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Re: [REDACTED] v. Father Raymond Laferriere

Dear Ovide:

At your insistence I discussed your requests with my client.

My client is very upset by the fact that his wishes have not been addressed. Specifically, as I told you in our original meeting, he knows that Father Laferriere is fully aware of what he did and surely can confirm that with relevant church officials. Furthermore, Mr. [REDACTED] is confident that the church will be implicated by their allowing this abuse to occur and not taking steps to stop or prohibit the abuse.

My client's goal from day one has been to attempt to settle this matter, without the necessity of suit, by receiving assurances that this type of activity will not occur again and to obtain a reasonable cash settlement for the psychological trauma and pain and suffering that he went through and continues to go through on a daily basis. Mr. [REDACTED] has indicated that he will not involve his mother or any other people in this matter at this time. He wants it made very clear, however, that if it is necessary to file suit and to go public, he will involve these people. As I previously indicated he is confident that the church will be implicated in this matter.

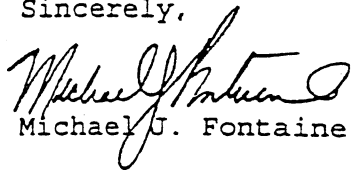
I have asked my client to consider an amount which he feels is fair to compensate him for the damage caused to him by Father Laferriere. He has thought this through carefully and is agreeable to accepting \$75,000.00 as settlement in full of any claims he has against Father Raymond Laferriere or the Catholic Church for the sexual abuse he suffered. If this is unacceptable, he wants to make it very clear that he will proceed with suit against Father Laferriere and the Catholic Church and will go public with the abuses.

In conclusion, [REDACTED] is extremely angry at your most recent request and sees it as a denial of what actually occurred and the damage that was caused to him by what occurred. He requested that we proceed immediately with suit, but I advised him to make one final attempt at settlement, which he is hereby doing. My client insists that he receive a response to this proposal by 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 1995. This is a settlement offer and is withdrawn after 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 1995.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Fontaine

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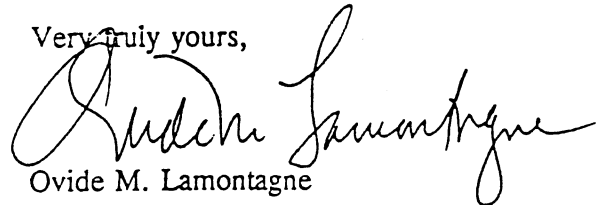
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Very truly yours,



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cc: Father Raymond Laferriere (enc. 6/28/95 letter)
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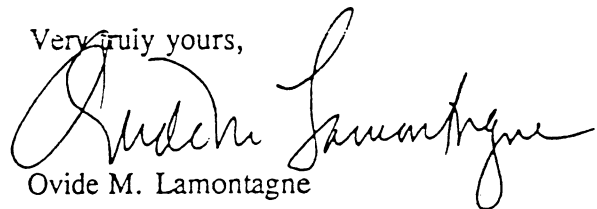
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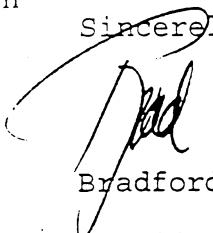
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cc: James Higgins, Esq.
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Re: [REDACTED] v. Father Raymond Laferriere and the
Catholic Diocese of Manchester New Hampshire

Dear Ovide and Brad:

As you know in May of 1995 [REDACTED] wrote to Father Laferriere requesting that the pain and emotional distress which he suffered at the hands of Father Laferriere be addressed and resolved through a quick and reasonable settlement. He requested an apology from Father Laferriere as well as proof that Father Laferriere is undergoing therapy and is not in a position to endanger other children.

On June 28, 1995, I wrote to Ovide Lamontagne specifying the amount of monetary damages that Mr. [REDACTED] was requesting. It was at that point that Ovide requested, prior to responding to our settlement demand, that a settlement conference occur. Although, as you can imagine, this was an extremely difficult decision for Mr. [REDACTED], he did agree to this meeting.

Based upon this meeting, I hope you will now agree that Mr. [REDACTED] is a very sincere person who has been seriously injured by the sexual assaults of Father Laferriere. My client's damages are substantial and he has a long way to go before he fully recovers. My client, and quite frankly I, do not believe that the church or its representatives were not aware of Father Laferriere's despicable acts. I was glad to see that the church, through its representative Monseigneur Christian, was concerned for Mr. [REDACTED] well-being. It is now time, however, for the church and Father Laferriere to compensate Mr. [REDACTED] for the horrible experiences that he suffered at the hands of Father Laferriere and the church.

