

August 29, 1972

Reverend N. B. Sweeterman, C.P.P.S.
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Dear Father Sweeterman,

Father Gervase Soukup, O.S.B., our Procurator, brought me your letter of the 25th of August, which he received this morning. He ~~has also given me a check of \$224.00 to cover the bills which Father Alan Tarlton ran up for car repair and rental.~~ I am happy to enclose the check herewith.

I regret that you have had to wait so long for this payment of these bills, but I regret even more to read in your letter that Father Alan "has no sources of funds since he just sits and smokes and drinks and does not offer Mass."

He called me earlier this summer to indicate that he had asked the Archbishop to be relieved of his pastorate at St. Martin de Porres parish so that he could give himself fully to the apostolate of teaching. He asked if I would be willing to help him cover living expenses. Although I have only been abbot for the past year, I knew of his past difficulties. But I thought that he had been working well in his parish and that he would have a teaching position this fall, and so I agreed to help him. But I have heard nothing further from him. After reading your letter, I am deeply concerned, and I would appreciate your sending me further information, either personally or through your Father Provincial. I am particularly interested in knowing whether Father Alan has been living with you at the Provincial House, whether he has paid any room and board, and what his plans for the fall are. Also whether he is doing any priestly work, or whether, as your letter indicated, "he just sits and smokes and drinks." I assure you that whatever information may be sent me will be kept confidential; that is, I will not in any way reveal the source of my information though it may be necessary for me to act on it.

Just a thought: if Father Alan should give you a check to cover the bills for which the enclosed check is intended, it would seem to me to be better to accept his payment without indicating that we have already paid those bills. You might then retain his payment for board and room (if he owes this) or send the check on to me; this would obviate the need for informing him that you have been in touch with us.

With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Eidenschink, O.S.B.