REV. PETER GARCIA

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Mr Peter E. Garcia

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Dear REDACTED,

I am writing to you in order to offer an explanation or at least a clarification concerning REDACTED. I am not writing directly to him, since I do not know if he would read anything I have to write to him at this time. Perhaps if you share this letter with him, he will understand.

As you are well aware, I am quite fond of REDACTED. Our friendship has grown tremendously over the past few months and this has meant a lot for me. However, I was somewhat disappointed in him when he lied to you and to me. I then decided that before I take him more into my confidence, I had better be sure of his loyalty.

On our trip to Fresno I put him to the test. A test that would prove to me and to him the depth of our friendship and also the honorable relationship I wish to have with him. So many things happen today and I must be absolutely sure of those who deal so closely with me. I cannot at any time have any suspicion or doubt about my conduct or relationship with anyone.

You should be as proud as I am proud that he has fulfilled my highest expectations for him to the fullest. I know that it must have been very difficult for him to make the decision he made, but with the help of the Holy Spirit and the aid of Our Blessed Mother he chose correctly. No one was aware of his trial and as far as anyone is concerned, it was due to his bad back that he returned early to Los Angeles.

Tell him I am very sorry if I caused him any pain or sorrow. Tell him to think over very carefully all I said and especially the words I used. Perhaps this will help fit the pieces of this puzzle together. Tell him I am returning the envelope he left at the rectory with the hope that he now truly understands completely and that no one at any time can ever question our friendship or relationship, since it is most honorable and hopefully stable. I wish to continue being his friend, but only if he understands that we must be above reproach and without any possible suspicion of any kind.

Hence, this test was most necessary. He asked me for understanding when he left, I now ask him to try to understand me also. I will have need of him in the future for many things, but his loyalty must be beyond question.

Let the words of Saint Paul speak for me now: 1 Cor. 12:31-13, 8
Set your hearts on greater gifts. I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gang, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.
LOVE IS PATIENT; LOVE IS KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS, IT DOES NOT PUT ON AIRS, IT IS NOT SNOBBISH. LOVE IS NEVER RUDE, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT PRONE TO ANGER; NEITHER DOES IT BROOD OVER INJURIES. LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE IN WHAT IS WRONG BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO LOVE’S FORBEARANCE, TO ITS TRUST, ITS HOPE, ITS POWER TO ENDURE,

I truly hope that this will help you, [REDACTED] and myself. He now knows that I will never do anything that would hurt him in any way whatsoever. I feel that I can now trust him completely. However, I do not know if he feels that he can do the same for me. You as his mother can guide him along this way. If he wants to talk to me he must call me as usual. If not, I feel I have done my priestly and Christian duty to you and to him.

Please feel free to call on me at anytime, if I can be of any help whatsoever. I trust that I have not made a grievous mistake and that both you and [REDACTED] now understand why I had to act in the way that I did.

I commend myself to your prayers and to his. I ask your forgiveness if I have offended either of you in anyway, which I trust I have not. I ask God’s blessing on you both and I hope your continued friendship.

In Xto,

(Rev.) Peter E. Garcia

P.S.

Remind him not to be too quick to judge others and especially he will be judged in the same measure with which he judges. Things are not always as they seem. Thank you for your kindness to me.

PE.G.
MEMORANDUM TO ARCHBISHOP HICKEY:

Sister REDACTED of the Capilla Latina came to see me today, with this story of her serious accusation concerning a priest in charge of Hispanic affairs in the Los Angeles Diocese (Director of Spanish Affairs in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles).

A Mexican woman came with three children to see Sister REDACTED. She spoke of her sister who was very poor, who came from Mexico four years ago to Los Angeles. A priest there was very helpful, rented a home for them, put the children into Catholic school, and this family was undocumented. Presently the woman has eleven children and her husband remains in Mexico until he can arrange his papers. The oldest child was 16 years of age at the time of the arrival. The priest asked the 16 year old to come and live with him. The boy was unwilling. The parents encouraged him to do so, seeing nothing wrong. The boy never talked about the relationship, but he is now 20 years old and has become over the years a mental patient. He forgets, he is absent-minded and has difficulty in working. The priest also took the eleven year old boy at one time with him but after advances the boy went screaming to his mother, painting a horrible picture of what happened between himself and the priest. He told his mother and the psychiatrist the whole story. The psychiatrist seeing the 20 year old son insisted that he must leave the area. The boy 20 is therefore now in Washington area with his aunt, who spoke with Sister REDACTED.

The story is that the young man was under the influence of the priest for four years; after their initial meeting the priest took him to the jail and instructed him to either behave or else he would end up either in jail or back in Mexico. He was supposedly told if you talk, I have lawyer friends and I will surely have you deported. The aunt says the boy is suffering severe mental illness at this time. His room, for example, is surrounded by numerous pictures of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The story is that the youngster was psychologically intimidated for the entire period.

The mother is not anxious for publicity, nor the aunt, and the name of the priest is Monsignor Peter Edward Garcia, who lives at San Marcellino, or St. Marcellinus Church in Commerce City, Los Angeles. The priest is an American, born here of an Hispanic father. There has been no publicity on this issue in the Los Angeles area. The priest's family is very influential, has extensive properties. Groups of young boys were taken on camping trips to the family property. Sister REDACTED would like to refer the young man to Dr. REDACTED. The family wants to keep the issue private. They worry about other boys who may be similarly treated by this priest, they say.

Sister REDACTED wonders if the Archbishop could speak to the Archbishop of Los Angeles during the upcoming Bishop's conference. The aunt's name (who spoke to Sister REDACTED) is REDACTED; the boy's name she thinks is REDACTED (?).
In the National Directory, Monsignor Garcia is listed as "Director, Spanish Speaking Vicar's Office", 1530 West 9th Street, 90015, 213-388-8101.

I told Sister REDACTED not to do anything by way of referral to a local psychiatrist until I spoke with the Archbishop. The whole family feels they must move away, because they fear the priest is powerful. He could send the whole family back and they do not rule out even physical violence, of which they are also afraid.

The aunt testifies that the sister, mother of the children, has a good reputation. The mother is not involved with the priest personally. She has removed all of her children from the school. They do not want court action. Sister REDACTED did not know the family. She knows the aunt only fairly well, but initially came into contact with the aunt through a mutual friend.

Sister REDACTED phone number at work: REDACTED
Re: Rev. Msgr. ater Edward Garcia

VERY CONFIDENTIAL

November 7, 1984

MEMORANDA RE: CALL FROM

REDACTED

, 20 years old next week.

Another brother here: REDACTED , 14 years old. REDACTED also approached--

ran away.

REDACTED - 11 years (been approached--who ran away).

Aunt: REDACTED willing to talk. Thinks REDACTED takes

drugs--mentally ill.

Willing to talk to anyone, REDACTED Sees no ulterior

motive at this time; wants no publicity. Willing to give sworn testimony.

Monsignor has taken them to see Pastoral Center.

Aunt's phone: REDACTED Till 3:00 P. M.--Work REDACTED

REDACTED/REDACTED

21213
MEMORANDUM

TO:       FILE
RE:       MONSIGNOR PETER E. GARCIA
DATE:     NOVEMBER 11, 1984

Due to health reasons we agreed today (11/20/84) with Monsignor PETER GARCIA, Bishop Ward and Monsignor Connolly that Monsignor Garcia resign as pastor of Saint Marcellinus Parish, Los Angeles effective Sunday, November 25, 1984.

His letter of resignation will be written today.

