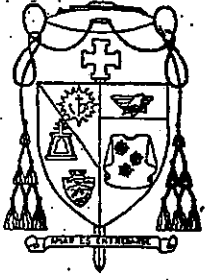


PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. PADAR JOSEPH MARY BRENNAN.  
NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name Peter and Jane F. Brennan.  
 Birth Date and Place JAN. 10TH. 1938 at RAGORRA, CLOONACOOK, Co. SLIGO.  
 Baptism Date and Place Jan. 1938 at CLOONACOOK PARISH CHURCH.  
 Present Citizenship IRISH  
 If Naturalized, Date and Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elementary School—Dates and Places (St. NATHY'S COLLEGE, BALLAGHADREEN)  
CLOONACOOK AND CORSALLAGH NATIONAL SCHOOLS  
1942 - 1950  
 High School—Dates and Places \_\_\_\_\_  
September, 1950 to June 1955  
at St. Nathy's College Ballaghadreen, Co. Roscommon  
 College—Dates and Places \_\_\_\_\_  
 Seminary—Dates and Places Sept. 1955 to JUNE 18TH 1961.  
at ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE, DUBLIN, I.  
 Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places \_\_\_\_\_  
 Degrees—Dates and Places \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ordination Date and Place JUNE 18TH 1961 at All Hallows College, Dublin  
 Ordaining Prelate The Most Reverend Thomas Morris D.D.,  
Bishop of ~~Castel~~ Castel & Emily,  
 Ordained for what Diocese \_\_\_\_\_  
 If incardinated in San Diego, Date June 18, 1961  
 If not incardinated, Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_  
 What foreign languages can you speak? NONE  
 Name and address of nearest relative or friend Peter Brennan, (Father) at home in Ireland  
 State where last will and testament is filed \_\_\_\_\_  
(The Clergy are obliged to deposit at the Chancery the original or a copy of their last will. Doc. Stat. No. 231)  
 List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception \_\_\_\_\_  
 State any special work or assignment and give dates \_\_\_\_\_

Brennan-WOA 000001





Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of San Bernardino

October 24, 2002

Ms. Jane Barry  
The Epler Company  
450 B Street, Suite 750  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Barry,

On October 3, 2002, I received a request for retirement benefits to be released from Peter J. Brennan. Mr. Brennan's date of resignation from active ministry is November 9, 1995. His retirement is effective January 10, 2003.

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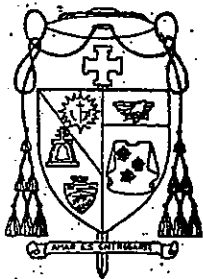
Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, DD  
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

GRB/yl

cc: Mr. Peter J. Brennan  
Reverend Monsignor Philip Behan  
Very Reverend Robert Miller  
Reverend James McLaughlin

Brennan-WOA 000003



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Diocese of San Bernardino

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San Diego CA 92101

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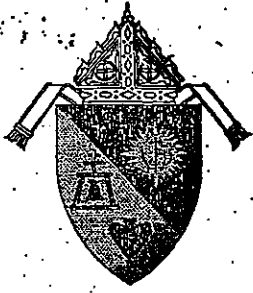
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Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, DD  
Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino

GRB/yl

cc: Mr. Peter J. Brennan ✓  
Reverend Monsignor Philip Behan  
Very Reverend Robert Miller  
Reverend James McLaughlin

Brennan-WOA 000004



# Diocese of San Bernardino

MODERATOR OF CURIA  
DIRECTOR OF PRIEST PERSONNEL

**COPY**

October 8, 2002

Ms. Jane Barry  
The Epler Company  
450 "B" Street, Suite #750  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Ms. Barry:

Bishop Barnes has received the enclosed letter from Peter J. Brennan regarding the processing for his retirement benefits.

Bishop Barnes is supportive of this request. Please let me know what specific documentation we need to provide to your office for the processing of this request.

Thank you very much for your help and assistance.

Sincerely Yours,

Rev. Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez, STL, VG  
Moderator of the Curia/Director of Priest Personnel

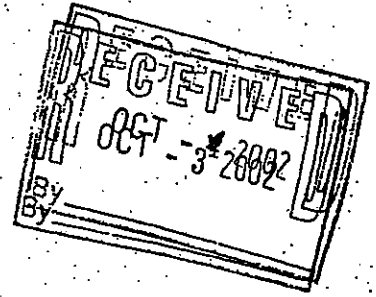
cc: Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, DD  
Peter J. Brennan

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*file*

*OR, for Epler file*

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Peter J. Brennan  
1056 Goldeneye View  
Carlsbad, CA., 92009

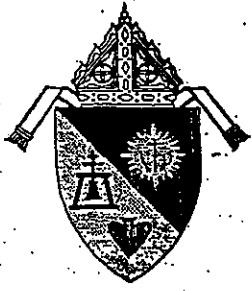
Most Reverend Gérald R. Barnes  
Bishop of San Bernadino  
1201 East Highland Ave.  
San Bernadino, Ca. 92404

Dear Bishop Barnes:

I have been asked by the Epler Co. to contact you so that they can process the request for retirement benefits which are due to begin January 10th 2003. I am grateful for your attention to this matter

Sincerely Yours,

  
Peter J. Brennan



## *Diocesan Pastoral Center*

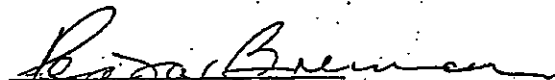
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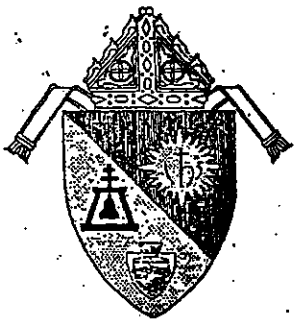
*Diocese of San Bernardino*

November 9, 1995

Dear Bishop Barnes,

Following the norm of Canon 538, I resign the role of Pastor of Holy Innocents parish, in Victorville effective immediately.

  
Reverend Peadar Brennan



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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 27, 1993

Rev. Peadar Brennan  
Holy Innocents Church  
P. O. Box 1777  
Victorville, CA 92393

Dear Father Brennan:

Hope your trip to Ireland went well. I'm going for a week in August. Attached is some material that Father Das Neves sent to me. As you would be aware, the information about transferring the Sunday obligation is incorrect. Secondly, I would suggest that you contact Tony about the clarification for your parish boundaries.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Msgr. Donald S. Webber  
Chancellor/Moderator of the Curia

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enclosure

cc: FR. Das Neves



*Christ The Good Shepherd Church*

*P.O. Box 579  
Adelanto, California 92301  
Phone: (619) 246-7083*

May 18, 1993

Rev. Msgr. Donald Webber  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, Ca. 92405-4790

Dear Msgr. Webber,

Thanks for your information from this morning's conversation.

Responding to our conversation, I am sending a copy of the newspaper that a parishioner from Helendale (or Silver Lakes) gave to me yesterday.

The boundaries for the parish of Christ the Good Shepherd are according to the Diocesan Directory except the westside which starts on Palmdale Rd. (Hwy. 18) and that was after Holy Innocents was established.

Holy Innocents boundaries were determined before the parish started functioning 2 years ago and if I remember correctly; it was to be between Interstate 15 and Hwy 395, on the west at Main St. (toward Hesperia) and on the east at Mojave Road.

Also, I am enclosing some more information that could be helpful to you and I would really appreciate it if you would please give it to Mr. Philip Sousa.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Rev. Antonio Das Neves

Father Peter Brennan of Holy Innocents Catholic Church in Victorville has offered to come to Silver Lakes once a month to say Mass, probably on a Thursday night at the Clubhouse. Anyone interested, please call Flo Donoghue, 245-9806 so we may obtain a count. Father says this would take care of the Sunday obligation for that week. If there is no answer, please leave a message on the Answer Machine.

Father Tony -  
Here is some information on the Silver Lakes -  
Helendale area -

Silver Lakes (enclosed wall area) all single family  
Homes built - Under construction - Vacant <sup>not built</sup> lots - Total  
1570                      25                      1384                      2954

Helendale Post Office - in Silver Lakes  
1896 boxes in use - 5-15-93

The area was originally developed as a resort  
retirement area but is becoming a family community.

There is a new grade school, 1-6 years  
and a middle school 7-8-9.

there is a full time youth director and  
24 hour security.

The rate of growth and the type will  
probably be determined somewhat by the future  
use of George Air Base.

If you desire any more information  
call me 245-3033

Louis Fehring

1970 Census of Population and Housing Summary Tape File 14

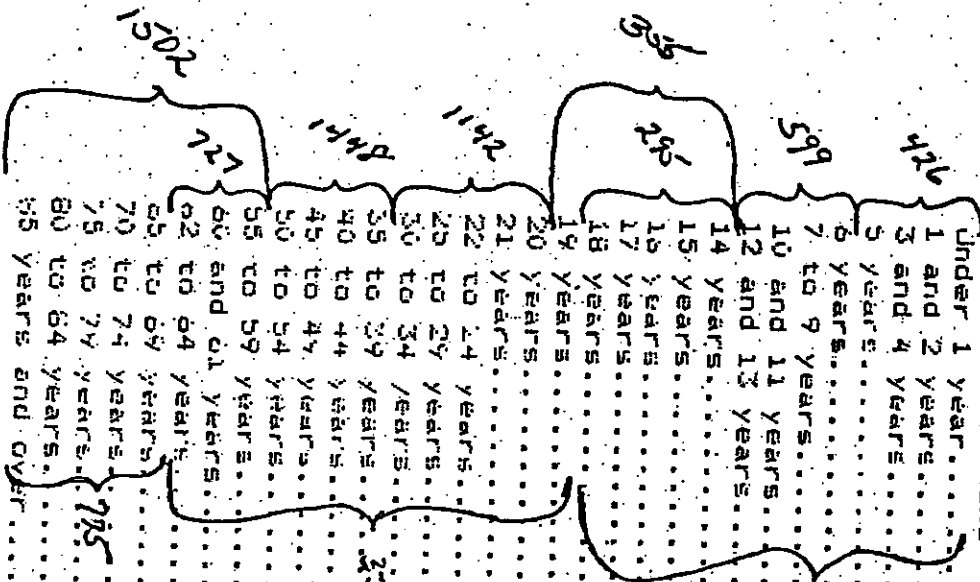
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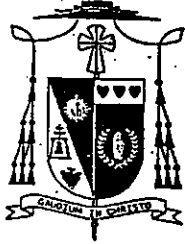
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Under 1 year.....	.....	52
1 and 2 years.....	.....	155
3 and 4 years.....	.....	149
5 years.....	.....	70
6 years.....	.....	63
7 to 9 years.....	.....	222
10 and 11 years.....	.....	145
12 and 13 years.....	.....	149
14 years.....	.....	67
15 years.....	.....	60
16 years.....	.....	59
17 years.....	.....	57
18 years.....	.....	52
19 years.....	.....	50
20 years.....	.....	60
21 years.....	.....	63
22 to 24 years.....	.....	136
25 to 29 years.....	.....	407
30 to 34 years.....	.....	476
35 to 39 years.....	.....	440
40 to 44 years.....	.....	339
45 to 49 years.....	.....	333
50 to 54 years.....	.....	268
55 to 59 years.....	.....	238
60 and 61 years.....	.....	149
62 to 64 years.....	.....	240
65 to 69 years.....	.....	419
70 to 74 years.....	.....	176
75 to 79 years.....	.....	64
80 to 84 years.....	.....	47
85 years and over.....	.....	29

5472 total





Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

May 20, 1991

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Pius Parish  
1100 Woodside Road  
Redwood City CA 94061

Dear Father Brennan:

I am glad to appoint you founding pastor of Holy Innocents Parish, Victorville, effective September 1, 1991.

The actual initiation date of the parish will be set once a place where mass can be celebrated is designated, even though preliminary meetings, community formation, and dialogue with the neighboring pastors needs to be undertaken. Upon your return in September, please schedule a meeting with me so we can discuss plans to start this new parish.

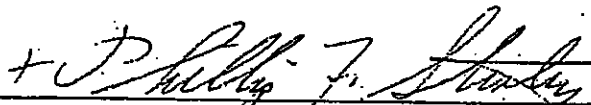
As I entrust to you the pastoral care of God's holy people, I ask that you take a personal and special interest in promoting and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese. In the prayers of priestly ordination, the church prays that the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit will renew in the candidate the grace of holiness of life. As you assume this new office, I pray that in and through this ministry you will grow in priestly holiness, sharing the joy and peace of the risen Christ, his first gift to his church.

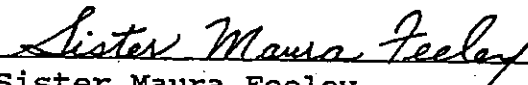
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Reverend Peadar Brennan  
May 20, 1991

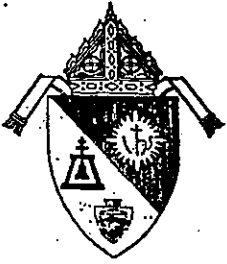
I am happy to welcome you back to the diocese and I know you will abide by the provisions of our former agreement. I look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

With every best wish for your ministry, I am

  
Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

  
Sister Maura Feeley  
Chancellor

CC: Tom Wallace  
Jim Slattery  
Bill Gavin  
Pete Covas



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

March 22, 1991

Reverend Peter Brennan  
St. Pius Parish  
1100 Woodside Road  
Redwood City CA 94061

Dear Father Brennan:

Many thanks for your application for the office of pastor at Sacred Heart, Redlands.

~~This will assure you that your petition was taken very seriously and discussed at length by the board, but the Bishop having heard the board had decided he would prefer to see you in another position and he will be negotiating directly with you regarding that.~~

With every best wish and thanking you for your kind offer of help.

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General

PAB/yl

Brennan-WOA 0000015

*St. Pius Church*

1100 Woodside Road

Redwood City, California 94061

February 25th, 1991

Reverend Monsignor Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Monsignor Behan,

Thank you for your letter of February 19th, 1991, regarding the vacant pastorates in the diocese of San Bernardino.

