

MEMORANDUM

TO: File – ROBERT E. DENSMORE
FROM: Brenda M. Blonigen, Sergeant *BMB/53*
RE: DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER – Follow-up
DATE: August 23, 2002

I conducted a search of State Police On-Line Communication System (SPOTS) in an attempt to locate [REDACTED], who is the person that supposedly lived with DENSMORE as a young teenager. I located a [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. I called that number and spoke with a male who identified himself as [REDACTED]. I told him that I was looking for a [REDACTED] that lived in the New London area of the state. [REDACTED] told me that he grew up in Gilford, New Hampshire and was nowhere near New London. This was the only [REDACTED] that was listed in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont or Massachusetts.

I conducted a search via SPOTS looking for [REDACTED] who was mentioned in a personal/confidential memorandum from the Diocese dated February 24, 1993 as being a person from Charlestown, which was a part of DENSMORE's first referral to St. Luke's. I located a [REDACTED]. I called that number and received a recording that the number was out of service. I called and spoke with [REDACTED] to find out if she were related to [REDACTED] and she told me that she was not. She also told me that she had forgotten to mention her other son [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] whom she said was currently residing with her. She said that she thought that maybe the [REDACTED] could have been mistaken for [REDACTED].

MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

PERSON INTERVIEWED: [REDACTED]

PLACE OF INTERVIEW:

Rockingham County Sheriff's Department
101 North Road
Brentwood, NH 03833

DATE OF INTERVIEW:

August 22, 2002

PERSON INTERVIEWING:

Brenda M. Blonigen, Sergeant *BMB/83*

RE:

ROBERT E. DENSMORE

[REDACTED]
interviewed relative to being the victim of abuse by DENSMORE.

On Thursday, August 22, 2002 I spoke with [REDACTED] at the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department regarding abuse. [REDACTED] told me that ROBERT DENSMORE abused him when he was six years old, seven years old and eight years old. He told me that this occurred while DENSMORE was a priest at Our Lady of Fatima in New London. [REDACTED] said that his mother had [REDACTED] children, [REDACTED] boys and [REDACTED] girls and DENSMORE used to baby-sit the boys a lot. [REDACTED] told me that during the time that he knew DENSMORE it was evident that DENSMORE had little patience and no interest in his sisters, but always had interest in him and his brothers.

[REDACTED] joined the military [REDACTED]. After he got out of the military he met someone and he found out that a priest had abused this person. [REDACTED] told me that it was at this point that he realized that some of the problems that he was having was due to the fact that he had been abused by DENSMORE. [REDACTED] told me that it was about that time that he started going to a counselor who helped him deal with many issues.

[REDACTED] told me that the abuse that DENSMORE would put them through was a lot of fondling. He told me that DENSMORE used to give him and his brothers baths and DENSMORE would fondle their private areas when he would bath them. [REDACTED] said that DENSMORE would also fondle them while they were in bed sleeping with him (DENSMORE). [REDACTED] told me that DENSMORE would always have him and his brother [REDACTED] sleep in the same bed as he (DENSMORE) did when they would stay over night at DENSMORE's home. [REDACTED] said that the only time that they would not sleep in the

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same bed was when there were other adults or teenagers around. He said that if there were teenagers around then the teenagers would sleep in the same room as DENSMORE. He told me that there were times that him [REDACTED] and his brother would stay at "Popsie's" summer cabin with DENSMORE and "Popsie". [REDACTED] said that "Popsie" was a retired priest whom he does not know his real name, he has only heard him referred to as this.

[REDACTED] told me that when they would go to bed him [REDACTED] and his brother [REDACTED] would have to sleep in the same bed as DENSMORE. [REDACTED] told me that him and his brother used to play sort of a game of jumping over each other before they went to sleep. [REDACTED] said that whoever was closest to DENSMORE would be the one that was fondled during the night so what they would do is jump over the other one so that they would be as far from DENSMORE as possible. [REDACTED] said that him and his brother would do this until one was so close to the wall that the other one couldn't jump any more.

I asked [REDACTED] why the abuse stopped on him and he told me that when he was about eight years old he had a neighbor by the name of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told me that he [REDACTED] would go over to [REDACTED] house and do work for him around the house. [REDACTED] told me that because of this he [REDACTED] would be allowed to stay at [REDACTED] house so he no longer had to go to DENSMORE's. [REDACTED] told me that he felt so guilty for this because his brother [REDACTED] still had to go to DENSMORE's. [REDACTED] told me that this guilt followed him for a long time and the therapist that he worked with helped him to realize that it was a self-survival for a child and that he had nothing to feel guilty about. [REDACTED] told me that he [REDACTED] has spoke with his brother [REDACTED], whom he is positive was abused by DENSMORE, but [REDACTED] has not admitted it yet.

[REDACTED] told me that on February 23, 1993 him and his mother went to the Manchester Diocese and spoke with CHRISTIAN. He told me that he doesn't remember all of the conversation, but he certainly told CHRISTIAN what had happened to him at the hands of DENSMORE. [REDACTED] told me that the spirit of the meeting with CHRISTIAN was pretty much the same as the agreement that was later sent to him [REDACTED] in the mail. [REDACTED] told me that he could not remember the exact conversations and he really doesn't want to say that they asked him not to go to the civil or law enforcement authorities because he has read the letter and agreement so many times that he may be confused with what was said and what is actually in the letter.

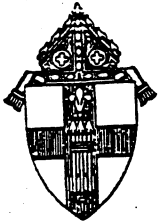
[REDACTED] told me that he [REDACTED] also went to visit DENSMORE at the "pedophile house in Manchester". I asked him why he called it that and he told me that it was a rectory house on Beech Street in Manchester that is across the street from the church. [REDACTED] told me that this is where the Diocese sends priests that are molesting children to help them "heal". [REDACTED] told me that DENSMORE lived on the second floor of the building. He said that it was a dark and dingy room that was deserving of him to live in. [REDACTED] told me that

DENSMORE really never admitted to doing anything to him he just said to him that he (DENSMORE) could feel his [REDACTED] pain. [REDACTED] told me that after this meeting with DENSMORE he (DENSMORE) wrote a letter to him [REDACTED] told me that he still has that letter. He said that his mother actually has it because his mother went with [REDACTED] to visit with DENSMORE this year and he [REDACTED] gave her the letter so that she could possibly confront DENSMORE with.