Timothy Cardinal Manning
Memorandum
16 X 1-87
Re: Archbishop Kickey's Memorandum to Card. Manning

In an effort to supplement as much as possible the communication of the undersigned spokes by telephone to give the following responses:

1. Source, is credible. He works with the Hispanic Community for the Archdiocese of Washington.
2. The psychiatrist in Virginia to whom was sent by Dr. (Nov. 87) is not obliged by Virginia statute to report on matters out-of-state.
3. Dr., a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington and a Medical Doctor, operates St. Luke's Institute, 2430 Brooks Dr., Maryland (301-967-7700), might be able to accept R.O. if that becomes necessary.
4. While does not specialize in homosexual matters, Dr. at Foundation Home, Long Springs, Va., receives this type of personality (505-242-5972)
5. Dr., Renewal, Rest & Re-Creation, Inc. Box 3238, Alexandria, Va. 22313 (202-269-7414) is an excellent resource.
In addition, the visa does not eliminate the possibility of an "attempted rip-off", the family's attempt to get to Washington area.

Finally, the visa stands ready to assist whenever necessary.
November 20, 1984

His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Manning
Chancery Office
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Eminence:

I am writing to you to submit my resignation as Pastor of Saint Marcellinus Parish. Please accept it immediately, since I feel the pastoral needs of the parish can best be met by someone else at this time who is in better health.

Thank you for your support, understanding and kindness. I hope some day, when my health is better, to be of service once again to the Archdiocese or some other Diocese that might have need of my talents.

I commend myself to your prayers.


In Xto.

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
ON CHANGE LIST
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EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 25, 1984

REV. MSGR. PETER E. GARCIA
SICK LEAVE

resigned as pastor of St. Marcellinus, Los Angeles
November 28, 1984

Reverend Monsignor Peter E. Garcia
Servants of the Paraclete
Highway 4
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Reverend and dear Monsignor:

His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, asks that I respond with his gratitude to your letter of November 20th in which you resign as pastor of St. Marcellinus Parish, Los Angeles.

You are hereby granted a sick-leave of absence for the next (3) months at which time you may contact me for an extension.

Regarding financial matters while on sick leave, I have given a copy of your letter to Monsignor Hawkes.

With kindest best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

JAR/scc

cc: REDACTED
December 5, 1984

His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Manning, D.D., J.C.D.
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Eminence:

I have enclosed the report of the evaluation that was recently done here at Foundation House for Msgr. Peter Garcia of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Since this report basically speaks for itself, I will not reiterate many of the items contained therein.

I spoke yesterday with Msgr. REDACTED concerning Msgr. Garcia. At that time, I explained to him that we are admitting Msgr. Garcia to our program at Villa Louis Martin immediately. REDACTED

Msgr. Garcia can remain at Villa Louis Martin until January 14 when he will begin the Foundation House program.

At this time, we are not sure whether or not Msgr. Garcia will be able to return home for Christmas. We will observe his situation in therapy here and also monitor the situation back in Los Angeles before making this final decision. We will be in contact with REDACTED once a decision has been made concerning this Christmas break.

I am hopeful, your Eminence, that we can help Msgr. Garcia work through his present difficulties and enable him to return to his priestly ministry as a renewed and healthy person. He is highly motivated to receive help and this should make our ministry to him much easier.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.
May you have a most blessed Christmas Season and may the Lord continue to bless you throughout the New Year. Please remember us in prayer as we attempt to engage in this most delicate ministry to Christ's priests.

Sincerely in the Paraclete,

Director

This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by Federal Law. Federal Regulation (42 CFR Part 2) prohibits you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose.
Spiritual Evaluation/Msgr. Peter Garcia
By: REDACTED

November 28, 1984

Peter was candid, direct, and honest in conveying to me the reason why he is here for evaluation. I found myself spending some time explaining the program to him, mostly to help him to deal with some of the normal anxieties he is feeling.

Peter feels that he has reached rock bottom, and there just seems to be no other way except to arise from the pain and agony he has been experiencing. He said that he is feeling a little bit better about himself and that he can see some hope of being able to come to grips with his problem and make his life more what he really wants it to be.

REDACTED

Peter is a very worthwhile person who is going through the most difficult time in his life. He has been filled with pain, fear, and anxiety. He realizes as well that he has caused these very same things to happen in the lives of many other people. REDACTED
Cardinal Manning. REDACTED

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Spirituality Profile/Msgr. Peter Garcia
By: REDACTED

December 1, 1984

REDACTED
Peter is a 44-year-old man who is a Roman Catholic priest with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is referred to Foundation House for evaluation at the request of REDACTED because he has been reported to have had sexual involvement with three boys in a family with whom he was involved in a helping relationship. Peter is open about the reality of what happened and feels extremely badly about it. He also admits that this was not the first time that this has happened, such behavior having occurred on and off since his ordination in 1966. Once before in 1980 he was reported and at that time he sought psychiatric help but was discharged after only about six months.
Cardinal Timothy Manning, D.D., J.C.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Cardinal Manning:

Monsignor Peter Garcia, a member of your Archdiocese, will participate in our January-June program of renewal here at Foundation House. This letter contains information about the program, followup, and finances.

The program begins January 14, 1985 and will come to a close on June 6, 1985.

I ask that you write a letter to us describing the difficulties which have brought Peter to this point in his life. If others can add to this description, we would like to hear from them also. These letters will be shown to Peter by our psychiatrist or psychologist. In this way the participant can understand the difficulties in his life as described by a significant other. These letters are very important, and we consider them an integral part of the process here.

I will be sending progress reports concerning Peter every five weeks. These are confidential reports which are reviewed by him before they are sent to you. Peter will sign a "Release of Confidential Information" form before I send these reports to you.

I encourage you, or one of your representatives, to visit us while Peter is in the program. You will be able to observe the program and meet some of the staff. We have found these visits extremely helpful to the man as he works on his issues.

Over the nine years that we have been conducting this program we have consistently seen the need for followup. Therefore our program includes the following:

1) When Peter completes the program here in June, a member of our professional staff will return with him to his Archdiocese to do a Re-entry Workshop with the significant people in his life. The fee for this Workshop is $200.00 plus expenses. We suggest that this Workshop take place within the first three months after he completes the program.
2) A mandatory Followup Workshop of one week will take place here in early December, 1985.

3) There is a followup by telephone between completion of the program and the Followup Workshop.

4) During the 18 months after completion of the Followup Workshop, we are willing to do a one-day workshop in the place where Peter is living. This is optional and would be done at your request.

The fruits of the program are often seen only after the participant has spent some time back in his place of ministry. We are willing to do whatever we can to enable the person to help the program work for him and for those to whom he is ministering. This takes energy, time, and money, but the worthwhile results of proper followup are surely gratifying.

Numbers 1), 2), and 3) above are our contract with you. Number 4) is an optional service.

Our billing procedure is set up so that the payment of the invoice is due 15 days after receipt. Our fees per month, excluding costs for additional expense such as for physicians, are approximately $3,000. You will receive a detailed accounting of each expenditure each month. Since we are not a licensed medical facility, usually the only fees that can be claimed on most group insurance policies are for the psychiatrist, the physician, medications, and psychologist (Dr. REDACTED is licensed in the State of New Mexico.) We are not set up, however, to process your insurance claims - we must let that be the responsibility of your own business manager.

Using funds from our annual drives, the Congregation of the Servants of the Paraclete donates a monthly subsidy to keep the total cost of the program as low as possible.

Please direct questions about billing to our Administrator, REDACTED.

I wish to thank you for the confidence that you have placed in us by allowing Peter to come to our program. If at any time during the program you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please continue to remember us in prayer as we perform this important and delicate ministry.

Sincerely in the Paraclete,

Director

Sincerely in the Paraclete,

Director
December 26, 1984

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Manning, D.D., J.C.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Eminence:

I received a telephone call from REDACTED today telling me that you have received our evaluation of Msgr. Peter Garcia and that you would like to have further information concerning the treatment program at Foundation House. I do hope that our evaluation was helpful to you and that the information which I am giving you in this letter will help to clarify any questions that you might have about our program.