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We have met all of your requests, including a face to face meeting. It is now your responsibility to respond to Mr. [REDACTED] demand as set forth in my letter of June 28, 1995 and the additional requests as set forth in Mr. [REDACTED] May 1995 letter. Mr. [REDACTED] has requested a response within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Fontaine
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cc: [REDACTED]

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Enclosed find another letter from Mr. Fontaine on behalf of Mr. [REDACTED]. After you have a chance to consider it, please give me a call. I think we might make an offer to pay some counselling costs, but not more.

Sincerely,

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Bradford E. Cook

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RE: [REDACTED] v. Laferriere et al

Dear Michael:

Your recent letter addressed to Ovide Lamontagne and me has been supplied me by Mr. Lamontagne, I still have not received one from you. In any event, given the fact that Fr. Laferriere is without funds or capacity to address in any monetary way your demands, and in light of the fact that the Diocese is concerned about your client's well-being as described to you in our recent meeting, I am responding.

As you know, the Diocese is confident that it could demonstrate that it had no knowledge of any prior propensity or wrongdoing by Father Laferriere such as that alleged by your client. It therefore believes it would be held not liable in any case you might bring. Indeed, I enclose a copy of a recent New Hampshire Supreme Court decision in the matter Grover v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, an unpublished opinion which denies application of the discovery rule to cases such as Mr. [REDACTED]. I believe this would provide a serious legal impediment to any action you might bring on his behalf.

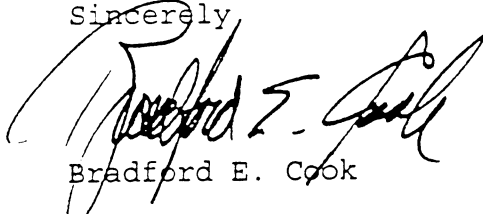
Nevertheless, as described in our meeting, the primary concern of the Diocese is not legalities. The primary concern is that your client receive appropriate help to deal with problems which he has experienced in his life so that he receives as much help as possible. If he has a proposed plan of treatment or therapy, I would appreciate your

Michael Fontaine, Esq.
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describing it to me so that I can take it up with the Diocese. As we stated to you, the Diocese is willing to consider and perhaps participate in the cost of such therapy and healing with certain parameters set forth. It is not the Diocese's position that it will throw money at the problem without some assurance that your client is receiving help.

I look forward to hearing from you concerning the treatment plan and needs which your client may have and assure you that the Diocese is concerned about and sympathetic with his situation.

Sincerely,

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Bradford E. Cook

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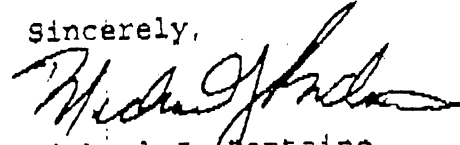
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My client is not interested in the church participating in his healing process. My client is interested in being compensated for the damage caused to him by Father Laferriere and the church. We have made it clear from day one that this is what we were seeking.

If this can even be defined as an offer it is hereby rejected. If the church and Father Laferriere wish to settle this matter prior to the institution of suit, they must respond in the form of a cash settlement. My client has instructed us to proceed with suit on Monday, October 30, 1995. I suggest that the church and

Father Laferriere reconsider their position in this matter and meet their religious and moral obligation in compensating my client for the injuries that he sustained at the hands of Father Laferriere.

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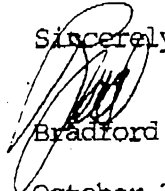
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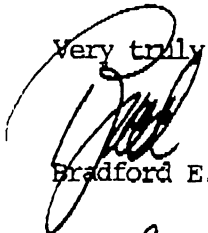
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Very truly yours,


Bradford E. Cook

10/27/95

P.S. In our experience, therapy costs about \$15,000+/- . The Diocese would be willing to pay this either on a pay-as-provided or lump sum basis, on the assurance your client would get help. - or -

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Via Fax 883-8723

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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 1995. I have had the opportunity to discuss it with officials of the Diocese and Mr. Lamontagne.

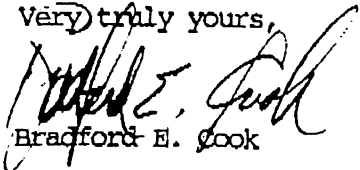
In a final offer to resolve this matter, and in hopes that it may facilitate your client's situation, but recognizing the limited funds available and what we believe the interests of justice and constraints of the legal situation to be, I am authorized to offer the following:

1. The defendants will pay your client \$25,000 upon execution of final releases and confidentiality agreement.
2. The Diocese will provide written representations that steps have been taken long ago to assure actions such as those alleged by your client not occur.
3. Mr. Lamontagne will arrange a face-to-face meeting so that his client can express his regret to your client.

