

MEMORANDUM

TO: File - Reverend Romano Ferraro

FROM: Father Hoppe *WMA*

DATE: December 20, 1983

RE: Telephone Call From Rev. Lawrence Bellow

I received a call from Father Bellow who is assisting with pastoral duties at Good Samaritan Hospital, West Islip, New York. He was informing this office that Father Ferraro was a patient in this hospital for approximately ten days, and was discharged approximately one week before the telephone call was made.

Father Ferraro was admitted with a chronic back condition which was reported as "serious". Father Bellow wished to inform this office that Father Ferraro's behavior during his hospitalization was rather unusual. Making numerous requests of the hospital staff, very often unreasonable ones, Father Ferraro apparently left a very bad impression on all those who came in contact with him during his stay in the hospital.

Father Bellow also observed that Father Ferraro may be suffering from severe psychological problems, which contributed to his unsociable behavior. Father Bellow felt that the Diocese should be informed since Father Ferraro may be in need of psychological counseling.

cc. Father Garcia
Msgr. Brown