First of all, I would like to address the subject of cost. I know that $95.00 a day for the five month program at Foundation House seems high. However, it is relatively low when compared with the cost for other programs of this nature for priests and Religious in this country. When you consider the intensity of our program and the number of components that we offer, the cost is actually minimal. Other comparable programs do not offer the same intensity nor do they utilize a wholistic model for treatment. Through experience we have learned that five months is essential for this type of treatment. In cases similar to Msgr. Garcia's the normal time for treatment in the secular environment might be anywhere from eight months to five years.

As Religious we have a vow of poverty and try to be aware of economic concerns. We have a full-time fund raising effort which helps to aleviate much of the overhead for our programs. Also, your insurance should cover the payments for the psychiatrist or psychologist. You can contact our Administrator, REDACTED for more information concerning this. In addition, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops generously gives us $35,000.00 a year to help us with our ministry. This money, along with our own fundraising efforts, allowed us to accept six priests into our program last year who could not afford to pay. Each one of them successfully completed the program and is now returned to the active ministry.
The entire cost of the five month program is $15,000.00. In similar cases to that of Msgr. Garcia, the Ordinary of a Diocese or a Religious Order is being brought to court and some cases have amounted to thousands of dollars. The priests have subsequently gone to prison and were then sent to our program at Foundation House. You may be familiar with the recent case in the Archdiocese of Portland in which this happened.

We have been engaged in this ministry to priests who are experiencing psychosexual and emotional difficulties for the past nine years. Prior to this, our Congregation took priests at "Via Coeli" who were experiencing similar difficulties but did not do much to help them work through their problems. Upon the advice of the Holy See, now we have designed a very effective program which does seem to have good and lasting results. For example, our recidivism rate for priests who have been involved with young people, after completing our five month program, is 6%. This is very low when compared to the national average for recidivism in similar cases. You can be advised on this by any competent psychologist or psychiatrist. In the past nine years we have helped over 350 priests and brothers return to the active ministry with new hope and peace.

REDACTED, has been working with us for these past eight years. He is very familiar with these problems and competent in dealing with them. The majority of our staff have also been with us for eight years or more and have worked closely with Dr. REDACTED and our Congregation in helping these priests with their conflicts.

Over these years we have also learned that a wholistic approach to treatment, which includes the psychological, spiritual, physical, intellectual, sexual and social components, is the best. I refer you to the enclosed brochure on Foundation House for further information concerning this development program. Many priests are underdeveloped in these areas and need this time and effort in order to renew their lives. I refer here to a study which was conducted by the NCCB in the early 1970's which stated that 66% of priests were classified as underdeveloped. Our program hopes to facilitate greater wholistic development for our brothers. In addition, in extreme cases of psychosexual underdevelopment such as we see with Msgr. Garcia, we have used a drug called depo-provera. This medication, when used with therapeutic intervention, lowers the testosterone level in males and helps to control sexual urges. I can send you further information concerning this if you would wish. We will also include other therapeutic components, such as Cognitive Therapy, if this seems indicated.
We feel that we understand priests because we are priests and Religious ourselves. Our Congregation is dedicated to minister to priests wherever and whenever we can. In my opinion, this adds a great deal to the therapeutic intervention. I believe that priests who are experiencing difficulties essentially need a conversion. Our entire program is geared to help facilitate this in conjunction with the grace of God. Msgr. Garcia is a typical case in that he has been a "workaholic", has manipulated others and his environment, has a poor self-image (covered by his overworking and need for control) and is in need of deepening his spirituality and his relationship with the Lord. If you decide to send him to the program at Foundation House I assure you that we will do our very best to enable him to deal with these issues, including his psychosexual difficulty, and help him to return to the active ministry as a refreshed and renewed priest.

Thank you for the confidence that you have already had in us in sending Msgr. Garcia to Foundation House for an evaluation. I know that this is a difficult situation for him and for you. It is similar to that which is now being experienced by many Bishops and Provincialis. Many of them have sent their priests and brothers to us over the years and have been pleased and satisfied with our ministry. I hope that we will be able to continue to be of service to you and to the priests of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. It is somewhat sad that priests and Religious need to experience such a crisis before they realize that they need help. I pray with you that we will all begin to see the needs before such serious occassions happen.

In addition to the brochure about Foundation House, I have enclosed brochures which describe some other programs that are offered by the Servants of the Paraclete. I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that we will be opening a long-term center for priests and brothers in Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 1, 1985. This house will be for priests who are recidivists in the areas of chemical dependency, sexuality or other areas. We are hopeful that this will add to our service of the Church and her ministers.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

May the Lord bless you in this Holy Season and continue to shower his grace upon you in the coming year.

Sincerely in the Paraclete,

Vicar General and Director of Foundation House
MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Manning
FROM: IREDACTED
RE: Foundation House - Monsignor Peter Garcia
DATE: December 26, 1984

Today I talked with Fr. Bill Perri. Before the Archdiocese is disposed to making firm commitment to the program at Foundation House it will be necessary for us to receive a detailed profile. I asked him therefore if he would send to His Eminence an outline and calendar on the module which commences January 14th. I did indicate to him that this will be discussed with a professional person, psychologist or psychiatrist here in Los Angeles so that His Eminence may receive a second opinion.

Also I invited him to make reference in his writing to similar programs which are available elsewhere and to offer reasons why his program is preferential. I urged him to do all of this immediately so that an evaluation may be made now and the decision regarding Monsignor Garcia be made prior to January 14th. He agreed to do so immediately.
MEMORANDUM

TO: CARDINAL MANNING
FROM: MONSIGNOR RAWDEN
SUBJ: MONSIGNOR GARCIA
DATE: JANUARY 7, 1985

Your Eminence,

You will be receiving a letter from Father [REDACTED] from Jiminez Springs, New Mexico, regarding Monsignor Peter Garcia indicating a probable time frame of treatment.

It sounds to me like they are proposing approximately nine months (9).

I mentioned that as soon as possible we would request him to seek another Diocese, as this matter is still active here.

JAR/dk
FOUNDER HOUSE
Servants of the Paraclete • Jemez Springs, NM 87025
January 09, 1985

His Eminence
Cardinal Timothy Manning, D.D., J.C.D.
Chancery: 1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Eminence:

This is an end of the year 1984 report on the progress of Msgr. Peter Garcia, who is presently in the program at Villa Louis Martin.

REDACTED

If you have any questions or observations concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
REDACTED

REDACTED

This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by Federal Law. Federal Regulation (42 CFR Part 2) prohibits you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose.
MEMORANDUM

TO: CARDINAL MANNING
FROM: MONSIGNOR [REDACTED]
SUBJ: MONSIGNOR GARCIA
DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 1985

Your Eminence,

As per our conversation, Mr. REDACTED, Jamez Springs, New Mexico, telephoned and indicated that Monsignor Garcia's treatment would last to June 1, 1985 when his condition would be reevaluated.

He was told that this matter had been reported to the Police.

[Signature]
8 Feb 85

REDACTED
February 18, 1985

Cardinal Timothy Manning, D.D., J.C.D.
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Cardinal Manning:

This is the first report on the progress of Monsignor Peter Garcia who is currently in the program here at Foundation House.

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REDACTED
He told that he is really counting on these sessions with me to help him understand his sexuality. 

He was teaching a CCD class and remembers touching a sixth grader.

He reviewed with me his history of sexual behavior. There were several more young males involved since I had written in my last dictation. The youngest one was 11 years old. It was the 11 year old that he was involved in anal intercourse.
Peter has been very anxious since first arriving here for the program. Over the past several weeks, however, this anxiety has lessened and he is beginning to deal with his personal issues. In addition, he has been honest with Dr. concerning his sexuality and we are hopeful that will help in his treatment.