Since Bishop Straling has graciously honored me with an invitation to return to the diocese as of July 1st, 1991, I would like to apply formally for the pastorate of Sacred Heart Church, Redlands.

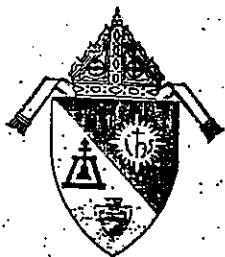
I feel I have the fruits of thirty years' experience in priestly service, more than half of which has been as pastor. During these last few years I have had the opportunity to renew my priesthood and deepen my commitment to the Church, and feel that I have many spiritual and pastoral benefits to offer the people of this parish. During my time in San Francisco I have had the opportunity to attend various seminars and workshops, including the key lectures at the current Vatican II Institute at nearby St Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. I am presently taking Spanish at a local College and will be sufficiently versed in the language to deal with a limited number of hispanic pastoral situations if called upon.

I hope that you and the members of the Personnel Board will look favorably on the considerations I have shared with you.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

  
Peter J. Brennan





## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 4, 1989

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Pius Church  
1100 Woodside Road  
Redwood City, California 94061

Dear Peadar:

I hope everything is going well for you in the San Francisco area and that you are getting adjusted to life up there.

Regarding your membership in the Diocese of San Bernardino Pension Plan, I am wondering if the diocese there on a parish level has an annual payment to such a plan for their priests. This year, we are being assessed \$1,900.00 per priest from each parish and institution to fund the pension plan here. Would you please let me know what arrangement you wish to make about the payment of this to ensure your benefits upon retirement?

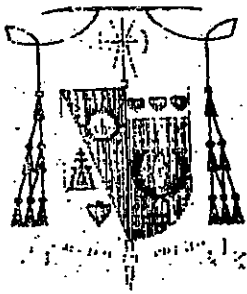
With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General

PAB/rs

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# Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

February 10, 1989

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Michael Church  
15546 Pomerado Road  
Poway, California 92064

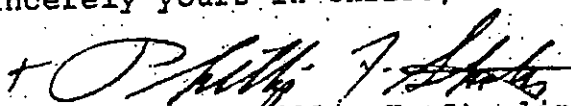
Dear Father Peadar:

A supply ministry is available at St. Joseph Parish, Big Bear, effective immediately, so I would like you to be in contact with Father Ned O'Donnell, regarding this opening. I ask that you begin in this position and, provided nothing unforeseen happens, continue there until June 30, 1989. I have spoken with Father O'Donnell and he thinks this arrangement would be suitable for him, so that he might begin to supervise ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in La Quinta.

I think, our recent meeting was productive and, again, I ask for your full cooperation in not, in any way, being involved in the lower desert and La Quinta areas. I know you will take this very seriously for your own welfare and that of God's people in this diocese.

With every best wish and my prayers that all the problems that have occurred will be resolved in a true christian fashion.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/rs

cc: Reverend Edmund O'Donnell

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Reverend Father William  
St. Michael Church  
15545 Fomenado Road  
Fowler, California 95114

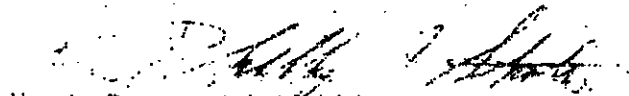
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend William F. Straley  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

WFS/LS

cc: Reverend Edmund O'Donnell

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

November 2, 1988

Reverend Monsignor Daniel F. Hoyer  
General Secretary  
National Conference of Catholic Bishops  
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Monsignor Hoyer:

Many thanks for your letter of October 28, 1988 regarding copies of letters that you have been receiving concerning Father Peadar Brennan, who was stationed at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in La Quinta.

We are responding to the letters from here and I am sorry that you had to be burdened with copies being sent to you.

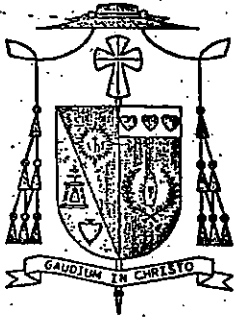
Looking forward to seeing you in a few days at the National Meeting, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/jm

Brennan-WOA 0000020



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Kloppenburg  
Barristers & Solicitors  
333 Spadina Towers  
728 Spadina Crescent East  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
S7K 4H7

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kloppenburg:

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 4, 1988,  
regarding Father Peadar Brennan.

It is always nice to receive letters with positive com-  
ments, as many write only when they have a complaint  
about a priest of the Diocese.

With thanks and appreciation for taking the time to  
write in behalf of Father Brennan, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Phillip F. Straling*

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/dc

Brennan-WOA 0000021

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March 4, 1988

TELEPHONE (306) 665-7600

TELECOPIER (306) 665-7800

H.R. KLOPPENBURG  
B.A., LL.B., B.C.L. (OXON.)  
(ALSO OF THE ALBERTA  
AND N.W.T. BARS)

C.L. KLOPPENBURG  
B.A., M.A., LL.B.  
(ALSO OF THE N.W.T. BAR)

M.A. KOBRYNSKY  
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(ALSO OF THE MANITOBA BAR)

D.E. THERA  
B.A., LL.B.

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop of San Bernardino  
1450 North "D" Street  
SAN BERNARDINO, California  
U. S. A. 92405

Your Excellency!

When my wife and I are in Palm Springs during part of our winter vacation, I always take up the opportunity to attend the celebration of Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church in La Quinta.

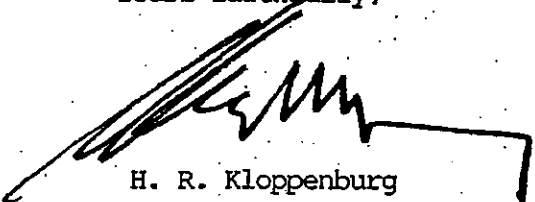
I particularly appreciate what I take to be the Irish wit and religiosity that Father Brennan brings to the Mass and that he injects into his homilies. The participation of the congregation in the liturgy and the energy the choir brings to its purposes suggest to me something right about Father Brennan's leadership. He is moving the congregation (I hope it is against the prevailing secular trend, and yes, hedonism, which so much characterizes attitudes in western America and, I dare say, Palm Springs in particular).

I hardly expect a reply to this letter. Simply take it as a positive comment on the work of a priest of your diocese.

I suspect that on reading this you will experience a legitimate curiosity about the maker of these comments. I was raised in what was the St. Peter's colony of Saskatchewan, an agricultural colonization of Benedictin monks originating from St. John's Abbey, Minnesota. In my high school, my Latin teacher was an Irishman who had taught in College schools in Ireland and in other parts of the British Empire. After study at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan and the Law Faculty here, I ended up at Oxford University in England, where I read law. During my interval there, I spent time in Ireland (Ulster and Eire). Since then, I have met many Irish expatriots. Now I practice law as a barrister (Canadian/English terminology for a trial attorney). Ultimately, I have become a Knight of the Order of Malta (and not a pretender order).

I have never spoken with Father Peter Brennan in person. He does he know me: my comments have been prompted by personal observations only. I have the privilege to remain,

Yours faithfully,



H. R. Kloppenburg

HRK/sjr

Brennan-WOA 0000022

Joseph L. Tourtelot  
7575 Lake Street  
River Forest, Illinois 60905

June 18, 1987

The Most Reverend Philip F. Straling D.D.  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernadino, California 92405

Dear Bishop Straling:

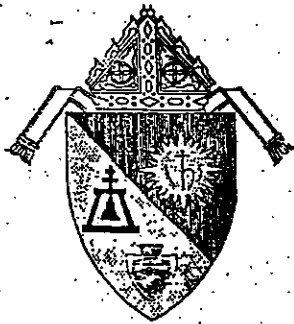
On April 21, 1987, I wrote to you concerning my relationship with Father Brennan and St. Francis of Assisi Church in La Quinta, California.

I am wondering why I have not received some word from you.

My family is quite anxious to know how this matter can be resolved.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joseph L. Tourtelot



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 30, 1987

Mr. Joseph L. Tourtelot  
7575 Lake Street  
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Mr. Tourtelot:

The Bishop referred your letter of April 21, 1987 to me and until you sent your recent follow up letter I thought I had answered referenced letter. Upon checking my files I, in fact, did not and for this I sincerely apologize. Whatever blame or guilt exists it rests on my shoulders.

I have checked into your situation and after discussing it at length with Mr. Fred Simon of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in LaQuinta I agree there is no ready solution to your problem. It is my understanding from your letter and my discussions with Mr. Simon that in agreement with Fr. Brennan you would donate monies toward a shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. From my conversation with Fred Simon the only thing available is the altar which has been installed on the Blessed Virgin side of the church. In addition it is the policy of the parish that no plates bearing names of donors will be placed on any donated item. All persons who have donated will be honored and remembered on a large plaque which is to be installed in the vestibule of the church.

Your letter indicated you want your money transferred to Sacred Heart Church in Palm Desert. This will be accomplished but first I feel you need to correspond with Fr. Timlin to determine specifically what it is that you want done with the money you have donated. In addition, I want this approved by Fr. Timlin so that in the future both you and Sacred Heart Parish know and understand the purpose of your donation. Many times verbal communications lose much of their identity particularly when a lengthy period of time has passed.

Thank you for your letters. Bishop Straling has a deep concern that when a donation is made for a specific purpose that that purpose is accomplished. That is why I feel it is necessary that your request to Fr. Timlin be in writing and that it is detailed insofar as your expectations are concerned.

Brennan-WOA 000024



Mr. Joseph L. Tourtelot

June 30, 1987

I again apologize for not having answered your letter of April 21. I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and that you are enjoying your summer at your home in River Forest.

Sincerely in Christ,



Deacon George M. Schmit  
Business Manager

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Joseph L. Tourtelot  
7575 Lake Street  
River Forest, Illinois 60305

June 18, 1987

The Most Reverend Philip F. Straling D.D.  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernadino, California 92405

Dear Bishop Straling:

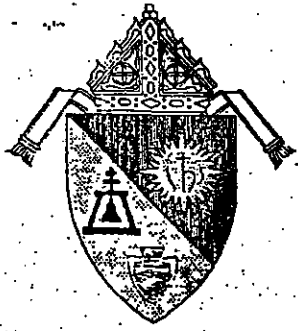
On April 21, 1987, I wrote to you concerning my relationship with Father Brennan and St. Francis of Assisi Church in La Quinta, California.

I am wondering why I have not received some word from you.

My family is quite anxious to know how this matter can be resolved.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joseph L. Tourtelot



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 30, 1987

Mr. Joseph L. Tourtelot  
7575 Lake Street  
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Mr. Tourtelot:

The Bishop referred your letter of April 21, 1987 to me and until you sent your recent follow up letter I thought I had answered referenced letter. Upon checking my files I, in fact, did not and for this I sincerely apologize. Whatever blame or guilt exists it rests on my shoulders.

I have checked into your situation and after discussing it at length with Mr. Fred Simon of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in LaQuinta I agree there is no ready solution to your problem. It is my understanding from your letter and my discussions with Mr. Simon that in agreement with Fr. Brennan you would donate monies toward a shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes. From my conversation with Fred Simon the only thing available is the altar which has been installed on the Blessed Virgin side of the church. In addition it is the policy of the parish that no plates bearing names of donors will be placed on any donated item. All persons who have donated will be honored and remembered on a large plaque which is to be installed in the vestibule of the church.

Your letter indicated you want your money transferred to Sacred Heart Church in Palm Desert. This will be accomplished but first I feel you need to correspond with Fr. Timlin to determine specifically what it is that you want done with the money you have donated. In addition, I want this approved by Fr. Timlin so that in the future both you and Sacred Heart Parish know and understand the purpose of your donation. Many times verbal communications lose much of their identity particularly when a lengthy period of time has passed.

Thank you for your letters. Bishop Straling has a deep concern that when a donation is made for a specific purpose that that purpose is accomplished. That is why I feel it is necessary that your request to Fr. Timlin be in writing and that it is detailed insofar as your expectations are concerned.

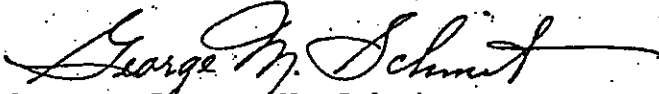
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Mr. Joseph L. Tourtelot

June 30, 1987

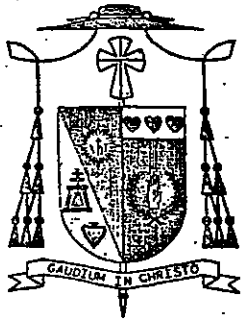
I again apologize for not having answered your letter of April 21. I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and that you are enjoying your summer at your home in River Forest.

Sincerely in Christ,



Deacon George M. Schmit  
Business Manager

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

January 23, 1987

Mr. Fred Simon  
Simon Motors  
78611 Highway 111  
La Quinta, California 92253

Dear Mr. Simon:

I want you to know that I sincerely appreciated the talk we had during my Parish Visitation at St. Francis, as well as the delicious luncheon we shared.

It was good to note that there has been some reconciliation between you and Father Brennan and that he will be working with you and other members of the Building and Finance Council.

During the visit, I talked with Father Brennan about the altar, as well as the plaques, that will be installed in the church to commemorate the various gift donors. He advised me that the cost would be approximately \$25,000.

As Father and I discussed, when this project is completed, there is to be a freeze imposed on all non-essential parish expenses and no dividers are to be installed in the parish hall, until there is a marked reduction in the parish debt. We must continue to reduce this debt, so that the interest does not consume all of the parish resources.

The plan to invite parish visitors to help the parish by contributing, sounds like an excellent one. Perhaps, if one of the parishioners could say a few words about this debt to the congregation before each Mass, this could bring in additional revenue.

It was good to hear that another major fund-raiser is being planned. This should encourage participation for those who have not contributed or have not followed through on their pledges to the parish.

