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December 24, 1986

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Dear Mike:

I am writing as a follow-up to our two personal visits in my office, one on Monday, December 22nd, and the other on Tuesday, December 23rd.

It was during those visits that you revealed to me your involvement with two young men over the past several years, beginning in approximately the year 1978 and continuing until approximately a year ago.

As both I and Monsignor Thomas Curry pointed out to you, we are dealing with an extremely serious and grave situation. The sexual activity which you had with these two young men, one named Matthew and the other Armando, requires that I take immediate and clear steps, as follows:

- (1) you will not be assigned to any pastoral ministry position within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until such time as competent professionals can assure me that the cause of this activity on your part has been fully treated and corrected;
- (2) you will report to the Paraclete Fathers in Jemez Springs, New Mexico, as soon as possible in order to enter their diagnostic program; and depending upon their findings, you will then enter their full program of professional treatment taking as much time as their staff indicate;
- (3) we will begin steps as soon as possible to see what type of counselling would be the best for the two young men involved; we will need to make contact with them and to offer every assistance we can so that any negative impact on their lives can be diminished as fully as possible.

Please be assured that I will do all that I can to be of assistance to you throughout the coming professional evaluation and treatment program. You will be very much in my prayers, as will the two young men involved in this situation.

I will need you to be as open as possible to what the Paraclete Fathers and their Staff at Jemez Springs require. Your full cooperation in their

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processes there will be extremely important for your own spiritual and psychological development, and will help us determine what lies ahead for you in your priestly ministry.

Assuring you again of my prayers and concern, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ RMM
Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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cc: Msgr. Thomas Curry

Monday nite

Dear Tom,



Thank you very much for your letter that I received today. Am glad to hear that you'll be coming out to see the program and to talk about the Archdiocese's plans and suggestions for my future.

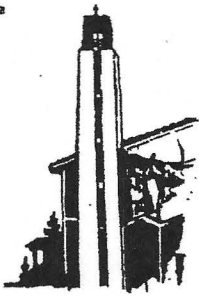
I have my car here and it is yours for anytime that you are here. Also, if there is anything that I can prepare for you before hand or do for you while you're here, it would be a privelege to serve you. Just advise and it's yours!

Blessings upon you this Holy Week and in your ministry.

Mike



PS As far as you know, does the recent ruling from the California Supreme Court re: the Phillipino priests and the civil suit, have any bearing on a case such as mine?



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April 21, 1987

Dear Tom:

I just finished writing you a business like letter but I wanted to give you the latest in this informal manner regarding what I know about Mike Baker. Shortly after the last letter you sent to me as a result of my innocent inquiry to maybe have Mike directed along here, I got another detailed letter from Mike.

In this latter letter he outlined in a rather detailed manner the whole story about his escapade in Pico Rivera. As he had given me a phone number, I have since called and talked to him at length. I understand you are due to go to New Mexico next week.

Naturally it is you and the Archbishop that will have to make some serious decisions about Mike. I had Mike working with me as a Deacon one Summer at St. Columbkille's. I know him very well and I do believe in him.

I have a very good friend a Paddy Doherty from Kerry who was a few years after me in St. Peter's and who has done excellent work in the Brownsville, Texas Diocese. He is currently on the Personnel Board there and is an excellent down to earth type of priest. In talking to Paddy I found that he is volunteering for five years to work in a very poor parish in Mexico. They need priests in the Brownsville Diocese.

Considering Mike has an excellent command of the Spanish I asked Paddy about taking Mike when he'd be finished the program that he is in now. He in turn asked Bishop Fitzpatrick and the latter would certainly put Mike to work. He would be happy to give him an appointment as of June 1st. I have told this to Mike and I'm not too sure if he has called Paddy or the Bishop.

Again, I do not want to step into your territory of responsibility, but I've no problem in recommending Mike and if therefore you and the Archbishop would want him to work in that Diocese for a year and then maybe join Paddy Doherty in Mexico, it is possible. I'll see Paddy D. next week at our reunion in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. We are from the same area in Ireland.

Thank you Tom for all your goodness, you are doing a magnificent job.

In Christ,

Mike Lenehan