It would be very helpful, your Eminence, if we could have a letter directly from you stating whether or not Peter can return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I have spoken with the Chancellor and he has informed me, over the telephone, that it would not be possible for Peter to return there. Having this in writing from you would be most helpful in our ministry to Peter. Thank you.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Director

WDP:ss

I have read the above letter and approve of its being mailed. I so signify my consent by my signature below.

__/s/ William D. Perri

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February 20, 1985

His Eminence
Cardinal Timothy Manning
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Your Eminence:

The time has come for me to write to you and ask for an extension of my sick-leave. Monsignor Rawden wrote to me on November 28, 1984 and informed me that I had been granted a three month sick-leave, which could be extended when the three month period had been completed.

This "renew" module that I am presently engaged in will last until June 6, 1985. I would, therefore, request that my sick-leave be extended until that time.

I trust that Your Eminence is well and I commend myself to your prayers. I will await your pleasure in this matter.

In Xto,

[Rev. Msgr.] Peter E. Garcia

Reverend Monsignor Peter E. Garcia
Foundation House
Highway 4
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

cc: Rev. Msgr. John A. Rawden
A.M.D.G.

February 21, 1985

114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

The Church calls each one of us during this holy season of Lent to penance and repentance. It is in this spirit of true penance and repentance that I write to I come to you as the prodigal son asking for your guidance and forgiveness for the hurt and difficult times I have caused you.

I have spent all my life in preparation for and in service to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. I know no other life. Only by the grace of God and after tremendous suffering and pain do I now know how much this life means to me. I feel as if I have been to the gates of hell and back and now find myself in limbo. I do not know if you wish me to return to Los Angeles or not. I hear one thing, but my heart and instincts tell me something different. I feel that after due time, rest and renewal, I can still function as an effective minister in the Archdiocese without any fear or prejudice. My past imprudence has made me a more wise and a more sound man and person, thanks to the ministry of the Servants of the Paraclete.

I humbly request that you let me know your pleasure in this matter. I have no place to go and I know no other home. My entire future lies completely in your hands.

I commend myself once again to your prayers and hope that the Holy Spirit will be with you in your decision.

In Xto,

[Rev. Msgr.] Peter E. Garcia

Reverend Monsignor Peter E. Garcia

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

Reverend Monsignor Peter E. Garcia

21188
February 27, 1985

Reverend Monsignor Peter E. Garcia  
Foundation House  
Highway 4  
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, asks that I respond with his gratitude to your letter of 20 February 1985.

You are hereby granted an extension of four (4) months to your sick-leave, as you requested - March 1st to July 1st, 1985.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden  
Chancellor

dk;encl  
cc: Msgr. Hawkes  
REDACTED
Dear Peter,

I have your letter of Feb. 21, 85 and I have also received the progress reports which you in turn have seen and signed. I am relieved to know of the progress you are making.

You should postpone any concern about your future pastoral ministry until your health supervises assure you that you are ready.

In the meantime we shall continue our prayers for you and carry a dispensation to open doors to you.

Continually,

J. Dudley C. Manning

March 1, 85

21187
March 22, 1985

Reverend William D. Perri, S.P.
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Father Perri:

His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, asked that I respond with his gratitude for your letter of March 19th, the second report on the progress of Msgr. Peter Garcia.

We wish you and your household the blessings of this holy season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

JAR/scc

cc: Cardinal Manning
April 24, 1985

Cardinal Timothy Manning, D.D., J.C.D.
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
114 East 2nd Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Your Eminence:

This is the third report on the progress of Monsignor Peter Garcia who is currently in the program here at Foundation House.

REDACTED
Monsignor Peter Garcia

We then got into a whole discussion of sex, power, and aggression. Peter was interested in the relationship between these three. I showed him how these three issues are within the mammalian brain and have been there for probably for a hundred-million years. I think the discussion was helpful to him since his sexual behavior was definitely not egalitarian and there was a definite power difference between himself and the adolescent boys.

Peter talked some about the possibility of taking a six month leave of absence after the program, immediately after the program. He wants to work with his brother who has a janitorial/maintenance company in California. Peter feels that this would be a good way of re-entering into his ministry. He also wants
Monsignor Peter Garcia

to have the time off to be able to reflect upon the events of the past year in his life. REDACTED

We then talked about his feelings in the whole area of sexuality. He said that he finds most of it "gross". Part of the problem might be that since Peter's sexual object choice has been age inappropriate males he might associate any sexuality with fear and guilt and "grossness".

REDACTED
Monsignor Peter Garcia  

REDACTED  

REDACTED  

He feels, as well, that he has received what he came here for even if this was confusing to him at the time. Peter feels that he has dealt with the issue of his sexuality and that "I think that I have been able to face this squarely and honestly." Peter's first impulse is to take a moral prospective on his sexuality or any sexuality. REDACTED

I feel that Peter is getting as much out of the program as he can. He feels especially good about the class in Spanish that he has for some of the men and feels that he is contributing as well as receiving.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS: Peter has been making steady progress in the program, trying to understand his sexuality and trying to deal with his role as opposed to his personality.

Presently, we are suggesting that Peter take another six month leave-of-absence when he completes the program on June 7. We feel that this would be a good opportunity for Peter to continue to work on some of the issues in his life, primarily his role playing. Peter says that he would like to work with his brother for this six-month period in the family business. REDACTED

It would be good for us to know your opinion concerning this suggestion that Peter take another six month leave-of-absence. I believe that it would also allow more time for any possible scandal in the Archdiocese to die down. I will look forward to hearing from you concerning this matter.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Director

cc: Most Reverend Juan Arzube

I have read the above letter and approve of its being mailed. I so signify my consent by my signature below.

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Peter E. Garcia

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JUNE 3, 1985

HIS EMINENCE
CARDINAL TIMOTHY MANNING
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

YOUR EMINENCE:

FATHER BILL PERRI, S.P., DIRECTOR OF FOUNDATION HOUSE, HAS INFORMED ME THAT MSGR. RAWDEN HAS COMMUNICATED TO HIM THE FACT THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO GRANT MY REQUEST FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTH SICK-LEAVE, WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE STAFF.

SINCE MY PRESENT SICK-LEAVE EXPIRES ON JULY 1, 1985, I WOULD OFFICIALLY REQUEST THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS FURTHER SIX MONTH SICK-LEAVE WITH SUCH DOCUMENTATION I WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION IN SOME CAPACITY IN ANY DIOCESE THAT MIGHT BE DISPOSED TO RECEIVE ME FOR THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND KINDNESS TOWARD ME. I COMMEND MYSELF TO YOUR PRAYERS ONCE AGAIN.

IN XTO,

(REV. MSGR.) PETER E. GARCIA

REVEREND MONSIGNOR PETER E. GARCIA
FOUNDATION HOUSE
HIGHWAY 4
JEMEZ SPRINGS, NEW MEXICO 87025

CC: REV. MSGR. JOHN A. RAWDEN
REV. BILL PERRI, S.P.
Archdiocese of Santa Fe
202 MORNINGSIDE DR., S.E.
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87108

Chancery Department

Reference

July 12, 1985

Rev. Msgr. John A. Rawden, Chancellor
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Msgr. Rawden:

I am writing at the direction of Archbishop Robert Sanchez—he is on retreat this week—to request an extension of one month for Rev. Msgr. Peter E. Garcia.

The "Litterae Discedendi" issued to Msgr. Garcia would expire on 30 November 1985. We had thought it was to expire 31 December 1985 based on the information given us by phone from the Superior, Foundation House, Jemez Springs.

The result was to ask Msgr. Garcia to assist at San Miguel Church, Socorro, N.M. until 31 December and we made certain other personnel changes based on this.

It would be of some assistance to us if your Archdiocese could allow the extension of one month.

