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To: Michael Perko, S.J., Superior Canisius House; cc Dick Baumann, S.J., Provincial  
From: Rick McGum, S.J., Socius

Hi Michael,

I met with Don McGuire here in the office today. I presented him with the directives the provincial is giving him. I also gave him a referral to a psychiatrist. I informed him that you would receive copies of both, by mail.

After a bit of defensiveness, he took it quite well. I think the directives are actually quite reasonable and do not impose any hardship on him, but they do get at the root of the matter. I found him, in the end, quite cooperative.

As you will see, the directives, esp. #1-3, could admit of loopholes. It has proved impossible to write them in language that exactly describes the desired behavior. For instance, I have avoided using the name of \_\_\_\_\_ in the text, nor indeed have I actually said that \_\_\_\_\_ must be sent home. Since he is an employee (in some sense) of Mission Fides, I did not want these directives to suggest that we can dictate to the Mission Fides officers what to do with "their" employee. Nevertheless, the directives are quite specific enough about the behavior that is expected of Don. So, although \_\_\_\_\_ will, apparently, remain working in the Mission Fides office for the rest of this semester, and then go back to college, Don does not have any direct relationship with him any longer.

I am writing what I hope will be a final letter to both sets of complainant parents, those of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_ stating that, in so many words, "I have met with Don and arrived at an arrangement to resolve the matter." Since I will not reveal to them any of the directives, nor admit that Don was at fault, it may be they will try to drag this out. I'll just have to wait and see. Similarly, since they voiced their complaint to their bishop (diocese of Savannah GA), who placed a temporary halt to permission for Don to give scheduled retreats in his diocese, it will be up to Don to talk with his diocesan contact to let him know this matter is resolved. Our province office has had no communication from the bishop's office, fortunately, so I hope that Don can settle this orally—or, if necessary, a phone call from me to the bishop—in order to prevent the need for written communication.

Don has also signed a medical release, naming the provincial and myself as authorized to receive information. This should allow for us to contact his psychiatrist. I have told him it will not be necessary to give you a copy of this. However, you should know that that is the case.

So, into the future...

In Xt,  
Rick McG.

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