[REDACTED] had original letters that were sent to him by CHRISTIAN along with the agreement. He also had a copy of a letter that he [REDACTED] sent to the Diocese. I took those originals and made copies of them. I did not take the originals because [REDACTED] stores them in a safe deposit box. [REDACTED] told me that his intentions when he went to the Diocese were very clearly spelled out in the letter that he wrote to them.

[REDACTED] told me that he has spoke with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] about abuse by DENSMORE and both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] told him [REDACTED] that they were abused by DENSMORE. [REDACTED] was interviewed, see Memorandum to File dated 19 February 2002. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] younger brother [REDACTED] was also abused by DENSMORE. I told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] did not wish to speak with us so far and that we had concerns about [REDACTED] younger brother. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] continued going to DENSMORE's house after he became legal age. [REDACTED] told me that [REDACTED] used to take money from DENSMORE. He said that there were many times that [REDACTED] would get a loan from DENSMORE knowing that he was never going to pay it back. I asked [REDACTED] about his brother [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] had denied any abuse. [REDACTED] told me that he is pretty certain that DENSMORE abused [REDACTED] because they would play that game of jumping in bed because they knew what would happen. [REDACTED] told me that he would speak with [REDACTED] and also [REDACTED] to see if they will speak with me.

I asked [REDACTED] if he would give me a taped statement as to what he told me and he said that he really did not wish to do that at this point but would certainly think about it.



Secretariat for Pastoral Services
Diocese of Manchester

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March 11, 1993

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for coming to meet with me on February 23rd. It is certainly very important for the Diocese to be aware of any and all cases of clergy misbehavior, and it is urgent that we be aware of situations involving child abuse. I am most grateful to you, as a result, for bringing to my attention the situation you described regarding Father Robert Densmore's involvement with you and your brother in the early 1970s. I would like to share with you what I have done in response to our meeting.

First of all, I met at some length with Father Densmore. As I shared with you during our conversations, it is important for a priest who has had a problem in the past to not forget what has happened. Being reminded of the pain he has caused is a reinforcement to assist him to not repeat the same sort of behavior. As you know, when the Diocese first became aware of Father Densmore's drinking and sexual addictions, he was required to go into inpatient therapy at Saint Luke's Institute for a period of approximately eight months, where he dealt extensively with these problems. In my recent conversation with Father Densmore he repeatedly reiterated how that therapy and the follow-up therapy he has been required to undergo has been extremely helpful to him and enabled him to live soberly and chastely. He obviously is saddened by whatever pain he has caused you. He sincerely hopes that the therapy you have been undergoing will continue to be helpful to you, and while he cannot turn back the clock he recognizes his responsibility and sincerely wishes and prays for your forgiveness and your recovery. I strongly reminded Father Densmore of the conditions under which he is allowed to do any priestly ministry in the Diocese, i.e., that he will never again function in parish ministry, and at the recommendation of Saint Luke's Institute can be allowed to work in hospital or institutional ministry only as long as he does not drink and/or fall back into previous patterns of behavior. He clearly knows that any repetition of that behavior will lead to his loss of the right to function as a priest.

As a result of our meeting I also have been in contact with the therapy team at Saint Luke's Institute which treated Father Densmore during his stay there and continues to monitor him in after care. They, of course, are aware of his previous addictive problems but are grateful to be able to continually confront him with those problems and thereby encourage his sobriety and his sexual control.

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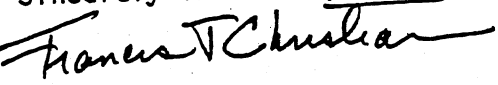
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As I stated to you during our meeting, you undoubtedly deserve reimbursement for your counseling expenses. That reimbursement will be made in full, according to the charges you shared with me. Father Densmore has agreed to pay these charges by reimbursing the Diocese in an appropriate sum monthly until the charges are paid off. As I shared with you, it is normal in instances of such compensation to an injured party that the party acknowledge the reception of such compensation and appropriately release the party paying the damages from future liability in regard to the facts for which compensation is being made. I enclose a sample release form in this regard for your consideration. We can certainly discuss the wording if you have any problems with it.

In closing, may I again thank you for the fact that you have approached the Diocese in this regard. I know that your pain and personal injury has been a difficult burden to carry, and I am grateful that it has not prevented you from doing everything you have done to both help yourself and make sure that Father Densmore cannot harm any other child.

I will await word from you to perhaps set up another meeting to discuss the next step in this process.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,


(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor

BMB/83

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AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

In consideration of the payment by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, of the amount of \$2,110.50, the undersigned agrees that no claims will be brought against the said Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester or any of its instrumentalities on account of any events involving the undersigned of any nature prior to this date. The undersigned releases the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester from any claims of liability on account of any such matters.

The parties agree to keep the nature of any discussions between them and the nature of any matters discussed confidential.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto set their hands and seals this ____ day of _____, 1993.

Witness

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
a corporation sole

Witness

By: _____
duly authorized

April 29, 1993

[Redacted]

Monsignor Francis J. Christian
Secretariat for Pastoral Services
Diocese Of Manchester
153 Ash Street, PO Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Sir;

I received your letter and 'Agreement and Release' form sometime ago. I offer no apologies for the lapsed time.

Having asked me (as a condition of the 'Agreement and Release') to 'keep the nature of any discussions...confidential' has made quite clear to me your neglect to appreciate what happened to me.

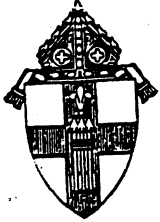
Some twenty years ago Father Densmore said to me '...this is what the big boys do...' and made it easy for me to understand that I need not tell anyone. This in a sense was a 'code of silence' I lived with.

I know all too painfully how destructive silence is. Silence empowers an abuser and weakens the abused.

My silence has ended!

I will not sign an 'Agreement and Release' requesting I be silent.

[Redacted]



Secretariat for Pastoral Services
Diocese of Manchester

BMB/83

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May 10, 1993

[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]:

I have received your letter of April 29 and have considered its contents. I understand your concern with your perceived need not to consider yourself to have compromised your principles in this matter and would like to explain the requests which were contained in my letter.

