


ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Vicar for Administration

Office of: _____

TO: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
FROM: Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Cistone 
DATE: March 21, 2000
RE: Office for Communications - Writer
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The Office for Communications has been trying to identify a "writer" for their office with little success. You will recall that last year they hired Larry Doherty; however, he lasted only 6 weeks. They have one possible candidate; however, he is a laicized priest. Although in good standing with the Church and with a favorable letter from Monsignor Flood, his Pastor, Monsignor Palmieri (who is on the search committee) and I prefer not to go this route.

On several occasions, the Office for Communications has inquired about the availability of Father Delli Carpini for this position. Presently, Father Delli Carpini works under the supervision of Monsignor Palmieri. However, he has been doing a great deal of writing for Cathy Rossi, e.g. your Millennium Minutes and miscellaneous articles, in addition to the many homilies and talks he prepares for your use. He only comes into the office building on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Monsignors Lynn and Palmieri believe that even though Father Delli Carpini does a great deal of work, he could be doing much more. He continues to do well at the Cabrini Home as chaplain. Monsignor Lynn is concerned that it will not be healthy for him and could create problems if he has too much time on his hands.

We would like to assign Father Delli Carpini to work in the Office for Communications as a writer. There is office space available for him there and the Office for Communications would assume his salary. We envision that he would continue to be under the supervision of Monsignor Palmieri for purposes of his "personal" issues and continue to assist him on a few Chancery projects. However, he would be accountable the remainder of the time to writing projects for you and for the Office for Communications. For public information, Father Delli Carpini would still be assisting Monsignor Palmieri. There would be no need to publicize the assignment as "writer." (Regarding your previous concern about his mentioning that he writes for you, we were able to address this matter with Father Delli Carpini discreetly, without any reference to your having raised the issue.)

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A memo to Cardinal Bevilacqua regarding Fr. Delli Carpini. In a handwritten note at the end, the Cardinal approves hiring the admitted child molester to write sermons and speeches for the Cardinal and work in the Archdiocese office of communications. The memo describes how the priest's role will be hidden from the public. GJ-2490

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Cathy Rossi understands that for "priest personnel" reasons, Monsignor Palmieri would remain his supervisor. She has no difficulty with this arrangement.

We have made no mention of this possible assignment to Father Delli Carpini. We wished to present it to you first for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That Father Delli Carpini be assigned part time to the Office for Communications as writer, under the conditions outlined by Monsignors Lynn and Palmieri and that Monsignor Palmieri remain his supervisor for clergy personnel reasons.

Approved
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