

Tried to report to Purse
@ 10:15 a - Oct. 29 -

Oct. 28 - 5:15 -

Jim Mc D - called re: Farris -
Brought home by M.O.P.D
apparently, he fell - drunk on
street -

No charges filed -

Josh very hostile -

anti authority -

Mark - 4 yrs, temp
all dates

Situation - negative -
Farris -

Prob - poor records Elyria,
Psychiatric Center -

Withdrawn - over-loaded on
cl-work -

No great need to finish his school
work -

Att. - not attending meetings -

Has not been visiting patients

Watches T.V. - not studying -

Jim - feels he is not suitable for
work in Mental Health Center -

Jim called to Farris - Oct. 25 -

Jim - 7:00 - 9:00 p -

did not equal -

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I told you Mr. D. I would report
immediately to Parnes -

I will not pull him and run
you in on some charges -
to get straightened out -

If he fails, I told you Mr. D. -
I would not to run him
through -

Leil reported to me that Farris
did fine in La Salle -

only 1 - spread Leil some
and it fine -

Schedule: E.N.T. - 3 Days -
HOTEL DIEU - 2 days
TAKE - 1 - SUN. 14455 -
ARCHIVES - 1 DAY
FRI. DAY OFF -

Farris:

Oct. 29 - Picked up by N.O.P.D.

Oct. 30 - unable to pay Mas - to the
bank -

5:15 - Jim Mack called -

6:30 - I went out - tried to
talk to him -

Called
Cent - Oct 30 - Mack - Jim - Mack -
Parsons - + others - etc -

+ Spent night there - Mack - afraid -
I called to him - Oct 31 - Jim
apologized - don't know why
he leaves the kid -

Program. Help need - not able to
explain - reason for previous
applies

Wants to remain in C.P.E. program
will get advice in A.A.

Oct - 31 - I called to Dr. Danian -
not ready to make

judgment on his suitability
as Chaplain, Mental Health
Center.

Wait - see how he performs
Mack - his supervision doesn't
feel he can recommend Farris
as Chaplain - involved instability

Jack Farris:

Courses- Tulane- Contemporary Amerc. Soc. Problems
Alcoholism- Drugs-Racism-Urban
Social Psychology
Sociology of Minority Groups-
Black studies

Notre Dame- C.P.E. through Baptist Hosp/
Lectures at De Paul

Total time for certification- 2 years-
May be able to shorten this period

Prorate total educational costs

St. Stephen's will provide monthly allowance and
incidental expenses.

Sister Damian- very happy to have him

Will provide room and board gratis for services

VINCENTIAN FATHERS OF WESTERN PROVINCE
1849 CASS AVENUE
SAINT LOUIS, Mo. 63106

August 3, 1972

Reverend John Farris, C.M.
St. Patrick's Church
725 Fourth Street
LaSalle, Illinois 61301

Dear Jack,

May the Grace of Our Lord be with us always!

Welcome back to the U.S. from your many travels to the Holy Land, etc. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful experience.

So it is time for an official letter of assignment to what we have already agreed upon in relation to your being stationed at New Orleans. Your assignment is to begin your training in Hospital Chaplaincy as we discussed the matter. I trust you and Father McDonnell work out the suitable courses and the residency required. The okay for you to undertake training in this matter has been approved by all concerned, including the two Vice-Provincials. Since you will be residing in the area of the New Orleans Vice-Province, this will mean you are to be considered under the jurisdiction of Father Degan. Specifically Father Degan may assign you to a House in New Orleans as your official House of attachment. I rather think he would make St. Stephen's this House, as it is considered the house of Father Jim McDonnell. However I do not want to anticipate Barney in this matter or usurp his authority, so that the official assignment will come from him.

Father Sheehy hopes you will be able to remain in LaSalle until the end of August. Will that be possible for you? Your replacement will not arrive until the first part of September.

The best of luck in everything, Jack, and do let me know how matters are progressing.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

Cecil L. Parres, C.M.
Provincial

cc: Very Rev. Bernard Degan, C.M.
Very Rev. Joseph Falanga, C.M.
Very Rev. Maurice Sheehy, C.M.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

7887 WALMSLEY AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70125

August 25, 1972

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

CHANCELLOR: VERY REV. EARL C. WOODS
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ASSISTANT CHANCELLOR: REV. LANAUX J. RARESHIDE

Reverend Jack Farris, C.M.,
De Paul Hospital
Post Office Box 4040
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

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Dear Father Farris:

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With the approval of your Very Reverend Vice Provincial
and in accordance with Canon Law and the Statutes of the Archdiocese
of New Orleans, the faculties of the Archdiocese are granted you
durante munere.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

P
Reverend Lanaux J. Rarehide,
Assistant Chancellor

Y
LJR/jme

cc: Very Reverend Bernard Degan, C.M., Vice Provincial ✓

P.S. In order that we may keep our files up-to-date, please complete
the enclosed biographical forms in duplicate and return both
cards to us at your earliest convenience.

VINCENTIAN FATHERS
NEW ORLEANS VICE-PROVINCE
1802 TULANE AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70118



August 25, 1972

Reverend John Farris C.M.
DePaul Hospital
Post Office Box 4040
New Orleans, La. 70118

Dear Jack,

May the grace of Our Lord remain with us forever.

This letter will only confirm what we discussed by telephone while you were still at LaSalle.

All of us are pleased to have you in the Vice Province of New Orleans. It is now my pleasant privilege to assign you to DePaul Hospital to work with Jim McDonnell in caring for the spiritual needs of all the patients and the staff. I hope and pray that you will be most happy in this assignment because I know that you will make a great contribution by your service.

I am attaching you to St. Stephen's Community House so that Fr. Fred Marsch will be your local superior.

All of your educational costs will be paid directly from Vice Provincial funds. This total cost will then be prorated among the three areas of the Western Region at the end of the fiscal year. Your monthly allowance and other incidental expenses will be paid from the Community Account of St. Stephen's.

I have written to Archbishop Hannan requesting that he grant you the Faculties of the Archdiocese. You will receive these faculties next week sometime.

I know that you will enjoy working with Jim McDonnell - he's a fine confrere but he has two unforgiveable faults - he's a miserable golfer and he cheats. Other than that, he's a true Christian gentleman.

VINCENTIAN FATHERS
NEW ORLEANS VICE-PROVINCE
1802 TULANE AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70112



Reverend John Farris C.M.
August 25, 1972

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I hope to visit you and Jim in the very near future. I would also like to discuss some other matters with Sister Damian in relation to this assignment.

It gives me a lot of personal pleasure to welcome you to the vice province and I hope that you will enjoy working and studying in our area.

Begging a remembrance in your prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

Barney Degan, C.M.
Bernard Degan C.M.

CC: Very Reverend Cecil Parres C.M.
Very Reverend Joseph Falanga C.M.
Very Reverend Frederick Marsch C.M.
Reverend Eugene McCarthy C.M.
Reverend James McDonnell C.M.

VINCENTIAN FATHERS
NEW ORLEANS VICE-PROVINCE
1802 TULANE AVENUE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70112



August 24, 1972

The Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan D.D.
7887 Walmsley Avenue
New Orleans, La. 70125

Your Excellency:

I would appreciate it very much if you would grant the Faculties of the Archdiocese to Fr. Jack Farris C.M.

For several years, Fr. Farris has requested to serve as chaplain of a mental health center. In preparation for this type of ministry, he will be taking some courses at Notre Dame Seminary and also at Tulane University.

While attending these classes in New Orleans, he will reside at De Paul Hospital with Fr. James McDonnell C.M. who will act as supervisor of Fr. Farris' clinical work. Upon the completion of his educational program, I know that he will do an outstanding job, serving as chaplain at one of our mental health centers.

Your letter granting him the Faculties can be mailed directly to him at De Paul Hospital- Post Office Box 4040, New Orleans, La. 70118. He has already arrived in the city and is now living at De Paul.

Begging your blessing upon me and the members of our Community, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bernard Degan, C.M.

Bernard Degan C.M.
Vice Provincial of New Orleans

St. John's Catholic Seminary

Pastor's Recommendation.

1. Name of Applicant John Farris
2. How often does he receive Holy Communion? Every morning.
3. Is he obedient to parents and superiors? Yes.
4. Is he devoted to study? Yes.
5. Does he serve Mass at Parish Church? Yes.
6. How long has he given evidence of a vocation? For a number of years.
7. Do you regard him as a good subject for the diocese? (Cf. Dioc. Stat. 37, 40.) Yes.
8. Who will be responsible for the tuition? His parents
9. Remarks: _____

Signature

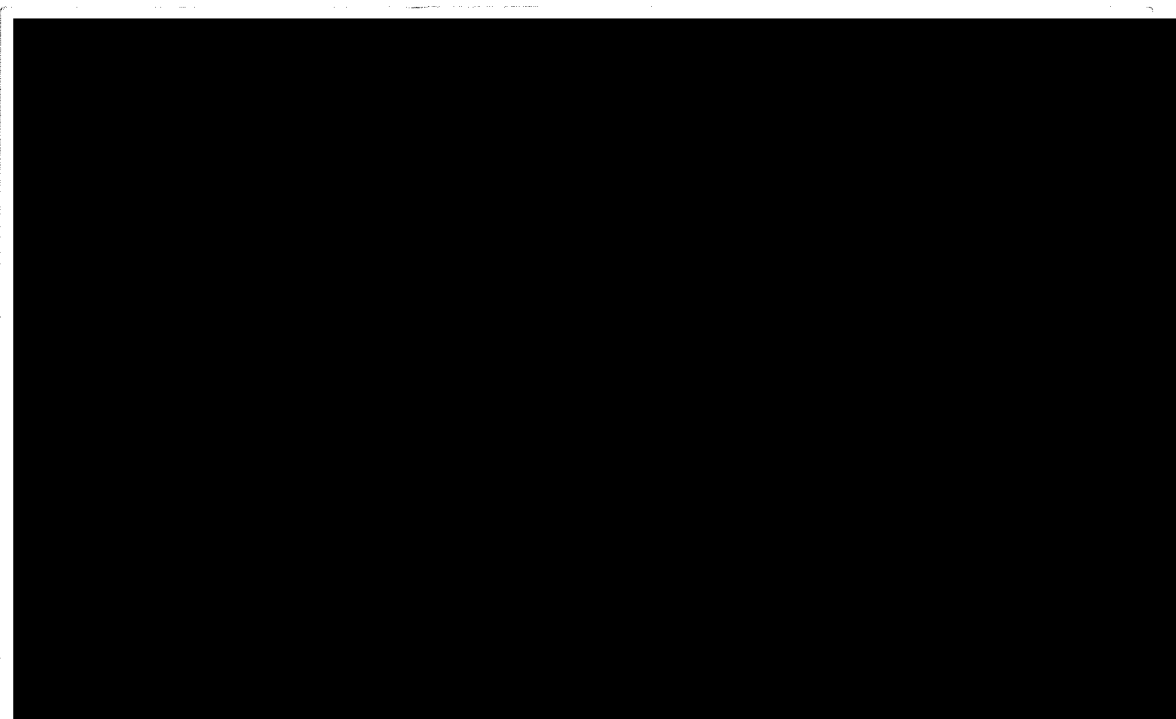
Rev. M. J. Lyons

Pastor of

Assumption Church 309 Denton Blvd.

(Pastor will kindly procure copy of parents' marriage certificate.)

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August 20, 1942

Very Rev. Dr. M. F. Winne, C.M.V.
1427 South 9th Street
St. Louis, Missouri

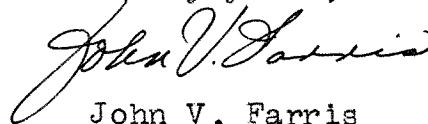
Dear Very Reverend Father:

After having studied the past several years under the guidance of the Vincentian Fathers and having become acquainted with their mode of living, I find that I possess a very ardent desire to enter your Community. Therefore, I make this formal application to you as Provincial.

I am 21 years of age and began my study for the Holy Priesthood in the fall of 1938. With graduation last June, I completed the course offered by St. John's Seminary. This course consisted of high school and two years of college training. As I had previously completed my high school in a secular school, it was necessary that I have two years preparatory work in Latin and Greek before I entered college.

I have fully considered this matter, and have had several consultations with the Very Rev. Father Conroy who has been very kind and considerate. Praying that my application will be accepted by you, I remain

Sincerely yours,


John V. Farris

3512 Windsor Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri

Congregation of the Mission
Vincentian Fathers
Western Province

FORM OF APPLICATION

For Admission of Candidates.


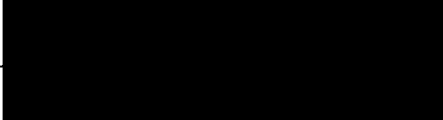
Date of Application September 3, 1942

Full Name of Applicant John Valentine Farris

Complete Home Address 3512 Windsor - Kansas City, Mo. Phone Ch. 6825

Name of Parish Assumption Diocese Kansas City, Mo.



Date of Baptism _____ Parish Assumption Place K. C. Mo.

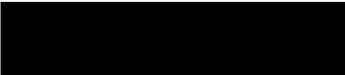
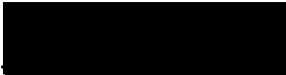
Father's Name  Mother's Maiden Name 


Name of Guardian _____

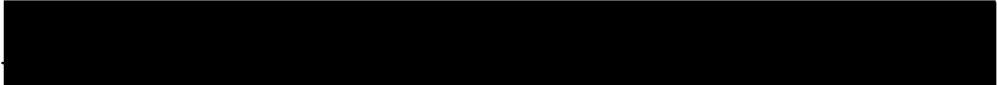
Address of Guardian _____ Phone _____


Are Both Parents Living? Yes If not, which one? _____

Father's age  Mother's age 

Religion of Parents: Father  Mother 

Are they Converts? 

Father's Business or Occupation 

Business Address 

Give in order the schools you have attended and length of time spent in each:

Elementary *Assumption - 7 yrs* Year of Graduation *1933*

High School *Northeast High School - 4 yrs* Year of Graduation *1937*

College Year of Graduation.....

Seminary *St. John's Seminary - 2 yrs prep. & 2 yrs College*

What was the last grade or class successfully completed? *Second Year College*

Has your course of study been interrupted? *Yes* How Long? *1 yr.*

Reason *Worked - Fall of 1937 -*

Are you in that state of health necessary for a long course of serious study?

Yes

Have you ever been dismissed from any school? *No* If so, give reasons.....

Have you ever studied Latin? *Yes* How many years? *4 yrs.*

Have you ever been a member of a religious community? *No* How long?.....

Give reasons for leaving.....

Have you attended any Seminary? *Yes*

How long? *4 yrs* College *2* Philosophy..... Theology.....

What Orders have you received? *None*

Where and by whom?.....

Have you ever been dismissed from any Seminary? *No*

Give reasons for leaving.....

Give places of residence outside your own Diocese where you have lived for six months or more after the age

of 14 years:.....

Have you been working since you left school? Give particulars; where and in what capacity, number of



Has your Confessor advised you to study for the Priesthood?..... *yes*

Have you ever had any serious illness?..... *no* State its nature, when, how long.....

Have you any physical defect, such as poor eyesight, deafness, lameness, heart ailment, defect in speech, etc.?

no

Is there any history of tuberculosis, epilepsy or insanity in your immediate family or relatives?..... *no*

What is the relationship existing between the person or persons and you?.....

What is the alleged reason as the origin of the mental derangement?.....

Are you acquainted with any Vincentian Priests?..... *yes*

Who will be responsible for your board?.....

Signed *John V. Farris*

When returning this questionnaire fully answered, enclose CERTIFICATE of the MARRIAGE of your parents, of your BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION, TESTIMONIAL LETTERS of good conduct from your pastor and from the college or high school you have attended, together with a TRANSCRIPT OF CREDITS of the academic work you have done. A certificate of graduation from grammar school suffices for candidates to a high school course. The enclosed form for medical examination must be filled out by a physician and returned with the questionnaire.

N.B. A seminarian who has been adopted into any Diocese must secure permission from his Bishop to transfer to St. Mary's Seminary.

Students at St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, are expected to pay for board, \$200.00 per year (in monthly installments, if desired), or as much of that amount as possible, according to family circumstances. All students are required to furnish their own travel expenses, clothing, books, medical, dental, laundry and other personal expenses.