Basically, we believe Fr. Densmore has made significant progress in his life as you have in yours. As you know, he has admitted his problems and sought help for them. Making those problems public would destroy his ability to contribute further and would affect his problems. Your coming forward has been helpful and we trust has helped you. Should Father Densmore ever engage in destructive behavior, we would want you to come forward with that information, either to us or to the appropriate authorities. However, going public now with the events about which we have corresponded would not only put you in a compromising position due to the publicity, but would also jeopardize Fr. Densmore's limited ministry, to no constructive end.

It is for these reasons alone that we sought the confidentiality agreement. Should you wish to discuss these more fully, I would be pleased to sit down with you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Francis J. Christian

(Msgr.) Francis J. Christian
Secretary
Chancellor

Dennis Moore

FULL NAME: ROBERT JOSEPH DENSMORE

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: CLAREMONT Aug. 19, 1932

DATE AND PLACE OF ORDINATION: DEC. 20, 1961 - St. Peter's, Rome

NAME OF ORDAINING BISHOP: MARTIN J. O'CONNOR - Tit. Abp. of

DATE OF INCARDINATION (IF EXTERN): LAODICEA IN SYRIA, Rector of North American College

SCHOOLS ATTENDED: YEARS ATTENDANCE:

Elementary: ST. MARY'S 1938-1944

High School: STEVENS JR. + SR 1944-1950

College: HOLY CROSS, WORCESTER 1950-1954

Seminaries: Pontifical North American College, Rome - 1958-1962

Postgraduate:

ACADEMIC DEGREES (When and Where Obtained): A.B. - Holy Cross S.T.B. - Rome

APPOINTMENTS AS ASSISTANT (When and Where Appointed): Our Lady of Fatima, New London June 1962

APPOINTMENTS AS PASTOR (When and Where Appointed):

DIOCESAN OFFICES (What, When Appointed and Time of Service):

DIOCESAN CHAPLAINCIES (What and When Held):

CIVIL - STATE APPOINTMENTS OR OFFICES:

ECCLESIASTICAL HONORS (What and When Obtained):

IMMEDIATE RELATIVES (Names and Addresses): Mother - CATHERINE R. DENSMORE 10 BAILEY AVE. CLAREMONT

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT (Where Deposited and Name of Executor):

If convenient, please include a photo (glossy print) of Reverend Father for future publicity purposes.



STATEMENT OF CREDITS

This certifies that **Robert Clifton Densmore**
of (home address) _____
was admitted to the College of the Holy Cross on **September 20, 1950**
as a candidate for the degree of **Bachelor of Arts** by **XXXXXXX** certification
from the **Stevens High** School.

ENTRANCE UNITS														
English			Italian			Biology			Foreign History					
Latin	4		Algebra	2		Chemistry			World History			Science		
Greek			Plane Geom.	1		Physics		1	Med. History					
French	2		Solid Geom.	1		Am. History			Contemp.					
German			Trigonometry	1		Medieval Hist.			Prod. of Dance					
Spanish			Gen. Science	2		XXXXX History		1	Economics					

COLLEGE RECORD (For description of courses, please consult the College Catalogue)											
	1st SEM.		2nd SEM.			1st SEM.		2nd SEM.			
	CRED.	GRADE	CRED.	GRADE		CRED.	GRADE	CRED.	GRADE		
Terms 1950-1951						Terms 1952-1953					
Lat 1-2	Literature	4	B	4	B	Phil 41	Logic	3	B+		
Greek 1-2	Elementary Greek	3	A	3	B+	Phil 42	Epistemology	3	B+		
Eng 3	Lit. Poetry, Versif.	3	B+	3	B+	Phil 43	Ontology			3	B
Hist 2	European History	3	B	3	A	Phil 44	Cosmology			3	B+
Rel 1	Fund. Apologetics	2	A			Rel 45	God the Redeemer	2	B		
Rel 2	Church of Christ			2	B+	Rel 46	God & Redemption			2	B+
Fren 15	Intermediate French	3	A	3	B+	Chem 41	General Chemistry	3	B	3	A
						Eng 41	Survey Eng; Lit.	3	A	3	A
						Eng 71-2	Mod. Brit. & Irish Literature	3	A	3	A
Terms 1951-1952						Terms 1953-1954					
Lat 21	Cicero & Tacitus	3	B+			Phil 51	Natural Theology	2	B+		
Lat 22	Cicero, Horace, Juv.			3	A	Phil 52	Fund. Psychology	2	D		
Greek 17-8	Intermediate Greek	3	B+	3	A	Phil 53-4	Adv. Psychology			4	B
Eng 22	Rhet. & Shakespeare	3	B	3	B+	Phil 55	General Ethics	4	A		
Hist 22	Pol. Cul. Hist. of Eur.	3	A	3	A	Phil 56	Special Ethics			4	A
Rel 23	God and Creation	2	B			Rel 57	Unity & Trinity	2	A		
Rel 24	Elev. & Fall of Man			2	C	Rel 58	Matrimony			2	A
Fren 24	Advanced French	3	A	3	A	Eng 81	Chaucer	3	B+		
						Eng 82	Creative Writing			3	A
						Eng 63	American Prosa	3	A	3	A

System of Grading: A and B+, Honor Grades; C+, Recommendation Grade; D, Passing Grade, Credit for Course; E, Conditional Failure; F, Unconditional Failure; I, Semester's work incomplete; Absent from semester examination; X, Conditional Failure removed by examination.

Credits required for degree _____ Remarks: **Awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts "Magna Cum Laude".**

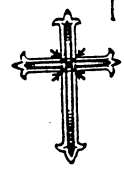
Total Semester Hours Credit _____
Date of Degree **June 9, 1954**

Bernard J. McManus
Registrar

DATE **JUN 20 1958**

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Certificate of Baptism



Church of

St. Mary

Claremont, N.H.

— This is to Certify —

That Robert Clifton Densmore

Child of Alfred J. Densmore

and Catherine Rainville

born in Claremont, N.H. (CITY) (STATE)

on the 19 day of August 19 32

was Baptized

on the 27 day of August 19 32

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. Arthur L Massicotte

the Sponsors being { Arthur N. Rainville
Hoey E. Kelley

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated July 4 1955

Arthur L. Massicotte
Pastor

Robert C. Denmore
Disbursing Office
Naval Air Station
Patuxent River
Md.

WHOLESALE GROCERS
CLAREMONT, N. H.