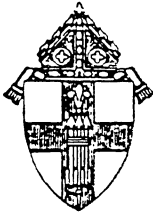
The Diocese will leave it to your client to seek appropriate professional help as he sees fit but continues its offer to be of any assistance in this process, if in his opinion it can be helpful.

This is our final position and is without prejudice to the legal rights of the parties represented by Mr. Lamontagne and me.

Very truly yours,


Bradford E. Cook

cc: Ovide Lamontagne, Esq.
Msgr. Francis Christian



Secretariat for Pastoral Services
Diocese of Manchester

November 7, 1995

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dear [REDACTED]

This will confirm our conversation held recently in which I assured you of the prayerful concern of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester as well as my concern about your well being. All of us in the Church regret your pain in the past and hope for healing for you and reconciliation between you and the Church.

Specifically, referencing your concerns about Father Raymond Laferriere, this will confirm my assurance to you that the Church has monitored his care, counseling, therapy and actions to assure itself that Father Laferriere's conduct is appropriate and that no one will be caused any harm in association with him or the Church. I am pleased to report that we are aware of no problems which have occurred since such monitoring and treatment began but assure you that such monitoring continues.

Again, be assured of our concern and prayers for your continued progress.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Christian
Chancellor

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Devine Millimet & Branch
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Dear Ovide:

Enclosed please find one of the original sets of Agreement and Release in the [REDACTED] v. Laferriere et al matter. You will recall under the Confidentiality Agreement that the terms of this settlement are to be kept secret and that applies to the documentation as well so I am sure you and Father Laferriere will keep them sealed as appropriate.

Please get me your statement for services so I can forward it on to Monsignor Christian expeditiously. As always, it is a pleasure working with you and I appreciate your help in facilitating this settlement.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad', written over a horizontal line.

Bradford E. Cook

✓BEC:jf

cc: Monsignor Francis Christian
BEC/6423-ER7

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have this 27th day of November, 1995 set their hands.

WITNESS:



Individually

The Roman Catholic Bishop of
Manchester, a corporation sole

Helen P. Vollinger

By: Francis J. Christian
Francis J. Christian
Chancellor
duly authorized

Donna M. Stone

Raymond Laferriere
Raymond Laferriere
Individually

GENERAL RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that [REDACTED], for and in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) in hand paid and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and by these presents, does for himself, his heirs, executors, beneficiaries, administrators, successors and assigns (the foregoing releasing parties being hereinafter referred to as the "Releasor") hereby release, remise and forever discharge fully and finally, The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, and its past, present and future officers, directors, agents, servants, representatives, employees, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, predecessors and successors in interest and assigns, and all other persons and/or entities to the extent that such other person and/or entity is liable or could be deemed liable by, through, or under them including, without limiting the scope hereof, and the Rev. Raymond Laferriere (the foregoing released parties being hereinafter referred to as the "Releasee") of and from any and all past, present or future cause and causes of action, all manner of actions, suits, demands, claims, debts, sums of money, accounts, reckoning, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, controversies, judgements, agreements, premises, variances, trespasses, damages, execution, and liabilities of whatsoever kind and nature, including, but not limited to any and all claims for breach fiduciary duty, breach of obligation to supervise or select clergy, breach of duty of loyalty, and any and all damages and expenses of any nature whatsoever, past present and future, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown, which upon or by reasons of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the date of these presents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this release specifically pertains to all events complained of concerning contact between [REDACTED] and Rev. Raymond Laferriere including all claims which have been or could have been raised in connection with the aforementioned contact.

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This release may and shall be pleaded as a full and complete defense to, and may be used as the basis for an injunction against, any action, suit or other proceeding, which may be instituted, prosecuted or maintained in breach hereof anywhere in the world brought by Releasor or anyone claiming under or by assignment of the rights of Releasor.

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WITNESS:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27th day of November, 1995 by [REDACTED]

Darcy E. Frazier
Notary Public Justice of the Peace

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Individually

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Raymond Laferriere
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WITNESS:

_____ [redacted]

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of _____, 1995 by [redacted]

Notary Public



Monday, May 8, 1995

Raymond Laferriere
St. Anthony's Church
Manchester, NH 03103

Dear Mr. Laferriere;

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of my intentions. Although it is against my lawyer's advice I would like to give you one chance to be able to change the inevitable outcome of this very unpleasant matter.

As you know, although you may not want to remember or admit it, you took advantage of a young boy and sexually molested him on many occasions. That young boy was me and after years of thinking about it and trying to figure it all out, the time has come for you to make amends.