No charge is made for the Novitiate or Major Seminary.

The growing number of our missionaries places an increasingly heavy burden upon the limited financial resources of our Province, and it is our first duty to support our missionaries. Although the cost of the College for the support of a student at the Cape is considerably greater than the above figure, the Vincentian Fathers make up the deficit from their mission funds and burses. Our priests are glad to subsidize in this way the work of preparing their successors and future co-laborers. It is obviously our duty, however, to operate our Preparatory Seminary at Cape Girardeau with as small a deficit as possible, so that our missionaries and their work may not suffer unnecessary loss.

Litterae Testimoniales

Pro aspirantibus ad Congregationem Missionis
Sti. Vincentii a Paulo

Fidem facimus et testamur,

diligenti inquisitione facta de qualitatibus Dilecti Nobis in Christo,

.....
Joannes Valentinus Farris

nati in Kansas City, Mo., in paroecia Assumptionis B.M.V., dioecesis Kansanopolitanae

....., die 13^a, mensis Februarii , anno MCMXXI

subiecti Nobis ratione originis, nempe de eius natalibus, mori-

bus, ingenio, vita, fama, conditione, scientia, an sit inquisitus aliqua censura, irregularitate aut alio

canonico impedimento irretitus, aere alieno gravatus, vel reddendae alicuius administrationis

rationi obnoxius, nihil obstare quominus praedictus Joannes Valentinus Farris

..... tanquam novitius clericalis

in Congregationem Missionis recipi possit.

Quapropter de iis omnibus bonum ac laudabile testimonium

supradicto Joanni Valentino Farris reddimus ipsique

praesentes Litteras Testimoniales concedimus.

Datum Kansasville, die 21, mensis Septembris , anno 1942

+ Edmundus Vincentus O'Hara
Episcopus Kansanopolitanus

St. Mary's Seminary

PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI

September 21, 1943

The Very Reverend Marshall F. Winne, C.M.V.
1427 South Ninth Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Very Reverend and Dear Father,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

On next Monday, September twenty-seventh, I shall have completed my first year of the Novitiate in the Congregation of the Mission. During the past year, which has been my happiest, I have attempted to correspond with the graces offered by God to persevere in my vocation. Thus, I feel confident in my resolve to continue the mode of life common to the Congregation.

I realize not only the manifold sacrifices one must endure in a common life, but also the many blessings and benefits which accompany such a life. So completely am I satisfied with living in the Community, that, God willing, I shall fully accept the duties and obligations of the Community in pronouncing my holy vows a year hence.

Therefore, having obtained the permission of the Superior, Director, and House Council, I sincerely request your permission to make my Good Purposes this September the twenty-seventh.

Obediently yours in St. Vincent,

John V. Farris iccm.

John V. Farris iccm.

**Request to make Good Purposes
approved by unanimous vote of
the Domestic Council, Sept. 3, 1943**

John P. Zimmerman, iccm.

*Visum et approbatum
die 22 Septembris, 1943*

Marshall F. Winne
iccm

Vow Questionnaire.

1. Have you actually read the Briefs and Decrees?.
2. Have you actually read the Explanatio Votorum?
3. Did you understand the explanation of vows as read and explained?
4. Have you definitely and idea of the mode of life you are to live according to the Common Rules or Constitutions?
5. Have you read and understood the Rules of the Internal Seminary?
6. Are you willingly taking your vows?
7. Have you been told to take your vows contrary to your wish and desire by your Director?
8. Do you know what your vows exact of you, particularly Poverty and Obedience?
9. Do you believe in the principles of the Spiritual life as regards silence, mortification, observance of rules -- the practices of poverty, obedience and stability?
10. Have your professors ever said anything to you about your studies-- stating that you were wanting in mental ability?

yes
yes
yes
yes
yes
yes
No
yes
yes
No

The above questions were read and answered by me before I took my vows; and I hereby attach my signature as a proof that I knew what I was doing in taking my vow, and that I answered the above questions with absolute truthfulness.

John V. Farris

St. Clare's Con.

SEP 28 1944

St. Mary's Seminary

PERRYVILLE, MISSOURI

September 25, 1944

Very Reverend Marshall F. Winne C.M.V.
1427 South Ninth Street
Saint Louis 4, Missouri

Dear Father Winne,

On the twenty-seventh of this month I shall have completed the period of Novitiate prescribed by the Common Rules of the Congregation. Having obtained the permissions of my Director, Superior, and the House Council, I request your permission to pronounce my Holy Vows on that day.

The preceding two years in the Congregation have been most happy and most pleasant. So much so, that I desire to make life in the Congregation a permanent part of my own life. I realize, also, that the taking of Vows will impose many obligations upon me, all of which I am willing to assume as a member of the Congregation of the Mission.

In accordance with the Common Rules I should like to request your permission to retain and to use a rose-gold pocket watch and chain which I owned prior to my entrance into the Community.

Asking your blessing on the resolutions which I have made, I am

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

John V. Farris iccm.
John V. Farris iccm.

*Visum et approbatum
Die 25. Mensis Septembris, 1944
Marshall F. Winne, C.M.V.*



Testimonium ordinationis receptae

No. Can. 1010, 2
Prefix this number to your reply

The Archdiocese of St. Louis
Office of the Chancellor
3810 LINCOLN BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS, MO.

G E O R G I U S J . D O N N E L L Y

VICARIUS CAPITULARIS, SEDE VACANTE
ARCHIDIOECESIS SANCTI LUDOVICI

UNIVERSIS et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint
testamur, Nos Georgium J. Donnelly, Vicarium Capitularem, Archidioecesis
Sancti Ludovici, Perryville, Missouri, in sacello Aedium Scholasticarum
Seminarii Sanctae Mariae die 25a mensis Maii,
in festo Sanctae Mariae Magd. de Pazzis, an. curr. dilectum Nobis in
Christo Dnum. Joannem FARRIS, e Congregatione Missionis professum,
_____, cum dimissoriis proprii Provincialis,
praevis spiritualibus exercitiis ac praevio examine ad normam juris ido-
neum repertum et admissum, cum caeremoniis et solemnitatibus necessariis
et opportunis juxta S. R. E. ritum ad Primam TONSURAM Clericalem
servatis de jure servandis, in Domino promovisse.

In quorum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et Nostro Cancellario
subscriptas, sigilloque nostro munitas, expediri jussimus.

Datum Sancti Ludovici, ex Aedibus Curiae Archiepiscopalis,
die 25a mensis Maii, anni 1946.

+ Geo. J. Donnelly

Vicarius Capitularis, Sede vacante
Episcopus Auxiliaris Arch. Sti. Ludovici

Joannes P. Cody
Cancellarius



Testimonium ordinationis receptae

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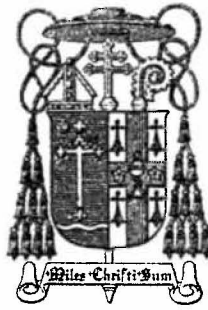
UNIVERSIS et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint
testamur, Nos Georgium J. Donnelly, Vicarium Capitularem, Archidioecesis
Sancti Ludovici, Perryville, Missouri, in ecclesia Assumptionis adnexa
Seminario Sanctae Mariae Barrenensis die 26a mensis Maii,
in Dominica Quinta post Pascha, an. curr. dilectum Nobis in
Christo Dnum. Joannem FARRIS, clericum e Congregatione Missionis professum
, cum dimissoriis proprii Provincialis,
praevis spiritualibus exercitiis ac praevio examine ad normam juris ido-
neum repertum et admissum, cum caeremoniis et solemnitatibus necessariis
et opportunis juxta S. R. E. ritum ad OSTIARIATUM ET LECTORATUM
servatis de jure servandis, in Domino promovisse.

In quorum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et Nostro Cancellario
subscriptas, sigilloque nostro munitas, expediri jussimus.

Datum Sancti Ludovici, ex Aedibus Curiae Archiepiscopalis,
die 26a mensis Maii, anni 1946.

Geo. J. Donnelly
Vicarius Capitularis, Sede vacante
Episcopus Auxiliaris Arch. Sti. Ludovici

Joannes P. Cody
Cancellarius



JOSEPH ELMERUS RITTER

UNIVERSIS et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae
pervenerint testamur, Nos Joseph Elmerum Ritter, Archdioecesis Sancti Ludovici Archiepiscopum,
Perryville, in sacello Aedium Scholasticarum Seminarium S. Mariae,
die 31a mensis Maii, in Sabbato Quat. Temp. Pentecostes, an. curr.
dilectum Nobis in Christo Dnum. Joannem FARRIS, Congregationis Missionis clericum,
professum, cum dimissionibus proprii Provincialis,
praevis spiritualibus exercitiis ac praevio examine ad normam juris idoneum repertum et admissum, cum
caeremoniis et solemnitatibus necessariis et opportunis juxta S. R. E. ritum ad EXORCISTATUM ET
ACOLYTHATUM servatis de jure servandis, de Nostro mandato, in Domino promovisse.

In quorum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et Nostro Cancellario subscriptas, sigilloque nostro munitas,
expediri jussimus.

Datum Sancti Ludovici, ex Aedibus Curiae Archiepiscopalis, die 31a mensis Maii
anni 1947.

Joseph Elmerus Ritter
Archiepiscopus Sancti Ludovici

Joannes P. Cody
Cancellarius

L. S.

JUSJURANDUM

Juxta Instructionem Sacrae Congregationis De Religiosis
Die 1. Decembris, 1931

Ego subsignatus.....*John G. Farris*.....alumnus
Congregationis Missionis cum petitionem Superioribus exhibuerim
pro recipiendo subdiaconatus ordine, diligenter re perpensa coram
Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor: 1. Nulla me coactione, seu
vi, aut nullo impelli timore in recipiendo eodem sacro ordine,
sed ipsum sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque voluntate eundem
cum adnexis oneribus amplecti velle. 2. Fateor mihi plene esse
cognita cuncta onera ex eodem sacro ordine dimanantia, quae
sponte amplector, ac Deo opitulante propone me toto vitae curri-
culo diligenter servare. 3. Quae castitatis voto ac coelibatus
lege praecipuntur, clare me percipere testor, eaque integre ser-
vare usque ad extremum vitae, Deo adjuvante, firmiter statuo.
4. Denique sincera fide spondeo iugiter me fore, ad normam sacro-
rum canonum, obsequentissime obtemperaturum iis omnibus quae mihi
a Praepositis, iuxta Ecclesiae disciplinam, praecipientur, para-
tus virtutum exempla, tum opere, cum sermone, aliis praebere,
adeo ut tanti officii susceptione retributionem a Deo promissam
accipere merear. Sic testor ac iuro, super haec Sancta Dei
Evangelia, quae manu mea tango.

.....die.....mensis.....anni.....

.....*John G. Farris*.....

Juramentum rite coram me emissum testor,

.....*G. M. Brennan*.....

PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI FORMULA

Praescripta in Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum" Pii PP. X. die 1. mensis Sept., anni 1910.

Ego, N.N.,.....

firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et Homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis; sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos; cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vivificantem; qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquiasque eiusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta Mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam, nisi iuxta unanimum consensum Patrum, accipiam et interpretabor. Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novae Legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Paenitentiam, Extremam unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium: illaque gratiam conferre; et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiae Catholicae ritus in supradictorum omnium Sacramentorum sollemni administratione recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quae de peccato originali et de iustificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiae sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiae panis in corpus et totius substantiae vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuvari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum Reliquias esse venerandas. Firmiter assero imagines Christi, ac Deiparae semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum Christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam, omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifice, beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori, ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro. Caetera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et Oecumenicis Conciliis, ac praecipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, praesertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque haereses quascumque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reiicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram Catholicam Fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in praesenti sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremum vitae spiritum

constantissime, Deo adiuvante, retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis, seu illis, quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri, et doceri et praedicari, quantum in me erit, curaturum, ego idem N. spondeo, voveo ac iuro.

Item firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quae ab inerranti Ecclesiae magisterio definita, adserta ac declarata sunt, praesertim ea doctrinae capita, quae huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quae facta sunt, hoc est, per *visibilia* creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus, certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: Externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est, facta divina, in primisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certissima divinitus ortae Christianae Religionis, eademque teneo aetatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiae esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem et magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, cum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicae hierarchiae principem eiusque in aevum successores aedificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sententia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus reiicio haereticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo divino deposito, Christi Sponsae tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanae conscientiae, hominum conatu sensim efformatae et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendae. Quinto: Certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse caecum sensum religionis e latebris *subconscientiae* erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatae, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptae ex auditu, quo nempe, quae a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

"I . . . firmly hold and accept each and every definition of the unerring teaching of the Church, with all she has maintained and declared, but especially those points of doctrine which expressly combat the errors of our time. In the first place I profess my belief that God, the beginning and end of all, can be certainly known and therefore proved to exist by the natural light of reason from the things that are made, that is, from the visible works of the creation as a cause from its effects. Next I recognize and acknowledge the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies, as most certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion, and I hold that these are altogether suited to the understanding of every age and of all men, also of our times. Thirdly, I likewise hold with firm faith that the Church, the guardian and exponent of the revealed Word, was proximately and directly founded by the true and historic Christ Himself, while He dwelt amongst us, and that she was also built upon Peter, the Prince of the Apostolic Hierarchy, and upon his successors to the end of time. Fourthly, I sincerely accept the teaching of faith as transmitted down to us from the Apostles through the orthodox Fathers in the same sense and even in the same wording; and, therefore, I wholly reject the heretical notions of the evolution of dogmas, which pass from one sense to another alien to that which the Church held from the start; and I likewise condemn every error whereby is substituted for the divine deposit, entrusted by Christ to His Spouse and by Her to be faithfully guarded, a philosophic system or the creation of a human consciousness, gradually refined by the striving of men and finally to be perfected hereafter by indefinite progress. Fifthly, I hold for certain and sincerely profess that Faith is not a blind religious sense making its way out of the hidden regions of the sub-liminal consciousness, morally tinged by the influence of heart and will, but is a true assent of the intellect to truth received from without by hearing, an assent whereby we believe to be true, because of the authority of the all-true God, whatever by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, has been spoken, testified and revealed.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris "Pascendi" et in Decreto "Lamentabili" continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant. Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiae repugnare, et Catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus Christianae religionis originibus componi non posse. Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, Christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere, quae credentis fidei contradicant, aut praemissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo haec directo non denegentur. Reprobo pariter eam Scripturae Sanctae diiudicandae atque interpretandae rationem, quae, Ecclesiae traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicae Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhaeret, et critice textus velut unicum supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur. Sententiam praeterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinae historicae theologicae tradendae, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine Catholicae traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiae principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quaevis monumenta solent investigari. In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistae* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiae factis aequandum; hominum nempe sua industria, sollertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes aetates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitae spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*; non ut id

"I further, with all due reverence, submit and with my whole mind adhere to all the condemnations, declarations, and ordinances contained in the Encyclical letter *Pascendi* and in the Decree *Lamentabili*, particularly regarding what is called the history of Dogma.

"I also reject the error of those who aver that the Faith proposed by the Church may be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas in the sense in which they are now understood cannot be harmonized with the more truthful "origins" of Christianity. Moreover, I condemn and reject the opinion which declares that a Christian man of better culture can assume a dual personality, one as a believer and another as an historian, as if it were permissible for the historian to hold fast what his faith as a believer contradicts, or to lay down premises from which there follows the falsity or the uncertainty of dogmas, provided only that these are not directly denied. Likewise I reject that method of estimating and interpreting Holy Writ, which, setting aside the Church's tradition and the analogy of Faith and the rules of the Apostolic See, adopts the rationalists' principles and with equal arbitrariness and rashness considers criticism of the text the one only supreme rule. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a teacher of the science of Historical Theology or the writer on the subject must first put aside the notions previously conceived about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine aid promised for the perpetual preservation of each revealed truth; then, that the writings of individual Fathers must be interpreted solely by the data of science, without any reference to sacred authority, and with that freedom of judgment wherewith every profane record is usually examined.