April 23, 1956

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancery Office
145 Lowell Street
Manchester
New Hampshire

Dear Monsignor Hansberry:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 20th. I was very glad to hear from you and I am forwarding same to Bob today.

Regarding news concerning Bob: I am attaching copy of his letter which he sent to Senator Bridges recently. I think this is self-explanatory and will convey to you more than I could tell you.

As you will gather from the letter, we felt that Senator Bridges did what he could for Bob last year. However, with the enlistments running as sparse as they were at that time, and the necessity for the Navy to draft men, which is very much against their policy, it seemed that it was almost an impossibility to release a man. However, I understand now that the quota is back to normal and the manpower situation is greatly improved, all of which makes me hopeful.

I might also add that Bob had a reply from Senator Bridges to the attached copy, which was mailed to Claremont and which I have forwarded to Bob so I am unable to send you a copy. It was a very favorable reply and promised help when Bob entered application for his release which he is in the process of doing now.

I feel that the fact that he has completed two of his four-year enlistment may be of some help this year, as two years represent what he would have to normally serve had he been drafted.

We will keep you posted on any proceedings, and I know that you will remember us in your prayers to this end.

Most sincerely

C. E. Densmore

April 20, 1956

Mrs. Catherine Densmore
10 Bailey Avenue
Claremont, N. H.

Dear Mrs. Densmore:

This will be just a brief letter to ask for news concerning Robert. I have not had an opportunity to visit Claremont since last we met or I would have phoned you.

I hope that all is well with you and your family. We presume that efforts to get Bob out of the Navy and into a seminary have failed. However, he must have completed a good portion of his "hitch" by this time and we hope that he has persevered in his desire to study for the priesthood.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

August 19, 1957

Mr. Robert C. Densmore
10 Bailey Avenue
Claremont, New Hampshire

Dear Bob,

I was just about to write to you when His Excellency told me that he had received a letter from you. I had hoped you would be released from the service in time to enter a seminary this fall, but it appears that you have another year in the Navy.

You are carried on our books as officially accepted as a candidate for the priesthood in this diocese. This means that you will be assigned to a recognized seminary automatically next summer, unless you change your mind in the meantime. Since this is your status, the Bishop feels that it is not necessary to interview you at this time, so you will be saved a trip to Manchester. If you are down this way, however, I hope you will drop in for a visit. I would be happy to see you at any time.

With personal best wishes to you and your family, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

10 Bailey Avenue
Claremont, N.H.
August 17, 1957

Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

You will perhaps remember me as having sought, two years ago, acceptance as a candidate for the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester, contingent upon the completion of my military service. Your generous and gracious treatment of me at that time was and is greatly appreciated.

My pastor, Father John J. McCarthy, has suggested that I contact you at this time and seek a personal interview with you. Since the date of expiration of my military service is August 30, 1958, which will leave little time for any extensive planning at that time next year, he feels that it would be advantageous for me to meet you now, in order that any preliminary steps which you might wish to take may be taken.

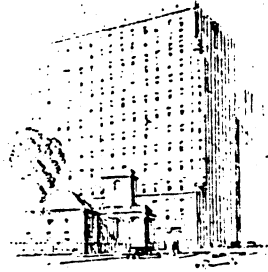
I shall be in New Hampshire until August 31st, and could come to Manchester any time before that date. If this meets with your approval, would you kindly advise me as to when you could receive me.

Asking your Excellency's blessing, I am

Yours respectfully,

Robert C. Densmore

Robert C. Densmore



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Parker House
SCHOOL and TREMONT STREETS
BOSTON 7, MASS.
CLENWOOD J. SHERRARD
President

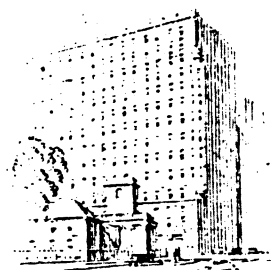
Feb. 7, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Msgr.

Thank you very much for your reply to my letter of last August. It has been very discourteous of me not to reply sooner, but somehow my good intentions were lost in the confusion of all the things which can happen during a very short leave.

Mother has just told me that she will be in Manchester

on business this coming
Tuesday, and that she would
please to see you for a few
moments. Therefore, I am
giving her this note to take
to you, because I want to
reaffirm my very sincere de-
sire to enter the seminary
this fall, as a candidate
for the Novice. I feel that,
along with possession of the
necessary qualifications of course,
a firm desire for, and an
inclination to, the priestly life
is an important sign of a
vocation, and I am happy



Parker House

SCHOOL and TREMONT STREETS
BOSTON 7, MASS.

GLENWOOD J. SHERRARD
President

to report that God in His
goodness still is pleased to
favor me with His desire
and inclination.

Although the national
scene (military) is still rather
unsettled, it seems most
likely at the present time that
I will not be released from
active duty until August 30th
of this year. This letter,
therefore, is written with

Two intentions: First, to tell you that I still very definitely wish to study for the priesthood, and second, to tell you when I will be available.

I feel sure that, knowing these facts, you will let me know what the next step is, when the proper time arrives.

With kindest regards to His Excellency the Bishop and yourself, and begging the blessing of you both, I am

yours most sincerely,
Bob Deusmore

February 4, 1958

Mr. Robert C. Densmore
Disbursing Office
Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Md.

Dear Bob,

Many thanks for your letter which your mother left with me this morning. It is good to know that you will be released from the Navy in August. In view of this news, we shall place you on the list of those to be assigned to First Theology in September.

Since the seminaries are very crowded, I hope that we shall be able to make our assignments early in the summer. We had to hold up some of them last year because the applications were received quite late, so we had a bit of difficulty. You will be informed as soon as possible in order that you may be able to make the necessary arrangements for the G. I. Bill benefits.

In order to complete your file, we should like to have the following:

- 1) Letter of recommendation from your pastor.
- 2) Letter of recommendation from Holy Cross College.
- 3) Statement from you as to:
 - a) any indebtedness for education;
 - b) affiliation with another diocese or religious society.
- 4) Statement from your mother to the effect that there is no insanity or epilepsy in your family.

I believe that these items will complete the documentation. If you are given a medical check-up when you are released from the Navy, we should like a copy of the report. Otherwise, we shall send you one of our forms to be filled out by the examining physician.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

Diocese of Manchester

Sels. 1133

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SEMINARY

I.

