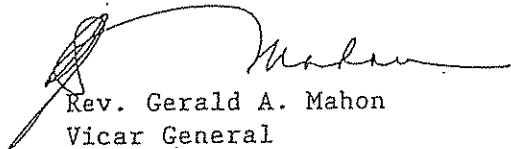
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Sincerely your in Christ,

  
Rev. Gerald A. Mahon  
Vicar General

*Tom -*

*It won't be long and you will  
be "sunning the club" -*

*Peace,*

*Jerry*

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Box 3034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

April 25, 1989

Rev. Gerald Mahon  
Vicar General  
55 West Sanborn  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Father Mahon,

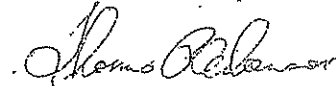
Enclosed please find check in the amount of \$100 for  
initial monthly payment on promissary note due to the  
Diocese of Winona.

I will continue to send these payments in your name or  
marked for your attention unless you instruct me otherwise.

Thanks again for the hospitality at the seminary following  
our visit last week.

Kindly keep me in your prayers.

In our Lord,



Rev. Thomas Adamson

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Box 3034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

April 25, 1989

Rev. Gerald Mahon  
Vicar General  
55 West Sanborn  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Father Mahon,

Enclosed please find check in the amount of \$100 for  
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marked for your attention unless you instruct me otherwise.

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our visit last week.

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In our Lord,



Rev. Thomas Adamson

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55 WEST SANBORN  
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

FILE COPY

Office of the  
Bishop

PO Box 588  
Tel. 507/454-4643

July 23, 1989

Thomas Adamson  
Box 8034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Tom,

How quickly 1989 seems to be moving along. I am looking forward to a trip out West to be with Bob Brom as he is received in San Diego by his new presbyterate and people. It will be a good time away.

Tom, you continue to have a special remembrance in my prayers. I hear that you are working and I hope that the job is satisfying.

We have not met in a long time. I realize that our two meetings last year were difficult for you because I requested that you apply for laicization. I have been hopeful that you would eventually be willing to make that application, but I sense that your non-response is a negative response.

We must, then, look to the future from a practical stance. I am not certain about your work schedule, but I am hopeful that we will be able to meet again in early August. Perhaps you could come to Winona some evening during the first week of August or during the daytime hours of Saturday, August 12. You could contact either Jerry Mahon or Bill Baechler while I am away and set up a time. It is probably best to meet at my residence. We had some good gatherings with our clergy and people this spring. Our big centennial celebration is coming up. I hope all goes well. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona

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\$12,871.57

St. Paul, Minnesota  
July 31, 1989

PROMISSORY NOTE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I PROMISE TO PAY TO:

DIOCESE OF WINONA

The sum of TWELVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 57/100 (\$12,871.57) DOLLARS, without interest, payable in monthly installments of One Hundred and no/100 (\$100.00) Dollars, commencing on August 1, 1989 and a like and equal sum of \$100.00 on the first day of each and every month thereafter until the debt is paid in full or upon the death of the Maker, at which time the entire unpaid principal balance shall be due and payable in full.

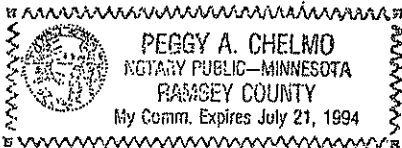
The Maker hereof has the privilege of paying any greater sum than above specified on the first day of any month and also has the privilege of paying his loan in full at any time.

The undersigned stipulates and agrees to and with said Payee, its successors and assigns, that, if any such installment becomes due and is unpaid in whole or in part, the entire principal sum thereon remaining unpaid shall, at the option of the holder hereof, become immediately due and payable. The Maker hereunder agrees to pay all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses in the event payment shall not be made on maturity or as payments become due.

Thomas P. Adamson  
Thomas P. Adamson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
31st day of July, 1989.

Peggy A. Chelmo  
Notary Public



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DIOCESE OF WINONA  
55 WEST SANBORN  
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

FILE COPY

Office of the  
Bishop

PO Box 588  
Tel. 507/454-4643

August 15, 1989

Thomas Adamson  
Box 8034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Tom,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to you in July.  
I haven't heard from you and, of course, I am concerned.

Please make every effort to make an appointment to see me  
here in Winona before August 27.

As I mentioned in my earlier letter, an evening or a  
Saturday will probably be best. But I could see you  
during a weekday at my home, if that is more convenient  
for you.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

Enclosure

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DIOCESE OF WINONA  
35 WEST SANBORN  
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

FILE COPY

Office of the  
Bishop

PO Box 508  
Tel. 507/454-4643

September 1, 1989

Thomas Adamson  
P.O. Box 3034  
Eau Claire, WI 54702

Dear Tom,

Thank you very much for coming to visit with me here in Winona this past Friday, August 25. I admire and appreciate all your efforts to pull your life together in spite of the continuing pressures and disappointments. You continue to have a very special remembrance in my prayers.