"Finally and in general, I declare myself to be far removed from the error of the modernists who hold that in sacred tradition there is nothing inherently divine; or who—far worse still—admit it in a pantheistic sense; so that thus there would remain only a bare simple fact equal to the ordinary facts of history, viz., that the school started by Christ and His Apostles finds, in the ages that follow, men to carry it on by their energy, their skill, and their genius. Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath will I retain the Faith of the Fathers of the Church concerning the sure endowment of truth, which

teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque aetatis culturam, sed ut *nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter intelligatur* absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos praedicata.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

is, has been, and ever will be in the succession of the Episcopate from the Apostles; not in such a way that what seems best and most fitting according to the refinement of each age may be held, but that the absolute and unchangeable truth preached from the beginning by the Apostles may never in any different wise be believed, never in any different wise be understood.

All this I promise that I will faithfully, entirely and sincerely keep and inviolably guard, and from this never in teaching or howsoever by word or writing in the least depart. So I promise, so I swear, so help me God and these His holy gospels.

Subscribitur

Ex loco

Die

mensis

A.D.

Iuramentum rite coram nobis emissum testamur.

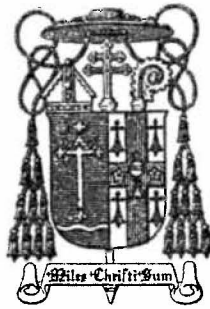
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Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

"Si quis autem, quod Deus avertat, iusiurandum violare ausus fuerit, ad Sancti Officii tribunal illico deferatur." (Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum.")

REMARKS

1. The Profession of Faith is made and the Oath taken before the *Ordinary* of the place or his *Delegate* by:
 - a) the Vicar General,
 - b) the Diocesan Consultors,
 - c) the Censor of books,
 - d) Pastors,
 - e) Confessors and Preachers before they receive the faculty to exercise their functions,
 - f) Clerics called to Subdeaconship,
 - g) Superiors and Professors in the Grand Seminary.
(Cf. C. 1406 et Motu Prop. Pii PP. X., Sept. 1. 1910.)
2. When several take the Oath at the same time, one may read the formula aloud; at the end each one, placing his hand on the gospels reads the words "Haec omnia spondeo," etc., and signs his name. (S. C. Consist. Oct. 25, 1910.)
3. The document is to be kept in the safe of the diocesan curia.



JOSEPH ELMERUS RITTER

UNIVERSIS et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae
pervenerint testamur, Nos Joseph Elmerum Ritter, Archdioecesis Sancti Ludovici Archiepiscopum,
Perryville, in sacello Aedium Scholasticarum Seminarii S. Mariae
die 30a mensis Maii, in Dom. 2a post Pent. infra Oct. Ssmi. C. Christi, an. curr.
dilectum Nobis in Christo Dnum. Jaonnem FARRIS,
clericum e Congregatione Missionis professum, cum dimissoriis proprii Provincialis,
praevis spiritualibus exercitiis ac praevio examine ad normam juris idoneum repertum et admissum, cum
caeremoniis et solemnitatibus necessariis et opportunis juxta S. R. E. ritum ad Sacrum SUBDIACONATUS
Ordinem servatis de jure servandis, de Nostro mandato, in Domino promovisse.

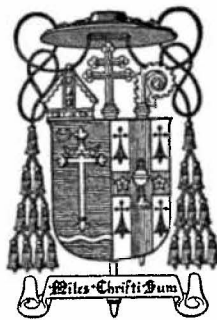
In quorum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et Nostro Cancellario subscriptas, sigilloque nostro munitas,
expediri jussimus.

Datum Sancti Ludovici, ex Aedibus Curiae Archiepiscopalis, die 30a mensis Maii
anni 1948.

+ Joseph E. Ritter
Archiepiscopus Sancti Ludovici

+ Joannes P. Cody
Cancellarius

L. S.



JOSEPH ERMELIUS RITTER

DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA

ARCHIEPISCOPUS SANCTI LUDOVICI

UNIVERSIS et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint testamur,
Excmm, ac Revmm. Dnum. Joannem Patritium Cody, Episcopum titularem Apolloniensem, et Auxiliarem
Archiepiscopi Sancti Ludovici.

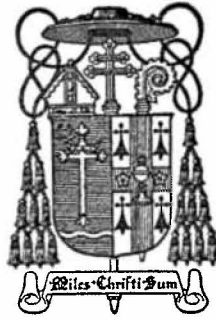
Sancti Ludovici, in sacello Seminarii Majoris Kenrickiani,
die 7a mensis Octobris, in festo Sacratissimi Rosarii B. M. V., an. curr.
dilectum Nobis in Christo Dnum. Joannem FARRIS, Congregationis Missionis subdiaconum,
cum dimissoriis proprii Provincialis,
praevis spiritualibus exercitiis ac praevio examine ad normam juris idoneum repertum et admissum, cum
caeremoniis et solemnitatibus necessariis et opportunis juxta S. R. E. ritum ad Sacrum DIACONATUS
Ordinem servatis de jure servandis, de Nostro mandato, in Domino promovisse.

In quorum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et Nostro Cancellario subscriptas, sigilloque nostro munitas,
expediri jussimus:

Datum Sancti Ludovici, ex Aedibus Curiae Archiepiscopalis, die 7a mensis Octobris
anni 1948.

+ Josephus E. Ritter
Archiepiscopus Sancti Ludovici

+ Joannes P. Cody
Cancellarius



JOSEPH ELMERUS RITTER

DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
ARCHIEPISCOPUS SANCTI LUDOVICI

UNIVERSIS et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint testamur,
Excmmum, ac Revmum. Dnum. Carolum Hermannum Helmsing, Episcopum titularem Axiomitanum, et Auxiliarem Archiepiscopi Sancti Ludovici.

Perryville, in ecclesia Assumptionis, Seminarii Sancatae Mariae,
die 12a mensis Junii, in Dom. SS. et Individuae Trinitatis, an. curr.
dilectum Nobis in Christo Dnum. Joannem FARRIS, Congregationis Missionis,
clericum professum, cum dimissoriis proprii Provincialis,
praevis spiritualibus exercitiis ac praevio examine ad normam juris idoneum repertum et admissum, cum
caeremoniis et solemnitatibus necessariis et opportunis juxta S. R. E. ritum ad Sacrum PRESBYTERATUS
Ordinem servatis de jure servandis, de Nostro mandato, in Domino promovisse.

In quorum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et Nostro Cancellario subscriptas, sigilloque nostro munitas,
expediri jussimus:

Datum Sancti Ludovici, ex Aedibus Curiae Archiepiscopalis, die 12a mensis Junii
anni 1949.

Joseph E. Ritter

Archiepiscopus Sancti Ludovici

Joannes P. Cady

Cancellarius

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SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA

January 24, 1955

Very Rev. James W. Stakelum, C.M.V.
1849 Cass Avenue
St. Louis 6, Missouri

Dear Father Stakelum:

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

I spoke to Father Roden this morning, and he has instructed me to write the following letter.

A friend of mine has offered the opportunity for me to take a European Tour of eleven countries. All expenses will be paid by that person. It is a conducted tour and will take 39 days. Not knowing what action I should take in the matter, I consulted Father Roden who gave his permission and advised me to seek yours.

The tour will begin in June and there will be no difficulty in arranging our schedule here.

Asking your advice on the matter and, if you think fit, your permission to make such a trip, I remain

Sincerely in St. Vincent,

John V. Farris iccm
John V. Farris iccm.

Archdiocese of Denver

(PLEASE WRITE PLAINLY)

Reverend dear Father: Be kind enough to fill out this blank carefully and accurately and return to the Chancery Office, 1536 Logan Street.

✠ URBAN J. VEHR,
Archbishop of Denver.

Name (in full) Rev. John Valentine Farris, C.M.

Where born? Kansas City, Missouri

On what date? February 13, 1921

WHERE and WHEN did you make your PHILOSOPHICAL studies? St. Mary's Seminary,
Perryville, Missouri - Vincentian Seminary

WHERE and WHEN did you make your THEOLOGICAL studies? (same as above)

What languages can you speak? English only

WHEN, WHERE, and BY WHOM were you ordained a priest? Ordained priest by the Most
Rev. Charles Helmsing then Auxiliary of St. Louis, at St. Mary's
Seminary, in June, 1949

For what diocese? Member of the Congregation of the Mission - Vincentians

If not ordained for the Archdiocese of Denver, to WHAT diocese or dioceses did you belong before coming to
Denver? Member of Congregation of Missions - held Faculties in the Los
Angeles Archdiocese and St. Louis Archdiocese.

When did you come to the Archdiocese of Denver? January 25, 1964

If not ordained for the Archdiocese of Denver, have you been incardinated? no

WHEN and BY WHOM?

WHERE have you been stationed and WHEN since your ordination for the Archdiocese of Denver or your ad-
vent into it? Seminary professor at St. John's Seminary and Queen of Angels
Seminary in Los Angeles - 7 yrs: Vincentian Foreign Mission Society,
St. Louis, Missouri - 7 yrs.

Signed: Rev. *John V. Farris C.M.*

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE
241 SOUTH DETROIT STREET
LOS ANGELES 36
CALIFORNIA

July 23, 1953

Dear Father Stakelum,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesus Christus sit
semper nobiscum.

OK.
JW. A.
7/24/53
In order to avoid the confusion of last
summer, I request at this time your permission
to visit Perryville and the Student's Camp if
my father allows the use of his car. Also,
I request your permission to spend four days
at the Grand Canyon on my return trip to
Los Angeles. I should like very much to see
the Canyon and to take pictures of it.

Awaiting your reply as to the arrangements
to be made, I am

Sincerely in St. Vincent,

John Farris, icm

September 10, 1954

Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
Our Lady, Queen of the Angels Seminary
San Fernando, California

Dear Father Farris:

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

In order to grant your request that you be allowed to devote your time to teaching, I have made arrangements to relieve you of the duties of spiritual director. Father Joseph Halsey will take over the duties of this office and will be director for all the seminarians. Thus you will be free to devote your time entirely to teaching in the seminary. This will relieve you as far as the difficulties you previously encountered concerning the conflict of the two responsibilities of professor and spiritual director.

I wish to take this occasion to thank you for the excellent manner in which you performed the duties of this double office in the past; and I sincerely hope that the release from spiritual direction will enable you to give all your time to the study of science and the teaching of the science courses in the seminary.

Wishing you every success and happiness in your work during this coming year, I remain

Humbly and devotedly yours in St. Vincent,

James W. Stakelum, C.M.V.

cc: Fr. Roden.

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Date?

Monday Evening

Feb 55

Dear Father Stakelum,

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

Your letter of assignment arrived this morning and I want to thank you for your kind consideration in my behalf.

Although I have never attended the Cape as a student, I am sure that I shall be very happy there. The spirit and tradition surrounding the school has always been held high in the estimation of the men with whom I have worked. It is my one wish that I may add something to this.

Have heard from Father Martin concerning the details of summer school and am now in the process of making arrangements to leave San Fernando.

Spoke to my doctor the other day and he is in accord that a change would prove beneficial. Thanking you again and hoping that I may fulfill your expectations, I am

Sincerely in St. Vincent,

John V. Farris esq

April 12, 1956

Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
Seminary of Our Lady Queen of the Angels
P. O. Box 1071
San Fernando, Calif.

Dear Father Farris:

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

During a recent visit to Perryville, I conferred with Father Martin the arrangements for the Summer Session at the Barrens. It is now settled definitely that we will expect you to teach the Chemistry course. Hence, this communication should be regarded as the final settlement of the question.

We are confident that you will teach a good course; and I know that your love of the Motherhouse will insure that the weeks at Perryville will be to you a great pleasure.

Thanking you sincerely for cooperating in this matter, I remain

Devotedly yours in St. Vincent,

James W. Stakelum, C.M.V.

cc: Father Martin
Father Roden

April 11, 1957

Dear Father Farris:

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

I sincerely hope that these lines find you well and completely restored to health. Since I have returned to this part of the Province, I have consulted with Father Martin about the summer school program at Perryville. I would like very much for you to teach science at Perryville during this session. Please get in touch with Father Daniel Martin and learn exactly what course is to be taught this Summer.

Before you come East I shall write you again to give you more specific instructions concerning the matters discussed by us in our recent conversations.

Wishing you every blessing at this holy Easter Season, I remain

Devotedly yours in St. Vincent,

James W. Stakelum, C.M.V.

cc: Fr. Martin

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SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA

April 16, 1957

Dear Father Stakelum:

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

Was delighted to receive your letter this afternoon and most certainly acquiesce to your wish. As I told you, Father, I did enjoy my stay at Perryville last summer, and do now consider it a privilege to return.

I shall write Father Martin this evening concerning the course he desires and request that a text-book be sent that I may familiarize myself with his wishes.

I believe that my health has greatly improved since we last met. Returned to the seminary the following Sunday and have been teaching everyday since that time.

Thanking you for your solicitude on my behalf and assuring you that your decision concerning the matters we discussed will be most acceptable, I remain

Devotedly yours in St. V.,

John Farris jpc

May 17, 1957

Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
San Fernando, California

Dear Father Farris:

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper vobiscum!

Since it is planned that you will disassociate yourself from the Seminary of Our Lady Queen of the Angels and take up your duties at St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for the 1957-58 school year, it would be best that you bring along your trunk and other belongings when you come East for the Summer School at Perryville. Accordingly, this will be your letter of reassignment; and you are now attached to St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, where you will replace Father Robert E. Wood, who in turn will take over your duties at San Fernando.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you very sincerely for the excellent work you have done in the various duties which have been assigned to you during your years at San Fernando and at Los Angeles. You have worked hard at all your assignments; and God has been gracious in blessing your labors with extraordinary success. I am confident that He will grant you the same graces and blessings to succeed at the Cape even as you have succeeded in Southern California. As you well know, we are all great "lovers" of the Cape. There has always been an excellent spirit among the members of the Cape faculty, who have been noted for their charity and hospitality. For this reason many confreres visit the Cape to enjoy the homelike and cheerful atmosphere created by the confreres of the house. They will all welcome you heartily; and I know that you will be very happy there.

Your vacation will undoubtedly take place after the Summer School session at Perryville. I received your note expressing your gratitude for this summer assignment; and I assure you that those at Perryville are happy that you are returning for another course of science.

Wishing you every blessing in this important new assignment, and begging God through the intercession of St. Vincent to grant you the graces necessary to succeed at the Cape, I remain

Humbly and devotedly yours in St. Vincent,

James W. Stakelum, C.M.V.

cc: Fr. Ryan and Fr. Roden

August 13, 1957

Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
St. Vincent's College
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Dear Father Farris:

Gratia Domini nostri sit super nobiscum!

When you were assigned to Cape Girardeau, it had been assumed that you had sufficient College credits in Mathematics to qualify you to teach Math in all years of high school in the State of Missouri. Unfortunately, I was in error concerning this assumption; and now a study of your credits reveals that you are qualified to teach Math only in the 9th grade. The problem presented by this fact obliges me to transfer you from St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to the St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, where a complete schedule can be provided for you in Chemistry and in 9th grade Math. I regret very much my lack of foresight in failing to assure myself that such a complication would not eventuate, for I know how discouraging it is to be assigned to one house and then directed to transfer to another. However, I presume on your kindness and understanding to accept this with resignation and to pardon my lack of wisdom in failing to use sufficient foresight in investigating the situation before the change was made.

Since the St. Louis Preparatory Seminary will begin the annual retreat on the evening of the 21st, it will be necessary for you to move to the Prep before that date.

Assuring you that I regret my error and am humiliated by this grave mistake on my part, and promising that I shall by my prayers and a missa at daily Mass strive to make up for all the inconvenience I have caused you, I remain

Truly and devotedly yours in St. Vincent,

James W. Stakeham, C.M.V.

cc: Fr. Ryan
Fr. Riley



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Vincent Depaul

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January 20, 2003

Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
St. Joseph Hill Inf Rd
Eureka, MO 63025

Dear Jack,

Laudetur Iesus Christus.

I received your letter of 11 January 2003 asking if you can substitute rosaries for the Divine Office in light of the difficulties you have in reading. I am sorry to hear of your eye sight problems and am happy to grant your request. I leave the particulars of commutation to your own personal judgment.

As you know, there have been a number of changes in provincial administration. I know that Joe Hess did a lot to help you over the years. Joe has moved on after serving seventeen years as provincial treasurer. Chas Shelby has taken over and will be happy to assist you even as Joe once did.