I have talked to lawyers and law enforcement officials and every one agrees that this matter must be faced now. I have family members as well as other people (boys at the time) that are willing to make statements and testify.

I can only imagine how difficult it is for you to face this issue but try to think of what I have had to deal with. I am not a hateful or spiteful person but I want to see justice done and now is the time.

I feel taking care of this matter out of court would be easier and simpler. So if we can come to a settlement between you and me, out of court, I would much prefer it. I, like you and the church do not want this matter brought out for the entire public to view on TV and read about in the papers. But I am prepared to go forward with the suit if we can not settle this matter between us. You know what you did to me and I know what you did to me, so lets settle this matter like gentlemen, pick up the pieces and go on with our lives. I think you have to agree with that moving on with our lives would be much easier without the publicity this suit would bring.

Listed below are my feelings on what a settlement should be.

Written proof that you will undergo therapy.

Written proof that you will be removed from your position in the church until you have undergone and completed the therapy.

Written proof that you will continue to undergo follow-up therapy even after you have completed the initial program and are reinstated in your position within the church.

A monetary settlement that would reimburse me for the therapy that I underwent in the past, and will have to undergo in the future.

A statement of apology from you about why you did those things and why you never apologized or made amends before.

In return for your settlement I will give you a written statement that I will not pursue this issue now or in the future provided I learn of no other children you have molested since undergoing therapy.

I feel I am giving you and the church a tremendous break on this matter and as a result of that I am only giving you 10 working days to give me your answer. If during those 10 days I do not receive a settlement offer from you I will go forth with the suit against you, and the church.

Stop and think about all of times you molested me not only in Milford but in Colebrook, at the Seacoast, in your car, in the church and so on. Stop and think about my Father filing a complaint about what you were doing to me and the church not doing anything about you then. Think about after my Father died and you returned to say that God punished my Father for "ratting" you out. Think about everything because I certainly have. My lawyer brought up the point that although he can't be 100% sure, he feels that if this case goes to court there will be several other people that step forward with the same memories that you gave me to deal with my entire life.

Please do not try to contact me via phone or in person. Please contact me via mail only at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Sincerely
[REDACTED]

MESSAGE CONFIRMATION

05-10-95 12:52

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Rev. Ernest J. Primeau Arch bishop
Manchester, N.H. 569

At this time it gives me to say
that I have to be the one speaking against

[REDACTED]
I'm sure you personally know him he is a
priest at St. Augustin Parish.
Name is Rev. Raymond Lafrenie, came from good
back ground,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
So I would not say things about anyone
especially a priest, you see I married a divorcee
her husband deserted her 7 yrs. prior to
our marriage, now she had two sons
attending Central High school and have
been invited by Rev. Lafrenie to go to
in room which they did and found to their
amazement dirty trash pictures of the
opposite sex all over the walls.

I say that such a man is in
need of Psychiatric Care whether or not
he gets it is entirely up to you who
represents the Church of the most high.
So I ask that you make a thorough
check of this man's activities including
is drinking and with women whenever

Ray Lawrence

- news happened after 1971 or 72 when he started with Lambert - discussed thoroughly
- seen every month for 3 years
- since then regularly for renewal
- in last couple of years more frequent because of apartment - probably 3 weeks

negotiated myself as stimulus in Nov of 1968

- began with tid in Oct or Nov of 1969
- Jan of 1969 a few months after he passed
- not an actual view - he became frequent with father - after went to home

Jan 67

Oct 69 when [unclear] arrested

- tid 13 or 14
- no focus - no rehearsal ^{tid up of fly and [unclear]}
- no caught him to escape ^{from [unclear]}
- Does remember if tid touched her.
- tid led him to it - no comment
- stopped within a year - Ray afraid hangover

- never led with any other tids or help of other people who know he must have heard

started here - #

He did same kind of things with ~~tid~~ 2 or 3 tids at St. Francis. That's all holding in any of other assumption

- have had problem with sexually harassing in Germany - started at St. Francis - circuit



Diocese of Manchester
Secretariat for Temporalities

FAX # (603) 669-0377

FAX LEAD SHEET

Date May 10, 1995

To Atty. Brad Cook

Fax Number 627-8121

Pages To Follow 4 (including
lead sheet)