- 1 Name? { Give all names in full, not initials } Robert Clifton Densmore
- 2 Residence? { Street and Number Town or City } 10 Bailey Avenue, Claremont, N.H.
- 3 In what Parish? St. Mary, Claremont, N.H.
- 4 Birthplace: Where? Claremont, N.H. When? { Full date of Birth } August 19, 1932
- 5 If not born in Diocese of Manchester, when did you locate permanently in this Diocese? _____

☞ Enclose certificates of Baptism, Confirmation, and parents' marriage.

II.

- 1 In what schools did you receive Primary and Grammar education? St. Mary, 1938-44
Stevens Junior High, 1944-46

During what calendar years? _____ to _____ inclusive.

- 2 What High Schools or Preparatory Schools did you attend? Stevens High School

During what complete school years? 1946 to 1950 inclusive.

- 3 What College did you attend? Holy Cross

During what complete school years? 1950 to 1954 inclusive.

In what college grades? _____

- 4 During how many complete school years did you study Latin? 6 Greek? 2 yrs Philosophy? 2

- 5 What College Degrees did you obtain? BA

☞ Enclose High School or College reports for each year.

- 6 If your studies were notably interrupted, state when, for how long, why, and at what occupation.

U.S. Navy

III.

- 1 For what year of College, Philosophy, or Theology do you apply? First Theology

- 2 What Seminary would you prefer to enter? Pastor suggests N. Hamp. College, Rome because of suggestion of family + H.S. family

- 3 Can you provide for your tuition expenses? Yes

☞ Enclose the following:

- Recommendations from your Pastor and School or College Superiors.
- Statement from applicant concerning any indebtedness for education.
- Statement as to previous affiliation with other diocese or religious society.
- Report of complete physical examination by reputable physician.
- Statement from parents as to insanity or epilepsy in family.

STATE OF VERMONT

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City Rutland

Clerk's Office November 12, 1930

Certificate of Marriage

Declaration of Intention of Marriage

Full name of Groom (expectant) Alfred James Densmore

Place of residence West Claremont, NH Color White

Occupation Salesman Number of Marriage 1st Divorced

Place of birth West Claremont, NH Age in years 28

Father's name Clifton E. Densmore Birthplace West Claremont NH

Mother's name Florence C Whitney Birthplace No. Leominster, Mass.

Full name of Bride (expectant) Catherine Kelley Rainville

Maiden name, if widow or divorced

Place of residence Library Ave. 89 Rutland City, Vt.

Occupation Number of Marriage 1st Divorced

Place of Birth Rutland, Vermont Age in years 29

Father's name Arthur N. Rainville Birthplace Proctor, Vt.

Mother's name Johanna Kelley Birthplace Rutland, Vt.

I, the expectant Groom or Bride named in the foregoing declaration, hereby certify that the information given is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Catherine Kelley Rainville

(Expectant Groom or Bride)

St. Mary, Claremont
Densmore

July 13, 1955

Rev. John J. McCarthy
St. Mary Rectory
Claremont, N. H.

Re: Robert C. Densmore

Dear Father McCarthy:

We have been informed by the Military Ordinariate that the Armed Forces take a dim view of releasing boys in the service for seminary studies. In particular the Navy requires that the full tour of duty be served before it will allow one of its members to go on inactive duty. Hence, it appears that Robert Densmore will be obliged to serve out his full tour of duty before being eligible for the seminary.

With regret and best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Mansberry
Chancellor

WHOLESALE GROCERS
CLAREMONT, N. H.

July 28, 1955

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady
Bishop's House
657 River Road
Manchester
New Hampshire

Your Excellency:

I wish to thank you for the statement which you left me to take to Senator Bridges.

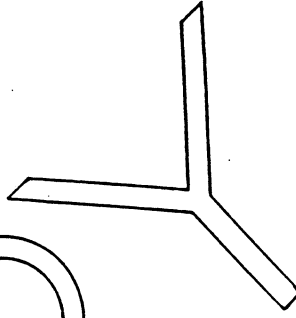
I flew to Washington July 21 and was most graciously received by the Senator. He said he was glad I came direct to him and that he would do everything in his power to help, and I think he will. At the same time, he reminded me that it was a pretty tough job to get anyone out of the Navy. He ordered photostatic copies made of your statement.

He feels that this is not the time for him to act, but when Bob returns to the States in August and applies for release, he will no doubt be refused and that is where he will step in. At that time, he will confer with Secretary of the Navy Thomas, and Chief of Naval Personnel, Hallaway.

Thanking you again, I remain

Gratefully yours

Catherine Densmore



Bishop of Manchester

This is to certify that Mr. Robert C. Bensmore of Claremont, N. H., has been accepted as a divinity student for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester in New Hampshire. It and when he is released from the armed services he will be assigned to a recognized divinity school for study and preparation for the ministry.

To whom it may concern:

July 20, 1955.

CATHERINE R. DENSMORE
10 BAILEY AVENUE
CLAREMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

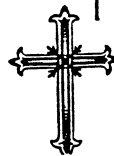
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

To the best of my knowledge, there has never
been any insanity or epilepsy in the Densmore or
Rainville families.

signed- Catherine R. Densmore

Certificate of Marriage



St. Peter's Church
RUTLAND, VT.

— This is to Certify —

That Alfred James Densmore

and Catherine Kelly Rainville

were lawfully *— Married —*

on the 22nd day of November 1930

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

and in conformity with the laws of

the State of Vermont

Rev. J. M. Brown officiating,

in the presence of Edward A. Sullivan

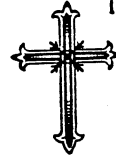
and Mary Frances Cawley Witnesses,

as appears from the Marriage Register of this Church.

Dated February 24, 1958.

William A. Crowley
Pastor

Certificate of Baptism



Church of

St. Mary

Claremont, N.H.

— This is to Certify —

That Robert Clayton Densmore

Child of Alfred J. Densmore

and Satherine Rainville

born in Claremont N.H.
(CITY) (STATE)

on the 19 day of August 1952

was **Baptized**

on the 27 day of August 1952

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. Arthur L. Massicotte

the Sponsors being { Arthur N. Rainville
Joey E. Kelley

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated March 21-1958

John John Carby
Pastor

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

5 March 1958

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor, Diocese of Manchester
Chancery Office
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Monsignor Hansberry:

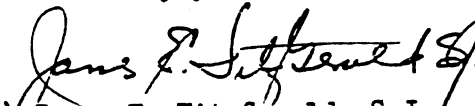
Robert Clifton Densmore, 10 Bailey Avenue, Claremont, N. H., is applying for admission to the seminary and has requested me to forward a letter of recommendation.

