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Father Anthony Geerts  
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Dear Father Geerts:

It is with regret that I must inform you that Bishop Walsh has asked me to stop having you concelebrate mass with me until he gives permission for you to celebrate mass again here in this diocese.

I was rather surprised this morning that you did not want to go down to the apartment and get your personal things and move them to your new place. I also understand that the lady who has been staying at your apartment was there again this morning. We offered to move all your things out and suggested that you sell or rid yourself of the personal property in the apartment which you say you do not wish to do.

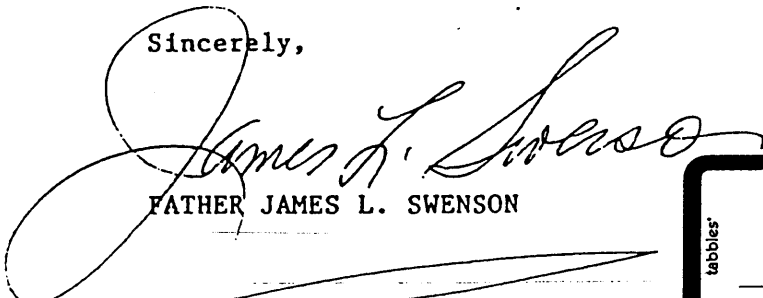
I would recommend to you, and I hope you will consider, in order to get a fresh start in your priestly life that you might move to another city as we do not want any public scandal against the church and especially here in our own diocese where we have a good record and good priests. It would be a great embarrassment to all of us if your life-style should be published in the paper. I suggest you please consider the above with prayerful and serious consideration.

I have spoken to Bishop Walsh about what has transpired so far and informed him of your arrest and of the living situation and how you have been conducting yourself. A copy of this letter is being sent to Bishop Walsh.

I do feel that I have tried my best to assist you and still want to assist you and do feel that we here at St. Bridget's have done more than enough to assist you in trying to reestablish you as a good priest of your diocese of Davenport.

I would highly recommend that if you are intimidated by this woman that you contact the police department and let them know if she is trying to blackmail you or not. We are willing to help but we cannot do anything unless you let us know what the problem is.

Sincerely,

  
FATHER JAMES L. SWENSON

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Copy to Bishop Walsh

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