From Msgr. Frank Christian

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FILE SUMMARY

Name	Raymond H. Laferriere
Date of Birth	07/16/30
Date Ordained	05/28/60
Service	06/15/60 St. Anthony, Sanbornville
	11/18/60 St. Augustine, Manchester
	12/23/63 Leave of Absence for Reasons of Health
	02/20/64 St. Francis Xavier, Groveton
	09/07/65 St. John the Baptist, Manchester
	10/04/68 St. Patrick, Milford
	06/03/70 St. George, Manchester
	05/18/71 St. Joseph, Hinsdale
	11/03/71 Sacred Heart, Lebanon
	10/18/72 St. John the Evangelist, Hudson
	06/13/74 St. Joseph, Hinsdale
	06/18/79 St. Joan of Arc, Alton
	06/20/85 St. Aloysius, Nashua
	09/11/91 St. Charles, Dover
	09/92 Leave of Absence for Reasons of Health
	09/23/92 Resigned from ministry
/ /92 St. Anthony, Manchester, sick leave	
07/95 Retired	
Date and Nature of Complaint	An undated complaint in the file was addressed to Bishop Primeau accusing Raymond Laferriere of providing pornographic materials to children and having children in his room at the rectory. This apparently refers to St. Augustine Parish, Manchester. In 1995, an adult male complained against Fr. Laferriere alleging child sexual abuse which had occurred in the 1970s. The matter was settled and a confidentiality agreement was signed.
Response Action Taken	No further treatment indicated in file as Laferriere was already on sick leave. Laferriere was under outpatient psychological treatment at the time of the accusation.
Additional Complaints	None.

MEMORANDUM

TO: File - RAYMOND LAFERRIERE

FROM: Det Brooke Lemoine *BL*

RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER - Follow-up

DATE: September 10, 2002

On the above listed date at approximately 1000hrs, this detective made contact telephonically with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicated that she has spoken with [REDACTED] in Mexico and that he is receptive to contact from this investigator relative to the above investigation.. Miss [REDACTED] indicated that this detective should E-mail Mr. [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and make arrangements to connect in the near future. Miss [REDACTED] was thanked for her time and contact ended.

This Detective authored an E-mail message to Mr. [REDACTED] briefly explaining the scope of our ongoing investigation and supplying availability times when telephone contact could be made.

LAFFELCERRE

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Raymond
See
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March 3, 1960

Rev. Mr. Raymond Laferriere
2900 7th Street, N. E.
Washington 17, D. C.

Dear Ray,

I see no reason why you should not come for the installation ceremony if your wish to do so. We are not giving permission to the seminarians to do so because of the difficulties involved. Consider yourself invited and see me for a card if you need one. I don't think you will.

Best wishes from all of us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

Washington 17, D.C.
February 29, 1960

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Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry, Chancellor
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

May I kindly have permission to go to Manchester for the installation of Msgr. Primeau. I would have the opportunity of making the trip with relatives. (They're on their way back from Florida.)

Last week I went to Baltimore and mentioned the fact to Father Van Antwerp. He thought it would be a good idea to go, if I were invited.

Gratefully yours in our Lord and our Lady,

Raymond Laferrere

December 23, 1963

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edouard Lessard
St. Augustine Rectory
383 Beech Street
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Monsignor Lessard:

The Most Reverend Bishop has directed me to inform you that he has granted Father Raymond H. Laferriere a leave of absence in order to enable him to rest and take care of his ulcer. I do not know how soon he will be able to return to work. We shall not be able to replace him at the present time.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

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R. Lefevre

c/o Mr. Roland Shevill.

2124 N. 14th St

Hollywood Fla.

Dec. 30, 1963

Dear Mrs. Hansberry,

I'm now settled with some friends. Left Manchester last Friday. The trip was alright.

I'm trying to relax and take it easy. Trying to forget, and not feel depressed isn't as easy as I figure.

Been saying Mass at the Little Flower Church.

Kindly pray for me.

With gratitude for all your kindness.

Respectfully yours,
Raymond Lefevre

April 17, 1964

Rev. Raymond H. Laferriere
St. Francis Xavier Rectory
State Street
Groveton, N. H.

Dear Father Laferriere:

The next time you are coming to Manchester for other business, would you kindly call the Chancery Office and arrange to see me at a time that will be convenient for both of us.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Laferriere

Leonard W. O'Neil
2 West Street
Groveton, New Hampshire

6084

September 8, 1965

Bishop Ernest J. Primeau
Chancellery Office
Catholic Diocese of Manchester
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Bishop Primeau:

Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter I wrote to Father Laferriere, and which I thought you might like for your files in the personnel jacket of this fine young priest.

Father Raymond is indeed a credit to our church and we parishioners of St. Francis' Parish are fully cognizant that we have lost a pious and devoted spiritual leader.