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Mr. Fred Simon  
January 23, 1987

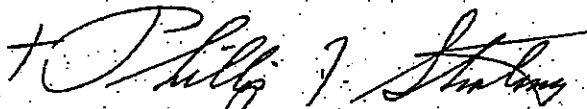
I wish to express my appreciation to you for all that you have done for Father Brennan by helping him through some very difficult times. I realize that he has not always appreciated what you have done for him, but with time, he may see how much you have really done to help him. I believe Father has taken the necessary steps to sever the past relationship, as well as making the effort to keep this particular person away from St. Francis. Unfortunately, we cannot close the doors to her, but we have, at least, discouraged her attendance and involvement.

As I left the valley that day after the visitation, I felt a sense of deep appreciation for all you and your wife have done for the church. You have continued to serve, when many others would have given up. To me, this is a sign of deep faith and a real love for Almighty God.

During my annual retreat, I remembered your sister in my Masses and asked the Lord to give us, who are still here on earth, the comfort of knowing our loved ones are with Him.

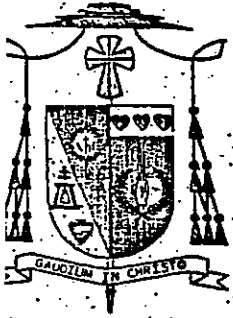
May God's choice blessings and graces be upon you, your wife and family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

March 9, 1987

Mr. Michael W. McCarthy  
47-500 West Eldorado Drive  
Indian Wells, California 92210

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

I received a copy of the letter that you sent to Father Peadar Brennan stating that you enclosed a check in the amount of \$20,000.00 which completes your pledge of \$150,000.00 which you made toward the construction of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Church and Hall.

May I express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your generous support of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. It is through assistance, such as yours, that made this church possible. It is my prayer that God will richly bless and reward you.

Again, with thanks and appreciation, I am

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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cc: Reverend Peadar Brennan

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**Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.**

February 18, 1987

Father Peter Brennan  
St. Francis of Assisi  
P. O. Box 1503  
La Quinta, California 92253

Dear Father Brennan:

I am enclosing my check for \$20,000 drawn on my Foundation Account. According to my records this completes my Pledge of \$150,000 which I made some time ago.

I would appreciate it if you would drop me a note confirming this fact.

Best regards.

*Michael*  
Sincerely,  


Michael W. McCarthy  
47-500 W. Eldorado Drive  
Indian Wells, California 92210

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Enclosure

✓ cc: Bishop Phillip F. Straling

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

January 20, 1987

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Post Office Box 1503  
La Quinta, California 92253

Dear Father Brennan:

I sincerely wish to thank you and your parishioners for the very cordial and warm welcome that I received on the occasion of my recent Parish Visitation. I am also most grateful for the lovely statue of St. Francis of Assisi that was presented to me at the close of the meeting.

Since my last Parish Visitation, when Mass was being held at Simon Motors, many good things have taken place at St. Francis. I wish to emphasize my satisfaction with what has taken place since those early days, but also wish to stress the areas where I feel there is still a need for further growth.

One area that must be given immediate attention is the development of a Parish Council, which should begin with the formation of a steering committee. The parish should be educated as to the nature and purpose of a Parish Council before the actual formation of the council can take place. The steering committee could serve as a temporary council until the actual Parish Council is established. However the formation of the Parish Council must be given top priority.

The second advisory body that is required in a parish is the Finance Committee. Although you already have a building committee, which partially serves as the finance committee, I recommend that this one body also be responsible for all finances. I also recommend that the parish audit be used to prepare a financial

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Reverend Peadar Brennan  
January 20, 1987

statement and an annual financial report be given to the parish, so that parishioners will know what monies are coming in and what is being spent. This is most important since there is a large parish debt and this is one way to encourage people to take the responsibility of paying off the debt.

I commend you for the scripture program that you are presently offering, however, there is a need for ongoing education and, in particular, for future parish leaders. I would like to see candidates in the Straling Leadership Institute or the Escuela de Ministerios. I also note that many of the CCD teachers do not have their certification nor are they working toward it. I am certain that someone in the valley with a Master's Certificate could be found who could assist in training your teachers.

After reviewing the Self-Study Guide evaluation, as well as listening to people at the public meeting, and those I met outside the church after the Masses, there seems to be a need for different parish services and programs, such as greater Youth Ministry, Ministry to the divorced, widowed, single people, and programs for families, etc. There seems to be a readiness on the part of the parishioners to become involved and active. One of the tasks of the Parish Council would be to determine which programs and ministries need to be initiated at this time.

There is also a need for some type of Renewal Program in the parish. I was pleased to note that you have a RCIA and that you have had fourteen people go through the program this past year. I was surprised, however, that there have not been more people in the parish to take advantage of Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, Charismatic Renewal or some of the other movements as these can be great renewal program for your parishioners.

I feel that the Parish Finance Council should discuss the matter of the rectory to see what arrangements can be made, to either purchase the building that you and your sister own, or find another facility that could be

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
January 20, 1987

used as a rectory. At least, there should be some definite plan and cost determination for this matter.

As I mentioned to you and at the general meeting, there must be a freeze on all future development and spending, other than the essentials needed to operate the parish. Two exceptions that we noted, one was the side altar which would complete that phase of the church construction, and to place the plaques on the back wall in honor of the donors. However, the sliding panels that were planned, or any other projects, should be suspended until the parish debt is reduced. A great step forward would be to sell the property on Washington, if we could get \$450,000.00 for it, this would still leave a debt of approximately \$550,000.00. I was pleased to hear that you are planning another pledge drive to obtain funds, as well as making an effort to encourage the "Snow Birds" who occasionally attend one or two Sundays to give a donation to the parish. As I suggested, perhaps one of the members of the parish could give a little pitch for support before the Masses.

Again, I wish to commend you and your people for the progress that has been made at St. Francis Parish. Hopefully, the above will give some direction toward growth, so the parish will continue to flourish and prosper. With thanks to you and your people and asking God's continued blessings and graces upon you and your ministry, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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# St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Church  
P.O. Box 1503 • La Quinta, California 92253  
(619) 564-1255

April 24, 1984

Reverend Edward Reidy, CSC  
Center for Campus Ministry  
Kae Tee Apartments, D-1  
44th at Monteray  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Dear Father Reidy:

After prayerful deliberation and careful dialogue with the members of my parish pastoral council and key members of our parish family, we have decided to rescind the permission which I verbally gave to you of celebrating the sacred liturgy at the Desert Holistic Medical Center.

We would like to be supportive of your ministry and the good work that you are doing for God's people but we feel that your request at this time is not in the best interest while our parish family is in the painful process of growing into a unified community.

With my personal best wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Peter Brennan, Pastor

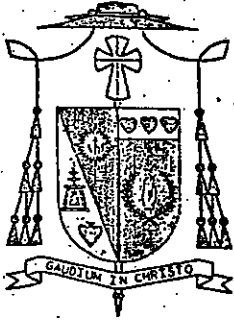
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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 27, 1982

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Francis of Assisi Church  
P. O. Box 1503  
La Quinta, CA 92253

Dear Father Brennan:

With the recommendation of the Priests' Senate, I am happy to appoint you to the Diocesan Board of the Priest to Priest Program. The purpose of this board will be to draw up and give direction to the programs for the ongoing education for the clergy of the diocese. Support groups and other ministries that will aid priests should also be developed.

Father Joseph Vandenberg, M.S.C., is the Executive Secretary of the Board, as well as the Director of the Priest to Priest Program. He will assist the board in their task and implement the directives and programs given by the board. A budget has been allotted, in the amount of \$28,000.00, to include Father Vandenberg's programs, salary and expenses.

Father Edmund O'Donnell is the Chairman of the Board and will be in contact with you in the near future.

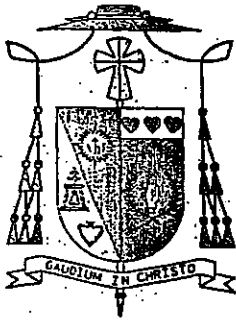
Thanking you for accepting this important task, I am

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

March 19, 1982

Reverend Paedar Brennan  
St. Anthony Church  
P. O. Box 608  
Upland, CA 91786

Dear Father Brennan:

I am pleased to appoint you as Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, La Quinta. This will be effective April 15, 1982.

Your past pastoral record indicates that you are quite competent to not only undertake the completion of St. Francis Church, but also to develop a strong Christian Community there as well.

May your assignment bring you much joy and happiness.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

cc: Reverend Raymond Bluett  
Very Reverend Francis Nightengale  
Very Reverend Donald Webber

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st. anthony's church

P.O. BOX 608

UPLAND, CALIFORNIA 91786

RES: 2095 FIRST AVENUE

(714) 985-2803

FATHER PETER BRENNAN, *Pastor*

March 5, 1982


Personnel Board  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Attention: Very Rev. Edward Cronin:

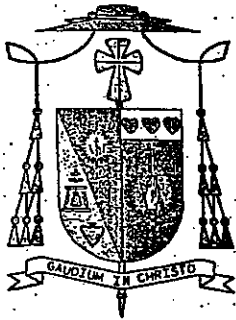
Dear Fathers:

If this should be the will of God for me and if it seems good to you and the Holy Spirit, I would like to submit my name for the pastorate of St. Francis of Assissi Parish in La Quinta.

Fraternally yours,

  
Father Peter Brennan  
Pastor

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 13, 1980

Reverend Paedar Brennan  
St. Anthony Church  
P.O. Box 608  
Upland, California

Dear Father Brennan:

I am pleased to appoint you as:

Junior State Chaplain  
Catholic Daughters of America  
State of California

This is effective immediately.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

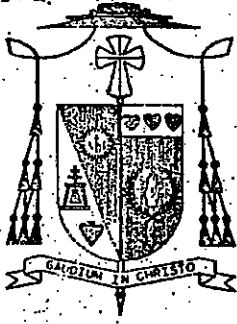
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

December 12, 1979

Reverend Paedar Brennan  
St. Anthony Church  
P.O. Box 608  
Upland, California 91786

Dear Father Brennan:

For some months you have been taking spiritual care of the Court of Our Lady of Fatima, No. 1387. I just wish to reconfirm your position as Chaplain.

Your genial character will do much to foster the spirit of trust among them.

Wishing you every blessing during the Christmas Season, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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cc: Mrs. Elizabeth J. Ticich, Regent  
Court of Our Lady of Fatima No. 1387  
P.O. Box 608  
Upland, California 91786

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COURT OUR LADY OF FATIMA NO. 1387  
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**

ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

October 24, 1979

Reverend Edward T. Cronin  
Chancellor of Pastoral Affairs  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California, 92405

Dear Reverend Cronin,

I am writing this letter as a follow-up to our telephone conversation (Monday, October 22, 1979) in regard to the appointment of a new Chaplain for Court Our Lady of Fatima #1387. Reverend Peter Brennan, St. Anthony's Parish, 21st Street and San Antonio, Upland, Ca. consented to be our Chaplain the next two years.

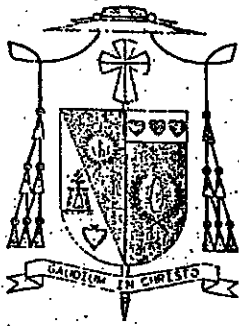
Father Brennan celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the National Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of Americas Day, Sunday, October 21st, 1979. Many Courts of the San Bernardino Dioceses were in attendance with their families and friends.

With the Faith that was demonstrated in Love and Unity we will always strive to be the example of Our Blessed Mother.

Yours in Unity And Charity,

*Elizabeth Jane Ticich, Regent*

Elizabeth Jane Ticich, Regent



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 22, 1979

Reverend Paedar Brennan  
St. Anthony Church  
P. O. Box 608  
Upland, California 91786

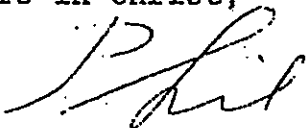
Dear Paedar:

I was happy to be a part of your Confirmation the other evening. I am also appreciative of your very nice note and extremely generous gift.

I am planning to get away in mid-July to mid-August. I am really looking forward to escaping to some desert island, with no telephones, no doorbells, no mail, etc.

My thanks and best wishes to you and to all the people of your parish, I am

Yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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April 24, 1972

Rev. Peadar Brennan  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
2766 Navajo Road  
El Cajon, Calif. 92020

Dear Father Brennan:

I am pleased to appoint you Pastor of:

St. Thomas Indian Mission  
Fort Yuma, California

effective May 1, 1972.

Your cooperation and participation in  
the apostolic ministry are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

cc: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Moloney

May 29, 1969

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Mary Magdalene Church  
1940 Illion Street  
San Diego, California 92110

Dear Father Brennan:

You are hereby appointed Assistant  
to:

Reverend Thomas Moloney  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
2766 Navajo Road  
El Cajon, California 92020

effective Thursday, June 5, 1969.

Bespeaking for this assignment your  
loyal cooperation, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

cc: Rev. Daniel O'Donoghue  
Rev. Thomas Moloney

September 29, 1967

Reverend Peadar J. Brennan  
St. Francis de Sales Church  
4268 Lima Street  
Riverside, California 92501

Dear Father Brennan:

You are hereby appointed Assistant to:

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Dillon  
Sacred Heart Church of Ocean Beach  
2001 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard  
San Diego, California 92107

effective Wednesday, October 4, 1967.

Bespeaking for this assignment your loyal  
cooperation, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

cc: Rt.Rev.Msgr.Peter Lynch, VF  
Rt.Rev.Msgr.Francis Dillon

January 16, 1969

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
Sacred Heart Church  
P. O. Box 7526  
San Diego, California 92107

Dear Father Brennan:

You are hereby appointed Assistant  
to:

Reverend Daniel O'Donoghue  
St. Mary Magdalene Church  
1940 Illicon Street  
San Diego, California 92110

effective January 23, 1969.

Respeaking for this assignment your  
loyal cooperation, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Kenneth G. Stack  
Rev. Daniel O'Donoghue

May 8, 1964

Rev. Peadar Brennan  
St. John of the Cross Church  
8086 Broadway  
Lemon Grove, California 92043

Dear Father Brennan:

You are hereby appointed Assistant to Right  
Reverend Monsignor Peter Lynch, V.F., Pastor of

St. Francis de Sales Church  
4268 Lime Street  
Riverside, California

effective Tuesday, May 12, 1964.