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. D. J. Starkey
Chancellor

cc: Archbishop Sanchez
Msgr. Garcia

16 August 1985

Dear Father Starkey:

His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, has this date granted the extension of the Leave of Absence of Monsignor Peter Garcia to 31 December 1985. Further extension may be granted upon request.
Old San Miguel Mission
(Founded 1598 - Church built 1615-1621)
403 El Camino Real N. W.
Socorro, New Mexico 87801
Telephone (505) 835-1620

HIS EMINENCE
CARDINAL TIMOTHY MANNING
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

YOUR EMINENCE:

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ISSUING THE "LITTERAE DISCEDENDI" AND ALLOWING ME TO FUNCTION OUTSIDE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES.

ARCHBISHOP SANCHEZ OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE HAS GRANTED ME THE FACULTIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE AND HAS ASSIGNED ME IN RESIDENCE TO THE PARISH OF SAN MIGUEL IN SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO. I HOPE TO BE HERE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR, SINCE THE ASSIGNMENT IS ONLY FOR SIX MONTHS.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND SUPPORT. I COMMEND MYSELF TO YOUR PRAYERS AND ASSURE YOU OF A CONTINUED REMEMBRANCE IN MINE.

IN XTO,

[signature]

(REV. MSGR.) PETER E. GARCIA

REDICTION:

Msgr. Hawkes:

As of November 1984 he has been on SICK LEAVE. I do not believe that he is receiving any salary from the Archdiocese or parish. If he is receiving a salary it should be discontinued. He will remain on SICK LEAVE until such time as he is definitively released from the jurisdiction of Via Coeli.

REDICTION

JAR

30 July 85
3 August 1985

YOUR Eminence:

On Thursday, 31 July 1985, I received the two following phone calls within an hour of each other:

1. From "Reverend" REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED requesting an appointment dealing with the serious misconduct of one of our priests. He said that the people involved would like to handle the matter without a legal procedure. A few minutes later he informed me that he would have the lawyer for the people call me. He would give no names or particulars of the case.

2. An attorney, REDACTED , affiliated with the L.A. Center for Law and Justice, telephoned and gave some information. It seems that the family name of his client is REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED. More than one boy-minor is alleged to have been abused by Peter Garcia, about a year ago, in his office in the Tidings. The attorney specifically said the "Tidings Building". I asked that he please outline the case in a letter to your Eminence so that we could look into the matter. He agreed to this approach.

JAR

cc: Msgr. Hawkes

MORE

1 October 1985

ARCHBISHOP Mahony:

Per the instructions of Cardinal Manning, I have been holding this memo awaiting the letter of the attorney, Mr REDACTED.

I would recommend that the matter be turned over to Mr. REDACTED who has handled this type of case in the past for the Archdiocese.

JARAWDEN
Dear Archbishop Mahoney:

This letter is to re-notify Your Excellency in writing, through your chancery, as regards a pending matter involving a priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese and a Mexican Catholic family under your present jurisdiction. We believe the matter warrants Your Excellency's personal attention and a brief mutual conference to help expedite its general thrust.

Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED came into our offices to discuss the matter of child molestation and rape of two of their children, also the abuse of another child, including themselves, by the priest of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, Peter Garcia.

For the space of approximately three years, clergyman Garcia befriended the REDACTED family and proceeded gradually to have the male minors spend overnight weekends and nights alone with him. The mother was at first shocked to learn from her children's complaints and sullenness that clergyman Garcia had dealt alternately with initiation into illicit drug use and sexual abuse with her children. Thereafter, the scenario changed and upon inquiries, Mrs. REDACTED learned that the priest Peter Garcia was no longer working for the Hispanic Office of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, "for reasons of health."

Consequently, two of the boys, REDACTED now age thirteen, suffers with bouts of depression, he becomes angry for no apparent reason and shows signs of excessive fear; REDACTED now age twenty, has trouble extricating himself from drug abuse ever since clergyman Garcia initiated him into taking "pills" early on.

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Letter to Archbishop Mahoney,
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
September 27, 1985
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It is clear that the parents were treated with cynicism, threats and abuse on one level and the children even more so. At least three of the REDACTED children are in need of specialized psychiatric attention near their family. The family could use general counseling as well. They are (a family of 12 youngsters) living on the subsistence level and head of household goes unemployed. Some form of restitution is also appropriate.

We understand the law enforcement officials were notified of the matter shortly before or about the time of clergyman Msgr. Garcia's departure from his post at the Archdiocesan Hispanic Office.

This office will be following up telephonically to schedule a meeting, as we were informed by our secretary on the 18th of this month of Your Excellency's filled calendar until the earliest opportunity, sometime in October, subsequent to acknowledgment of this letter.

Respectfully,

REDACTED
Dear Mr. REDACTED

I am writing as a follow-up to my telephone conversation with you on Wednesday, October 2nd, with respect to the matter involving the family of Mr. and Mrs. REDACTED and Monsignor Peter Garcia.

I am asking Mr. REDACTED to look into all of the legal matters and to represent me and the Archdiocese with you in the resolution of any remaining issues.

I am asking REDACTED the REDACTED REDACTED to advise me at once what types of professional counseling he would be able to provide either through Catholic Social Services or through some other allied professional resource.

Although I know nothing of the origins of this entire matter, I am anxious to assist the family and the children through any particular tensions and stresses which they may have at this time.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

REDACTED
October 21, 1985

Most Rev. Roger M. Mahoney, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Archbishop Mahoney:

The Followup Workshop for Msgr. Peter Garcia will take place here at Foundation House the week of December 8, 1985. The Workshop will run from Sunday, December 8 through Friday, December 13.

As outlined in our letter before Peter began the program at Foundation House, this Followup Workshop is an integral and very important part of the program. During the week Peter will be able to meet with our therapists and review his life and ministry since he finished the program. You will receive a report on this Workshop within two weeks after it is completed.

I have also written to Peter informing him of these dates for the Follow-up Workshop.

Thank you for your continued support of Peter. If there is ever anything more that we can do to be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House

cc. Most Rev. Robert Sanchez, D.D.
Archbishop of Santa Fe
202 Morningside Drive
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108
October 30, 1985

Reverend William D. Perri, S.P.
Director: Foundation House
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Father Perri:

Thank you very much for your recent letter concerning the progress of Monsignor Peter Garcia.

Peter was here recently for a visit, and I believe that he has benefited tremendously from your program. He is now serving in a Parish in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and is doing a tremendous job. It may very well be that his future ministry should continue to take focus in New Mexico. At this time, we are not aware of any pending criminal or civil actions, although we have had some communication from a law firm representing the family involved in his case.

Thanking you for your assistance and assuring you of the cooperation of the Archdiocese, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Most Reverend Robert Sanchez
    Archbishop of Santa Fe
November 12, 1985

Rev. Peter Garcia
Old San Miguel Mission
403 El Camino Real, N.W.
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

Dear Peter:

Thank you for your letter of November 8 and for returning the completed follow-up questionnaires.

Peter, the Follow-up Workshop during the week of December 8 here at Foundation House is not optional. It is a mandatory part of our program and was agreed upon by you and Cardinal Manning prior to you beginning this program in January. Therefore, I must insist that you attend. I am sorry if you need to miss your annual trip to Mexico but I do believe that this is more important. Also, to be honest with you, I think that you are beginning to manipulate things for your own advantage. If this continues, I cannot continue to support you to Archbishop Sanchez or to Archbishop Mahoney. Your regular visits with Dr. REDACTED do not substitute for the Follow-up Workshop. Plus, you have only visited once with me here in Jemez Springs. I would hardly call that "regular".

In addition, Fr. REDACTED, the Personnel Director for the Archdiocese, was here yesterday and told me that there is another complaint about you in Socorro. Namely, you have spent over $1,500.00 on furniture for your rooms. This seems very unreasonable given the poor nature of that parish and area. Archbishop Sanchez has been informed of this and will be speaking with you about it.