Jack, may God bless you at the beginning of this New Year. I remember you at Holy Mass and ask that you keep my work in your prayers also. I pray that this finds you in good health.

In Saint Vincent,

James E. Swift, C.M.

Visitor

John V Farris

First John Middle V Mailing Name John Salutation Jack Date of Birth 2/13/1921 SSN [REDACTED] House Saint-Lazare, St. Louis, MO

Current Apostolate Appt

Mailing Address
St Joseph's Hill Infirmary
St Joseph Road
Eureka, MO 63025

Phone/E-Mail
Phone [REDACTED]
E-Mail [REDACTED]
E-Mail [REDACTED]

Ordination and Vow Information

Entered Novitiate at St. Mary's of the Barrens, Perryville on September 26, 1942
Professed Vows at St. Mary's of the Barrens, Perryville on September 26, 1944
Ordained Deacon at Kenrick Seminary, St Louis by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter on October 7, 1948
Ordained Priest at St. Mary's of the Barrens, Perryville by Bishop Charles Helmsing on June 12, 1949

Birth Info

City, State, Country of Birth [REDACTED] Kansas City, MO

Medical

Major Medical Conditions see my records
Perm. Medications & Dosage
Past Major Illness/Surgery St Jospeh Hill, Pacific, MO
Physician/Phone
Dentist/Phone

Holdings

Financial Holdings checking
Location of Holdings Bank of America, Pacific, MO
Valuables and Location

Legal

Date	Location
	St Joseph Hill Infirmary
	St. Joseph Hill
3/9/1993	Provincial

Durable Power of Attorney
Durable Power of Attorney Notes
Notes

John V Farris

Relatives and Friends

Relationship	Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone1	Phone2	Notify
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		Education							
From	To	Type	School	Degree	Completed	Major	Minor	Certification In	Interests/ Expertise
		Theology	St Mary's Seminary, Perryville, MO	Coursework					
		Secondary	St John's Seminary, Kansas City, MO	N/A					
		Secondary	Northeast High School	N/A					
		Graduate	Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles, CA	MA		Education			
		Elementary	Assumption, Kansas City, MO	N/A					
		University/College	St John's Seminary, Kansas City, MO	N/A					

Canonical House Assignments

From	To	Canonical House	Assignment Type
7/1/99		Saint-Lazare, St. Louis, MO	Attached
7/1/96	7/1/99	Vincentian Community House-Bellerive, St. Louis, MO	Attached
11/1/87	6/30/96	Provincial Office, St. Louis, MO	Attached
6/1/86	11/1/87	Vincentian Community House-Bellerive, St. Louis, MO	Assigned
6/1/85	6/1/86	Evangelization Center, Cape Girardeau, MO	Assigned
6/1/82	6/1/85	St. Gabriel Parish, St. Louis, MO	Assigned
6/1/81	6/1/82	Christ the Savior Church, Perryville, MO	Assigned
6/1/78	6/1/81	St. Cletus, St. Charles, MO	Assigned
6/1/77	6/1/78	St. Mary's Seminary, Perryville, MO	Assigned
6/1/73	6/1/77	St. Vincent de Paul Church-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	Assigned
6/1/72	6/1/73	St. Patrick's Church, LaSalle, IL	Assigned
6/1/58	6/1/72	Vincentian Foreign Mission Society, St. Louis, MO	Assigned
6/1/57	6/1/58	St. Louis Prep Seminary, St. Louis, MO	Assigned
6/1/49	6/1/57	St. John's Seminary (Camarillo), Camarillo, CA	Assigned

Apostolate Assignments

From	To	Apostolate	Job Title
11/1/87		Unassigned	Ill. Convalescing
6/1/86	11/1/87	Vincentian Community House-Bellerive, St. Louis, MO	Assistant
6/1/85	6/1/86	Evangelization Center, Cape Girardeau, MO	Assistant
6/1/82	6/1/85	St. Gabriel Parish, St. Louis, MO	Assistant

Monday, March 31, 2008

John V Farris

6/1/81	6/1/82	Christ the Savior Church, Perryville, MO	Assistant
6/1/78	6/1/81	Religious Information Bureau, St. Louis, MO	Assistant
6/1/77	6/1/78	St. Mary's Seminary, Perryville, MO	Assistant
6/1/73	6/1/77	St. Vincent de Paul Church-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	Assistant
6/1/72	6/1/73	St. Patrick's Church, LaSalle, IL	Assistant
6/1/58	6/1/72	Vincentian Foreign Mission Society, St Louis, MO	Assistant
6/1/57	6/1/58	St. Louis Prep Seminary, St Louis, MO	Clerical
1/1/50	1/1/56	LA Prep Seminary, CA	Faculty
6/1/49	6/1/50	St. John's Seminary (Camarillo), Camarillo, CA	Faculty

ST. ANNE'S HOME
5301 PAGE BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS 12, MISSOURI

July 22, 1958

Dear Fr. Stakelum,

Gratia Domini Restitit etc.

Just a note to thank you for the kind consideration you have made in my behalf. Work here at St. Anne's seems most enjoyable, and with God's help, my difficulties will be overcome.

Sincerely,

John Farris esq.

Acknowledged: July 28, 1958

J. W. S.

J.W.S.

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Re: FARRIS, Rev. John V., C. M.

PROGRESS NOTE - July 22, 1958:

It has been approximately three weeks since patient took some alcoholic drinks and reacted quite severely to a relatively small amount. This was during my absence from the city and patient was seen by Dr. [REDACTED]. Because of organic signs Dr. [REDACTED] referred patient to Dr. [REDACTED] for his opinion. Reference is made to Dr. [REDACTED] report in which it was found that patient's symptoms and signs did not point to an organic diagnosis. Patient cleared rapidly under symptomatic care and was in good condition when seen by the undersigned upon his return to St. Louis.

Patient was cordial, passive and emphatic as usual in his expressions that he now knows he can never drink, that at long last he really realizes his situation and that he feels sure he could control himself. In the following few days this type of "promising" and verbal 'understanding' persisted. Gradually the examiner made it apparent to patient that this same type of emphatic and definitive promises were made before (at this time patient brought up the "human" factor) and because of this it was suggested that a regular program be set up for patient so that we would direct, guide and be aware of his whereabouts and activities. "I'll do whatever you say, Doctor" was the stock answer given then as had also been given many times before. Soon after patient began asking - indirectly at first - for more privileges, to shop for example, and unquestionably expecting affirmative responses, but with denial (except with a suitable companion to accompany him) until we could be more reasonably assured of his ability to handle increased privileges, patient became more defensive and critical. Discussion and attempts at explanation and reasoning have not helped to date as patient is becoming more and more resentful. He is now attempting such verbal devices as "You can't keep me tied down forever, you know" and "You'll see what will happen (if you don't let me on my own)" to win his point. (Patient has full ground privileges; he is able to leave grounds daily on his own to attend his assigned duties at St. Anne's and he can leave with a companion for shopping, recreation, etc.)

Patient can and probably will use his "restrictions" as rationalization if and when he fails in his verbal intentions in the future. At this point I do not know whether patient is fully aware of his own failures. It appears to me that when patient makes a statement, the validity of which is challenged by a listener, his ego is unable to tolerate such a blow. In the past he has used the "demands, unreasonableness, etc." of authority and his superiors as rationalizations to explain his actions and somatizations and this seems to be repeating itself in the present situation. As long as the examiner was permissive, reassuring and "understanding" there was no rebellion. Now I am certain, unless he develops more rapid adequacy and maturity than is apparent at the moment, he will utilize the present "restrictions" and the "attitude" of the therapist to justify any future indiscretion as may arise. The full face of an inadequate and perhaps a schizoid individual is beginning to show through the facade of a usually pleasant, passive personality.

Father McIntyre will also see this patient in the next few days.

Signed: [REDACTED] M. D.

Vincentian (Farris) 0047

Psychometric Synopsis

Dr. [REDACTED]

ref: Rev. John Valentine Farris, C.M.

age: 37 - [REDACTED]

August 8, 1958

Request: [REDACTED] M.D.

- 1. Intelligence: Very Superior (132 I.Q.) -V.S. 123; P.S. 137; --with a below average level of comprehension for the high mental potential as well as a functional ability probably in high average range. Perhaps too, it is interesting to note the much higher performance scale than the verbal scale which might be utilized in further counselling at some future date.
- 2. Impression:
 - a. A chronic acute, deeply rooted and severely imbedded, obdurate obsessive state; scrupulous and guilty type, procrastinating variety, over anxious excitable phase with associated hysteric anxiety panics and a strong covert homoerotic tendency.
 - b. Many inner-schizoid inner-contours with a paranoidal coloration frequently disturbing internal homeostasis.
- 3. Personality: A over-ideational and exacting, immature like, insecure, apprehensive, very suspicious and evasive, extremely tight, inflexible-compulsive structure; Frustrated, passive-aggressive, inwardly hostile and insulant, worrying, declining variety with an effeminate like tinge and intra-psychic conflict.
- 4. Psychodynamics:
 - a. A shy and isolated, timid withdrawing, frequently daydreaming childhood with few if any associations with peers and with a strong preference to be alone.
 - b. Some degree of bickering in the early family structure with strong residual ambivalence plus many early guilt signs because of both parents embiding frequently in alcohol.
 - c. A very permissive frequently absent heavily drinking distant like but strong paternal figure, who could not relate too well to the subject and who continues the pattern of shame even through the subject's seminary days because of the father's drinking and thereby resulting in frequent father-son conflicts.
 - d. [REDACTED] ... consequently, resulting in the subject never bringing his meager friends to his home because of embarrassment and the subject's semi-puritanicalness at the time.(a strong mutuality in oedipal inclinations and weaknesses)
 - e. Due to the [REDACTED], the strict rigid and scrupulous grandmother, who resided in the home, did most of the rearing of the six offsprings and to whom the subject felt much closer than either parent and therefore the grandmother probably influenced the basic character development in the subject to a great extent.
 - f. Frequent sibling friction with the subject coming out second best due to surface meekness which was never accepted inwardly in the subject.
 - g. An above average academic performance in the early schooling but with below average inter-personal relationships because of being riddled by feelings of improper conditions at home and also the parents behavior.

Personal & Confidential

- h. Evidence of nervousness fears and anxieties evident in the novitiate at which time the subject was on the verge of a severe case of scruples and exactness because of extreme perfectionism manifesting itself as a defense.
- i. After ordination assigned to teaching in the seminary through which the subject tried to evade his inner-frustrations by over working until the actual conflict occurs with the various superiors resulting in excessive periodic drinking to escape disgust and discouragement. (Tries to unsuccessfully objectify unacceptable authority, but subjectively denies and refutes it to the point where it becomes symbiotically inter-twined with his other ego involvements)
- j. Some repressed disturbances in regard to both adolescent onanism and later autoerotic inclinations all interrupted as failures; therefore creating a reaction formation of sexlessness on the surface.
- k. Presently disturbed by tension, minuta, trivia and failure of defense mechanisms to cope with external situations and internal stresses and strains. (Symptomatically very uncomfortable)
- l. Signs of very disturbing inner libidinal impulses and surges due to perverse like and very idiotic subliminal layers coming in direct contrast with the superliminal layers highly colored by morality and super-imposed artificial righteousness, all resulting in ego tearing and intolerance and therefore creating attempt to escape by either previous alcoholism or futilization.
- m. When rigid and habituated defenses breakdown or are insufficient to cope with the problems of reality, there is created a troublesome fantasy life because of its distortions, autochthonous invasions and greatly disturbed reverie which is used as an autistic refuge.
- n. Evidences of gross difficulty with the vow of obedience due to inner feelings of superiority and non-conformity, thusly creating surface frustration and defensive-passive-distance as a whole.

5. Prognosis:

- a. Generally very poor to inferior under present adjustment pattern.
- b. Rather teetering like reality testing when under severe pressure.
- c. Reduction of marked hyper-tension state, not fully precluding directive assistance.
- d. After some degree of amelioration, suggest a possible reduction in job assignment in the future.

*TESTS: Bender, Wechsler, Rorschach, MMPI, Machover and TAT.

August 20, 1958

Dear Father Farris:

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

In a telephone conversation today the Doctor told me that your condition of health now requires that you be given special treatments, and I have authorized the administration of these treatments as the Doctor may judge necessary.

Father, I know that you appreciate the fact that the Doctors and the Sisters, as well as all your Confreres, are deeply interested in your health and the speedy return to your regular duties in the priesthood. We will all be most happy when you are ready to assume once more those works that you have in the past performed so well. However, you must be wise and cooperate with the Doctors and the Sisters in all that they are undertaking for your health. Hence, I urge you to be most willing to do all that the Doctors ask of you. This is the only way to return quickly to your work in the priesthood.

These treatments that the Doctor has prescribed are for your ultimate good. Hence, I wish you to accept them with complete cooperation in order that the Doctor may be able to restore you soon to your regular priestly work.

Also, you must understand that the minor restrictions placed upon you on occasions by the Doctor and by others are all intended for your own good. Hence, I beg you to view them with wisdom and to accept them with complete conformity, as you have done in everything that I have asked of you. In this way you will be assured of the blessing of God on all that you do; and God will soon restore you to complete health.

You are remembered in my daily prayers and Masses; and I beg you to pray also for me and the work which I perform for the Province. With best wishes, I remain

Humbly and devotedly yours in St. Vincent,

James W. Stakelum, C. M. V.

[REDACTED]

August 22, 1958 (dictated 8-20-58)

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Re: FARRIS, Rev. John V., C.M.

Very Rev. James W. Stakelum, C. M.
1849 Cass Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Father Stakelum:

At the present time we have reached a phase, or rather a definite point, in our observation and treatment of Father Farris where, in my opinion, we can be of little further benefit without giving insulin and/or electric therapy. Under the present circumstances of his attitudes, as we observe them from day to day, there will be difficulty in gaining his full cooperation in any treatment suggested. However, in light of our conversation this morning over the telephone and your instructions to him, we may have no difficulties. I hope so. For the most part Father Farris is superficially polite to the examiner but I cannot bring up any explanation regarding our procedures or orders without expressed resentments and hostilities. This is much in line with his past history of similar reactions to all authority that does not fall in line with his wishes of the moment or his way of thinking.

I had psychological tests run and these have also brought out and verified his dependency needs, inadequacies, hostilities and other deficiencies. I am enclosing a copy of this highly confidential material for your perusal. I am also attaching a copy of my progress note of July 22, 1958, which will explain further the reaction he shows.

When I first treated Father Farris he presented a picture of a marked passive dependent. He often stated, "I'll do whatever you say, Doctor" and "I could live here forever." He responded to the initial indulgent attitudes and protective atmosphere quite well. After he was discharged to take limited duties he failed to return for follow-up care as he was definitely instructed at the time of his discharge. When eventually he got into difficulties he did return - I believe after he was urged to do so by his superior - on the surface apologetic, apparently humble and passive in his discomfort. As time went on he expressed criticism of his assignment and wanted another one. Once again this was accomplished and for a short time he made a relative adjustment.

His readmission on May 20th indicated that he had been building up a great deal of inner tensions for some weeks. On a few occasions he had resorted to some mild drinking according to his own admission. Again patient made a relatively good adjustment and he was allowed to have his privileges rather quickly. He was released to "day-center" care on June 11, 1958, but had to be returned to the hospital on the 18th because of a severe reaction which involved neurological signs. I was absent from the city at that time and he was seen by Dr. [REDACTED] who called in Dr. [REDACTED] in consultation because of the impression of organic sickness. Dr. [REDACTED] examination revealed no objective findings to indicate organic lesion of the brain or

Vincentian (Farris) 0051

To: Very Rev. James W. Stakelum, C. M.

Re: Rev. John V. Farris, C. M.

August 22, 1958

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spinal cord. After my return to the city and because of the circumstances which led up to the hospitalization on the 18th of June, namely following alcoholic intake, I ordered certain restrictions which were to continue after patient would resume limited duties at St. Anne's. These restrictions were not severe, are clinically sound and would probably have been removed long before this time had Father Farris accepted them gracefully and willingly. However, he did not and has not. On many occasions I have tried to reason the thing out with him but the moment I bring up the restrictions or attempt to help him gain insight I get a very inadequate, immature response. I therefore feel it will be necessary to give him a series of electric and/or insulin treatments which perhaps will be of help in diminishing the anxiety phase of his illness and I shall start these treatments soon. I now have your verbal permission which you granted over the telephone this morning but I am enclosing our usual form which I ask that you sign and return to our hospital at your convenience.