Bespeaking for this assignment your continued  
loyalty and cooperation, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter Lynch, V.F.  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John W. McDonagh



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SANCTISSIMI DOMINI NOSTRI  
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AUCTORITATE

SACRA CONGREGATIO DE DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM,

Susceptis precibus ob Ordinario S. Didaci rite commendatis, quibus Peadar Brennan, diaconus eiusdem Diocesis, postulat dispensationem super defectu canonicae aetatis septem mensium, ut ad sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem legitime promoveri possit, ob legitimas causas allatas, benigne committit eidem Ordinario, ut, pro suo arbitrio et conscientia, dispensationem largiatur iuxta petita, dummodo Orator S. Theologiae curriculum a pontificiis praescriptionibus determinatum, expleverit, et caute, ut dictus sacerdos ante canonicam aetatem promotus, muneribus pastoralis ministerii incumbat sub dependentia et vigilantia provectoris et probati sacerdotis, et cito non probetur pro confessionibus, praesertim mulierum, nisi urgente casu necessitatis, servatis de iure servantis, et praesertim Instructione ab H. S. C. die 27 decembris 1930 edita atque in Actorum Apostolicae Sedis Commentario officiali relata mense aprili 1931; necnon Circularibus Litteris diei 27 decembris 1955.

Datum Romae, ex aedibus eiusdem S. C., die 10 aprilis 1961.

R. ZubeSur

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May 10, 1961

The Reverend James H. Murphy, C.M.  
All Hallows College  
Druncondra  
Dublin,  
Ireland

Reverend and dear Father Murphy:

Enclosed please find the Indult, Number 22F2/61 for the Reverend  
Padear Brennan, Deacon. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop  
does hereby execute this Indult as required by the Sacred Congregation  
of the Sacraments and authorizes you to proceed accordingly.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne  
Secretary

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Enc.

IN RE EVIDENCE SUPPORT FOR REV. PEADAR BRENNAN, IMMIGRATION VISA APPLICANT

AFFIDAVIT OF: His Excellency, Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, D.D.  
Bishop of San Diego, San Diego, California, U.S.A.

LEGAL TITLE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO, a corporation sole

1 I, THE UNDERSIGNED, Charles Francis Buddy, Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego,  
2 (~~a corporation sole~~) make the following affidavit:

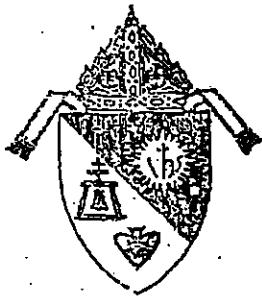
- 3 a) Name: Charles Francis Buddy  
Administration Building-Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California
- 4 Date of Birth: October 4, 1887
- 5 Town and Country: St. Joseph, Missouri, U.S.A.
- 6 Nationality: American
- 7 Occupation: Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego
- 8 Marital Status: Single
- 9 b) Citizenship: American by birth
- 10 c) Dependents: None
- 11 d) Financial Resources: The physical properties of the Diocese of San  
12 Diego, located in the four Counties of San Diego,  
13 Imperial, San Bernardino, and Riverside, State  
14 of California.
- 15 e) Reasons: The Rev. Peadar Brennan's services as a priest are  
16 needed due to the large area and steadily in-  
17 creasing population to be served. There are  
18 insufficient native vocations to the priesthood  
to care for the needs of the people.
- 19 f) I wish to act as guarantor for the following alien who desires to immigrate  
to the United States:
- The Rev. Peadar Brennan  
All Hallows College  
Dublin, Ireland  
Single - Irish Nationality  
Not related to guarantor

In order to prevent the alien above-mentioned from becoming a public charge after arrival in the United States, I shall assume the responsibility for his support.



REV. PAEDAR BRENNAN

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# Diocese of San Bernardino

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June 12, 1998

Ms. Jane Barry  
The Epler Company  
450 B Street, Ste 750  
San Diego, CA 92101-8002

Dear Jane,

This is in reference to the inquiry concerning the status of the following priests:

Reverend Peter Brennan: I have not received any communication from Father Brennan. I understand that he is civilly married. Therefore, he is suspended (Canon 1394.1), I expect that he will seek his retirement in the future.

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With my cordial regards and appreciation, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

*Msgr. Donald S. Webber*

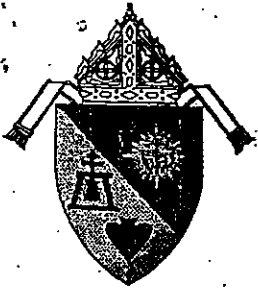
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Vicar General/Chancellor

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# Diocese of San Bernardino

CHANCELLOR ♦ MODERATOR OF CURIA

DATE: May 23, 1996

TO: George Schmit

FROM: Monsignor Webber *JSW*

RE: Holy Innocents

This information outlines a resolution to the funds owed to Holy Innocents parish by Fr. Brennan.

cc: Barbara Loggins

Brennan-WOA 000062



## holy innocents church

March 29, 1996

Diocesan Pastoral Center  
Attn Barb Loggins  
Internal Auditor  
1201 E Highland Ave  
San Bernardino Calif 92404

Dear Barb,

Per our telephone call here is the recap of the charges and credits on the Bank America Bill:

	Credits	Charges
July/95	366.62	366.62
Sept/95	200.00	179.76
Oct/95	1,549.81	3,564.06
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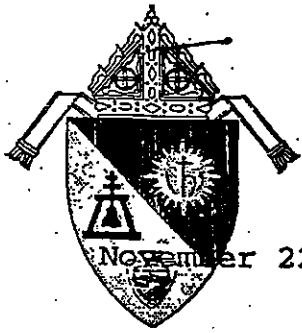
All souls stipend for Nov was 566.25  
Auto Ins allow for 95/96 was 412.40  
The amount still owing is 1,015.26. Do  
I leave that amount is the clearing  
account? Please advise.

Sincerely

Annette A Hebert  
Bookkeeper

P. O. BOX 1777 • VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA 92393 • (818) 955-6010

Brennan-WOA 000067



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

To: Msgr. Webber

From: Barb Loggins *Barb*

Re: Holy Innocents, Victorville

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In accordance with your request, we audited Holy Innocents yesterday (the report will follow). As a result of that audit it was noted that the bookkeeper was paying Fr. Brennan's BankAmericard bill each month (at his instruction). It was not uncommon for him to give her a check to cover part of the monthly statement. In October she paid \$3,564.06 (he wrote a check to the Church for \$1,549.81). It would appear that Fr. owes the Church \$2,014.25 from that October statement because the nature of the charges appeared to be personal.

My concern is this; once again the bill has been submitted to the Church and the monthly charges amounted to \$1,230.05. From looking at the statement it appears these charges are of a personal nature and not Church related expenses. I am enclosing the statement for you to review as I did not want to instruct the bookkeeper to pay something from Church funds that appeared to be personal. What would you like for me to do in regard to this matter?

Also, the bookkeeper has not reimbursed Fr. Brennan for the car insurance allowance for the 95-96 fiscal year. In addition, the Church owes Fr. approximately \$500, for All Soul's mass stipends. My proposal is that we pro-rate what is owed for the insurance, add to that the \$500. and deduct those monies from the \$2,014.25 that is still owed by Fr. to the Church on the October credit card statement. *Msgr Webber, the bishop called to inquire about this issue.*

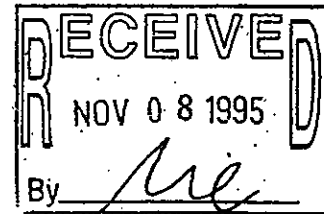
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Brennan-WOA 000069



November 2, 1995  
Feast of All Souls

The Most Reverend Gerald Barnes  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North "D" Street  
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Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I am available to speak with you on this matter. I hope to hear from you soon.

I am, sincerely yours in Christ, and asking your help and blessing on us all,

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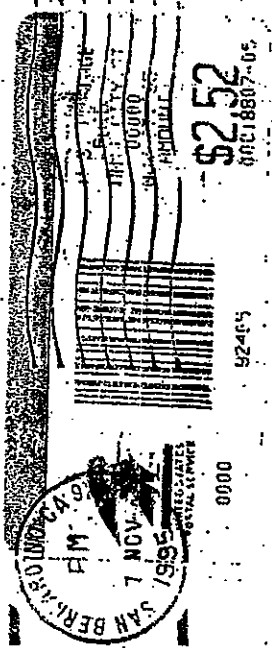
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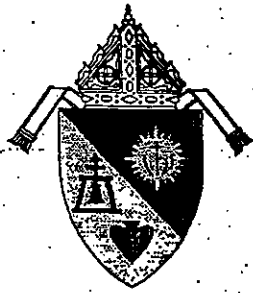
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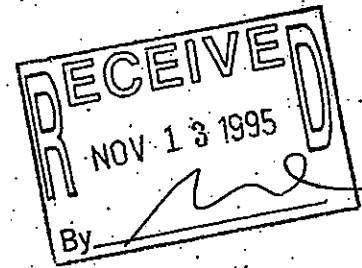
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Diocese of San Bernardino



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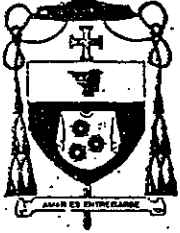
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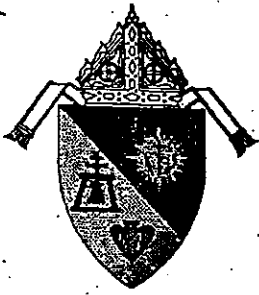
Subject: Fr. Brennan

Comments: Sr. Mary Jo asked me  
to fax this <sup>letter</sup> to you. She got  
one too.

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If any pages were received illegibly, please call our office

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# Diocese of San Bernardino

CHANCELLOR ♦ MODERATOR OF CURIA

**Confidential**

January 12, 1996

To: Bishop Barnes  
George Schmit

From: Monsignor Don Webber *DW*

Re: Institutional contributions for Non-active Priests

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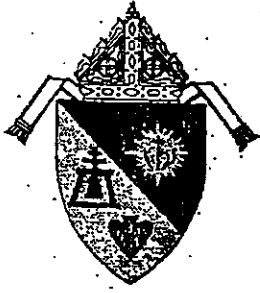
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# Diocese of San Bernardino

CHANCELLOR ♦ MODERATOR OF CURIA

February 22, 1996

Ms. Jane Barry  
Epler Insurance Co.  
750 B Street, Suite 750  
San Diego CA 92101

Dear Ms. Barry,

I have reviewed with Bishop Barnes the status of several of our inactive priests. Due to their special circumstances, individual decisions have been made concerning their status in their participation in the Priests' Pension Plan. The following priests are to be reclassified at the next fiscal review:

Reverend Peadar Brennan: He has resigned and states that he will seek laicization. He is fully vested. He was born on 1/10/38. He will be entitled to draw 100% monthly stipend when he is 65. I request that his institutional contribution be discontinued at the next fiscal review.

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If I can provide any further information, please contact me. With my appreciation for your assistance, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

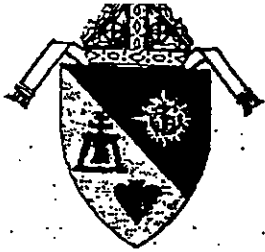
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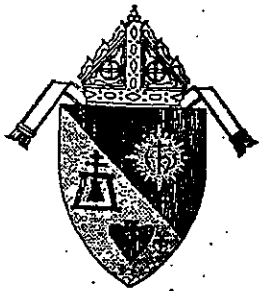
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January 2, 1996

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
20351 Tonawanda Road  
Apple Valley CA 92307

Dear Peadar,

Following the audit of Holy Innocents parish, our diocesan accounting department submitted the attached memo to me. I would ask that you review these financial issues and provide any additional information that you may dispute.

Your assistance will be helpful in preparing a financial report to the parish. I know that your attorney has been in contact with the Diocesan Business Manager, Mr. George Schmit, to clarify some other financial matters.

I appreciate your attention in this matter. With my prayers and wishes as the new year begins, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Donald S. Webber  
Chancellor/Moderator of the Curia

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cc: Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes  
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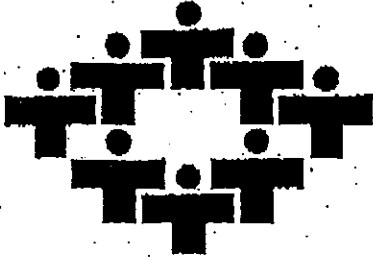
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Please Reply  
To Main Office



November 10, 1995

William Lemann, Esq.  
Fullerton, Lemann, Schaefer & Dominick  
215 North D Street  
San Bernardino, California 92401

Dear Bill:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of this date wherein we discussed that the following statement would be released to the Catholic community at Holy Innocents church in Victorville:

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1995, FATHER PETER BRENNAN RESIGNED THE OFFICE OF PASTOR OF HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH IN VICTORVILLE, CA. FATHER BRENNAN IS BEGINNING TO PURSUE THE PROCESS OF LAICIZATION FOR MARRIAGE.

It is also our understanding that you will be adding language regarding Peter's continued support and prayerful best wishes for the parish.