Honestly, Peter, I must say that I am disappointed with you. We have taken a risk in trying to find a pastoral situation for you and Archbishop Sanchez has taken a risk in accepting you. He did this on a friendly basis but you are now in the process of destroying that relationship. I do hope that you will understand the situation that you are in and try to make the proper adjustments in your life.
I will expect you to be here for the Follow-up Workshop that begins on December 8. If you do not attend, I can no longer support you.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House

cc. Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
REDACTED M.D.
A.M. + D.G.
Old San Miguel Mission
(Founded 1598 - Church built 1815-1821)
403 Al Concho Real
Socorro, New Mexico 87801
Telephone (505) 833-1820

NOVEMBER 14, 1985

REV. WILLIAM D. KERK, S.P.
DIRECTOR: FOUNDATION HOUSE
JENEL SPRINGS, NEW MEXICO 87025

DEAR BILL:
I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 12, 1985.

I AM TRULY SORRY ABOUT MY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP. I DID NOT REALIZE IT WAS SO IMPORTANT. ALSO, I HAD MADE A PROMISE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE THAT IF ALL WENT WELL THIS YEAR, I WOULD BE IN MEXICO CITY ONCE AGAIN TO CELEBRATE HER FEAST DAY ON DECEMBER 12th. I AM HURT BY YOUR REMARK ABOUT MANIPULATION. I AM TRYING TO DO MY BEST AND IN NO WAY EMBARRASS OR COMPROMISE YOU; ARCHBISHOP SANCHEZ OR ARCHBISHOP MAHONEY. I TOLD YOU THAT I FEEL THAT THESE HAVE BEEN THE HAPPIEST AND MOST CARE-FREE DAYS OF MY PRIESTHOOD. MAYBE I AM TRYING TO HARD TO SERVE. I UNDERSTOOD, PERHAPS WRONGLY, THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER MY VISITS WITH [REDACTED] SUFFICIENT AND WHEN YOU FELT THE NEED YOU WOULD MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR US TO GET TOGETHER. ALSO, I UNDERSTOOD THAT AS PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP PROCESS TO THE MODULE SOMEONE FROM FOUNDATION HOUSE WOULD BE VISITING ME, WHICH HAS NOT HAPPENED TO THIS DATE. I BELIEVE SUCH A VISIT WOULD HAVE HELPED IN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND MY PRESENT ASSIGNMENT.

THE FACT STATED THAT I SPENT "OVER $1,500.00 ON FURNITURE FOR MY ROOMS" IS A LIE. I ONLY HAVE ONE ROOM. I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MY MEETING WITH [REDACTED] AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH HIM PERSONALLY. I HAVE TALKED WITH MY PASTOR ABOUT THIS AND WE BOTH FEEL IT DOES NEED CLARIFICATION.

I HAVE ALWAYS TRUSTED YOU, BILL AND BELIEVED YOU WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE TO HELP AND DIRECT US. YOUR REMARK ABOUT MY BEING A RISK WAS UNCALLED FOR. SINCE YOU ABOVE ALL SHOULD KNOW THAT I LIVE WITH THIS EACH MOMENT OF EACH DAY AND I HOPE NEVER TO GO THROUGH WHAT I HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS PAST YEAR. MY TRUST IN YOU HAS BEEN GREATLY SHAKEN AND I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING WITH YOU.
I have no choice but to submit completely to your ultimatum and be present for the follow-up workshop at Foundation House. Perhaps by then and after my meeting with Archbishop Sanchez, many of these points will be clarified and better understood by all concerned.

Once again I commend myself to your prayers, as you are surely in mine.

In Xto,

<Rev. Msgr.> Peter E. Garcia

CC. Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
REDACTED
December 19, 1985

Most Reverend Roger Mahoney, D.D.
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Bishop Mahoney:

Here is the report on Monsignor Peter Garcia who was recently at Foundation House for a follow-up workshop.

REDACTED
Monsignor Peter Garcia

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) We recommend that Peter meet regularly with a qualified Spiritual Director. I would recommend REDACTED of the Dominican Retreat House on Coors Road in Albuquerque. If Peter contacts Perri, REDACTED and tells her that he has been through this program I am sure that she would be happy to meet with him. Her telephone number is: REDACTED. Also, we recommend that Peter spend at least 1/2 hour each day in quiet prayer, meditation and reflection.

2) Psychological: We recommend that Peter continue to meet regularly with Dr. REDACTED at the Albuquerque Villa until such a time as Dr. REDACTED deems this to be unnecessary. Peter should contact REDACTED at the Albuquerque Villa to make such arrangements. His phone number is REDACTED.

3) Physical: We recommend that Peter continue his Cardiovascular Maintenance Program as it was begun here by engaging in an exercise of his choice four times a week for at least one hour each time.

4) Ministry: We recommend that Peter continue in his present assignment in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for another six months. I know that permission has already been granted for this. Also, we recommend that Peter meet once a month with Fr. REDACTED, the Personnel Director of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, to discuss issues or problems that may have arisen in the parish.

5) Follow-up: We recommend that Peter return here to Foundation House the week of June 2, 1986 to further evaluate his situation and make further recommendations. Also, REDACTED, M.A., from our staff, will be calling Peter in January to arrange a time when she can visit him in the parish.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Program Director

cc: Most Reverend Juan Arzube, D.D.
REDACTED 90022

Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
Archbishop of Santa Fe
REDACTED 87108

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January 3, 1986

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia  
San Miguel Parish  
403 El Camino Real  
Socorro, NM 87801

Dear Monsignor Garcia,

May God's Peace and Love be with you!

I am writing to inform you that Archbishop Roger Mahony has kindly extended your leave from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until the end of June 1986. Accordingly, I am pleased to extend your assignment to San Miguel Parish until June 30, 1986.

After June 30, 1986 the Archdiocesan Personnel Board will review your present assignment and recommend to me your future ministry if you are to remain in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Wishing you the Lord's blessings throughout this New Year, I am,

Fraternally,

Robert F. Sanchez  
ARCHBISHOP OF SANTA FE

cc: Most Rev. Roger Mahony  
REDACTED
DEAR BILL,

I TRUST THAT YOU HAD A VERY BLESSED AND PLEASANT HOLIDAY SEASON AND THAT YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET SOME REST, SINCE YOU LOOKED EXTREMELY TIRED DURING THE WEEK OF THE FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP TO THE WINTER '85 MODULE.

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO SHARE WITH YOU MY REACTION TO THE REPORT OF DECEMBER 19, 1985. I KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS SO OPEN TO OUR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS. I WISH WE WOULD HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO PERSONALLY EXCHANGE OUR VIEWS ON THIS REPORT ON A ONE TO ONE BASIS. BUT SINCE THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW I AM FEELING, AS YOU CONSTANTLY ENCOURAGE US TO OPEN UP TO EACH OTHER.