With cordial good wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,


M. D.

SRB/cpk
Enc. (4)

VINCENTIAN FATHERS OF WESTERN PROVINCE
1849 CASS AVENUE
SAINT LOUIS 6, MO.

November 5, 1960

Reverend John V. Farris, C. M.

Dear Father Farris:

Gratia Domini nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

I feel myself bound in conscience to take the action which I perform through the instrument of this written document in order to assist you in caring properly for your health and to enable you to perform properly your duties in the priesthood and in the Community.

I hereby give to you a formal command to abstain from imbibing any type of alcoholic drink (including beer) for such a length of time as shall be judged necessary by the Visitor. This command shall remain in force until it is revoked by a written statement by the Visitor, either myself or my successor.

Asking God and St. Vincent to assist you in the observance of this command, and assuring you that my daily prayers will support you in your efforts to observe this command, I remain

Humbly and devotedly yours in St. Vincent,

James W. Stakelum, C. M. V.
James W. Stakelum, C. M. V.

Subject: FARRIS, John

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 25, 1962

From the Visitor

To: _____

Today I told Dr. [REDACTED] of Farris' laspse at Easter - he took to drinking and had to be hospitalized at De Paul for a week. After this Jack told me that he had finally realized that he was an alcoholic and simply could not touch the stuff. He also resolved to take a day each week off to get physical exercise.

Dr. [REDACTED] said that he thought he would have a recurrence of his phobias, and that tranquelizers and an occasion shot of a drug which contains the same ingredients as alcohol but in a different formula that does not have the affects of alcohol might be necessary. He said that Jack should make periodic visits to the hospital for these physical check-ups.

He said that he knew that Jack had taken a dislike to him - probably because he had been very blunt in telling him that he was an alcoholic.

MEMORANDUM

From the Visitor

VFMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Date: June 18, 1962

To: Fr. Farris

Fr. S. Dunker

The Provincial Council on June 7, 1962 approved the appointment of Fr. John Farris as Assistant Director of the VFMS. The duties of the Assistant Director will be:

- 1) To take the place of the Director in his absence and to have complete responsibility for the conduct of the ordinary operations.
- 2) To serve as a consultant to the Director. The Director will have frequent conferences with the Assistant Director to keep him informed of the progress of works and to make plans for future developments. The cooperation of the Assistant Director in making suggestions for the betterment of the operation and in giving his advise on decisions to be made will be a valuable asset to the Director.

James A. Farris

MEMORANDUM

From the Visitor

Subject: FARRIS, John

Date: Nov. 5, 1962

To: _____

Fr. Farris went to KC on vacation on app. Oct. 23. He was to be back on ~~Nov~~ Oct. 31 for the beginning of our retreat. On Oct. 31 he called Anna V and told her that he would not be home until that night or the next day. He did not return on Nov. 1 nor did he call again. On Nov. 2 I called Fr. Ryan who reported that Fr. Farris has been drinking and caused a disturbance at the Seminary, then had left with relatives on a trip and had not been heard from since. I told Fr. Ryan to call his father's home in KC and inquire if he were there. He was. He said that he would be back on Sunday, Nov. 4.

When he returned, I asked him why he had not gotten home for the retreat. He said that he had the flu. I asked why he had not called for permission, telling him that he could be a fugitivus for leaving a house without permission. He said that Fr. Ryan could have gotten in touch with him simply by calling his father. I had a hard time convincing him that he had the responsibility for calling and getting permission. When I told him that missing four days of retreat was a serious thing, he said that he was sick, and that anyway Cass Avenue was a continual retreat and he knew that he could simply prolong his for another 4 days after we ended. He never did seem to take this very seriously.

I then asked him why he had been drinking. He said that he had drunk at home and at the Seminary, but that he hadn't caused any disturbance; that he had had a couple of drinks per day with his sister in Kansas who is an alcoholic. But since he got the flu, he had

not been drinking. ~~xxxxxx~~ I then brought out the letter of Nov. 5, 1960 in which Fr. Stakelum had commanded him not to drink. He said that a Confrere (Fr. Phil LeFevre, I am sure) had told him that this command was invalid since it had no timelimit and that it went out of force when Fr. Stakelum went out of office, even though the mandate stated the opposite. Of course, I denied all of this, and told Jack that I was giving him the same command, in case he had any doubt. This thing did worry his conscience

So I went back to telling him that he was an alcoholic (which he admitted), but that he wasn't doing anything about it. We went through the usual, "Give me another chance," and "I got the willpower; its just that I get so fed up at times that I drink even though I don't like it." So I said I would give him a chance, but not just like that. He would need (1) to consult his psychiatrist regularly as he had promised and (2) take one day a week for recreation, preferably physical. He told me he had bought golf clubs, ~~xxxxxxx~~ fishing gear, etc. but had used it only once - there was always so much work to do. In addition I urged him to consider AA; I ordered him to talk to Bill Casey and I gave him the latest Blue Book, which had just arrived, to read. I expressed my fears that he was at a critical stage and I didn't want to see him go off the deep end. He admitted that he ought to do something about it, but his agreement became more tenuous as I became more specific.

Date

Jim!

Jack Farris has been drunk as a
hoot owl all day.

He is scheduled to leave for
Minnesota in the morning for a stay of
3 Sundays. I'm worried!

Please look him over in the morning
to see if you think he is fit to travel.

Steve.

Subject: FARRIS, J

MEMORANDUM

Date: Apr. 26, 1963

From the Visitor

To: _____

After Easter (Apr. 14), Fr. Farris was left pretty much by himself in the house and there was beer available. On Thursday, he was badly under the influence so that [REDACTED] left a note for Fr. Dunker who was taking care of a booth at the NCEA Convention. That afternoon Fr. Farris insisted on coming downstairs and talking to a salesman for penny banks. Fr. Dunker was present. Fr. Farris was so badly confused that he could hardly follow the conversation. On Friday morning he was to drive up to Minnesota for a Mission sermon. I stopped him as he was loading the car, asked if he felt up to driving and cautioned him to be careful. He seemed all right and Fr. Dunker said that on the job he had never drunk.

He drove up to some town in the Winona Diocese, preached then went to Eron Lake, Minn to stay for the week. It was the next preaching assignment and the pastor was away. On Monday he got loaded, was found drunk in the church, was a scandal to the parishoners, had his faculties lifted by the Chancellor. He recovered enough to drive, and thus disappeared. On Thursday he was located a Spirit Lake, a nearby resort. On Friday Fr. Cashman was sent up to get the car from him, send him home and preach the Mission collection at Eron Lake.

April 30, 1963


Dear 

Before one of our men has gotten back, I am applying for admission of another. I think you have ~~Father John Farris~~ on your list, but just in case you don't, may I ask that you put him there. I think he will do all right for some time, but eventually he needs your kind of treatment. I shall hand him over to Father Fallon on his first patient.

Father Fallon has not yet arrived in St. Louis - he is taking a bit of vacation with his sister in Tulsa. However, I talked to him last week about it and he seemed pleased with his appointment. It is about as good as we have. De Paul is a moderately large and very well run hospital. The previous chaplain had built up a wonderful program of care for the patients. Father Don will be living by himself; the hospital is diversified enough to provide him with almost all kinds of activities. I pray that the good Lord may keep him in this apostolate. Many thanks to you for all your wonderful work.

Sincerely yours,


James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

April 30, 1963

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED],

Father Cashman has just brought me word of the sad events of the past week in Heron Lake. As you know, we sent Father Cashman up to Heron Lake to bring Father John Farris back to St. Louis. He has arrived, contrite and confounded, and we hope that the good Lord will now give him the strength to undergo the treatment which he needs. We had hoped that he would be able to overcome his troubles himself and he had done very well for some time. But perhaps this is the crisis which will be decisive for him.

I wish to present my personal apologies to you, Monsignor, for this scandal in your Diocese and to ask your pardon. Your priests have been magnificent in going out of their way in so many ways to rescue our poor Father and take care of him. May the good Lord reward them for such priestly zeal and prudence. And may He forgive us for any negligence of ours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.
Provincial

April 30, 1963

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Father Cashman has just told me the story of Father Farris' unfortunate stay in your deanery. May I ask your pardon for all the trouble that the poor man has caused you and pray humbly that there will be minimum of scandal. It is indeed a sad thing to think of all the harm that can be caused by a priest, and especially when he is one of our own.

At the same time I am much consoled by your great charity and understanding. I have heard how you and the other priests of the area have put yourself out so greatly to take care of Father Farris, how you brought him back and showed yourself so solicitous for him. May God bless you, Monsignor, for such priestly prudence and zeal to one of our own.

Father Farris had not been any trouble for months and we had hopes that he was going to be all right. Unfortunately, we did not keep close enough to the situation. However, it has taught us something and I think that the experience has been shock enough to him that we may be able to profit decisively from it. I humbly hope so and beg your continued prayers that it may be. He is a good man; he now confesses that he is willing to admit that he has a problem and needs help. That is half the battle. May I thank you, Monsignor, for all that you have done for him and for us. May the Lord and your good self forgive us for our shortcomings.

Yours in Christ,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.
Provincial

April 30, 1963

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Father Cashman has just reported to me on all the happenings of the past week at your parish. May I ask your pardon for all the trouble which has been caused you by poor Father Farris, for the scandal which has been given to your parishoners and for whatever negligence we may have been guilty of in the affair. We had hoped that Father Farris would have not further difficulty, but perhaps we were wrong to send him so far all by himself.



At any rate, we have been most consoled by your great charity in rushing back to help out in the crisis and then going so far out of your way to give him every assistance. It is a wonderful thing to find priests who are so zealous and prudent towards their fellow priests. May God bless you for it. I pray that such priestly charity shown in your parish may overcome the bad effects of the scandal caused by Father Farris.

We are trying to take advantage of this opportunity you have offered to convince Father Farris that now he needs the kind of professional help which is essential for him to overcome his problem. I think we can get him to go along with it and it will be a great help in putting the poor man back on his feet.

Thank you for all you have done, Father, and may I ask your pardon for all the inconvenience we have caused you and for the scandal which has been given in your parish.

Yours in Christ,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.
Provincial

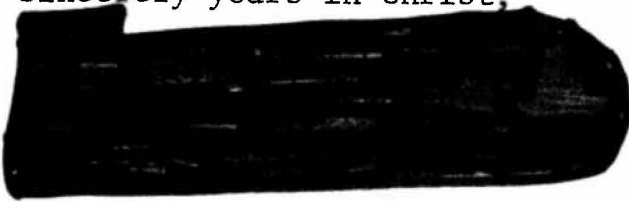


May 2, 1963

Very Rev. James A. Fischer, C.M.V.
Provincial, Vincential Fathers
1849 Cass Avenue
St. Louis 6, Missouri

Dear Father Fischer,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 30, 1963, in which you have explained the problem as created by Father John Farris in the Heron Lake area. I am sure that the matter has been handled with great prudence and care and that any scandal resulting from it will be short-lived.

Praying God to bless you and your work, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


REDACTED

May 21, 1963

Very Rev. James A. Fischer, C.M.V.
Provincial, Vincentian Fathers
1849 Cass Avenue
St. Louis 6, Missouri

Dear Father Fischer:

Just a brief and hasty note as I race the clock to catch a plane. But before my departure I did want you to know that Father Don Fallon called a few days ago and seemed to be in excellent spirits. He is most grateful to you, Father Fischer, for what you have done for him. The prognosis looks wonderful.

Your Father John Farris is on our waiting list. We will take Father Farris at the earliest possible date though it will be some time before we have a vacancy for him.

Please come to visit us at your convenience, Father. Always the doors of [REDACTED] will swing wide in invitation to you.

Faithfully,

AR/hd

Subject: FARRIS, John

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 24, 1963

From the Visitor

To:

This morning I called in Jack and asked him if he had talked to Don Fallon. He had. And he had been sold on [REDACTED]. Not that he likes going, but he was convinced that it was the best thing possible. He has been reading about it and hit upon humility as one of the key concepts in the treatment.

I asked him if he wanted to stay here, and then went on to tell him that Ed Roche felt he was essential for the job just now, that he was doing a good job in the office and that he wanted to keep him. Jack said that he knew it would be difficult to change now. I asked if he wanted to live outside the house and commute; he said he didn't particularly like this and would try to make a go of it. I told him to shout at any time that he couldn't stand the pressure and I would move him.

He said (and truly, I think) that he gets on with people, but he doesn't seem to feel comfortable or communicative with Confreres. Perhaps a parish would be good. He liked teaching, but could not get back full time to science teaching. What struck him most of the past was the uphill fight to convince Seminarians that science was important.

I called Don Fallon to thank him; he said that Jack seemed to have pretty much the same traits as he did and that he thought [REDACTED] would work out well.

MEMORANDUM

From the Visitor

Subject: FARRIS, John

August 6, 1963

Date: _____

To: _____

Brother Lawrence called me about 9 A.M., reporting that Fr. Farris had returned last night at about 11 P.M., had seen the sign on the elevator saying, "Mass at Laboure cancelled". He stormed into Bro. Lawrence's room, denounced him, put him in his place as a Brother who should be humble and not telling priests what to do, etc. Then he went to bed. Lawrence was afraid to get up this morning until 8. When he met Farris (who apparently got up at 6 and inquired if it were true that there was no obligation at Laboure) he seemed calm enough and said that he supposed the Sisters were having their retreat.

Bro. Lawrence said that he was afraid to do anything to the car to keep it from running, but that he would park the other one to block the white Chevrolet that Jack has.

Bro. Lawrence was quite excited about all this. So I told him to call Fr. Fallon and have him talk to Jack.

Don came over and talked to him, and I phoned Don at 3 P.M. He said that Jack was not so badly off, that he was teed off on Brother Lawrence, that he had a lot of other peeves on his mind, but that he finally consented to attend an AA meeting with Fr. Fallon on Wednesday night. This was all that Fr. Fallon thought could be done. He did not seem to be so badly off from drinking that he needed hospitalization, but Don remarked that he sure was the type that was set off by one drink. I told Don that I was mostly worried about Jack's driving, and Don said that he instructed Bro. Lawrence to remove the distributor. Bro. Lawrence was afraid of this but did get one of the workmen to do it. So we are set on the car.

Then I called Fr. King (who was just getting back from St. Louis) and sent him back up to Cass Ave. to spend the rest of the week keeping Lawrence company.

MEMORANDUM

From the Visitor

Subject: FARRIS, John

Date: August 5, 1963

To: _____

Brother Lawrence called this Monday evening. The LeFevres had left this morning on their vacation, and apparently Jack began drinking immediately. He went out several times during the day and early evening in the new Chev. The last Bro. Lawrence saw of him (about 8:00 P.M), he was getting into the car in sports clothes, but taking along his clericals. Bro. Lawrence said he was doubtful if he would be able to make Laboure in the morning; Fr . Farris would not surrender the car keys and Bro. Lawrence is afraid to drive with him (as he will have to in order to go to Mass). Fr. Farris told Bro. Lawrence earlier in the day that he forbade Bro. Lawrence to take care of any business of the VFMS.

I told Bro. Lawrence that Fr. Fallon had been alerted to this situation and that if he needed physical help to call Fr. Fallon. Then I said I would call Fr. Farris tomorrow.

Subsequently, I called Fr. Sakelum and had the Pep take the Mass at Laboure for the "Fest of the week". Then I called Bro. Lawrence and told him to leave a message for Jack or tell him that the appointment at Laboure was cancelled. I determined that Jack had only the keys for the new Chevrolet and so I told Bro Lawrence to pull loose some wires when Jack got it home. Bro. Lawrence has the keys for the ~~station~~ rental car which the LeFevres left.

Subject: FARRIS, John

Date: August 3, 1963

MEMORANDUM

From the Visitor

To:

Fr. Phil LeFevre talked to me today with the approbation of Jack Farris about the same. He said that he felt that Jack was doing much better now, that he got along well with Ed Roche. Phil thought his principal difficulty was that he needed companionship, but could not find it. He doesn't like Confreres in this house and he has a hard time finding something to do with his recreation except go to his sisters and watch television. He does not seem to like his job in some ways, though he does like the routine work of the office and has done a good job at organizing things.