Sincerely,

*Peter J. Brennan*  
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*Sandra L. David*  
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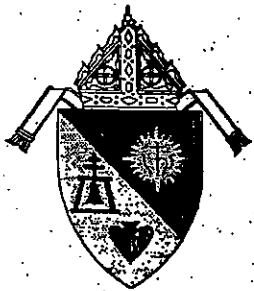
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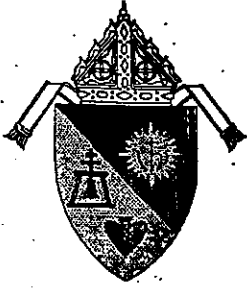
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D.M. Callahan  
15180 Tamney Ridge Lane  
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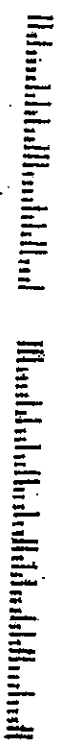
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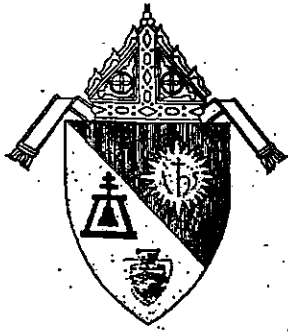
*Just as he who has the means wherewith to give corporal assistance is rich in this respect, so he whose reason is gifted with the sane judgment, so as to be able to correct another's wrong-doing, is, in this respect to be looked on as a superior.....Even in the physical order certain things act mutually on one another, through being in some respect higher than one another, in so far as each is in somewhat in act, and somewhat in potentiality with regard to another. In like manner, one man can correct another insofar as he has a sane judgment in a matter wherein the other sins, though he is not his superior simply.*

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. I am available to speak with you on this matter. I hope to hear from you soon.

I am, sincerely yours in Christ, and asking your help and blessing on us all,

REDACTED

cc: Most Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan, D.J.D.  
Sister Mary Jo Nelson, Diocese of San Bernardino  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Donald Webber



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

March 24, 1992

Rev. Peadar Brennan  
Holy Innocents Church  
P. O. Box 1777  
Victorville, CA 92393

Dear Father Brennan:

I received your requests for payment of two bills; one for rental on your worship facility for two months in the amount of \$6,000.00 and the second for the improvements on the building in the amount of \$15,000.00. With these two bills amounting to \$21,000.00 your line of credit of \$200,000.00 has been exceeded by \$35,000.00. I discussed this with the Vicar General, Father Webber, and we have increased your line of credit to \$250,000.00. This is the absolute max that you will be allowed to borrow. It does give you a cushion of approximately \$14,000.00 that should tide you over for the next three months. This will give you time to determine what your income stream will be as your inaugural Mass at the parish takes place tomorrow evening, March 25.

In order to determine the financial needs that you will have in the coming fiscal year, July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993, it is most appropriate that you work out a budget for that period of time. When you have done so, please forward a copy to me and Father Webber.

I am sorry that I cannot be at your Mass the evening of Wednesday, March 25, as I indicated I would be. I did not realize that I had made a previous commitment to my daughter. Betty and I are active in the support group that she attends, which allows her to more ably deal with her affliction. I am sure that everything will go well. I wish you and your community much success and may Jesus bless you in many ways in the coming weeks and months.

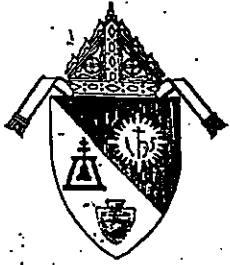
Sincerely in Christ,

  
Deacon George M. Schmit  
Business Manager

GMS:eit

cc: Bishop Phillip Straling  
Father Donald Webber  
Diane Chell

Brennan-WOA 0000134



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Vicar General*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

November 4, 1991

TO: Diane Chell  
FROM: Father Don Webber *DSW*  
RE: Reverend Peadar Brennan.

**REDACTED**

Please reimburse the account of Priests' Relief  
in the amount of from Father Brennan's line  
of credit. This reimbursement is for the  
stipend that was paid to Father Brennan for August, September,  
and October, 1991.

Thank you.

DSW/yl

Brennan-WOA 0000135



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REQUESTED BY: Rev. Peadar Brennan

APPROVED BY: *RSW* Rev. Donald S. Webber

10-31-91

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Spoke with George about reimbursement of Fr. Brennan's Sept. Stipend to be put back into Priest Relief. He will write memo to accty. to this nature.

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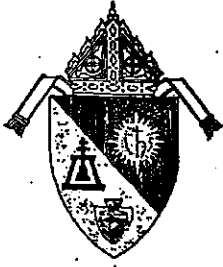
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9-26-91

Get reimbursed out of Fr. Brennan's line of credit (\$209,000)

Forward copy of ltr from Bishop on this approval. *ys*

Circle one:  MAIL  RETURN  INTEROFFICE



Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

September 26, 1991

TO: Bishop Straling REDACTED  
FROM: Father Don Webber *DSW*  
RE: Line of Credit for new Victorville Parish

In order to have funds available for Father Peadar Brennan, would you be ready to initiate a line of credit of \$100,000, effective October 1, 1991.

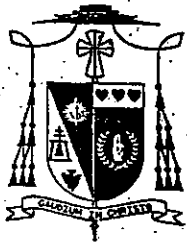
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cc: George Schmit

*OK*  
*[Signature]*  
*9/26/91*

*This is to be checked up  
by Parishes of the Vicariate -*

*[Signature]*



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

May 29, 1991

Most Reverend John R. Quinn  
Archbishop of San Francisco  
445 Church Street  
San Francisco CA 94114

Dear Archbishop John:

Father Peadar Brennan, a priest of the Diocese of San Bernardino, has been serving as an associate pastor at St. Pius Parish in Redwood City. We have discussed his returning to the diocese and have agreed to September 1, 1991. A new parish, Holy Innocents, will be opened in Victorville and I am asking him to be the founding pastor.

I appreciate your assisting Father Brennan during these past months as he worked through various problems. If in the future I can be of any help to you, please give me a call.

Again with thanks and appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/jm

cc: Reverend Peadar Brennan

Brennan-WOA 0000138



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

January 29, 1991

CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Pius Church  
1100 Woodside Road  
Redwood City, California 94061

Dear Father Peadar:

It was good to meet with you on Saturday, January 21, 1991 and to discuss the possibility of your returning to the Diocese of San Bernardino to continue your pastoral ministry. I will recommend that you be offered a pastoral assignment in the diocese as of July 1, 1991 to the Priests' Personnel Board at their upcoming meeting.

In coming back to the diocese, there are certain things that you will abide by in light of the past wrong and scandal caused and to ensure no future scandal.

It is my understanding that the woman, who was involved has remarried and is now living in another state. You assured me that you have had no contact with her in recent months and that you will have no contact with her in the future. Since she has remarried, your child will be raised by her and the stepfather. You are to have no contact with the child, even on an out of town or out of state basis. Under no circumstances is the child to visit or stay with you, here in the diocese. It is my understanding that all legal matters have been concluded and agreements reached for the support of the child and you will continue to make all the required payments.

The Palm Springs, La Quinta area will be out of bounds for you. You should not go into the valley for any reason and visits with friends from that area should also be held elsewhere. Any exceptions need my express approval. For example, I would be willing to give permission for you to attend the priest convocation in 1992 in Palm Springs.

You will be notified through diocesan mailings as to pastoral and ministerial openings in the diocese and I ask you to be in contact with your Priests' Personnel Board Representative regarding

Brennan-WOA 0000139

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
January 29, 1991

possibilities. You have discussed with me some of your thoughts regarding present openings and I will share these with the Personnel Board. In the various rounds of openings for parish ministries which will be forthcoming, I pray that one might be found that would be of interest to you and receive the recommendation of the board. Upon your receiving an assignment, I will notify Archbishop John Quinn in writing that you will be returning to the Diocese of San Bernardino as of July 1, 1991.

I was pleased we had the opportunity to discuss, discern and agree on your future in the diocese. You have grown through the sufferings that you have had to undergo as a result of your actions and I know of your serious contrition for these past actions, and of the positive steps that you are taking to ensure that this will not happen again. I appreciate your willingness to avoid any situations which might embarrass the Church and in your pledge to abide with my directives for your welfare, as well as that of God's people.

As you begin a new period in your life, may Almighty God continue to guide you in providing good pastoral ministry and service, here in the diocese.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/jm

*St. Pius Church*

1100 Woodside Road  
Redwood City, California 94061



January 9th 1991

Dear Bishop Straling,

May I begin by thanking you for your letter and Christmas greeting, which I received just hours before celebrating the Christmas Eve Mass with God's people here at St Pius. It was the most timely message of good news that I have heard ever since entering the dark night of these past few years.

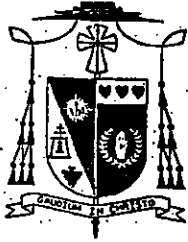
I am indeed heartened by this good news for I know that the pain and anxiety which I have endured have not been in vain. I know and believe that I am in a better place mentally, physically and spiritually than I have been for many years.

I look forward to responding to your kind invitation to meet with you and discuss the possibility of ministry once again in the church of San Bernardino. I will be on retreat at San Luis Rey from January 20th through 25th, and at that time would look forward to meeting with you at your convenience. I will call you before January 20th to confirm a date and time.

May I wish you a happy and healthy New Year and every blessing in sheperding your flock.

Sincerely and Respectfully yours,

Peter Brennan



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

December 18, 1990

Reverend Peter Brennan  
St. Pius Parish  
1100 Woodside Road  
Redwood City CA 94061

Dear Father Brennan:

May I wish you a very blessed and joyous Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to review your plans regarding future ministry in the diocese. I understand you are interested in returning to the diocese for ministry and I would like to address that issue with you personally. What is your thinking in the matter at this particular time? What time frame are we working with concerning your remaining at your present assignment? Do you think a return to this area would be advisable or do you feel more time is needed? I am unaware of the location and the circumstances of the other party involved so I would welcome an update, so that we might make prudent and wise decisions.

I look forward to hearing from you as you try to discern where the Lord is leading you at this particular time. If you are in the area, please feel free to give me a call.

With every best wish and renewed greetings for a wonderful Christmas

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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Brennan-WOA 0000142



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

August 11, 1989

Reverend Joseph McNamara, s.P.  
2348 Pajarito Road, S.W.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

Dear Father McNamara:

Many thanks for your recent letter of July 31, 1989 concerning Father Peadar Brennan, along with the enclosed information regarding various sections of therapy and support that were given during his stay at Albuquerque Villa.

Father Brennan is reporting to a parish in San Francisco and will be assigned as an Associate. I am prayerful this will give him the opportunity to minister on a full basis and, perhaps, someday in the future, when his personal matters are completely behind him, he can return to the Diocese of San Bernardino.

I am very grateful to you and your staff for the assistance you have given to Father Brennan during this difficult time.

Again, with thanks and appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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Brennan-WOA 0000155





Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

July 18, 1989

TO: Monsignor Behan  
FROM: Bishop Straling  
RE: Reverend Peter Brennan

I received a telephone call, from Mr. Cleary, the Attorney for Father Brennan, informing me that the agreement has been signed, closing the legal matter involving Father Brennan. I then called the Personnel Office in San Francisco, to let Father Dreier know, and he related that, since the matter has been closed, Father Brennan would have an appointment in San Francisco, as of July 22, 1989.

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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO  
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AUXILIARY BISHOP

445 CHURCH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94114-1799 (415) 565-3600

July 20, 1989

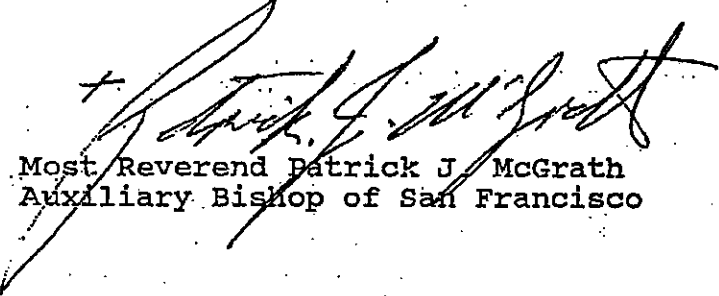
Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Bishop Straling:

Since we last talked, I have had to make a change in the assignment of Father Peter Brennan. Father Brennan will now be assigned to Saint Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City, CA 94061. Monsignor Peter Armstrong is the pastor of the parish and Father Robert McElroy will be the other associate along with Father Brennan. I have discussed Father Brennan's appointment with both Monsignor Armstrong and Father McElroy. They are most happy to welcome him to the Parish.

May these remaining days of summer be filled with Christ's peace.

Yours sincerely,



Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

July 6, 1989

Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco  
445 Church Street  
San Francisco, CA 94114-1799

Dear Bishop McGrath:

Many thanks for your letter of June 23, 1989, regarding Father Peter Brennan.

I am pleased you are willing to accept Father Peter for a Pastoral Assignment at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Belmont effective the latter part of July. Within a few days the legal matters that have been pending will be concluded and having verification of this, Father Brennan has my permission to accept the assignment.

Father Brennan has been participating in programs with the Paraclete Fathers in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I understand he is taking a couple of weeks to see family members in Ireland and should be available around July 20th. I have asked him to be in contact with Father Bruce Dreier, of your Priest Personnel Office, upon his return.