Mr. Densmore enrolled at Holy Cross in September 1950, and was graduated on 19 June with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude. He had a general academic average of 87.7, and ranked 34th in a class of 413. As his record indicates, he was well above average in ability and achievement. He was a serious-minded, cooperative student with broad intellectual interests and well developed cultural tastes.

Mr. Densmore was an even tempered, personable young man of excellent character and exemplary conduct, both on and off the campus. He made many friends on campus among his fellow students and faculty, and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

I am happy to recommend him as an excellent candidate for the seminary.

Sincerely yours in Christ


(Rev.) James E. FitzGerald, S.J.
Dean

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ST. MARY RECTORY
32 PEARL ST.
CLAREMONT, N. H.

March 29, 1958

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, DD
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

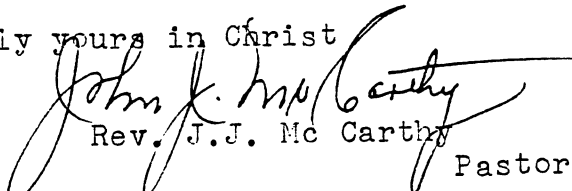
Your Excellency;

I am happy to recommend Robert Densmore who is seeking admission to a seminary to study for the priesthood.

I have known Robert Densmore since 1951. His personal character and general behaviour are beyond reproach. He is an exemplary Catholic boy. Attendance at mass, reception of the Sacraments is frequent. His four years at Holy Cross speak for themselves. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word, intelligent, respectful, responsive. He will use his talents profitably in the service of God

I trust that Your Excellency will consider him suitable material for the holy state of the priesthood.

Sincerely yours in Christ


Rev. J.J. Mc Carthy
Pastor

This is to certify that Robert Clifton Densmore (Give name in full) of Naval Air Station Patuxent River Maryland (Number and street) (City) (State) was born Aug. 19, 1932, at Claremont (City) Sullivan (County) N. H. (State) attended the Stevens High School of Claremont, New Hampshire from September, 1946 to June, 1950 and was graduated June 15, 1950 He was enrolled in this school eight semesters. Below is a correct statement of his record in Stevens High School. Signed by Edgar L. Lord Principal Official Position Dated March 14, 1958

Table with columns: SUBJECTS, Year Taken (1,2,3,4), No. of Weeks Pursued, No. of Periods per Week, Grade, Units of Credit. Rows include English (First-Fourth Year), Latin (First-Fourth Year), French (First-Fourth Year), German (First-Fourth Year), Spanish (First-Fourth Year), History (Ancient, Medieval and Modern, English, General, Citizenship, United States), Civics, Economics, Sociology, Other Subjects, Mathematics (Elementary Algebra, Advanced Algebra, Plane Geometry, Solid Geometry & Trig.), Science (Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Physiology, Physical Geography, General Science), Agriculture (First-Fourth Year), Bookkeeping (First-Fourth Year), Shorthand (First-Fourth Year), Typewriting (First-Fourth Year), Clothing, Foods, Drawing, Manual Training, Music, Other Subjects. Total Credits Earned: 17

No. 1 (from the top) in a class of 100 Seniors. Number of units of credit required for graduation 16 (Best student is rank 1, second best is rank 2, etc.)

Explanation of grading system if figures are not used. IN IGENCE { Name of Test Form No. Grade (9, 10, 11, 12) at test date. Total Raw Score. Centile Rank. TESTS: { Name of Test Form No. Grade (9, 10, 11, 12) at test date. Total Raw Score. Centile Rank. GRADE required for recommendation to COLLEGE: 85% PASS-ING grade: 70% RECITA-TION period: 60 minutes. LABORA-TORY period: 60 minutes.

March 1, 1958

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I am not indebted financially to any individual or institution for any past education received.

Robert C. Denmore
ROBERT C. DENSMORE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I neither have had any previous affiliation with any other diocese or religious society as a candidate for Holy Orders or religious vows, nor have I made any such commitment to any other bishop or religious society.

Robert C. Denmore
ROBERT C. DENSMORE


Diocese of Manchester

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SEMINARY


I.

- 1 Name? { Give all names in full, not initials } ROBERT CLIFTON DENSMORE
- 2 Residence? { Street and Number } 10 Bailey Avenue, Claremont
{ Town or City }
- 3 In what Parish? St. Mary's
- 4 Birthplace: Where? Claremont When? { Full date of Birth } August 19, 1932
- 5 If not born in Diocese of Manchester, when did you locate permanently in this Diocese? _____

 Enclose certificates of Baptism, Confirmation, and parents' marriage.

II.


- 1 In what schools did you receive Primary and Grammar education? St. Mary's Grammar School (six years)
Stevens Jr. High School (2 years)
- During what calendar years? 1938 to 1946 inclusive.
- 2 What High Schools or Preparatory Schools did you attend? Stevens High School (Claremont)
- During what complete school years? 1946 to 1950 inclusive.
- 3 What College did you attend? College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.
- During what complete school years? 1950 to 1954 inclusive.
- In what college grades? Freshman through Senior
- 4 During how many complete school years did you study Latin? Six Greek? Two Philosophy? Two
- 5 What College Degrees did you obtain? A.B. (English major)

 Enclose High School or College reports for each year.

- 6 If your studies were notably interrupted, state when, for how long, why, and at what occupation.
September, 1954, until the present time -- U.S. Navy

III.

- 1 For what year of College, Philosophy, or Theology do you apply? First Theology
I will gladly enter any seminary, but I would prefer
- 2 What Seminary would you prefer to enter? not to go to a Canadian seminary.
- 3 Can you provide for your tuition expenses? Yes. I am entitled to \$4200. under the G.I. Bill.
Also I feel I can take care of any further expense involve

 Enclose the following:

- Recommendations from your Pastor and School or College Superiors.
- Statement from applicant concerning any indebtedness for education.
- Statement as to previous affiliation with other diocese or religious society.
- Report of complete physical examination by reputable physician.
- Statement from parents as to insanity or epilepsy in family.