Fr. Phil did not believe that sending him to [REDACTED] would be the proper treatment. Jack would find companionship, but he can do that outside. Besides, he knows all that [REDACTED] could teach him. And he has been reacting against it of late.

I said that I would give some thought to it, but that I was not convinced that [REDACTED] was not good. I would want him to have some willingness to go when I send him, but that I thought his basic problem was that he blamed everyone else for what happened to him, and that [REDACTED] had done a good job of disabusing Don of this notion. (Don Fallon). So we left it at that.

Both of us agreed that this coming week would be a good test. If Jack's trouble is his Superiors, then when he is by himself, he ought to do well. If he starts drinking this coming week when there shall be no one at Cass Avenue, then his problem is psychiatric and he needs help.

(Fr. Cy LeFevre had said in the Council Meeting the day before that [REDACTED] was not a cure all, and that he did not think Farris would profit by it. He said that Jack's trouble was simply that he figured that he could start drinking every time he was on vacation or off duty.

MEMORANDUM

From the Visitor

Subject: Farris, John

Date: June 15, 1963

To: _____

I was away during this week. Jack began drinking during this week. When Steve Dunker had his going-away party, Jack became rather wound up at the party, played poker, inadvertently walked off with the pot and the next day when Phil LeFevre presented it to him, he didn't remember anything about it.

On Saturday he started to drive to St. Joseph's, Mo. for a preaching mission, skidded on a rainy highway outside Booneville, Mo., wrecked the car completely and would have been ~~ix~~ killed himself except for the safety belt he had on. He ended with a gashed forehead and bruises where the belt cut into him. The good sisters at the [REDACTED] took care of him.

He returned after about a week, but said nothing of all this to me.

MEMORANDUM

From the Visitor

Subject: FARRIS, John

Date: May 18, 1963

To: _____

This afternoon I found Jack in the TV room and reminded him to see Don Fallon over the week-end.

Later, he waylaid me and asked to see me. The gist of his remarks were that over the past week or two he had been much fed up, had stopped talking to Confreres, did not want to go to [REDACTED] - he would leave the Community, and how should he go about getting out. I told him it was very simple - write a letter to the Superior General. Then I tried to make him see that his difficulty was not getting along with the Confreres in this house - he likes the work, but not the Confreres - but in getting along with people. I do not think I convinced him. He said that the fault was not all his - the Community was wrong also. I said that I presumed that there were a lot of little things wrong about how the Community had treated him; that was normal. But I could not see anything big. He said that he was not being treated well in being sent to a place that was more congenial. I asked him where he wanted to go; he did not know; thought teaching would be good, but he was terrified of it. Thought a parish would be good. I told him I would consider moving him to St. Vincent's, or Lindell to live for the interim while he waited to get into [REDACTED]. He did not want to go to [REDACTED]. I urged him to see Fr. Fallon. He said he would but didn't feel like it. He wanted a change. I asked him what he could do while waiting for [REDACTED] - I could move him around during the summer. He didn't like this particularly. So we ended up with his promise to see Don Fallon tomorrow and my promise to talk to him again when I got back.

REDACTED

9-12-63-1

Dear Father Fischer,

Salutes S. N. & C. sit semper robustum!

Hope that these few lines will find you well. All goes well here - Believe that some progress is being made.

Finished with Dr. Weston, the psychologist, yesterday. No doubt you will receive a report from him as from Rip. Hope that you will come to a clearer understanding than I did. Am still in the dark about many things, but Rip said they will be cleared up by carefully following the program spelled here. I felt very hopeful after talking with him this morning. He is a truly remarkable man.

What I get out of the diagnosis - and Rip said it was a good analysis - is that I am ultra-objective. I don't really give myself by expressing emotions. There is a self-imposed isolation - all stemming from youth wherein I have the tendency to withdraw within my self although

outside appearances may be favorable. In other words - you figure it out - for example if some misfortune would befall an individual, I would express my feeling of sorrow to them in all outward appearances, but do not actually feel sorrow for them. - I tend to over intellectualize situations rather than allow the emotions to express themselves. Rather than give myself to others or allow the emotions to function, I draw within myself. I won't let myself be emotional. In other words I'm a "cold fish". The latter is my own conclusion.

Am definitely not aggressive + will be helped in the program by having a good sense of humor. I must learn to give myself to others completely without reservation. Positive action - doing - rather than negative, always receiving.

The program of your here - primarily a study of the emotions - should help.

Will try to do some reading on the matter and take positive action.

The conflict arising from this ultra-objectivity + the natural need to express one's emotions was neutralized by the use of alcohol. At that time the emotional block - was released.

9-12-63-2

REDACTED

Yes, the Doc emphasized the fact that because of family make-up - physiological - the odds were 75 to one that I would become alcoholic. Many cross-currents resulted from this make-up & the emotional block causing self-isolation.

Well, Father, you take it from there. Will try to do my best to work out these problems & am greatly encouraged by Rip. Do feel that I am beginning to understand the situation and myself. In retrospect I find that the very things I opposed in others were to be found in my own make-up and actions. I wonder how so many of these things fit into a pattern of behavior. A transference or projection was made at that time. In other words, I believe that what I found distasteful and unbearable in others - and the cause of my seeking escape by drinking - was merely a means of covering up the same traits and characteristics in myself. Wouldn't look within myself

and condemn these faults, but transferred them to another or observed them in another and then condemned them.

Don't know whether all this makes sense. You can judge from the reports that you receive. I do feel that I now have some insight to the problem and that the solution is to be found here. do hope that God will help me attain it.

Realize too that in the past few years the Community was not withdrawing from me, but by my self-isolation I was withdrawing from the Community. The fault or cause of unhappiness rests within myself. I gave up "giving myself" as I tried to do during my first years in the Community. In other words, I have been most ungrateful. Hope to rectify this by "doing" - giving self completely without selfish motives.

Boq! is this fellow changing. Best regards to the conferees and try to remember me in your prayers. Was told that I have a "rare ego" - one most difficult to explain - even baffled the Doctor.

All for now from one "mixed-up" conferee or a real nut!

In St. Vincent.

Jack iron

Ans 10/1/63

REDACTED

9/29/63

Dear Father & Sister,

Senator D. W. J. C. set some a rebuscum.
Just a few lines to let you know
that all still goes well. The
program becomes more interesting
each day. Feel that I am
making a little progress. At least,
Pip, seems to be satisfied. He is
quite a remarkable man.

I have been doing a hell of a lot
of reading & thinking. How could
I have been so wrong in the past?
Each day I feel more than you
to you & the Community for giving
me the opportunity to have my eyes
opened. Many others have not
been so fortunate.

She, as one old "drunk" said to
me the other day - "Concede every thing."

But don't be foolish enough to sell
your soul". Conversation with
the various priests have proved to
be most interesting. I thought I
had a hard time.

Suppose the Convention was a
great success & that you must be
quite weary from the travelling,
so won't take up any more of your
time

Thank you again, Father, and don't
forget the prayers.

As ever,

Jack.

Vincentian
Foreign Mission Society

1849 Cass Ave.

St. Louis 6, Mo.

Date?

Dear Father Fischer,

Gratia D. N. J. C. sit semper vobiscum!

Just a note to thank you for the kindness & consideration shown me. ~~_____~~ is all that I anticipated over the past few months & feel sure that some good will be accomplished with God's help & your patience. Sorry for any difficulty I have caused & ask

Your forgiveness & prayers. I have a
lot to learn & a long way to go.

Know that you won't receive this
for several weeks. Hope that the Assembly
was successful & you had an enjoyable
trip. Will write later & correspond
frequently with Don at the hospital.

I'm not one for expressing gratitude
in fine words, Father, but ~~thanks a~~
lot".

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PROGRESS REPORT

October 11, 1963

Since my arrival at [REDACTED] on August 18th, I feel that I have acquired in some degree a new outlook toward God, neighbor, and self. Information and advice given and obtained by the lectures, reading, sessions with the other priests has proved to be most beneficial in acquiring this new outlook which is necessary to secure and to maintain my sobriety and happiness in the future. The program here was entered with an open mind - realizing the unhappiness and anxiety of the past, the multiplication of problems resulting in escaping to the bottle, I resolved to try to give honest consideration to the type of life that I had been leading and the type I desired to lead in the future.

Such a searching was, at times, most difficult. An honest look at myself was not all to my satisfaction. Some of the sights were not too pleasant. Emotional immaturity appeared quite often: self-pity played a most important part. Little consideration had been given to accepting reality and making the best of that over which I had no control. God and neighbor had been considered in a small way: my pleasure, my will was the rule.

It did not take me long to see that self-pity, pride, immaturity caused me to withdraw from my fellow priests by various escape mechanisms. Drinking or self-isolation were often employed. I now believe that my happiness rests in giving more of myself- working more directly with people and accepting things as they really exist. Constant acts of gratitude for the good that has come to me through God and the neighbor. This doesnot mean that all problems, unpleasant situations, will vanish, but I do believe that maintaining this new view - accepting and giving of self - I shall be more able to cope with them in a more mature fashion.

Analysis of the past has clearly shown that much of the criticism was purely subjective in nature- the faults to which I took objection in myself were projected to others. Another means of escaping reality. Some of the resentments were found to be without logical basis and often an exaggeration. Self-pity often entered and I felt that an injustice was being done to me. Now realize that I must learn to accept whatever God wills- resigning myself and asking help to overcome or to live with my own or others' faults- seek a realistic view of each situation.

Realized for the first time in many years the many friends that I have. My Provincial and fellow priests have been most concerned and their interest in the past was for my own welfare. Thank God for those who had the charity and courage to disclose my fault and problem to me that I may try to correct these at [REDACTED].

My spiritual life has indeed improved. My devotion in offering the Sacrifice of the Mass and reciting Office and other prayers has increased. I now ask God to give me the help and grace to act rather than to do for me. Realize that I must do the work- God has given me the means.

For the first time in many years I feel myself identified with my Religious Community- sort of the fervor and peace that I experienced during my stay in the Seminary and the early part of my priesthood.

An increase in self-confidence has been acquired. However, the door has just been opened and looking through it I find that there is a lot of work to be done. But I do feel that now I have a definite route to follow. With God's help I hope to follow this.

The past couple of months have been most informative and happy for me. A new way of life has been pointed out- self analysis has shown me many corrections and changes that must be made if I am to solve life's problems in a realistic manner. Old attitudes must be replaced with the

new. I can't alter things as they exist, but I can change myself.

Education of the emotions, conditional learning, has been most interesting and helpful. Hope to learn more about this in the future.

In conclusion, I feel most grateful to God, my Superior, and Guest House for the opportunity to learn this positive approach to life, a proper evaluation of things. False conclusions and ideas influenced many of my past attitudes and actions. Help was greatly needed: I could not resolve these difficulties using my own standards. I sincerely hope to continue developing and manifesting this new sense of values presented here. My recovery is a continual process, but I am sure that at least a beginning has been made. No longer do I hope to need alcohol to escape into my own little world where everything is just as I want it. Adjustment techniques must be found- negative patterns must be eliminated, and stop blaming others for my own deficiencies and mistakes. Doing these I feel sure that life will take on a new meaning for me.

Father John Farris, C.M.

October 23, 1963

The Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
[REDACTED]

Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

Thanks for your letter of the 20th. It is always good to hear from you and to know that you are making good and happy progress at [REDACTED]. I thank you for the progress report, and I think it will be most beneficial to you especially in time to come when you can check present difficulties by this very solid outlook upon your own life. The good Lord has blessed all of us in this opportunity that you are being given at [REDACTED].

I am sorry that I did not get up to [REDACTED] while I was in Chicago recently. It was part of my plan, but before I could dash up to Detroit, I got word that Father Houfflain, the Visitor of Paris, was coming to Chicago and I spent the last couple days escorting him around.

As of the present, Father Bill Casey is planning to come up to [REDACTED] about the first of November or a little later. Father Fallon is planning to stop by either on his way to or coming back from a workshop for hospital chaplains at Catholic University from November 11th to 23rd. I am sure that the stay, although brief, will be very good for both of them.

Enclosed is a bit of Community news which I am writing to all of our Confirmands scattered around the world who are not in touch with the rest of the Community. I can well imagine that some of our young fellows who are away from home for the first time and facing a rather unusual and unexpected educational system are going to feel badly for awhile. Say a prayer for them that they will be able to hang on.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

Ans 10/21/63

October 20, 1963

Dear Father Fischer,
Gratia D.N.JC. sit semper nobiscum!

Just a few lines to acknowledge your last letter. Was delighted to hear from you and to learn a bit of the Community news. Had hoped that you would be stopping in, but know that you are busy as usual.

All seems to be going well. Ripley seems quite pleased. Have spoken to him several times. Am scheduled to see the mid-term psychologist this week. Was told in the beginning that I would visit him about 19th of October. Sent him a progress report a couple of days ago. Am enclosing a carbon for you. Do feel that some progress is being made. Enjoy the place more each day- that sure sounds funny coming from me. The place seems to do something to and for me.

Am giving my first A.A. lecture this afternoon. The group is colored- don't know whether I will wear make-up or not. Should try to be one with my audience. Strange to say, I sort of enjoy the A.A. meetings. Am learning a lot and am amazed at the things that alcohol can do to a person. Or rather, what I can do to myself through alcohol. Would like to have been exposed to this learning about twenty years ago and feel sure that things would be a lot different.

Am still awaiting Don's visit. Haven't heard from him this past week. He is usually quite prompt in writing. Also hope that Bill will be able to make it up here.

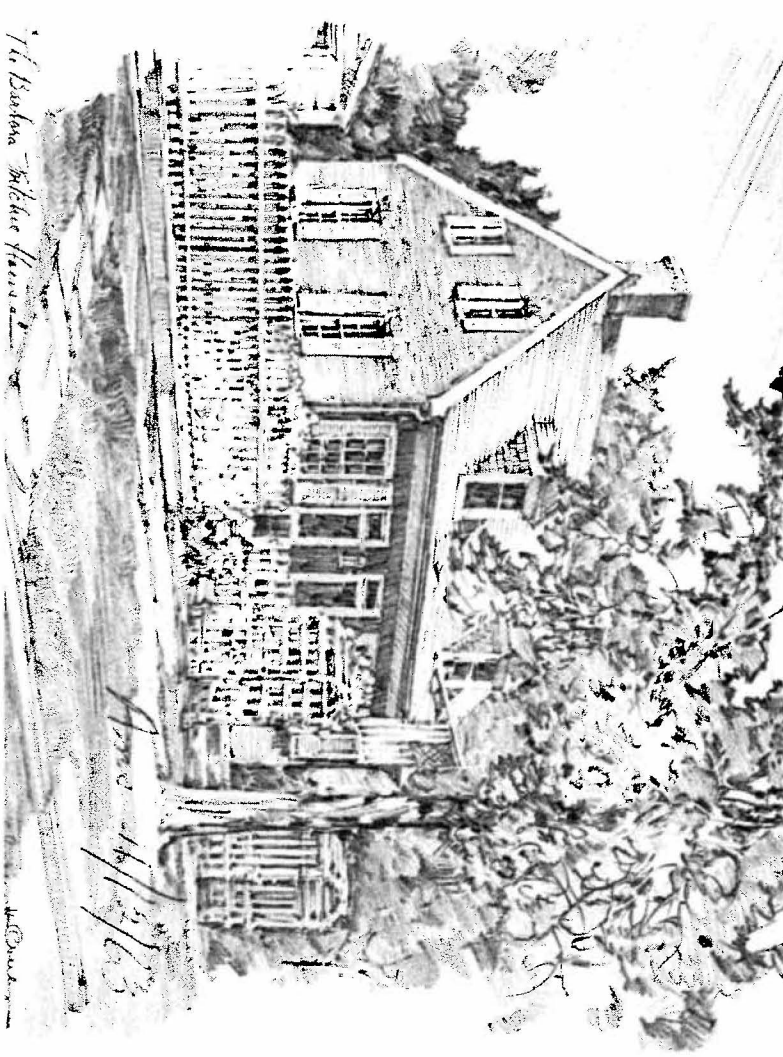
All for this time. Not much, but thought you might 'enjoy' the report. At least it will give you some idea of the change that I hope is taking place. By the way, speaking of changes- don't forget the promise. Much more about that later!

Thanks again for your most welcome letter and please give my regards to the confreres at Cass.