YOUR FIRST RECOMMENDATION THAT I MEET WITH A QUALIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR IS INDEED WELCOME. I HAD ALREADY PLANNED ON THAT, BUT SINCE MY STAY WAS ONLY FOR SIX MONTHS, I HAVE JUST BEEN GOING TO CONFESSION REGULARLY. I HAVE NOT RELATE WELL TO REDACTED, WHOM YOU HAVE RECOMMENDED. I WAS PRESENT AT A RETREAT CONDUCTED AT THE REDACTED IN DECEMBER OF 1984 AND WAS NOT AT ALL IMPRESSED BY HER PRESENTATION AND COULD NOT RELATE TO HER. IS THERE ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS YOU COULD RECOMMEND FROM WHOM I COULD CHOOSE A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR? FOR ME THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT, INTIMATE AND PERSONAL PART OF MY LIFE AND SO WOULD PREFER SOMEONE I FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH AND CAN EASILY RELATE TO. I DO, AND ALWAYS HAVE, SPENT MORE THAN A HOUR EACH DAY IN QUIET PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND REFLECTION.
I have no trouble in seeing Dr. Redacted. However, at times I feel I am being used as a guinea pig. I will tell you and Dr. Redacted exactly how I am doing, that I am truly happy in the complete change that has taken place in my life, of my total renewal of my commitment to the celibate life and my acceptance of who I am. After so many years of not really knowing and there is no reaction. I told Dr. Redacted of my reaction to the Depo-Provera and the chill attacks that I periodically get since I started with the Provera. I tell him that my life style really changed before the medication and that is why I do not feel any difference from before or after taking the medication. Dr. Redacted says nothing and just increases the dosage of the medication. I shared with him the cost factor of taking the medication and the blood tests, which have been running about $100.00 to $150.00 a month. I pay for these myself and so have an added expense on a budget that is already strained, since, as you well know, I was off salary for over five months. He told me that perhaps he could get me the pills at cost. Which would be some help. I know that this is not that great an issue, but it still bothers me, especially since I am told on the one hand that I take the medication "voluntarily", first for only six to eight months to see how it works and now I am told to take it indefinite-ly, then on the other hand you tell me to tell Dr. Redacted how I feel about taking the Provera and he tells me that one of the conditions of your continued support is that I continue with the medication. I believe that my stay at Foundation House and the complete change in my life style has helped me more than any medication ever will.

The physical aspect of the report is fine. I am in contact with the person in charge of the gym here at the New Mexico Tech and we have worked out a program for me for this new year. I plan to meet with him at least three days a week for about an hour or more. This is the program that Dr. Redacted had me on when I was at Foundation House and which he recommended that I follow.
WILL FR. REDACTED CONTACT ME FOR THE RECOMMENDED MONTHLY MEETING OR WILL I HAVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM?

I HOPE THAT BY THE JUNE 2nd EVALUATION ALL OF THESE CONCERNS WILL HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED AND RESOLVED.

I NOTICED THAT ARCHBISHOP SANCHEZ WAS SENT A COPY OF MY REPORT. THIS WAS A SURPRISE TO ME, SINCE I NEVER AUTHORIZED THAT HE RECEIVE THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT ONLY THOSE WHOM I SPECIFICALLY INDICATED WERE TO RECEIVE THIS REPORT. IS IT YOUR POLICY TO SEND IT TO WHOMEVER YOU FEEL SHOULD HAVE A COPY OR DID THE ARCHBISHOP REQUEST IT? I FEEL THAT THIS IS MOST CONFIDENTIAL AND AT LEAST I SHOULD HAVE EITHER BEEN ASKED OR NOTIFIED THAT THIS WAS GOING TO BE DONE. THE REASON FOR MY CONCERN IS THAT WHEN I LAST MET WITH ARCHBISHOP SANCHEZ HE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THE "CONDITIO SINE QUA NON" I AM TO MINISTER IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE, SINCE I DID NOT KNOW WHAT YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS WERE GOING TO BE. I DID NOT WANT TO HAVE SUCH CONDITIONS IMPOSED UPON ME THAT COULD LEAD TO MY NOT LIVING UP TO WHAT THE ARCHBISHOP DEMANDS AND YOU REQUIRE. THEREFORE, I DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO WRITE THIS LETTER TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

I HOPE THAT THIS LETTER THEN, WILL HELP PUT INTO PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AT LEAST FOR ME, THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY IN THE REPORT AND THAT IT WILL HELP TO CONTINUE TO KEEP OPEN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US AT ALL TIMES.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INTEREST, WHICH HAVE NOT ONLY HELPED ME PERSONALLY, BUT ALSO MY RENEWED MINISTRY AND COMMITMENT TO MY PRIESTLY LIFE.

IN XTO,

REV. MISHA PETER E. GARCIA

CC: MOST REVEREND ROGER MAHONY, D.D.
MOST REVEREND ROBERT F. SANCHEZ, D.D.
MOST REVEREND JUAN ARUBE, D.D.
MOST REVEREND ROGER MAHONY, D.D.
14 EAST SECOND STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

DEAR ROGER,

I HOPE THAT YOU HAD A VERY WONDERFUL RETREAT AND THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO GET SOME REST AFTER THE HECTIC SCHEDULE YOU HAVE BEEN KEEPING.

I AM SENDING YOU THE LETTER I WROTE TO THE REV. BILL PERRI CONCERNING MY REACTION TO THE EVALUATION REPORT. I PERSONALLY WAS SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK AND DISAPPOINTED IN IT, SINCE I FEEL THAT I HAVE MADE SO MUCH PROGRESS AND AM FEELING SO MUCH BETTER. I FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN AND I FEEL THE REPORT FAILS TO CONVEY THIS POINT. YET, AGAIN, I MUST DEPEND ON THEM TO MAKE WHATEVER OBSERVATIONS THEY FEEL ARE IMPORTANT. I HOPE THAT BY WRITING I WILL BE ABLE TO GET A BETTER READING OF MY PRESENT SITUATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER AND THE UP DATE ON MY CASE. I TRULY HOPE AND PRAY THAT ALL WILL BE RESOLVED FAVORABLY AND THAT PERHAPS I MAY BE ALLOWED TO RETURN, SINCE I DO MISS ALL THAT IS GOING ON IN THE ARCHDIOCESE. BUT AGAIN, I AM NOT MAKING LONG RANGE PLANS, BUT JUST TAKING IT A DAY AT A TIME. I WILL DEPEND ON YOUR WISDOM AND GUIDANCE AND YOU KNOW THAT I AM READY TO DO ANYTHING FOR MY GOD, ARCHBISHOP AND PEOPLE.

TAKE CARE AND LET ME KNOW HOW THINGS ARE COMING ALONG WHENEVER YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR BEING MY FRIEND AND CHIEF SHEPHERD. I COMMEND MYSELF TO YOUR PRAYERS.

IN XNI

(REV. MSGR.) PETER E. GARCIA

21134
January 17, 1986

Rev. Peter Garcia  
Old San Miguel Mission  
403 El Camino Real  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

Dear Peter:

Thank you for your letter of January 16 in response to the follow-up report that was sent concerning you. I would like to answer and respond to some of your questions and concerns.

First of all, I would recommend that you contact REDACTED here at Foundation House as a possible Spiritual Director. REDACTED is at the Albuquerque Villa four days each week and may be able to see you there on a regular basis. Or, you might want to contact REDACTED at the Albuquerque Villa, to see if he would be interested in being your Spiritual Director.

Concerning the use of the medication Depo-Provera. I can simply say that Dr. REDACTED and we follow his recommendations concerning the use of any medications. He continues to prescribe this medication for you since he believes that it helps and that you need it. You are not being used a a guinea pig. Dr. REDACTED has prescribed this medication to many other priests prior to you and knows the side effects and the ramifications of its use. I would strongly suggest that you continue to follow Dr. REDACTED recommendation that you continue taking the Depo-Provera.

I am pleased to hear that you will be beginning a regular exercise program at New Mexico Tech. I believe that this will be very good for you.

I suggest that you contact REDACTED the REDACTED to initiate regular meetings with him.
Finally, I believe that it is only right, both morally and professionally, that Archbishop Sanchez be given a copy of your follow-up report with its recommendations. Since you are currently ministering in his Archdiocese, I believe that he has a right to this information. As you, yourself, say in your January 16 letter, you do not want to have conditions imposed upon you which you cannot meet. Well, the Archbishop can hardly continue to keep you on in an assignment if he does not know of the recommendations that we are making. Without knowing of our recommendations, I believe that he would be tempted to withdraw his support.