Very truly yours,

Leonard W. O'Neil
Leonard W. O'Neil

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Leonard W. O'Neil
2 West Street
Groveton, New Hampshire

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August 24, 1965

Reverend Raymond Laferriere
St. Francis Xavier Parish
Groveton, N. H.

Dear Father Raymond:

It was with regret that I learned of your transfer and you can rest assured that my personal feeling of sentiment is typical of that of the entire parish.

Having been a life long member of St. Francis' Parish, I have seen many priests come and go. As you know from what our faith teaches, and from what I have been taught from childhood, I have respected them all as priests. However, there being a human element involved, I must confess I have had greater admiration and esteem for some than others. It is the fine priestly traits that you have so well exemplified in your brief stay in our midst that has endeared you to all of us, and has prompted me to write this letter.

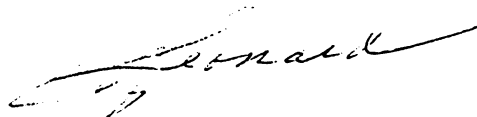
It must be very gratifying to you to realize the accomplishments that have been made possible through your efforts and diligent work in the last year and a half. I am fully cognizant of the work you have done to make the annual penny sale, the monthly "500" club, the weekly Bingo, and all other drives so successful.

Turning to the most important issue of all, namely, that as our spiritual advisor, it is here that you certainly have excelled. It having been my good fortune to attend daily mass, I have found it most inspirational to note the pious manner in which you say your mass. Likewise, your excellent sermons on the gospel at Sunday mass have been most educational to all of us. I could elaborate much more on the many acts of kindness and your untiring efforts to give us the many little "extra things" that have meant so much to the entire parish.

In conclusion Father, may I wish you my sincere best in your new assignment, and you will leave a void in our parish that will be difficult to fill. I would hope to someday see you return to Groveton or at least the north country, not as a curate but as a pastor, a position of which you are so capable and worthy.

Again, my sincere best,

Leonard



September 29, 1969

Rev. Raymond H. Laferriere
St. Patrick Rectory
16 Amherst Street
Milford, New Hampshire 03055

Dear Father Laferriere:

I wish to inform you that I have appointed
Monsignor Laurence R. Gardner, as pastor of St. Patrick
Parish, Milford, New Hampshire, effective at noon on
Wednesday, October 8, 1969.

Your appointment as temporary administrator of
St. Patrick Parish, Milford, New Hampshire, will be
terminated at noon of the same date, October 8, 1969.

May I take this opportunity to express my gratitude
for your work as temporary administrator of the parish
during the illness of Father Dolan.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

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SAINT-GEORGES
Manchester, New Hampshire

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C.M.J.

April 16, 1971

Dear Msgr. Kenneally and Members of the Personnel Board:

After some praying and some discussion I have decided to write to let you know that I would consider becoming a member of Saint Anthony Team Parish.

First of all, I see this as a challenge. And this in view of the fact that there are other parishes who do operate as team ministry parishes, but these are not recognized officially as such because they have a pastor as head of the parish, while the team parish, the priests will operate as a "moral person".

For over two years, I have seriously considered this type of ministry and have discussed this matter with brother-priests quite often. My interest in this type of ministry was aroused by a friend of mine who is on a team in Paris and though it appears difficult and taxing, it does seem most rewarding as far as priestly consolations are concerned.

I am 40 years old, will be 41 in July. I feel that I can relate well with practically any age group, but possibly more so, with the "old-timers" and "middle-agers". I know that the younger set is being well cared for by the men at St. Anthony now. However, all age groups must benefit and feel free and at ease to speak to their priests.

Ordained 11 years in May, I have served in all types of parishes in our diocese. I presume that you do have my background so I will not go into details. But, I would like to point out that in Milford, I did serve as administrator.

I believe, I could do well, with God's help at Saint Anthony as a member of the team. I feel that I have had sufficient varied experiences and responsibilities which would help me serve the people and the diocese with love and dedication.

Hoping for a favorable consideration,

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Raymond Laferriere
Raymond Laferriere

LAFERRIERE, Raymond

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June 8, 1971

Msgr:

Fr. Laferriere called to say that he is on retreat at St. Anselms College. He is going to send you a letter and if you want to reach him he will be at St. Anselms until Thursday afternoon of this week.

September 29, 1971

Rev. Raymond H. Laferriere
St. Joseph Rectory
Prospect Street
Hinsdale, N.H. 03451

Dear Father Laferriere:

I wish to inform you that I have appointed the Reverend Eugene A. Murphy as pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Hinsdale, New Hampshire, effective at noon on Wednesday, November 3, 1971 at which time you will relinquish your duties and responsibilities as temporary administrator of Saint Joseph Parish.