Father Peter Brennan is a good priest and I hope he has learned some valuable lessons from past mistakes. Be assured of my assistance in any way possible.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/rls

cc: Reverend Peter Brennan

Brennan-WOA 0000158



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO  
PASTORAL CENTER

AUXILIARY BISHOP

445 CHURCH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94114-1799 (415) 565-3600

June 23, 1989

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling, D.D.  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Bishop Straling:

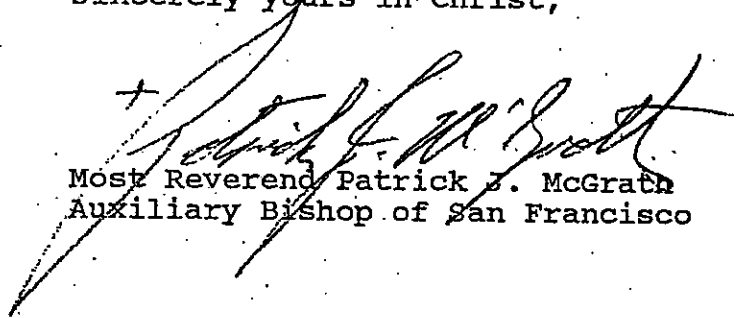
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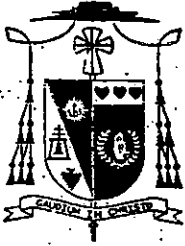
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I enjoyed seeing you at the Bishop's meeting. Be assured of my prayer and best wishes for you and your ministry.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Patrick J. McGrath  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

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With prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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cc: Reverend Peter Brennan

Brennan-WOA 0000160



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445 CHURCH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94114-1799 (415) 565-3600

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Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
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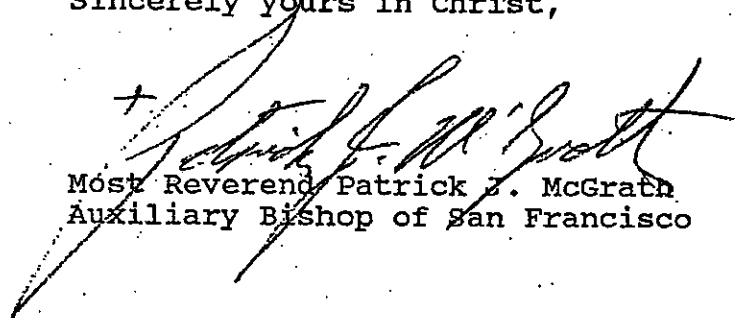
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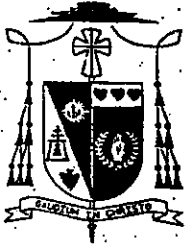
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July 18, 1989

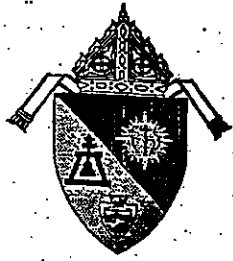
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Brennan-WOA 0000162



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 3, 1989

Mrs. Dorothy O'Donnell  
14505 Carlotta #145  
Palm Desert, California 92260

Dear Mrs. O'Donnell:

Many thanks for your letter to Bishop Straling. He has asked me to assure you that he appreciates your taking the time to share your thoughts with him.

Father Brennan's efficacy as a priest is not in question. We do have to respect the fact that he and Bishop Straling have reached a decision after much consideration. We have to understand that the Lord is working in this way in all of our lives.

With every best wish and thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General

PAB/rs

Brennan-WOA 0000168



REDACTED

To Rev. Bishop

I felt in my heart & soul, I should write you 1926  
a note apologize, concerning the letter I wrote to you, about  
Father Brennan, leaving our Church so suddenly. We were  
upset, especially myself. - I had personal experience with  
our Pastor, which were extremely helpful. I was told by a  
Surgeon, not to have Surgery, as at my age could go into shock  
so for 2 yrs I lived on pain pills. - Father Brennan saw, when I  
attended Mass in the mornings, & was very encouraging. - After  
2 yrs of that, I could not do it any longer, so my family made  
arrangement to M.C.L. & I consented for surgery. Before I left  
for M.C.L. I talked it over with Father Brennan, & again I got  
great encouragement & Absolution & his Blessing, which I list  
to carefully. I left for M.C.L. in my heart. I said good bye to  
the sky, birds, all the animals, all families things, neighbors &  
my family, as I was told I could go into shock. - Well the  
unexpected happened. My Surgery was a great success, & I  
was asked by the Nurses <sup>if</sup> they are smiling, no one smiles in a  
Hosp. & I told, well I do, but they did not know Father Brennan  
kindness, his Absolution & his Blessing, & I had no pain after the  
Surgery & within six months I was walking without a cane, short  
distances & no pain, every one remarked about my Surgery & my

progress. I spoke with Father one morning & reported to him about the progress of my saying the Rosary here with the Pts in our little health care, adjacent to our Senior Residence. O.L.D. & that was the last time I saw our good Father Brennan. I heard so many variations of stories. I would listen to none & stopped it if I could. Our present Pastor Fr. The Gregory is a joy too he is a very Holy man & we love him, but we know in advance he is leaving & Father O'Donnell is coming - But our so with Father Brennan, he was gone immediately, & we were left stunned, upset & I had never had the experience of the Catholic Church, nor that, & I hope I never experience it again, its too hurtful, & I pray Father Brennan will arise stronger than ever. I experienced Father Brennan as a Priest in sickness & in health & was not wanting in any of the qualities of a Priest, he upheld his Faith, & I thanked God for directing me into the Catholic Church in 1925, & I have never since changed my mind for one moment. I do sincerely apologize for the letter I sent you, it was sent in complete hurtfulness & confusion & I could not realize Father Brennan would never come back. It seemed awfully cruel at the time, Father Brennan would want me to remember the laws of obedience to Church laws, but I forgot & kept asking why? why? I thank you for taking the time to read this letter & my sincere apology. I pray with the Patients for the intention of the Holy Father, the Church would rise, more men come to the Priesthood & all the Priests & missionaries & that includes all. on a Friday, @ 2:30 pm.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Brennan-WOA 0000170



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 3, 1989

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
Servants of the Paraclete  
2348 Pajarito Road, SW  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

Dear Peadar:

This is to confirm our phone conversation of April 25, 1989 regarding your taking up residence, immediately, at the Servants of the Paraclete Facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There you will have an opportunity to pursue some indepth counseling concerning your present situation and I hope gain some assistance in discerning your future. Father Joseph Mc Namara, who is well known to both of us, will be happy to assist you.

You are to stay with the Servants of the Paraclete until such time as the legal issues, regarding patrimony of the child are resolved. There is no possibility of your doing any work in any diocese until this is accomplished. I must have, in my hands, a written resolution that you and your attorney negotiate, as well as have an assurance that this matter is completely settled.

I will then work with you as to an assignment outside the diocese. I have contacted both the Diocese of Sacramento and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Both are willing to assist us, in so far as they can, and you mentioned the possibility of working in Arizona.

Father Ned O'Donnell has assured me that he will provide your monthly stipend through the end of June, 1989. I pray that by July 1, 1989, all legal issues will be resolved and an assignment for you can be found. From your monthly stipend, you are to provide funds for all the obligations you have incurred, and payment for your stay at the Servants of the Paraclete.

Brennan-WOA 0000171

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
May 3, 1989

I cannot allow you to pursue further studies, at this time, as you need to provide for yourself and your obligations.

The above is my understanding of our agreement and any change is to be clarified with me in writing.

I pray that you can get past this present trial in your life, take care of your duties and responsibilities and, eventually, get back to priestly ministry.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

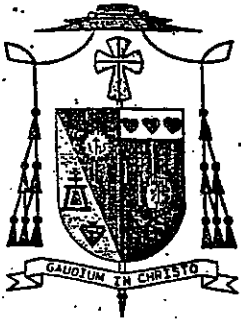
Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/jm

cc: Reverend Ned O'Donnell  
Reverend Joseph Mc Namara, sP.



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

April 12, 1989

Reverend Gregory Ingels, J.C.D.  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center  
445 Church Street  
San Francisco, California 94114-1799

REDACTED

Dear Father Ingels:

Thank you for your letter as canonical advocate to

I have spoken with Reverend Peter Brennan and understand the matter is being taken care of by attorney [redacted] and his attorney, Mr. [redacted]

With every best wish, I am

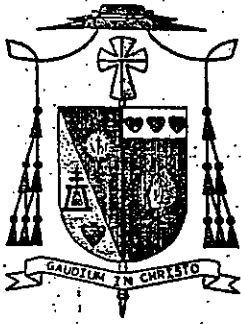
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Phillip F. Straling*

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/rs

Brennan-WOA 0000173



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

April 1, 1989

TO: Monsignor Behan  
FROM: Bishop Straling *BS*  
RE: Reverend Peadar Brennan

Have you put together a response that I would send to Father Ingels, JCD, in San Francisco? I know you have been trying to contact him by telephone, but I think it would be important that we, also, put some type of statement in writing.

If you can get something together, then I could sign it when I return.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO

PFS/jm

Brennan-WOA 0000174



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 14, 1988

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Post Office Box 1503  
La Quinta, California 92253

Dear Father Brennan:

This is a follow-up to our meeting of Monday, October 10, 1988, regarding your resignation from the office of Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in La Quinta. I regret that given the circumstances, your ministry was severely compromised and you were forced to tendering your resignation. Be assured that I am willing to assist you in any way possible to re-establish yourself in priestly ministry.

Father Philip A. Behan, Vicar General, is making the necessary arrangements for a temporary administrator for St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community until a new pastor can be appointed. Kindly be in touch with Father Behan regarding the sabbatical stipend that will be paid to you until, such time as, you receive a pastoral assignment.

For the present, I ask that you to be in touch with me regarding a sabbatical and possible parish ministries. During our telephone conversation of October 11, 1988, I mentioned the possibility of your studying Spanish for several months and also, considering a Military Chaplaincy for three years.

I understand you will be staying with Father Finnerty in San Diego. If you should move, please inform Father Behan, so we can contact you if needed. I hope, within a short time, we can make some definite plans as to how you will spend your time.

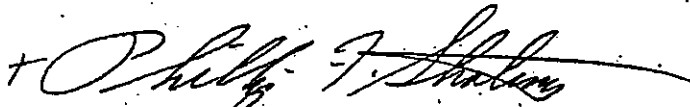
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October 14, 1988

If you wish to continue to be a priest all relationships with the woman, with whom you have become involved, are to be severed and no contact is to be maintained with her now or in the future. I understand that you are making the necessary arrangements for child support through her attorney and I presume that you have your own legal counsel to assist you. If all contact with this woman is not broken off, I will be forced to suspend you from all exercise of your priestly ministry. I believe you understand the seriousness of the present situation and that you cannot in any way, be involved with a woman. If she continues to pursue you, and you still wish to remain a priest, this may necessitate your accepting a pastoral assignment in another diocese, where you are unknown and she will be unaware of your whereabouts.

Be assured of my continued assistance, and with prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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da Junta

Clear <sup>Miller</sup> <sub>DK</sub>

Financial - check

Janet - loyal to B. - taking people out to dinner on parish funds.

No parish council - Finance Council hardly existed tho info given  
Support of child. Bulding fund

Credit Card usage ?? Home apr

Organist - choir Director - children + 10.30 Mass.

After Jan's Simon was out - after Beth's visit  
to Vintage Club?

\* Counting of Collection: - Country -  
View of  
depart  
Signed by theques.

Jed Simon

Jimma Dumpane

Erda Predergast

Financial

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~~F. Brennan~~

St. Francis

La Quinta

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BISHOP  
F.Y.I.

This is the statement to all names in the Episcopate  
last Sunday by Frank Beard, July 11, 1900

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Father Brennan has asked me to share with you that the Bishop of our Diocese has asked him to take a sabbatical which will allow him a time for rest and renewal before he enters another ministry.

He feels that his ministry at St. Francis has been successfully fulfilled in the building of this magnificent shrine of St. Francis and the parish center. The various ministries of the church are well established and functional, and can only be a blessing for now and years to come.

We all are deeply indebted to Father Peter Brennan for the spirit of love, compassion and concern which he engendered in our church. We are grateful to him for the outstanding leadership he gave in building of this parish and for his Pastoral care to all areas of this community.

I appear in his place today only because Father finds saying Good Bye to those he loves heart rendering emotionally.

On November 27th, we have decided to honor Father Brennan and give members and friends of the Parish, a time to say good bye, <sup>this also</sup> which coincides with the 4th Anniversary of our church dedication. ~~The time will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.~~  
There will be further announcements as to the time & place

I have spoken with him personally and can assure you that his spirits are high & his health good. He goes with the humility and spirit of adventure that we have all come to love in him.

He leaves his blessing for you all.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW

1. LETTER READ TO PARISH 10-16-88

- (a) Letter
- (b) Reception in November

2. PAYMENTS TO FR. BRENNAN

- (a) Continuation of Salary
- (b) Any Other Allowances
- (c) Moving Costs

3.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

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4. CASH POSITION - CURRENT

- (a) Balance 10-17-88
- (b) New Signature Cards

5. EMPLOYEES

6. STATIONERY CHANGES

- (a) Bulletin
- (b) Music Programs
- (c) Calendars

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7. FINANCIAL RESULTS THRU 9-30-88 (3 MONTHS)

Gross Income

Expenses

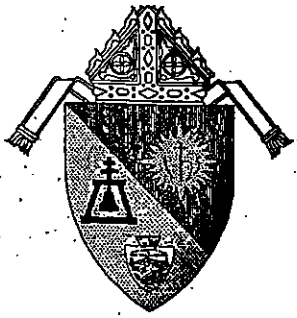
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8. COMPUTER CHANGEOVER

- (a) From ALTOS to IBM —
- (b) Conform to Diocesan System
- (c) Work with St. Elizabeth, Desert Hot Springs  
and their Consultant (Sam Esposito).

9. GENERAL

- (a) Information Dissemination
- (b)
- (c) Contracts - Adjustments ✓
- (d)



Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 10, 1988

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Reverend Peadar Brennan, in accordance with Canon 189 #1, and with Canon 1743 of the present Code of Canon Law, hereby submit my resignation from the office of pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in La Quinta to the Diocesan Bishop, who provided me with this office.

In submitting my resignation, I am complying with the wishes of the Ordinary following various accusations that have been brought against me in the recent past. They have lead to the effectiveness of my ministry being severely compromised.

Peadar Brennan  
Reverend Peadar Brennan

Phillip F. Straling  
Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

Sister Maura Feeley  
Witness

Philip A. Schae  
Witness

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daughter, Tammy Elizabeth Gomez of Chico; his parents, Dewey and Ina Roberson of Indio; and two brothers, Stanley Roberson of Atwater and Dewey Roberson of Anchorage, Alaska.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 this evening at the FitzHenry Funeral Home in Indio.

### Conrad R. Simonson, 80, Indio resident

Private services have been conducted for Conrad Roy Simonson, 80, of Indio.

Mr. Simonson, a native of Sinal, S.D., died last Thursday in Indio.

He was a member of the Alumni Association of South Dakota State University, and of the Masonic Lodges in Custer and Winner, S.D. He was retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil and Conservation Service.

Survivors include his wife, Mable C. Simonson; a son, Boyd Simonson of Charleston, S.C.; a daughter, Cynthia Rae Parks of Indio; a brother, Herb Simonson of St. Louis, Mo.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Hospice of the Desert, c/o Desert Hospital, 1150 N. Indian Ave., Palm Springs, 92262.