May 14, 1958

Mr. Robert C. Densmore
Disbursing Office
Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Md.

Dear Bob,

We are processing the applications of new candidates for the priesthood and trying to line them up for fall assignment. His Excellency is considering possible candidates for the American College in Rome. He has directed me to ask whether you would be interested in going there for four years of Theology. Will you please let me know your reaction?

I visited Claremont briefly the other night and had dinner with Hazel and Doc Lord, Polly and Frank Bush, and Jack Crapp. Your name came up in the course of the conversation. I didn't have an opportunity to see your mother. I understand that she is living just off Broad Street now and that she has sold her business. The new St. Mary High School is not yet completed but the students should enter this fall.

Best wishes from all of us here at the office.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

May 26, 1953

Mr. Robert Densmore
Disbursing Office
Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Md.

Dear Mr. Densmore:

Many thanks for your letter which arrived while I was in New York for a Canon Law meeting. I have referred it to His Excellency and he has made a note of your willingness to go to Rome for studies.

We are working on the seminary assignments now but it will be several weeks before we can let you know definitely what your fate will be. I presume that you will most likely get the chance to study in Rome.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

Disbursing Office
Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Md.
May 19, 1958

Very Reverend Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor, Diocese of Manchester
Chancery Office
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, N.H.

Dear Monsignor:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th. I am not wholly unaware of the great honor which His Excellency the Bishop does me by considering my name in connection with assignment to the seminary holding the eminent reputation which the North American College holds. His Excellency's past kindness to me in accepting me so readily for his diocese would seem sufficiently magnanimous on his part, without his according me this latest mark of favor, which seems to me to be far out of proportion to my actual merits.

Knowing something of the exacting academic routine to which students at the North American College are subjected, I repeat that I find it surprising to learn that I am being considered for possible assignment there. However, as I have indicated before, I will promptly and with good grace accept any seminary assignment which His Excellency decides to give me, and that would include possible assignment to the North American College. Furthermore, should I be so assigned, I would strive to the best of my ability to meet successfully the high standards proposed by that institution, and thus justify the wisdom of His Excellency's choice.

I expect to be discharged on July 30th, and after that date can be reached at 10 Bailey Avenue, Claremont. It was good to hear that you are able to see your old friends in Claremont occasionally. Should you be in our area of the state again, we would be very pleased to have you stop in.

Thanking you for your kind personal wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Bob Deunmore

May 29, 1958

Mr. Robert Densmore
Disbursing Office
Naval Air Station
Patuxent, Md.

Dear Bob,

The Most Reverend Bishop has submitted your name to the American College in Rome as a possible candidate for the class of First Theology. You will probably hear from the rector, Bishop O'Connor, in the near future.

Since you have been away from the books for some time, you may find it to your advantage to "brush up" a bit on Latin during the summer. I imagine that all of the lectures in Theology will be given in Latin, however, since you have had six years of it, you should be able to adjust without great difficulty.

With congratulations and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor



NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE

VIA DEL GIANICOLO, 14

ROME

POSTAL ADDRESS :
VATICAN CITY (EUROPE)

June 18th, 1958

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

His Excellency
Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady
Bishop of Manchester
657 River Road
MANCHESTER, N.H.

Dear Bishop Brady,

This will acknowledge your letter of May 29th about Mr. Robert C. Densmore whom you propose to send to the College this Fall for first theology.

Mr. Densmore's case is a bit complicated and to avoid any embarrassment I have asked the Rev. Robert F. Willi, Assistant Vice Rector, who has just left for the United States to call on you personally by appointment and explain the situation. The substance of his message is that it will be prudent to forward before July 1st all the scholastic record of Mr. Densmore so that it can be submitted to the Gregorian University to see if they will approve his enrollment.

I would be very happy to accept another student from your Excellency and I do hope that it will be possible in the case of this seminarian, but it is well to avoid any misunderstanding now. Any help that we can give you will be a pleasure for us .

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ

Martin J. O'Connor
Titular Bishop of Thespieae
Rector

June 19, 1958

Office of the Dean
Holy Cross College
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Father:

Will you kindly send us a transcript of the marks of Robert Clifton Densmore of Claremont, N. H. who entered the college in September of 1950 and graduated "magna cum laude" four years later? Our purpose in asking is that we wish to enroll the young man in the North American College in Rome and we had to rush off our only copy of his marks this morning.

Many thanks for your kindness in this matter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor



NORTH AMERICAN COLLEGE

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VIA DEL GIANICOLO 14

R O M E

POSTAL ADDRESS:
VATICAN CITY (EUROPE)

July 4, 1958

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
657 River Road
Manchester, New Hampshire

Your Excellency,

It has been necessary for the Most Reverend Rector to leave the city for a short time and in his absence he has requested me to look into the possibilities of registering Mr. Robert C. Densmore in the first theology class at the Gregorian University this fall.

With the receipt of Mr. Densmore's transcript from Holy Cross College it has been possible to make a thorough examination of the case with Father Zoltan Alszeghy, S.J., Dean of the Theology Department of the Gregorian University. I hope that the result of our conversations will meet with your satisfaction.

In brief Mr. Densmore may enter the first theology class at the Gregorian University but he must be prepared to take a comprehensive examination in philosophy when he arrives in Rome next October.

Father Alszeghy, who has an understandable desire to maintain the high standards of the University, was somewhat concerned about two of the University statutes. The rules require that candidates for the theology course take two years of philosophy in an unmixed curriculum (no arts courses such as those which Mr. Densmore took in English Literature while at Holy Cross) and that the institution which gives the philosophy courses have ecclesiastical approbation of their philosophic teaching.

In order to compensate for these rules Father Alszeghy said that Mr. Densmore would be required to take the examination mentioned above and also he would have to be assured that such theological faculties as our Catholic University would accept Mr. Densmore. Monsignor McDonald, the Rector of Catholic University, who is visiting in Rome at the present time, said that a student with Mr. Densmore's qualifications would be accepted at their Theological College.

From my conversation with Father Alszeghy I gathered that the examination, although comprehensive, would be no more severe than the one taken by Mr. Densmore at Holy Cross. He must simply show that he has a reasonably good grasp of scholastic philosophy. Since the examination is not to be entered in official University records, it will be given in English. However, Mr. Densmore should use scholastic terminology and he should know a few technical terms and phrases in Latin. It was recommended that Mr. Densmore should give a little extra emphasis to Ontology, Natural Theology and Ethics.

