

MEMORANDUM

TO: File of Father Ferraro

FROM: Bishop Bevilacqua *GPB*

DATE: December 31, 1980

RE: Telephone Conversation with Father Ferraro

Today I telephoned Father Ferraro and told him of the arrangements made at St. Joan of Arc parish. I told him that he could begin residence there on January 19. I also told him that he was to act as Associate Chaplain at Jewish and Barnes Hospitals. He was also to continue counseling at Affirmation House.

I reminded him of his agreement to sign a statement that he would be laicized if he ever was involved in another homosexual incident and he stated that he wanted to discuss it further. He felt that he would not like to sign it because it was acting under threat. I insisted that he keep his agreement. He said he wanted to talk to the Bishop first. I told him he was free to do so and suggested that he also talk to Dr. Gannon about it. He said it was a matter of principle for him in not signing. He did state that he would agree verbally to it but not put his signature on it. I then asked him what the difference was and he only repeated that he was against it in principle since it was a threat. I reminded him that a verbal agreement was equivalent to a threat if that was what he wanted to call it.

The final resolution was that he would work this out with Dr. Gannon and perhaps speak to the Bishop about it.