As ever,
Jack Farris

76 Barbara Miller House

Ans 4/15/63



11/5/63

Dear Dr. Fischer,

Just a little note of felicitous thanks for your last visit to [redacted].

I am so enjoying speaking with you although the time was rather brief. Your interest in my welfare is greatly appreciated.

All continues to go well - I hope. I have been in Detroit for the past several days keeping out in one of the parishes. Lord, the work most interesting. Will return

[redacted]

to [redacted] on Monday.

Particularly so I enjoy a closer contact with people here in the parish. Still await Don's & Lill's visit.

Am anxious to speak with them and perhaps have a few things.

The program here has proved most helpful to me in a better understanding of the problem. Hope that it will become effective in my future work. Believe that it will all be for the best. Best regards to all the conference.

November 13, 1963

The Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
[REDACTED]

Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

Thanks for the letter of November 8th. I am down at Perryville today and Brother Lawrence just brought the mail down to me here. The Parish Priests' Meeting is in full swing, and we had a very good talk this morning by a Redemptorist from Chicago who is trying to cope with the Latin American problem. It seems that the major solution to all of these problems is to have a zealous priest. After that, the problem seems to solve itself.

I am glad to hear that you are getting out of [REDACTED] for a little look at the outside world again. May God bless you and bring you closer to people instead of running away from them. It is certainly a most encouraging sign for yourself as well as for us.

Don Fallon went up to Washington on Sunday. He will be there for two weeks and sometime after the 22nd of November he should stop into [REDACTED]. I saw Bill Casey yesterday in St. Louis, and obviously he had not made it up to [REDACTED] yet. When I get back I will look into that matter, though I am using up our available help to cover for Don at [REDACTED] and will need to wait until he comes back before we can get Bill up to see Rip.

It was good to hear from you, and I shall try to get in touch with you again around the beginning of December.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

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December 1, 1963

Very Rev. James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial, Vincentian Fathers
1849 Cass Avenue
St. Louis 6, Missouri

Dear Father Fischer:

A reminder that Father Farris will complete his four months' stay at [REDACTED] on December 19th. In our opinion he will be ready to leave on or about that date. He has done an excellent job.

As you kindly said you would return to [REDACTED] before he leaves, Father (and I) anticipate your visit with pleasure. Do try to arrange to spend a night with us. We can make you very comfortable. Advise time of arrival and we will be happy to meet you at the airport. Red carpet treatment!

Faithfully,

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[REDACTED]

Vincentian (Farris) 0087

December 2, 1963

The Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
[REDACTED]

Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

I don't know what kind of a bird you're turning out to be, but I did appreciate the Thanksgiving Day card. We were down at Perryville at the time for the Educational Meeting. As far as one can tell about such things, it was a great success. At least all of the Confreres agreed that we have alot of insoluble problems. Confreres seem to be happier when they have insoluble problems.

I was glad to see that Don Fallon got the chance to stay over at [REDACTED] longer than he had originally planned. I suspect that it did Don alot of good. One of these days I will get out to De Paul to have a talk with him - that is, if I can get away from Perryville where I am going to begin a Visitation today.

At the end of this Visitation at Perryville I hope to get up to [REDACTED] I am checking out some of the information about Rip's proposed plan and should have a little clearer idea of what is involved by the time I get to see you. At any rate, we can go into all of that at the time and try to make some decisions.

May all go well with you during the coming few days before you get to the end of the rope at [REDACTED]

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

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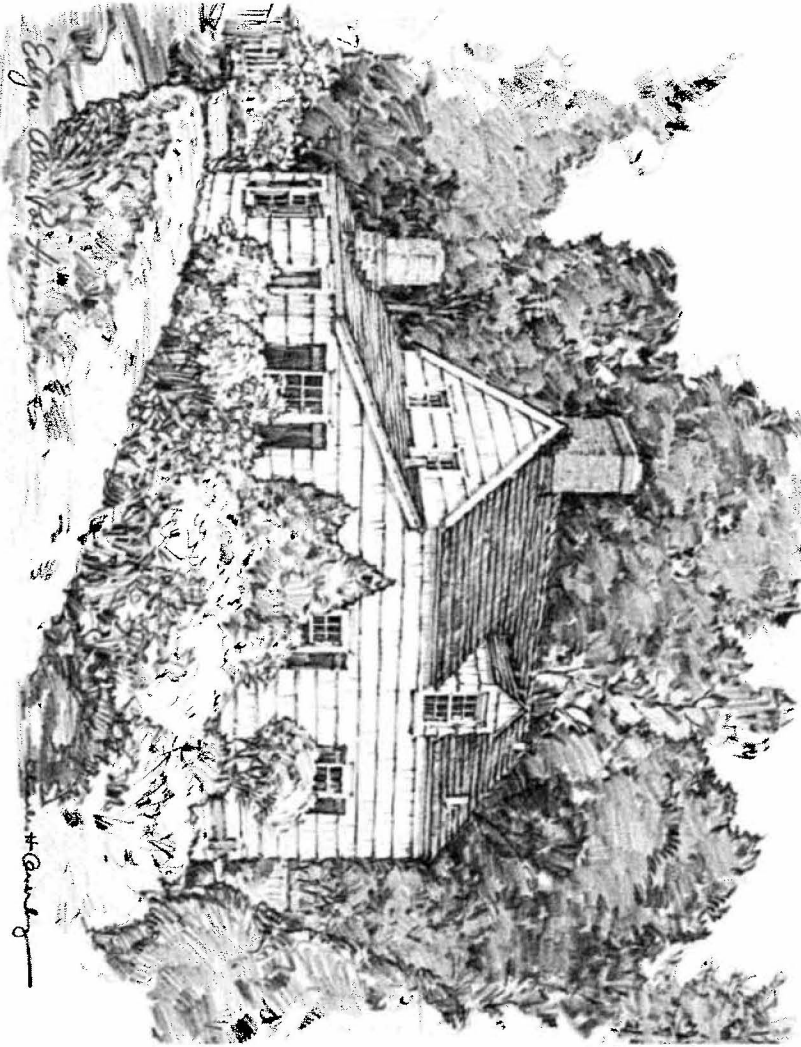
Dear Father Fische,

Just a note to thank you for the visit. Sorry that it was so short. It really meant a lot to me - just like a shot in the arm. For the first time in many years I am feeling that I am a part of the Community. Pray that I may find myself again here - will try to do so - so don't give up

hope. I have a long way to go, but
believe that I am heading in the
right direction now.

All here were greatly impressed by
your simplicity & kindness and
several stated how fortunate I was to
have such a Provincial. Makes me
think a little & feel gratitude for the
first time in many years.

Thanks again, Father, don't forget the
prayers. Will write later. Love is in



Edgar Allan Poe's 'The Hunchback of Notre-Dame' - #2

1/5/64

Alone St. Joseph, J.C. sit pumper tubicum.
 Once again a voice from the
 wilds of Michigan - since the holidays
 we have not been lacking in snow
 Christmas at Great House was very
 busy. I was out for Confessions
 a couple of days before - had mid-night
 Mass and then left in the evening
 for a week at St. Benedict's in
 Pontiac. Returned two years day
 and left immediately - after changing
 clothes - for St. Charles, here in

Just

as usual - may be stop by in N.C.
 for a day on the way. Don't believe I've
 seen at [redacted] two days since
 you were here. Have become sick
 by a free-lance priest. All the
 fellows have been real nice so
 have enjoyed the social activities.
 Am awaiting a letter from you
 set Daenery for final instructions.
 You might also send a little note
 of final instructions to Rip & Shu
 He can call me in Detroit.
 Would like to spend a couple
 of days in St. Louis getting things

So see
 about a letter from you re Deacon

all contained & go well here -
 hope that you had a good trip &
 Chile - now it's time to accept
 VolunTeers.
 Got a nice letter from Rade -
 he is really looking forward to
 the trip to Europe.

See for the time - will



*On This
Happy
Occasion*

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SH-20

Madonna of the Chair
Raphael Sanzio, 1483-1520

Litho in U.S.A.

Barton-Cotton, Inc., of Baltimore



Ans 1/29/64

Dear Le Fischer

You'll have to excuse
the card - only one I could
get my hands on. Surely
you must have experienced
some "happy occasions" in
recent days.

All is well here - What
a place! Barney & Shaq are
terrific fellows - a laugh
every moment. Know that I
am going to really like it
here. On second thought,
perhaps that's not a good
thing to say.

Just wanted to thank
you for the appointment.
Will try to do my best
here. In St Vincent

Jack isen

January 29, 1964

The Reverend John Farris, C.M.
The Most Precious Blood Church
2227 South Colorado Boulevard
Denver, Colorado 80222

Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

Glad to hear that you arrived safe and sound in Denver,
and that you find it is a great place. I have thought so for
a long time myself. It certainly is one of our most apostolic
parishes. May the good Lord bless you and the parish.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

March 10, 1964

The Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
The Most Precious Blood Church
2227 South Colorado Boulevard
Denver, Colorado 80210

Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

Last week at Father Quinn's funeral I asked Father Degan how things were going out in Denver. He was very well pleased with the whole situation. He told me that you were doing a good lot of work and that you were apparently very satisfied and contented with the situation there. This was most consoling to hear and I hope that you find that it continues so.

I asked him if you were attending AA meetings and if you had gotten in touch with Doctor [redacted]. He said that he did not think that you had. So I asked him to check up on this. As you know, this is an essential part of the Guest House routine. Rip was telling me once when I was up there that he thought it took at least two years to get a man back on his feet. The worst alcoholic can be boiled out in about forty-eight hours but there is something physical that happens to him that can be remedied only over a long period. I know that you realize how important it is to have these follow up safeguards. In case you haven't got in touch with Doctor Delehanty, may I ask that you do so immediately.

All is going well here. We are awaiting the return of Ed Roche.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

appropriate contact, etc.
Will try to do all
we can as Barney seems
most cooperative &
helpful.

Thanks again for
the "push" - know it's
for my own good.
Very happy out here -
working with classes
& Scouts - although
must admit I am quite
ignorant of Jewish work

Thanks again,
Jack.



On This
Happy
Occasion

Ans 3/15/64 3/12/64

Dear Father Fischer,
Your most welcome
letter arrived this
morning.

Discussed the matter
with Barney and learned
his attitude. Was sort
of hiding time as I
can't even find my
way down town as yet.

We located a Dr. [redacted]
[redacted] in the phone
book but he was
not in his office.
Barney said we will
get in touch with
him and learn on

The Most Precious Blood Church

Ans 4/5/64

2227 South Colorado Blvd.

Denver 22, Colorado

April, 2, 1964

Dear Jim,

Gratia D.N.J.C. sit semper nobiscum.


The enclosed will help to keep the pot boiling. This is the first installment on our annual tax.

Things are going along real fine. Jack Farris has taken to parish life like an old hand. He enjoys working with the school kids and they like him very much. He does a fine job in giving instructions to adults - preaches a substantial sermon and apparently is a real outstanding confessor. He is companionable around the house, he eats well, has remained completely dry and makes his regular contributions to me in Gin Rummy. So I hope that all things remain the same with him.

The work has begun on the enlargement of the church. No difficulties to date but I suppose there will be some minor problems. I hope to add the two rooms to the rectory sometime before summer.

I will see you in Denver, on April 11th.

Sincerely in St. Vincent,



Date?

REDACTED

Friday Eve.

Dear Father Joseph

Arrived here yesterday morning and it was just like coming home. Visiting with the priests here - some old friends who were here during stay - and a few talks with Rip really elevated the spirit. Would that such a feeling would remain after the visit.

As you can imagine the place is beautiful at this time of the year - an ideal spot for thought and relaxation.

Had a real nice talk with Rip this morning. He's amazing how he can pin point the problem. No doubt, much of his success

results from his intimate contact with priests. We spoke of the future & he seems to be in favor of a Chaplaincy or school work. Father would have to present the opportunity to attend AA. Meetings & work with other alcoholics - this seems to be the only way to protect oneself.

I mentioned that the problem was discussed with Fr. Fallon & both seemed to concur that hospital work was the better.

I know, however, that you just can't reach into the air for such an opening. However, he (Rip) offered no objection to teaching.

We will discuss it further the beginning of next week. I shall try to return at the end of the week.

Father, you are aware how difficult it is for me to express my gratitude face to face. But, I do want you to know that your interest & consideration will

REDACTED

always be remembered. I
sincerely regret the difficulties
I have caused - you have enough
problems without my compounding
them.

Seeing how things look so
different from this point on
the map.

Asking your continued prayers.
I am.

Jack New

CONFRATERNITY *Home Study* SERVICE

3473 S. GRAND
ST. LOUIS 18, MISSOURI



July 11, 1965

Very Rev. James A. Fischer, C.M.
1849 Cass Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Jim,

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

Some immediate action is necessary regarding Fr. Farris. You know the story; I wish to stress only the urgency. His last trip to the club was of now avail; the habit was resumed almost immediately upon return. With ever increasing frequency, he has cultivated his sickness and has become a real threat to his own life, and a danger to the Community and its interests. I have talked to him about this habit and its effects upon his health, his work, and his family but there is evidently no communication between us.

In my humble estimation, being here in the city only aggravates the case. Family problems have on occasion started him off again; moreover his association with Larry Green cannot be very beneficial to either party, especially if this young man has his own problems.

I realize your perplexity relative to the proper prescription. In view of the past, it is difficult to know just where he can work out his problem. Maybe a minor seminary, around a number of younger confreres, could help if he could be encouraged to resume teaching. I do not know, but his assignment here is not the answer.

I hope you can give this case your attention in the near future. Promising the help of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely in St. Vincent,

*Spoke to Jack Farris on 7/22/65
and told him he was finished
at RIB. Don't know what to do
with him now. Did make some
progress in convincing him that he must break thru his
fear of people and depend on them and let them depend
on him*

Vince

Vincentian (Farris) 0102

VINCENTIAN FATHERS OF WESTERN PROVINCE

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SAINT LOUIS 6, MO.

August 4, 1965

The Reverend John V. Farris, C.M.
St. Vincent's Rectory
1427 South Ninth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

In accordance with our conversation of this morning, we are sending you to [REDACTED]. We hope that the stay with the good Fathers there will be beneficial to you.

May I ask that you depart as soon as I am able to make the arrangements with the Father Superior at [REDACTED]. Father Dyra will supply you with money to make the trip.

May we hope that the good Lord will help you to profit from this new enterprise.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

cc: Fr. Dyra
Fr. Kaiser

Never sent. He panicked, was allowed to stay at RIB during Aug. D. Fallon interceded for him at end of Aug.

FARRIS

Oct 21, 1965

Spoke to Sr. Elsie today. She was not enthusiastic about having Fr Farris serve fast time at the hospital. Two problems don't make a solution.

De Paul Hospital

DUPLICATE

October 25, 1965

The Reverend Vincent G. Kaiser, C.M.
3473 South Grand Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

Dear Vince,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

I have not been neglecting your letter of October 1st, I have just been frustrated. The plan for Father Farris remains as it was in August and September - get him into some other work. I have not been able to find any other work for him even though we have made several proposals. I am looking for some brilliant suggestion.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

Vincentian (Farris) 0105

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CONGREGATIO MISSIONIS

Provincia WESTERN, U. S. A.

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Viceprovincia _____

Schedula Personalis²

NOMEN³ FARRIS PRAEN⁴ John Valentine
NATUS in loco **vulgo** Kansas City, Missouri die Feb. 13, 1921 ex

RECEPTUS in Congregatione die Sept. 26, 1942 VOTA **temporaria** nuncupavit
die _____; **perpetua**, die Sept. 27, 1944 DOMUI actu adscriptus in loco
vulgo Perryville, Missouri

1. - INDOIES:

Introvert, often depressed

2. - MORES AC RELIGIOSA ANIMI EFFORMATIO:

Fair.

3. - QUOMODO CUM NOSTRIS AC EXTERNIS SE GERAT:

Fair. Basically, he is afraid of people

4. - UTRUM RECTO IUDICIO PRAEDITUS:

Fair

5. - DOTES INTELLECTUALES:

Fair

6. - CORPORIS VALETUDO:

OK.

1) Regestum Secretariatus Generalis.
2) Latine dactylographice redigenda, et ad Secretariatum Generalem quamprimum mittenda.
3) Seu nomina **familiaria**, capitalibus litteris exprimenda.
4) Seu praenomina **baptismalia**, vulgata lingua ac capitalibus litteris.