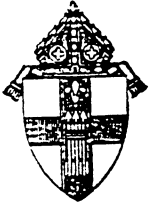
May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for a job well done during your assignment at St. Joseph Parish.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

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CHANCERY OFFICE
153 ASH STREET
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
03105

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DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Oct. 5

Bishop:

Ray Laffariere was in today. He asked me to tell you that he would be most interested in St. Francis Xavier in Nashua. He would welcome the challenge of a larger, busier parish. He feels that after 5 years of relative quiet in Hinsdale, ~~xxx~~ a more active life would be good for his priesthood. He claims to know alot about St. Francis and is acquainted with a good number of its parishoners.

If, for some reason, St. Francis is given to someone esle, he would be happy to consider moving to another parish that might be open at this time, feeling that a move would be good for him at this particular moment.

Frank

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November 29, 1978

Rev. Raymond H. Laferriere
St. Joseph Rectory
Prospect Street
Riversdale, N. H. 03451

Dear Father Laferriere:

Father Christian¹ informed me of your interest in St. Francis ~~parish~~ parish in Nashua. I delayed answering you personally because the parish was not open and only became so with the death of Father Dupont who had served so faithfully the people in Nashua even in his final sickness and death.

I would be most happy to discuss this matter with you, and I would like you to make an appointment with me through Father Ham for a mutually agreeable time within the next week.

With prayerful good wishes,

Sincerely in Christ,

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Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester

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May 25, 1981

Ms. Agnes Donnelly
State Secretary
New Hampshire State Circle
Daughters of Isabella
8 Rowell Place
Lancaster, New Hampshire 03584

Dear Agnes:

In response to your letter of May 18th, and given the assurance that he is willing to accept the office, I am pleased to appoint the Reverend Raymond Laferriere as State Chaplain of the New Hampshire State Circle of the Daughters of Isabella.

It is my prayer that his work with you will be spiritually beneficial for all of you and a true help in your continuing work for the Church.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

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Unity - Friendship - Charity

8 Rowell Place
Lancaster, N. H. 03584
May 18, 1981

Bishop Odore Gendron
Bishop's House
657 River Road
Manchester, N. H. 03105

Your Excellency,

Since Father Lawrence Lennon has been transferred to St. Michaels in Exeter, he feels he does not have the time to continue to serve as our State Chaplain. We have enjoyed our association with Father Len and are sorry he can not continue. Father Lennon's term expires June 14, 1981.

Our State Regent, Mrs. Estelle Gauthier, has talked with Father Raymond Laferriere of St. Joan of Arc in Alton, who is the uncle of one of our members, and he has expressed his desire to join us as State Chaplain. We submit his name to you for your approval.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Agnes Donnelly

Agnes Donnelly

State Secretary

New Hampshire State Circle

Daughters of Isabella

May 6, 1988

Rev. Raymond H. Laferriere
St. Anthony Rectory
172 Belmont Street
Manchester, NH 03103

Dear Father Laferriere:

Subsequent to your letter of May 4, 1998, and in accordance with the diocesan policy on the retirement of priests, I hereby grant you permission to formally retire from priestly ministry effective July 16, 1998. I would ask you to be in touch both with Monsignor Olkovikas in regard to your retirement benefits, and Father Arsenault in regard to your health insurance, prior to that date.

I am most grateful to you, Ray, for all the dedicated priestly ministry you have done for these many years. You have certainly touched the lives of countless people in the name of the Lord, and I'm sure that they praise God for your ministry. I am delighted to hear that you will continue to serve God's people as you are now doing for as long as that is possible for you.

Please be assured of my prayers for you in the weeks and months ahead. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Auxiliary Bishop of Manchester

St. Anthony Rectory
172 Belmont, St.
Manchester, N.H. 03103
May 4, 1998

Most Rev. Francis J. Christian,
Priest Personnel Board
Chancery Office
153 Ash, St.
P.O. Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Bishop Christian and Members of the Personnel Board,

For reasons of health I would like to retire. On July 16, 1998 I will be 68 years old.

Doctors Rene Lambert and Douglas Lane, psychiatrists and Dr. Joseph Savage internist are all in agreement that I cannot expect any drastic change.

When I resigned as pastor of St. Charles, Dover in 1992 I was living with the hope that in time with a balanced diet and physical exercise I would get better. There has been very little change. I still exercise and watch my diet even if it is not rewarding at all.

I would hope that Father Charles DesRuisseaux would be willing to let me remain in residence with the arrangement that we now have. And I hope that I may continue to minister in the Diocese with my limitations, and continue to help on week-ends as I am now doing.

Thanking you in advance for your understanding and consideration.