### James P. F. Brennan, La Quinta infant

infant son of \_\_\_\_\_ and Peter Brennan, died March 26 at the family's home in La Quinta.

is survived by \_\_\_\_\_ parents.

brothers.

and sister.

Funeral services already have been conducted.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to a fund for a rocking chair to be used at Loma Linda University Medical Center, neo-natal Infant Care Unit.

Donations may be sent to the Baby Fund, in care of the La Quinta Hotel, P.O. Box 69, La Quinta, 92253.

Burial was private.

### L. Esther Adams, 94, La Quinta resident

Private services will be conducted for L. Esther Adams, 94, of La Quinta.

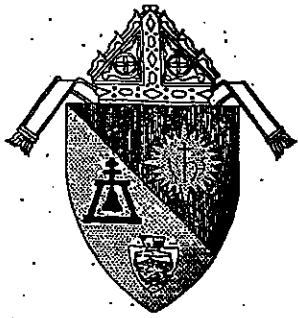
Mrs. Adams, a native of Mount Hope, Kan., died Monday at Manor Care Nursing Center in Palm Desert.

Survivors include a son, Frank Adams of Santa Barbara; a daughter, Mildred A. Lill of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Opal Lehman of Wichita, Kan.; a brother, Marshall Royce of Wichita; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Burial will be at Santa Barbara Cemetery.

### Jane Anne Pleas, 66, owned piano store

A memorial service for Jane Anne Pleas, 66, of Palm Desert, will be conducted at 6 p.m. April 22 at the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church.



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October 10, 1988

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

During the week of October 3-10, 1988, two persons called the Diocesan Offices regarding the situation at St. Francis of Assisi in La Quinta, Father Brennan and . This first call originated from an incident at the Liturgy Committee Meeting in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Indio during the previous week. During this meeting, one of the members asked that the meeting pause for a moment of prayer and she then prayed in public for this women, who is, again, pregnant and is having difficulty with the child payments which Father Brennan has apparently been making. The other call was from members of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, itself. is making statements to parishioners indicting that she is pregnant, again, and that it is another "miracle from God." This is the same terminology she used last time. Apparently, they have not ceased seeing one another, and he has apparently entertained her in his home, the rectory and had dinner for her in the last two or three months. The situation is commonly known and commented on. She refuses to stay away from the church, she works in the community there and is known by many many people. Their request was that Father Brennan be moved out, immediately, because the loss of his good reputation among upright and good parishioners. The way he is acting and what is happening at the moment is gravely detrimental and disturbing to the church community there at St. Francis of Assisi. The who was born a number of years ago has apparently been given Father Brennan's name, as a last name. Parishioners feel they have been deceived, some of them have spoken to him or he has spoken to them and they have not been told the truth and they feel they are being gravely deceived by Father Brennan. Grave civil liability also faces the Diocese of San Bernardino for Father Brennan's acts and this lady is threatening to sue.

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

January 16, 1987

Reverend Peadar Brennan  
St. Francis of Assisi Church  
Post Office Box 1503  
La Quinta, California 92253

Dear Father Peadar,

In this personal and confidential letter, I would like to commend you on the progress that you are making with the AA Program. This program has helped you immensely and I know you are pleased that some of your past problems are behind you. However, to make sure that you continue to grow, it is important that you remain faithful to this program and have the support of the many new friends you have gained while participating in this self-help group.

I was glad you were able to assure me that you are making every effort to distance yourself from the woman who has caused some problems and who still frequents the parish from time to time. The best possible solution would be for her to find another parish community, as this would remove some of the pressures from you. As we discussed, for your own sake, as well as hers and that of the parish, it may be better for you to seek an alternative assignment if rumors or suspicions continue.

Although he has his faults, it is good that you have gotten together with Fred Simon. We must both admit that he has been a very loyal and faithful supporter of the church. I appreciated the opportunity to have lunch with him and his wife and to re-build some of the relationships of the past.

With appreciation for your priestly service and ministry at St. Francis and for your having overcome some of

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1450 North "D" Street, San Bernardino, California 92405 (714) 889-8351



Reverend Peadar Brennan  
January 16, 1987

the hurdles of these past two years, I wish to again express my thanks and appreciation and ask for God's continued blessings upon you and your parish ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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If you have any questions or comments, please have your lawyer contact me after April 17. I will be unavailable until then. I certainly hope you consult with a lawyer before pursuing this matter any further.

Very truly yours,

REID & HELLYER

James J. Manning, Jr.

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April 20, 1985

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Dear Mr. Manning,

Please excuse the lengthy delay in answering your letter of April 15, 1985. I am truly sorry that Bishop Straling chose not to answer my letter to him, personally. It was written in all respect. I earnestly sought help in resolving a problem which I have been trying, through other means, for over a year.

As you suggested, I have decided to move ahead with this and retain an attorney. He is a person who is very well acquainted with the diocese and with legal and the Canon law. It does seem to me, paradoxical that the heirarchy of the diocese is thus forcing a devout Catholic man and a daily communicant to take this route instead of dealing with him in an honest and above board manner, with frankness and sincerity. I have chosen no longer to be the "invisible man" or to be a non-entity in this sordid matter. I totally reject the idea that a priest is "off-duty" when he is travelling with committee members to examine the various aspects of church building, when he is hearing confession, saying the Mass, giving spiritual direction, or inviting members of the parish to his home for prolonged and intense sessions of intercessory prayer. No doubt you will have different ideas on these matters.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Bishop Straling. Thank you for your good advice and well meant intentions.

I remain yours truly,

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Brennan-WOA 0000195

March 29, 1985

Bishop Philip Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
San Bernardino, CA.

Dear Bishop,

Let me begin this letter by apologizing for the necessity of bringing this matter to your attention. As you will understand from the enclosed copy of a letter which I have sent to Father Peter Brennan, there has been a terrible catastrophe visited on the life of myself and my family. As a devout Catholic husband living apart from and divorced by his wife, I have accepted the situation and the state in which I find myself. Before going on I wish to say that I made it very clear to Father Brennan both man-to-man and by letter that he should be aware that his unrelenting attack on the most precious things in my life - my home and family - would be met with my greatest resistance.

It seemed to me as though I had in some manner magically disappeared from view and had become invisible, a non-entity, or someone who was not physically or emotionally involved in any way. To protect the reputations of all and to prevent destructive gossip in the parish, I had long and serious talks with important members of the parish council and was doubly reassured by them that the matter would be solved. At their earnest request I agreed to do nothing, but instead to allow them to take whatever steps were necessary.

I now understand through reliable sources that Father Brennan is returning very shortly to resume his duties as pastor of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in La Quinta, after having had a restful and needed vacation in Hawaii and Ireland.

Dear Bishop Straling, on my own part I intend to do what I must do in the light of day, hiding nothing, and proceeding as I believe any upright and righteous Christian man should proceed. I will, as I have previously stated to them institute actions both in the Civil Court and Canon Court to seek whatever measure of relief I can. I am not looking for personal compensation and will not accept such.

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However, there are young children and an unborn child who must face, at this time, a very uncertain future due to the acts of this misguided man.

Throughout this terrible ordeal my faith has not been shaken. If anything, it has been strengthened as I am a daily communicant and my relationship with my Lord Jesus Christ has sustained me.

Once again, I apologize for the necessity of bring this matter to your attention, but it was obvious that in view of the events which have transpired, the insensitivity, both of the priest and the parish council, and their continued disregard of any and all promises, that I have no other choice.

Very truly yours,

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James J. Manning, Jr.

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Bishop Philip Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
San Bernardino, CA







SECRETARIAT OF STATE

No. 158391

FROM THE VATICAN, July 26, 1985


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Dear Bishop Straling,

Given the serious nature of the complaints raised by in a letter to the Holy Father, I am sending to you personally a copy of his letter and the enclosures. I know you will give the matter whatever pastoral attention may be necessary and appropriate.

With good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Monsignor G.B. Re  
Assessor

The Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
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1450 North D Street  
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June 17, 1985

His Holiness, Pope John Paul II  
The Vatican  
Vatican City, Italy

Dear Holy Father,

You are the Pastor of hundreds of millions of Christians as Head of the Roman Catholic Church, and as such you have many more responsibilities than even Presidents, Kings and Statesmen. I believe however, that among those whom you have trusted to help you, there is a person who will read this and the enclosed letters over carefully, and will help and guide me through this terrible problem. You are my "court of last resort" as I have tried for more than a year to bring my problem before the local Parish Council, the office of Bishop Straling of the Diocese of San Bernardino, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

So I turn to you for help in solving this. If I cannot obtain help through the church, then I must go through the local courts. This would result in scandal and embarrassment for Father Brennan, and many others, including myself. This I wish to avoid and so I am trying every other road along the way. I hope that as manifold as your responsibilities are, I will hear your words of wisdom and guidance in this matter. Most respectfully and prayerfully, I remain One of Your Flock.

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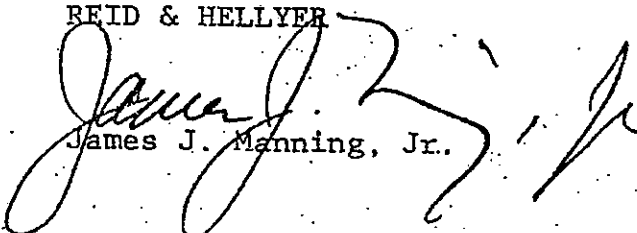
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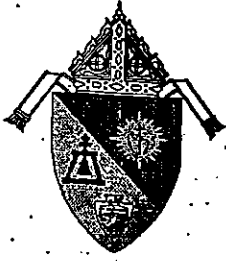
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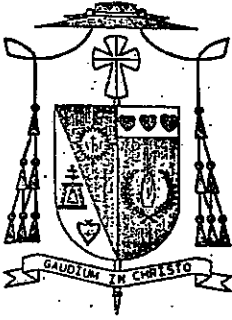
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FILE - LEANDER BRENNAN

The allegations brought by \_\_\_\_\_ against  
Father Leander Brennan have to be taken with great  
seriousness. Brennan has never had any complaint against him.  
Bishop Staley has personally spoken with Brennan  
a number of times & has counselled him to seek  
legal advice. Brennan has promised to do so.  
We have asked our Diocesan Attorney, James Hummer,  
of Riverside to investigate the matter & he has been  
in touch with \_\_\_\_\_ legal counsel on a number  
of occasions.  
Brennan has spoken to attorney \_\_\_\_\_

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Brennan-WOA 0000205



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

April 12, 1985

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Dear REDACTED :

I received your letter of March 24, 1985 regarding the absence of Father Brennan for the past several months.

Be assured that I have given careful consideration to the whole situation and, that for Father Brennan's health and for the good of the parish, he needed to get away for a short time. You may not have received his recent letter that he sent to all the parishioners explaining his absence.

Father Brennan has done a great job in pulling the parish together, as well as the completion of the church itself, during the short time that he has been there. This has been a monumental task and responsibility which does take its toll.

Thank you for writing to me of your concerns and with prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PFS/jm

Brennan-WOA 0000206

March 24, 1985

Bishop Phillip Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
San Bernardino, California

Dear Bishop Straling,

I have been a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish from the beginning - having attended Mass at the La Quinta Community Building many times. I am deeply concerned about the future of our church.

There are many stories going around this area about Father Brennan and the reasons he was sent away. I don't know whether or not these stories are true but I do believe if Father Brennan returns to the parish as pastor, it will be detrimental.

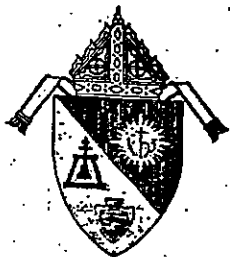
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We feel he has never been honest with  
us - I for one do not trust him and  
certainly would not want to go to confession  
to him. There are many other parishioners  
who feel the same way.

Please, for the sake of St. Francis  
of Assisi Parish, investigate this  
matter further. I also think Fred  
Simon running the church in Father  
Brennan's absence is in bad taste.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General, Chancellor

Diocese of San Bernardino

April 10, 1985

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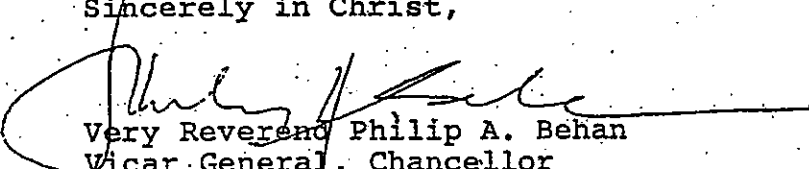
Dear :

I received your letter inquiring about the status of your marriage in the eyes of the church. All pre-marriage files are kept in the local parish archives. We do not have any information on individual marriage cases in this office.

If you wish to clarify certain doubts that you obviously have, please sit down with one of the priests in your area and discuss the matter with him. He can help you establish the facts of the case and he will probably be able to advise you on anything that may need to be done. If the Diocesan Tribunal needs to be approached with a formal marriage case, they will then request your marriage file from the parish that retains it.

I hope this help you.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General, Chancellor

PAB/rs

Brennan-WOA 0000210



March 29, 1985

Father Behan, Chancellor  
Diocese San Bernardino  
San Bernardino, CA.

Father Behan,

You will find as an enclosure a letter through which I have communicated certain things to Father Peter Brennen, the Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in La Quinta, California. It is possible that you have heard something of this terrible tragedy which befell our family and I need your help in certain areas. Please forgive me if you feel I have acted improperly.

Even before our marriage I felt a great sense of unease because even though we diligently and laboriously filled out all the necessary forms to be submitted by our Pastor for action by the Tribunal, I was then and subsequently unable to obtain any clear response as to the decision of any of the Tribunal. My inquiries were either ignored or answered by some reassuring phrase such as "not to worry, within this parish we will do whatever we please". However, that obviously was not satisfying to me then and is much less so now since the great misfortune of losing my wife and of being in a state of legal divorcement. I believe you can help me by informing me as to the status of my marriage in the church. There was no happier man than I the day that we respoke our vows with the blessing of our priest, but I assure you there is no unhappier state than my present one. Divorced, alone, and not knowing whether in truth I am a married Catholic man or not.