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7. - MUNERA POST ULTIMAM VISITATIONEM CANONICAM EXPLETA:

Assistant at Religious Information Bureau

8. - QUA FIDELITATE AC SUCCESSU:

Fair

9. - QUIBUS INTEREA GRADIBUS ACADEMICIS, RELIGIOSIS VEL CIVILIBUS FORTE INSIGNIBUS DECORATUS:

~~None~~ M.A. (Education)

10. - ANIMADVERSIONES FORTE ADICIENDAE:

Quae omnia, transumpta e Relatione visitationis canonicae domui in loco vulgo St. Vincent's, St. Louis a me infrascripto die Mar. 10, 1965 peractae, concordant cum schedula originali, apud Provinciale (vel. Viceprovinciale) Archivum sub N. asservata

Datum in loco vulgo St. Louis die Nov. 15, 1965

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James A. Faschet smv

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DUPLICATE

January 5, 1966

The Reverend John Farris, C.M.
St. Vincent's Rectory
1427 South Ninth Street
St. Louis, Missouri 63104

Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum!

You usually hear from me only when things are going badly.
I want to write a letter to you when things are going well.

Father Dyra and Father Kaiser have been telling me how well you have been doing during the past few months. I am sure that it is a source of satisfaction to you as well. May I tell you that I appreciate what you are accomplishing and that I join my prayers to you that the good Lord will keep you close to Him.

Remember me and the Province in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.V.

Supreme Council

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

RELIGIOUS INFORMATION BUREAU ★ ★ ★



3473 S. GRAND • ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63118

November 30, 1966

Dear Father Fischer,

Gratia D.N.J.C. sit semper nobiscum!

Just had a session with Vince on his return and he has informed me that you have consented to my moving to the Confraternity Office. I sincerely believe that this will prove most beneficial. Vince did suggest that I call this matter to your attention and ask you to inform Father Dyra. In the meantime Vince said that I could presume that all was according to your conversation with him.

Thanking you for this consideration and wishing you every blessing,
I am

Sincerely in St. Vincent,

December 30, 1966

Reverend John Farris, C. M.
3473 S. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

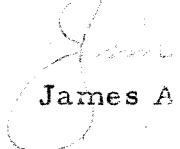
Dear Jack,

Gratia Domini nostri sit semper nobiscum!

Sorry to have delayed answering your letter of Nov. 30 for so long. Actually, I have been on the move most of the time - and I had to wait until the Council Meeting just before Christmas. At any rate, the matter has been taken care of and you are nice and legally at So. Grand. I hope that the living is pleasant.

Thanks for the Christmas card. May you have a pleasant and prosperous New Year.

Yours in St. Vincent,


James A. Fischer, C. M.

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July 27, 1967

Dear Jim,

Hospitalized July 31, 1967, De Paul

Gratia Domini Nostri Jesu Christi sit semper nobiscum.

I had a rather frank talk with Jack this noon when he arrived for lunch in bad shape. This all started around the end of May and has become increasingly routine, especially over weekends. A couple weeks ago I had Don over to see if he could help, but nothing came of it as Don has his difficulties too in getting to Jack.

So this is my present problem, and any suggestions will be appreciated.

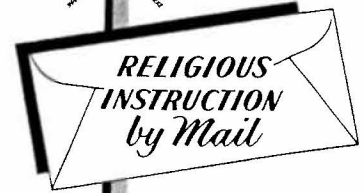
Sincerely,

Keneel

File: J. Farris

CONFRATERNITY Home Study SERVICE

3473 S. GRAND
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63118



Talked to Farris 5/8/69
Unwilling to go to [redacted]
High-euphoric. ^{can't fisher} Week at Perryville OK

May 7, 1969

Quatin Domini Nestai Sit Semper Nobiscum!

I've tried to get you on the phone for the past several days - but not in. Today Jack is in good shape but the good periods between bouts have grown shorter & shorter. He's had to cancel out Mass assignments, Confessions etc. & quite frequently is ^{not} able to turn out any work. Last Saturday I suggested [redacted] He thought it might be O.K. but submerged till Monday. When he emerges - he has withdrawal shakes, etc. I talked to Don Fallon & he's made Reservations for Jack to go into [redacted] on May 25. That's the earliest they can take him. I haven't told Jack & will probably have considerable resistance but I'll tell him that's there's no other way out & that the move on Rest spell has your approval & In Darling.

Any word from McDewitt?

All the best

St Vincent
James

Ans 9/23/69

FARRIS

Dear Father Joe,

I believe it only fitting that I should write at this time.

As you know I have been here since July 23rd. It was not my full intention to arrive at that time, but believe Jerry was acting for my own good. The program here was not new to me, and I have tried to take full advantage of those services. Not only did I

love the problem of drinking, but also a few others about which I need help. I believe I am now well on the way of getting just

that. I have been seeing a psychologist two or three times a week. Dr. [redacted] has been

most friendly and helpful. Many things have been pointed out - at least the way has been shown. Too, I believe he will concur with any decision I may

make in ~~the future~~

My problem is well known to you. I am beginning to believe after consulting a judge - that a leave of absence might be called for. Not knowing anything about such matters, I plan to discuss the entire matter with you. Perhaps my priority work could be more efficient and rewarding by working in a separate division - at least for a year or two. Nothing conclusive has been reached at this time.

Such a decision is not easy for me as I have always lived in my own "way" to be a good Community man. I will always love & be grateful to the Community however, I ~~feel~~ ~~need~~ do something at this time for my own spiritual advancement as a Priest. Usually after three months you are not allowed to visit here that will be some time in October.

I hope to see you and fully discuss the matter of that time. Of course, should you be in the New York, you visit here would be most welcome & greatly appreciated. I realize that you are busy after returning from the Council. I do not know when you will return or when you will receive this letter.

The psychiatrist's name is ~~_____~~
~~_____~~
I should you work to contact him.

I am sincerely awaiting help in this matter & will appreciate any help or advice given. As I know that you are busy after that time you will direct me along the right path.

Sincerely in Christ,
Jack

September 23, 1969

Reverend John Farris, C.M.
[REDACTED]

Dear Jack,

The grace of Our Lord be with us always!

Thanks for your letter. Glad to hear that you are feeling better. And it is most interesting that you are going to Doctor [REDACTED]. May be just the thing that you need.

As to a leave of absence, I realize that you may very well feel that your life in the Community has been a failure and that you would be more at ease at least for a time in the Diocesan clergy. I don't agree with the analysis that you have been a failure, but I can understand that this may be a hang-up for you.

We can talk about this when you get here in October or when I can visit Guest House. It's not so difficult. I think we could swing a little private deal with the Superior General that would involve nothing more than a simple letter. If one goes to the Holy See for such matters, one gets involved in a vast amount of legalities.

But this is something which we can talk over later with the advice of Dr. [REDACTED]. Just now I want you to know that we are behind you.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial

Ans in conversator

10/1/89

Dear Father (Jochee)

The grace of Our Lord be with us.

Your letter was most welcome, and I am most grateful for the interest you have shown in my problem. I gave the letter to

Rev. [redacted] who seemed pleased. We will be able to work some thing out and hope to present a definite plan to you.

Father, I do need your prayers at this time that God will direct me. My problems are not unknown to you, and your help and understanding are most imperative.

I have never seen one so
clearly express my feelings.
but feel that you will
understand. Doctor [redacted]
has been most helpful - a
truly amazing man. I do
hope that you will have
the opportunity to meet and
talk with him. He has
shown me many things about
myself which were unknown
to me. I do hope that all this
will result in a feeling of
capability for meeting my
obligations and keep one clutter
of being a good friend.
of thanks again, Justice, and
don't forget the prayers.
Dr. Vincent,
Jack.

REDACTED

October 6, 1969

Very Rev. James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial, Vincentian Fathers
Western Province
1849 Cass Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63106

RE: Father John Farris, C.M.

Dear Father Provincial:

It is the concensus of the treatment team working with Father John that he might well benefit from a temporary leave of absence from obligations to his Community with permission for a trial period of work as a diocesan priest. We believe we could arrange such a temporary (six months) placement here in the Detroit Archdiocese where Father would have continuing support from [REDACTED] on an out-patient basis. At the end of that time both he and we could more realistically evaluate the situation and make better long-term recommendations.

The purpose of this letter is to simply sound out the possibilities of such an arrangement from your and the Community's point of view. Should you and the Superior General be amenable we could begin to implement such planning within the next 45 days. We would appreciate knowing your reaction.

Respectfully yours,

REDACTED

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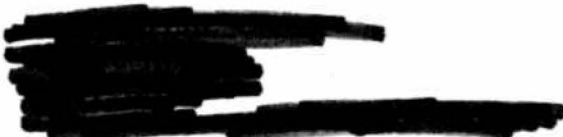

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Vincentian (Farris) 0118

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October 8, 1969


Dear ,

Thank you for your letter concerning Father John Farris. Jack had told me that such an evaluation would be made.

Our Superior General is authorized to grant a six months leave of absence for reasons of health. This certainly is for reasons of health. I approve of making a trial of this. And I am certain that the Superior General will also.

Thank you and all the staff for the good work that you have done for Jack. He is a good man and if he can get over a few hang-ups, he can do great work.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial

JAF/lc

Vincentian (Farris) 0119

October 8, 1969

Reverend John Farris, C.M.
[REDACTED]

Dear Jack,

The grace of Our Lord be with us always!

I got the recommendation from [REDACTED] today. Will you write a letter to Father Richardson, asking him simply for a leave of absence for six months to work as a priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Mention that this is recommended by the treatment team at [REDACTED] and that you have discussed the matter with me and I agree that it is worthwhile making the trial. I shall send a separate letter to Father Richardson approving the trial period.

It was good to see you in Detroit even if it was only for such a short time. Keep up the good work and keep in touch. My best wishes.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial

JAF/lc

FARRIS
No ans. required

Oct. 12, 1969.

Dear Father Finche,

The grace of Our Lord be with us!

Your letter was most welcome. I did so enjoy your visit and help offered. I hope you were not offended by eating at the Center - good to see how some live. The few days were quite an experience for me.

Enclosed is a request for Fr. James Richardson. I do not have his address here with me & ask you to forward the letter to him. Your last letter was given to [redacted] who seemed pleased with the progress we have made.

Just returned from helping at a week-end retreat at Port Sanilac on Lake Huron - another pleasing experience. The weather was not too good & the lake was quite rough. It was a Matt Falbot retreat for alcoholics - what else? The retreat was held at the C.Y.O. girls camp.

Again, thanks for your help & you may be sure that I shall keep in contact with you. Will let you know what develops at this end of the line.

Vincentian (Farris) 0121

[REDACTED]

October 12, 1969-1

Dear Father Richardson,

The grace of Our Lord be with us!

Recently I spoke with Father Fischer regarding a leave of absence to work in the Sacramentum Trusthouse. This request was also presented to Father Fischer through the Office of [REDACTED] as hoping to be beneficial to the therapy under which I am going at the present time.

A letter just received from Father Fischer informed me that I could request such a leave from you and that he would correspond with you stating his approval. It is my understanding that such a leave could be given for six months or indefinitely until my problems are resolved. He mentioned a period of six months, but it is my belief that an extended period might be necessary.

At the present time, Father, I am experiencing difficulties regarding my status in the Community and hope to resolve these in one way or another. I do hope that you will understand and appreciate my present position. Father Fischer has been

most understanding and helpful.

10-12-69-2

As yet, Father, I have no definite plans to present, but am leaving the matter in the hands of [REDACTED]. I am told that such an arrangement could be made with the approval of my Superior. Whether my priestly work would be in the Diocese of Detroit or another, I do not know. It is hoped that I can remain close to [REDACTED] and my therapist. However, your approval is necessary before any action can be taken here. I sincerely hope, Father, that you will grant such a leave. Your assistance in resolving my present problem will be greatly appreciated.

Asking a remembrance in your prayers and awaiting your decision, I remain

Sincerely in St. Vincent,

Jack Farris c.m.

October 15, 1969

Very Reverend James W. Richardson, C.M
Superior General
Via Pompeo Magno 21
00192 Roma (VI), Italy

Dear Father,

The grace of our Lord be always with us!

RE: REV. JOHN FARRIS, C.M.

Enclosed is a request for a leave of absence from Father John Farris. Jack has been at [REDACTED] for the past three or four months. I visited him recently in Detroit. He looks well, but was in his compulsive talking mood.

As you know, his problem is not only alcoholism but also a deep inferiority complex. He is afraid of Superiors; he is afraid of the Confreres. And he has not been able to do any really effective work for the past ten years at least.

[REDACTED] recently sent me a report on the progress of Father Farris. The staff, including Dr. [REDACTED] psychiatrist, believe that he would be benefited by working for some time as a diocesan priest. Father Farris has no thought of leaving the priesthood.

It is understandable to me that the best way of continuing his therapy at the present time would be to relieve him of the obligation of community life. He and [REDACTED] first spoke to me about this as a six-months leave of absence. You can see some of Father Farris' anxieties in his letter when he mentions "it is my belief that an extended period might be necessary." It is the obligation of living with the Confreres which scares him.

I recommend that this leave of absence be granted for reasons of health. The Provincial Council concurs.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial

Vincentian (Farris) 0124

October 28, 1969

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Father Jack Farris was just in to see me here in St. Louis. He tells me that he might have the opportunity shortly to work in a parish in Detroit. He seemed a bit concerned about permission to do this.

I have written to our Superior General on October 15, asking this permission. There is no doubt that the permission will be granted. Unfortunately, a mail strike has tied up the correspondence in Rome.

My own authority is sufficient to cover this case. I hereby grant Father Farris permission to serve as a parish priest in any parish which meets your approval.

My thanks to you and your staff for the fine work that you have done.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial

JAF/lc

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CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS

16077 Hauss Street

EAST DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48021

November 10, 1969

Dear Father Fischer

Grace of Our Lord be with us!

Finally settled at St. Barnabas.
All goes well and this seems
to be an ideal spot to work
out my problems. I have
agreed to remain here for
at least six months and hope
to take advantage of all the
experience offered. Will continue
to visit the psychologist &
[REDACTED] from time to time.

Thanks again, Sam, for
your understanding & help.
I will continue to keep in
touch & can be reached here.
As ever in St Vincent,
Jack

November 12, 1969

Reverend John Farris, C.M.
St. Barnabas Church
16077 Hauss Street
East Detroit, Michigan 48021

Dear Jack,

The grace of Our Lord be with us always!

A letter from Father James Richardson dated November 3 says: "In the matter of Father John Farris, we grant him the six months absence he is asking and you can give him the necessary authorization in obedience and poverty. The Council also agreed to leave the future developments in your hands as Visitor."

So we are all officially cleared away. As to obedience, I assign you to whatever parish you will find most advantageous. As to poverty, I grant you all permissions to receive and spend money which you will need. Just keep in touch with me. May all go well.

Sincerely yours in St. Vincent,

James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial

JAF/lc

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January 29, 1970 -1

Very Rev. James A. Fischer, C.M.
Provincial, Western Province
1849 Cass Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63106

Dear Father Fischer:

I'm pleased to be able to report to you that Father John Farris seems to be making an excellent adjustment in his trial run as secular parish priest. In a short three months he has established a comfortable and productive role in the parish which bodes well for the future. Regular contact with [REDACTED] and his psychologist has enabled him to make this transition without undue stress. Such success has certainly improved his self-image and his ability to both relate and cope. He's a much more confident man.

Whereas we feel that Father should continue this type experience for a while longer, it is probably timely for us to begin to approach possible benevolent Bishops for a placement sometime this summer. In that connection, I have asked Father John to prepare a brief personal history which I could enclose in our inquiry; copy of same is attached.

If this meets your approval, Father Provincial, I would appreciate a letter to that effect which would indicate to a Bishop that both [REDACTED] and Father John are acting with your full knowledge and approbation.

Please accept my deep personal gratitude, Father Fischer, as well as that of all members of our Board of Directors, for your most gracious letter of commendation on the work of our apostolate. It was the finest Christmas present any of us could have received.

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Very Rev. James A. Fischer, C.M.
January 29, 1970.~>

Be assured that you are remembered regularly at
the altars of both [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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AJB/hd

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