During our time together, once again I requested that you make application for a Decree of Laicization. This is my third request and I am hopeful that this time you will be willing to lend me your cooperation. I am asking you to request Father Donald Schmitz's assistance in this effort before Wednesday, September 13. It will take some time, but Don is familiar with these procedures.

Furthermore, the permission to celebrate private Mass which Bishop Watters gave to you a few years ago is now withdrawn effective immediately. You may not administer any of the sacraments nor are you to function as a minister of the Eucharist. You may not function as a priest in any public capacity. Please do not dress as a priest nor present yourself in any circumstances as a person working in public Church ministry.

At this time I am giving this directive as an individual precept as part of my responsibility to foster the good of the Church as well as your own good. You know that you are most welcome and encouraged to worship in the Catholic community but, for obvious reasons, you can no longer lead the people in worship.

Finally, from September through December of this calendar year, we must begin a time of disengagement from the Diocese of Winona. Please let Father Mahon know your financial situation in terms of monthly living expenses. Now that you are earning some salary, you should be able to meet some of these obligations on your own, but I want to

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Thomas Adamson  
September 1, 1989  
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offer assistance for awhile so that you will have time to re-assess your living situation when all diocesan financial support is withdrawn. We will want to continue your health insurance for a longer period of time and I certainly am willing to respond to any specific need. Once we are able to determine your financial needs over the next few months, we will be able to determine what assistance can be offered you.

Please do not hesitate to keep in touch. Since you have not been functioning as a diocesan priest for a long time, these changes will hopefully be a prod to face the realities of your situation and move on with your life. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny  
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

cc: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon  
Reverend Donald P. Schmitz

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Box 3034  
Hau Claire, WI 54702

September 11, 1989

Rev. Donald P. Schmitz  
Chancellor  
55 W Sanborn  
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Don,

You received a copy of the inopportune and insensitive letter sent to me by Bishop Vlazny, dated September 1, 1989. In that letter the Bishop asks that I contact you by September 13th.

It is not possible for me to meet with you this week for at least two basic reasons: 1) Previously scheduled meetings with attorneys in the Twin Cities 2) The managers of the Motel where I work will be out-of-state for four days this week and this requires additional responsibilities of me.

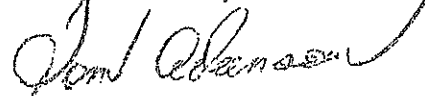
Meanwhile, you might please check a couple of things for me. Do I have a Will with Burial Instructions, etc. on file with the Diocese of Winona? I know that requests were made at various times and I also have some recall of completing a form for the Archdiocese while I was ministering there. At any rate, I revised some things in May 1987. Copies of that are always left on the top of my desk and/or dresser wherever I reside and some members of my family know of their whereabouts.

Also, I may need an additional copy of the Medical Claim Form for the Christian Brothers Employee Benefit now in effect. If needed, should I request the form directly from Mr. Broadwater?

I will be in further contact with you in the near future.

Kind personal greetings to you. I hope all is well with you and with your ministry.

In Our Lord,

  
Rev. Thomas P. Adamson

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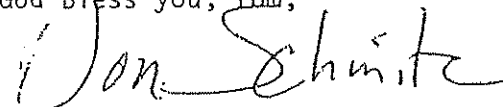
Thanks for your letter. I'm sorry that it was occasioned by the difficult things which the Bishop wrote to you. I will be willing to help in the laicization process if you choose to do it.

I checked in the file for priests' wills and did not find anything in terms of a will or burial instructions for you. Also I asked John Broadwater about the health insurance. He gave me a couple of claims forms that I am sending on.

I was down to Chicago over the weekend to a reunion of the men I was ordained with. About twenty-five of the seventy came. Those twenty-five years bring about a lot of changes in the kinds of paths taken by us. It was enjoyable though. I gave a Chicago Bears fan a ride back on Sunday--it kept the trip alive.

I know these days are hard ones, and it's not like there have been a lot of easy days before this. But I do hope and pray that you can come through it, that your faith will not lessen--that is what counts.

God Bless you, Tom,



Rev. Donald P. Schmitz

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FROM THE DESK OF

Sept. 23. 1989

*Rev. Thomas Adamson*

Dear Don,

Thanks for the visit and the willingness to listen when I came to see you last Wednesday. I am sorry if I rambled a lot but there are so many facets to it all. Last evening I tried to type a summary of some of the topics we touched. Makes quite a list.

I will continue to try to process several things. I don't have the priorities in order yet but will plug away. I know I need additional input in several areas. Thanks for your professional and personal viewpoints.

I got up again this morning and that's about how I try to live - literally one day at a time - no longer just a cliché.

Keep me in your prayers.

In Our Lord, *Tom*

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## EXPENDITURES AND BUDGET

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Charity/Gifts	260	22	.8	23
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Misc./Haircuts/ Parking/Drug store	--	--	--	10
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