Sincerely and Respectfully Yours,


Rev. Raymond Laferriere

Saint Anthony Parish

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172 BELMONT STREET • MANCHESTER, N. H. 03103 • PHONE 625-6409

October 15, 1992

Most Rev. Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Bishop's House
657 River Road
Manchester, N. H. 03104

Dear Bishop Leo,

Having prayed, shared, listened and considered what is in the best interest for St. Charles Parish in Dover, resigning as pastor seems the most reasonable decision to make. The administration of a parish at this time, in my present state of mind and body, is too stressful.

I am grateful for your support, encouragement and kindness. Your compassion is greatly appreciated. I'm grateful to God for the genuine care that you extend to all of your brother priests in our Diocese.

St. Charles is just about ready to start its celebration of a hundred years of existence, a centennial that will be marked with special events every month of the year in '93. It is proper that it should have a pastor for this memorable year.

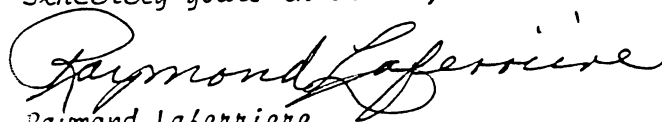
I'm grateful to Fr. Armand Turgeon and Sr. Cecile Chouinard, SJD for their presence at St. Charles Rectory, during my absence since September 22.

I'm indebted also to Fr. Dan Lamothe who, as dean, has done a marvelous job of trying to keep the parish going well. He was very tactful in speaking with some of our good parishioners. He is respected by these people who saw him as a person wanting what is best for St. Charles.

There are two possibilities that I have considered: 1) Staying with Fr. Roger Bilodeau at Sacred Heart in Laconia, or, 2) staying here at St. Anthony's with Fr. Charles DesRuisseaux. I have not yet spoken to Fr. Charles but I shall do so as soon as he returns from his Pilgrimage. I would prefer staying here since my two doctors are located in Manchester and it is also my hometown. I had already spoken to Fr. Roger about staying in Laconia starting in December. From now till June, if you agree, I could replace priests for week-end ministry in various parishes. In June, also if you agree, I would like to be assigned to a parish as a senior priest.

If I'm to return to full ministry, I pray and hope I will, I have to regain what I have lost. I will continue to see Dr. Lambert on a regular basis. I will follow the physical program and dietary regime suggested by Dr. Savage. In the past I have never taken time to exercise physically the way I should have. "A sound mind in a sound body" will allow me also to grow spiritually. My daily prayer life will improve. No doubt with God's help I will be the happy priest I was for so many years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Raymond Laferriere

FR. R. Laferriere

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

October 27, 1992

Rev. Raymond Laferriere
St. Anthony Rectory
172 Belmont St.
Manchester, N.H. 03103

Dear Ray:

With great reservation, I accept your request to resign as Pastor of St. Charles Parish, Dover, effective immediately.

It is only because I agree with your doctor, that the burden of administration would seriously impair your health, that I think you should be relieved of your present responsibilities.

You are a good priest. You clearly show that you love your ministry and the Church. You certainly have fought the good fight. Despite poor health, you have always carried your load.

Raymond, you know I wish you well. I will be eager to see you return to active ministry once your health has been restored. In the meantime, keep in touch. Anything we can do to help you will be done.

I thank you for your dedicated service to God and His people and I ask the Lord's continued blessing on you.

Your friend,

+ Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester

Fr. Raymond Ferrucci

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

January 19, 1995

Rev. Raymond H. Laferriere
St. Anthony of Padua Rectory
172 Belmont St.
Manchester, NH 03103

Dear Ray:

Thank you for the note which you enclosed with your Personnel Profile and the copy of an up-to-date evaluation from Dr. Lambert. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness in sending them to me.

Please keep me in your prayers. Know that you are in mine.

Your friend in Christ,

+ Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester

172 BELMONT ST
MANCHESTER, NH 03103
JAN. 13, 1995

Dear Bishop Leo,

What I would like to do and what I am able to do are two different situations altogether.

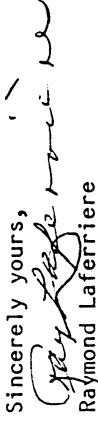
Even after being faithful to my daily exercise program, I'm still not up to par, but I'm staying with it.

In time, I pray that God will bless me with reasonable good-health. However, I must say that even if it is in a very limited way, I'm grateful for the little that I do for the Church. I'm not completely out of it, thank God.

Enclosed please find an up-to-date evaluation from Dr. Lambert.

Kindly keep me in your prayers and I keep you in mine.

Sincerely yours,


Raymond Laferriere