



Secretariat for Pastoral Services
Diocese of Manchester

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*Msgr. Christian -
Bishop has not
seen this.*

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*Please see
2. Don't we
have to send a
letter greeting
him families?
He at all?
Action*

TO: Bishop O'Neil
FROM: Msgr. Bolduc *MB*
RE: 1.) Ecumenical Covenant
2.) Fr. Nicholas Rogers
3.) Fr. Richard Tetu
4.) Msgr. Philip Kenney

DATE: 30 June 1995

The following are four matters that I think should be brought to your attention:

1. On 10 June 1995 you received a short note from Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Jo-Anne Fraser of Tilton, NH inquiring about the status of the recent Ecumenical Covenant celebrated among Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Lakeport, Saint James Episcopal Parish in Laconia, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Parish in Laconia. I telephoned Mrs. Fraser that same day to discuss the matter, after having made some preliminary inquiries. I discovered that Father George Harvey, pastor in Tilton, does not know the family because they do not attend church there. In speaking with Mrs. Fraser I learned that she does not attend Mass in NH but when she can attends a Latin Tridentine Mass in Still River, MA.

We discussed the ecumenical covenant and indicated that the covenant was in complete keeping with the tenets of the Roman Catholic faith and in accord with the 1993 Ecumenical Directory issued by the Vatican. I also suggested that she and her husband considering the Holy Father's most recent encyclical, "Ut Unum Sint," of which she was unaware. The matter is settled.

2. Father Nicholas Rogers, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Manchester, has secure the full-time assistance of Father A.M. Hilary, a priest of the Diocese of Kottar, India. Father Hilary has presented papers from Bishop Leon A. Tharmaraj, Bishop of Kottar, indicating that Fr. Hilary has permission to serve in any Diocese in the USA for a period of three years. Fr. Hilary was ordained on December 12, 1970. Bishop Kottar writes, "I assure the authorities concerned that Fr. A.M. Hilary will return to the Diocese of Kottar and resume parish work here after three years of stay in USA."

Fr. Rogers intends that Fr. Hilary will live at St. Patrick Parish and assist him for a period of three years, if you have no objection. Attached are copies of the documentation.

3. Since Msgr. Philip Kenney who is retired will be attending the Fall 1995 Institute for Continuing Theological Education (ICTE) in Rome, there is

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obviously no need to provide pastoral assistance for him in his absence. Fr. Tetu, who generally provides pastoral coverage for priests on sabbatical, while also working part-time in the Tribunal, has requested what arrangements might be in store for him for the fall. I assured him that there is plenty of work in the Diocese and that some arrangement will be forthcoming during the summer. Are you aware of any need or do you have any plans already for him?

4. Attached is a copy of a suggested recommendation to the ICTE from you on behalf of Msgr. Kenney. If it meets with your approval, I would ask that you kindly sign it on the reverse side and date it. I will mail it to Rome with a check and other documentation.

I trust you are getting some rest this summer. If you wish to speak to me about any of these matters, please let me know.