

February 5, 1997

Diocese of Davenport

Rev. James M. Janssen
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Dear Father Janssen,

This letter is written following our recent meeting in my office. I believe you will find the summary of our conversation. Please let me know immediately if this doesn't contain the main substance of our talks.

We follow the guidelines presented to the Bishops in the National Conference of Catholic Bishops publication --"Restoring Trust". The following items indicate the priestly activities permitted Father Janssen, a priest of the Davenport Diocese.

1. Father Janssen is permitted to offer Mass privately.
2. Father Janssen is permitted to participate in priests clergy gatherings, i.e. diocesan clergy days, retreats, Chrism Mass.
3. Father Janssen is permitted to con-celebrate the Mass for priest's funeral.
4. Father Janssen is permitted to be principal celebrant at the funeral mass for immediate relatives.
5. Father Janssen will present "special occasion requests" to Father Drake Shafer for the Bishop's approval of the particular request.

I believe the above policy allows Father Janssen to function as a priest, protects his reputation and shows the concern of the Diocese for its members, clergy, religious, and laity.

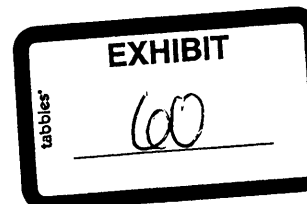
May God's strength be your strength in the years to come.

Fraternally in Christ,

(Most Rev.) Wm. E. Franklin
Bishop of Davenport

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