Thank you for the time and effort it may take you to respond to this matter which is of great importance to me.

God's blessing upon you and your work.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

March 29, 1985

Bishop Philip Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
San Bernardino, CA.

Dear Bishop,

Let me begin this letter by apologizing for the necessity of bringing this matter to your attention. As you will understand from the enclosed copy of a letter which I have sent to Father Peter Brennan, there has been a terrible catastrophe visited on the life of myself and my family. As a devout Catholic husband living apart from, and divorced by his wife, I have accepted the situation and the state in which I find myself. Before going on I wish to say that I made it very clear to Father Brennan both man-to-man and by letter that he should be aware that his unrelenting attack on the most precious things in my life - my home and family - would be met with my greatest resistance.

It seemed to me as though I had in some manner magically disappeared from view and had become invisible, a non-entity, or someone who was not physically or emotionally involved in any way. To protect the reputations of all and to prevent destructive gossip in the parish, I had long and serious talks with important members of the parish council and was doubly reassured by them that the matter would be solved. At their earnest request I agreed to do nothing, but instead to allow them to take whatever steps were necessary.

I now understand through reliable sources that Father Brennan is returning very shortly to resume his duties as pastor of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi in La Quinta, after having had a restful and needed vacation in Hawaii and Ireland.

Dear Bishop Straling, on my own part I intend to do what I must do in the light of day, hiding nothing, and proceeding as I believe any upright and righteous Christian man should proceed. I will, as I have previously stated to them institute actions both in the Civil Court and Canon Court to seek whatever measure of relief I can. I am not looking for personal compensation and will not accept such.

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However, there are young children and an unborn child who must face, at this time, a very uncertain future due to the acts of this misguided man.

Throughout this terrible ordeal my faith has not been shaken. If anything, it has been strengthened as I am a daily communicant and my relationship with my Lord Jesus Christ has sustained me.

Once again, I apologize for the necessity of bring this matter to your attention, but it was obvious that in view of the events which have transpired, the insensitivity, both of the priest and the parish council, and their continued disregard of any and all promises, that I have no other choice.

Very truly yours/

REDACTED

Enclosure

Fr. Peter Brennan

Father, forgive me, for I have sinned. Because of my sins a home is broken and those who dwelt therein, husband, wife, children, foster-children and all those who were nurtured therein are scattered to the four winds. Yes, Father I have sinned. In His Holy Scripture our Lord says clearly that "before a thief can enter the house of a strong man to take a spoil he must first render helpless the guardian of the home, and he must catch him unawares in order to disarm him".

Oh, Padre, how beautiful she was when first she found our Lord. In her fine calligraphy she wrote and put up in her kitchen and above our family shrine "as the deer pants for the running brook so my soul thirsts for thee, Oh my God". She was so open, honest and trusting. She captured the hearts of everyone with her beauty, on that Holy Saturday when she was baptized and confirmed by you; we respoke our vows with your blessing and she received her first Holy Communion.

Padre, it seemed like only the shortest time until unease entered into our home. She told us in her honest way that you had "confessed" to her of the lust you felt as you saw her kneeling there every morning in the Mass, and the problem that you were having with your carnal desires.

I became truly alarmed, Father, when the phone calls came to our home from you inviting her to go "skinny dipping" in your pool. She said that I shouldn't worry, it was just that "you drank a bit". The from which you and she returned at one or two A.M. Even though you professed to be our friend, I felt a terrible fear and expressed it to you in person. You kindly assured me that all was well and "not to worry", that you would never allow any woman to take advantage of your kindly heart.

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Brennan-WOA 0000214

When she came to tell me that she was pregnant by you, I said to her that if it was the Lord's will then so be it and we will accept the child. However, I wrote to you to say that any further intrusion by you into our home and into our marriage bed would be met by equal force by me and I intended to protect my home at whatever cost.

and I were able to rebuild our relationship, our home and our hearts with the joys of foster infants, until that fateful day when I learned that you had followed her to our home -- the marriage that had withstood repeated intrusions by the priest that we loved and trusted was finally destabilized and it broke apart, Father. She left as you know to rent a house near you and to try and support herself through long and arduous hours of work.

Father, she told me that, when in a state of prayerful ecstasy in your home, she first felt the hot wetness of your semen within her. She cried out because she knew in her woman's heart that the lives of so many would never be the same again, and the world that we had known would be shattered. Now, she works from 5:00 in the morning until late at night. I live alone with my memories and the echoes of children's voices in an empty home. And you, Padre, what of you and your vows?

POVERTY? In a luxurious home with a pool for nude bathing parties, wines and liquors that few can afford and the most expensive sports car in your garage.

CHASTITY?

OBEDIENCE? You called yourself "the Bishop of La Quinta and said that in your parish you would do as you damn well please".

Father, when you fall into your bed surfeited with the richest of foods and wines to sleep with the women of your parish -- when you rise

from your sleep to step behind the alter and elevate the host with hands still moist from their bodies and to give communion to those who trust you, are you a priest of God or a priest of Ba'al? And is the beautiful new church a true home of our Lord Jesus Christ or a temple of Ba'al?

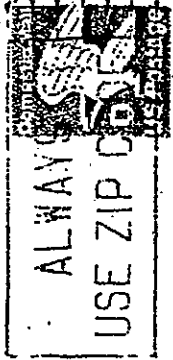
We have all become pawns in your game. The terrible game of Lust, Lechery and Lies.

In my sorrow, my pain and my incredible loneliness I have begun to sense a dedication. I wish that beautiful edifice into which so many have put so much of their time, their love and their funds, the Church of Saint Frances of Assisi, to become a true church of God. I am dedicated to the ideal that the young women of the congregation will never again be recruited as temple prostitutes to satisfy the lusts of the priest whom they trusted.

This is my pledge and my promise. Perhaps you will someday come to re-dedicate your life and to re-speak your vows. Our Lord needs his Holy Priests. Ba'al was an ancient God who should have died long ago.

Very truly yours,

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Bishop Philip Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, CA. 92405

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# Office Memo

## Diocesan Pastoral Center

To Father Peter Brennan Date 9-24-82  
From Bishop Straling Subject Statement on Priesthood

I enclose a document entitled "A Relection Guide on Human Sexuality and the Ordained Priesthood." (This is a statement that is coming before the Bishops' Meeting in November.)

I would like to have any reflections or comments that you might have on the document that I might pass on to the committee at that time. I think it deals with a very timely and important topic.

Perhaps the Priests' Senate, or any other group of priests, might wish to review this document and make suggestions.

I also include a paper entitled "Reflections by the Priest Members of the Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry." Perhaps this will be of interest to the Priest Senate also.

All the best....

Brennan-WOA 0000229



## THE PRIEST IN 1982:

### REFLECTIONS BY THE PRIEST MEMBERS OF THE BISHOPS' COMMITTEE ON PRIESTLY LIFE AND MINISTRY

The following is a statement compiled by priests who have just served a three year term on the Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry (1979 to 1982). These men represent a wide geographical area, are engaged in varied ministries and are in touch with grass roots people, especially priests in pastoral ministry. They have learned much by bringing personal readings of the times to committee meetings and putting those into honest dialogue with other priests and Bishops. The climate has been one of trust so the sharing has been candid. Through this unique opportunity, these men have been able to garner a collective wisdom about the American priest. Realizing that no one can adequately and accurately assess the complexity that is today's priest, they nevertheless feel that their experience puts them in a position to sense that there are some vital issues begging to be surfaced in a larger and more productive fashion. Thus, they make the following comments as a legacy to the next Priestly Life and Ministry Committee and as a service to the Bishops of our country. In this way, they help fulfill their mandate to assist the Bishops by relating to them the needs and concerns of priests.

Much has been happening of a positive nature. Our reflections begin there.

#### (A) Priest - Bishop Relationship

Overall, the relationship between priests and their Bishops is an improving one. There is more honest dialogue and mutual concern. Today's Bishop seems to mingle more with his priests, call them by name more often, visit them when they are ill, is aware of their needs both materially and spiritually. In a word, there is more bonding than before. This emphasis on personal relationship and affirmation seems to be gradually replacing older reward systems which no longer work.

#### (B) Assignments

Personnel boards are still in a growing stage, but more humane procedures and drastically improved assignment processes have eased tensions.

(A) There are some priests less fortunate

Some priests would read all the above with great cynicism and anger because their particular diocese would be hard to find in those positive statements. These men suffer all the more because they see no hope for improvement. Bishops are rarely changed and there is not much freedom for the priest to go elsewhere.

(B) Fear of losing ground

There is in the air a fear, a feeling, a suspicion. It is hard to put a name on it, but priests are wary that the rights gained after Vatican II may gradually be lost. They often do not see the kind of Bishops being appointed who would have been chosen by their peers; they sense a move away from pluralism and prudent dissent among theologians; they see some ordinaries prohibiting what others enthusiastically endorse liturgically and pastorally.

(C) The handling of resigned priests

Priests who are still active are often embarrassed by the seemingly harsh and punitive treatment of their brothers who have resigned from active ministry. In their own response they have become more loving and compassionate. They would like to see the official treatment of resigned priests take on more of these characteristics.

(D) A Dishonest Approach to Controversial Questions

The priest watches the number of priests dwindle and reads of less seminarians with real concern about the future. He hears intelligent discussions among grass roots people urging a consideration for ordained married men, for bringing back resigned priests and for opening ordination to women. He is told by the official Church that these are closed questions. He struggles with the daily living out of celibacy, seriously questions the rationale for it to remain obligatory and is told that this too, is a closed question. He finds himself torn constantly between ethical response and pastoral compassion. He ministers to people who are losing credibility for official teachings and to him, the official response seems totally unaware of the problem. The average priest fully appreciates the complexity of these issues but would like to see more honesty and courage in facing them.

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Rev. Dennis J. Dease, Saint Paul-Minneapolis  
Rev. Brian T. Joyce, Oakland  
Rev. John J. Malecki, Albany  
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Rev. Neil McCaulley, Pittsburgh  
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September 26,

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*his file*

Re: Peter J. Brennan

Dear Sandy:

We have spoken with Monsignor Webber regarding the matters which we discussed last week.

The Bishop is requesting that future checks be sent directly to our office as they have in the past. We would be the direct contact regarding monthly payments. Please make the payments payable to the Diocese of San Bernardino f/b/o Holy Innocents Church.

As of December 1, there will be no health care coverage for Father. He is not eligible for coverage under any diocesan plan. In any event, he is entitled to his priest's pension at the age of 65.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



WILFRID C. LEMANN

WCL/tc

cc: Reverend Monsignor Donald S. Webber, Chancellor and V.G.

Lawyer met with him.  
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 Peter will pay 300<sup>00</sup>  
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Will sign release releasing divorce  
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THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO  
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THE TRIBUNAL

445 CHURCH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94114-1799 (415) 565-3690

March 16, 1989

Most Reverend Phillip F. Strahling, D.D.  
Bishop of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

REDACTED

Dear Bishop Strahling,

Sister Nancy Reynolds, S.P., J.C.L., and I have been approached by [REDACTED] and asked to represent her as canonical advocates in the matter of her relationship to the Reverend Paeder Joseph Brennan, a priest of the Diocese of San Bernardino. Specifically, she is seeking financial support resulting from the two children born to her and Father Brennan.

[REDACTED] gave birth four years ago to her first son, [REDACTED]. Father Brennan has acknowledged his paternity of this child and until recently had been providing both financial support to the family and personal contact with the child. He has since broken off all contact with [REDACTED], and this has caused the child emotional difficulties which are requiring professional counselling.

On March 13 of this year, [REDACTED] gave birth to her second son, [REDACTED]. Although Father Brennan is refusing at this time to acknowledge his paternity, witness testimony supports this fact; and medical testing will conclusively determine that he is in fact the father of this child.

[REDACTED] was born with serious birth defects which require constant medical supervision; and he is not expected to live beyond a few months. In addition, since the child was born by caesarian section, [REDACTED] was herself hospitalized. At this time, the medical costs are extremely high; Father Brennan is providing no assistance to [REDACTED] financial or personal, at a time of extreme personal and emotional hardship. She has brought this matter to the attention of the Very Reverend Philip A. Behan, your vicar general; however, there has been no response or action on his part to assist [REDACTED].

Since [REDACTED] and Father Brennan freely entered into this relationship, both are equally responsible for its consequences. [REDACTED] is seeking Father Brennan's acceptance of his responsibility towards the children he has fathered; and it is our desire that you as his bishop direct him to provide this [REDACTED].

Brennan-WOA 0000243

Most Reverend Phillip F. Strahling, D.D.  
March 16, 1989

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support and yourself take the initiative to assist) at  
this time of extreme personally difficulty.

It is our wish as \_\_\_\_\_'s advocates to avoid the need of seeking formal action in this matter. In 1963, a case involving similar circumstances was heard by the Roman Rota (coram Filipiak, 9 July 1963). In this case, which was upheld on appeal in 1966 (coram De Jorio, 26 March 1969), the Rota determined that the priest involved was responsible for the support both of the mother and the child he fathered; and it was further determined that the civil courts were to determine the exact amount to be paid by this priest.

We wish to avoid the need of a canonical and possibly a civil action in order to seek a just and proper resolution of this tragic situation. Unfortunately, the circumstances of Father Brennan's relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ are already well known; and scandal has most likely already occurred. A civil or canonical action in this matter will only serve to embarrass further all of the parties involved in this painful matter and increase the scope of the scandal. We are appealing to you, therefore, to take direct and personal action in this matter and to intercede in \_\_\_\_\_ behalf.

Both Sister Nancy Reynolds and I are available to assist in any way possible in a just and equitable resolution on this matter; and either of us can be reached through the offices of the Tribunal in San Francisco.

Thanking you for your careful consideration of this sensitive matter, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Reverend Gregory Ingels, J.C.D.

cc: Very Reverend Philip A. Behan, V.G.  
Reverend Paeder Joseph Brennan

Sister Nancy Reynolds



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