Should Mr. Densmore find that it is impossible to prepare for the examination or should he fail to satisfy his examiners, the Most Reverend Rector would be happy nonetheless to have Mr. Densmore as a student at the North American College. A review of philosophy and a year's experience with Latin lectures would be an excellent preparation for theology.

Incidentally, Your Excellency, some years ago at the College new students were indoctrinated by undergoing a sham examination given by other students. Lest an Alumnus hear of the examination and tell Mr. Densmore not to study, he should be assured that the examination is not a student ruse.

With an assurance of my prayers and respectful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



(Rev.) John A. Marshall
Asst. to the Vice Rector

July 14, 1958

Mr. Robert Densmore
Disbursing Office
Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Md.

Dear Bob,

This letter is being mailed to you at Patuxent and a carbon copy will be sent to your mother in Claremont so that you will get the information it contains as soon as possible. You said in your last letter that you would be released on July 30th but this precaution is taken just in case you have left your station already.

We have heard by air mail from Rome that it will be necessary for you to take a comprehensive examination in philosophy when you arrive there in October. The reason for this is that the rules require that candidates for the theology course take two years of philosophy in an unmixed curriculum (no arts courses such as those you took at Holy Cross) and that the institution which gives the philosophy courses have ecclesiastical approbation of their philosophic teaching.

In order to compensate for these rules, the Dean of the Theology Department of the Gregorian University requires the examination and assurance that such theological faculties as our Catholic University would accept you. We have cleared the latter requirement through the Rector of Catholic University; the former will be up to you.

It is our understanding that the examination although comprehensive, will be no more severe than the one taken by you at Holy Cross. You must simply show that you have a reasonably good grasp of scholastic philosophy. The examination will be in English but you should use scholastic terminology and know a few technical terms and phrases in Latin. It is recommended that you give a little extra emphasis to Ontology, Natural Theology and Ethics.

If you fail the examination, you may remain at the North American College in Rome where a review of philosophy and a year's experience with Latin lectures will be an excellent preparation for theology. I don't think you'll fail it.

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July 14, 1958

Mr. Robert Densmore

Incidentally, a warning!!! Some years ago, at the College, new students were initiated by a sham examination given by other students. Some alumnus may tell you about this and say you need not study. Be assured that this is not a fake and get the books out.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Very Rev. ~~Mgr.~~ Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

Denmore
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Disbursing Office
U.S. Naval Air Station
Patuxent River, Md.
July 16, 1958

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry, Chancellor
Chancery Office, Diocese of Manchester
145 Lowell Street
Manchester, N.H.

Dear Monsignor:

This will necessarily be brief, as circumstances here are such that I am working very hard these last few days. Sometimes I think that the Navy is determined to wring out of me my last ounce of strength before they let me go.

Your letter came this morning. Needless to say, ever since I learned that I might go to Rome, I have been more or less concerned about the fact that I have been away from the academic routine for some time; and, in the small amount of spare time that I do have, I have been doing a little reviewing in Latin and philosophy. I have also bought myself a philosophy textbook in Latin (written by some Jesuit at B.C. several years ago), and that is proving very helpful. During August and September, I hope to devote a great deal of time to this "brushing up" process.

Your information concerning the comprehensive in philosophy, although it jolted me a bit, is actually not too surprising, since I had thought that after all these years away from school, I would surely have to face some sort of examination when I arrived in Rome. I am grateful for the exact details which you have furnished me, and also for His Excellency's and your confidence in my ability to take this first hurdle in stride. I will certainly do my best to live up to your expectations.

I AM glad of one thing--that this exam will be in English. One of the things which distresses me the most about going to Rome is the idea of lectures in Latin, although I suppose this is a fear which is shared by all who go over there. I suppose I will readily get accustomed to the routine, but still, I would dislike the prospect of starting off at the beginning with a comprehensive oral in Latin.

My plans for leaving here remain unchanged (IF the situation in the Middle East does not explode), and I will be in Claremont after the first of August.

Thank you, again, for the detailed information.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Denmore

BOB DENSMORE

September 5, 1958

His Excellency
Most Rev. Martin J. O'Connor, D.D., Rector
North American College
Via del Gianicolo, 14
Rome
Vatican City, Europe

Your Excellency:

Will you kindly arrange to have sent to our candidate,
Mr. Robert Densmore, 10 Bailey Avenue, Claremont, N. H., U. S. A.,
the customary information concerning the requirements of the college
for new candidates. I was talking with him yesterday and he said
that he had not received it, however, Father Markham was able to
brief him on many points.

With appreciation and best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry,
Chancellor

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October 8, 1958

Mr. Robert C. Densmore
North American College
via del Gianicolo, 14
Rome
Vatican City (Europe)

Dear Bob,

It was good to receive your letter from the Mauretania. Hope you finally arrived safely in Rome. Apparently you went through quite a storm en route.

The news of the Holy Father's death has been quite a blow and both radio and newspaper officials have kept us busy the past two days. I am supposed to go to New London, Conn. with the Bishop this afternoon but don't know whether we shall get away on schedule.

The report of your physical examination is enclosed as requested. I think we can spare it from the file.

Best wishes from all of us in Manchester for a successful year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

Enc.

Cunard Line 5480
R.M.S. "Mauretania"
September 26, 1958

Dear Monsignor,

This is being written in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. The roll of the ship is pretty bad today, and although I am not in the least seasick, this letter will probably look as if I were. The typewriter carriage refuses to respond in a normal fashion.

I finally heard from the College. They sent a printed circular by airmail which listed the various requirements and necessities. Luckily, my talk with Fr. Markham covered mostly everything, so I was pretty well fixed when I received their letter. There is just one item--could you send me that report of physical examination which I sent you? They seem to require it, and it is the only one I have.

I expect to arrive at LeHavre on the 30th, and go from there by train to Rome, which should get me there in plenty of time to begin the year. However, there is talk on the ship today of our being two days late, because of this turbulence we are passing through. It seems to me that we are catching the fringe of a regular hurricane.

It was a pleasure to have a few words with you at the dedication at the beginning of the month, and I shall be looking forward to seeing you--isn't it next year?--when the Bishop makes his visit to Rome. Many, many thanks for the kindness of your many favors to me in the past.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Densmore
Robert C. Densmore