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TO: Bishop Banks
FROM: Father McCormack *JM*
RE: Reverend Paul R. Shanley
DATE: January 2, 1990

Father Shanley is leaving St. John the Evangelist Parish on Sunday, January 21. His intention is to take a medical leave for the period of one year in a warm, sunny climate.

He is grateful to the Cardinal for his understanding and patience. He hopes that the year will provide him the opportunity to get better and to return to ministry here as a parochial vicar.

After I told him that it would be expected that he live in a rectory or religious house and that his status would be that of sick leave, receiving \$6-700 monthly, he was a bit surprised that he was not supposed to be arranging matters on his own.

In our discussion, it was agreed that he would not be living with Reverend John White who is on sick leave and living on his own in Palm Springs. Up to a half year ago, John had been assigned to hospital ministry by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Since then, he has been suffering from depression and is on his own. He keeps contact with me.

Paul said that he would be willing to try to live in a rectory, live on his sick leave pay, and make himself available to say Mass on an as-needed basis in local parishes in the Palm Springs area.

Once it was decided that he would receive a leave, he went out to Palm Springs in December, met with John White and was introduced to a number of clergy in the area. At the time, it was recommended that he consider taking the chaplaincy for a few months at the College of the Desert in or near Palm Springs. The chaplain will be going on a sabbatical for four months. He said he would be willing to say Mass for them but he does not want to be involved in chaplaincy work.

He also mentioned two other locations in which he would be pleased to live. One is at St. Louis Parish in Cathedral City and the other is Rose of Sharon Benedictine Center in Desert Hot Springs, California.

I told him 1) I would speak with Cardinal Law about his plans, 2) we would make contact with the Diocese of San Bernadino to see if this were possible.

He seemed pleased that we were willing to do this for him. As a matter of fact, he called me the next morning to thank me for the interview, to give me the details of the places he would like to stay and to say that he slept very well the night before.

My suggestion is that I contact the Chancellor or Vicar General of San Bernadino or Cardinal Law write a letter to Bishop Straling of San Bernadino asking that he receive Father Shanley into the diocese for the period of one year. We will provide for his support through sick leave and also through his living in a rectory and providing a minimum of ministry to the parish or our paying for his board and room in the rectory. It could then be mentioned, written details about the arrangements would be worked out by Father McCormack with whomever Bishop Straling designates from his diocese.

What do you think?

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