Thank you, Peter, for writing your concerns. I hope that I have been of some help in answering your questions and alleviating some of your anxiety. As always, if I can be of any further help please let me know. Take care of yourself and may you be blessed in this new year.

Fraternally,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House

cc. Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
Most Rev. Roger Mahoney, D.D.
Most Rev. Juan Arzube, D.D.
Monsignor Peter E. Garcia
Old San Miguel Mission
403 El Camino Real
Socorro, NM  87801

Dear Peter:

Thank you very much for your recent letter, and I appreciate your keeping me informed of the various phases and activities of your life and ministry in New Mexico.

I certainly appreciate the fact that you are feeling so much better now, and I would want to continue along those very optimistic lines. At the same time, however, I do believe that it is important to continue with the professional staff and to follow the plan and recommendations which they are outlining for you. As we all know very well, each of us is our own worst physician!

Please be assured of my prayers and of my support for you during this important phase of your work as a priest of Jesus Christ.

With every best wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
DEAR BILL,

THANK YOU FOR THE COPY OF THE LETTER YOU WROTE TO BISHOP JUAN ARZUBE APRIL 15, 1986. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THE ONE POINT THAT NEEDS CLARIFICATION IS THE TAKING OF THE DEPO-PROVERA BY INJECTION. AS YOU MAY REMEMBER, I CANNOT TAKE IT BY INJECTION DUE TO THE REACTION I EXPERIENCE TO IT. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT DR. REDACTED HAS PRESCRIBED THE MEDICATION IN PILL FORM WHICH I CONTINUE TO TAKE TO THIS DAY. ARE YOU NOW CHANGING THIS OR WAS IT JUST AN OVERSIGHT ON YOUR PART?

THE REPORT OF DECEMBER 19, 1985 STATES THAT I AM TO RETURN TO JEMEZ SPRINGS THE WEEK OF JUNE 2, 1986 "TO FURTHER EVALUATE MY SITUATION AND MAKE FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS." I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AT WHAT TIME YOU EXPECT ME ON JUNE 2nd AND HOW LONG SHOULD I PLAN TO STAY AT JEMEZ SPRINGS? THE REASON I NEED TO KNOW IS THAT I MUST SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS AROUND MY TIME AWAY FROM THE PARISH, ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE IS A WEDDING SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF THAT WEEK AND I NEED TO KNOW IF I WILL BE BACK IN TIME FOR THE REHEARSAL OR SHALL SOMEONE ELSE BE CONTACTED TO TAKE IT?

I WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THAT I HAVE REALLY BEEN FEELING GREAT. THE EXERCISE IS GREAT AND I FEEL THAT IT HAS BEGUN TO CONTROL MY WEIGHT. I SHARED YOUR LETTER TO BISHOP JUAN ARZUBE WITH DR. REDACTED, AND HE IS STILL VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT RETURNING. MY SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, FR. REDACTED, WAS IN FAVORING OF MY RETURNING, REALIZING THAT ANY WHERE I AM THERE IS ALWAYS PRESENT THE RISK OF SOMEONE COMING AFTER ME, IF THEY SO DESIRE. 1, FOR MY PART, WILL LEAVE THE DECISION TO ARCHBISHOP MANNY. SINCE HE ASSURED ME WHEN WE MET IN OCTOBER OF 1985, THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT ME BACK UNTIL IT WAS RELATIVELY SAFE FOR ME TO RETURN.
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

I MUST SAY THAT I HAVE FELT THE ISOLATION FROM TIME TO TIME, SINCE I DO NOT RECEIVE ANY OFFICIAL MAIL FROM EITHER THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES OR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE. IT IS ALMOST AS IF I DID NOT EXIST. I ESPECIALLY FELT BAD WHEN I RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORY FOR LOS ANGELES AND FOUND THAT BOTH MY NAME, AS WELL AS, MY PICTURE HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF PRIESTS AND PICTORIAL DIRECTORY. I DO NOT KNOW IF THIS WAS DONE AT THE ORDER OF ARCHBISHOP MAHONY, HIS CHANCELLOR, THE EDITOR OF "THE TIDINGS" WHO PUBLISH THE DIRECTORY, OR JUST THE CAPRICE OF ONE OF THE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE TIDINGS. IT HURT ME SINCE I KNOW THIS IS NOT THE USUAL PROCEDURE FOR PRIESTS ON ACTIVE LEAVE OUTSIDE THE ARCHDIOCESE. I WONDERED TO MYSELF IF THIS MIGHT NOT BE A SIGN THAT I AM NO LONGER WANTED BACK IN LOS ANGELES.

I WILL LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE AND SEEING YOU AGAIN IN JUNE. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

IN XO,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

CC: MOST REVEREND ROGER MAHONY, D.D.
    MOST REVEREND ROBERT SANCHEZ, D.D.
    MOST REVEREND JUAN ARZUBE, D.D.
June 23, 1986

To: Monsignor Thomas Curry

From: Archbishop Roger Mahony

Subject: Monsignor Peter E. Garcia

I would like very much for your and REDACTED Legal Counsel to review fully the case and the file on Monsignor Peter E. Garcia.

I want to be absolutely certain that no indication is given to Monsignor Garcia that he would be welcomed back to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles unless his entire matter has been cleared up and that his treatment plan now gives us absolutely assurance that there would be no future problems.

Short of any such guarantees, I simply cannot assign him here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, nor can I recommend him to any other Bishop.

Thank you so very much for your assistance in this very important and sensitive case.

REDACTED
July 1, 1986

Most Rev. Roger Mahoney, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Archbishop:

Here is the report on Monsignor Peter Garcia who was at Foundation House recently for a follow-up workshop.

REDACTED
Monsignor Peter Garcia  
D.O.B.: 02/12/40

Referral Question: Psychological Evaluation & Testing
Sources of Evaluation: Interview, Shipley Scale, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Edwards Personal Preference Schedule, MMPI
Place of Evaluation: Servants of the Paraclete Foundation House, Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Date of Evaluation: June 5, 1986

This is a re-evaluation and testing for Peter, who is a 46 year old man and a priest with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is presently, however, working with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe after attending a module at Foundation House between January and June of 1985. After successfully completing the module, he was given a temporary assignment with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in Socorro, New Mexico as an associate pastor there. Peter reports that during this past year he has found this assignment to be very healing for him. He says that initially that he had some adjustment difficulties which he thinks were simply the normal problems that he would have going into a new assignment. Since that time, however, he feels that he has really done well in his ministry there and

He has kept in touch with REDACTED who is his spiritual director and he sees REDACTED every week or maybe every other week and he is doing all that he can to make sure that inappropriate behaviors do not return and that continued to grow in all areas is retained. REDACTED

Monsignor Peter Garcia (3)
Monsignor Peter Garcia

The problem which brought him to Foundation House
Initially, that of being attracted to and becoming sexually involved with adolescent males appears to be well under control both as a result of his own psychological progress.
Monsignor Peter Garcia

REDACTED
Monsignor Peter Garcia

REDACTED

Thank you for the opportunity of helping to evaluate Monsignor Peter Garcia.

REDACTED

REDACTED

(Dictated, but not read)

If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Director

cc: Most Reverend Juan Arzube, D.D. 90015

Most Reverend Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
Archbishop of Santa Fe 87105

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Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia  
Our Lady of Belen Church  
Church and 10th Sts.  
Belen, NM 87002  

Dear Monsignor Garcia,  

May God's Peace and Love be with you!  

I am writing to inform you that with the advice of the Archdiocesan Personnel Board I am assigning you as Parochial Vicar to Our Lady of Belen Church, Belen, New Mexico, effective January 16th, 1987.  

I want to thank you for accepting this new assignment. As you know, from your recent interview with Fathers Dennis and Griego, a second priest is greatly needed in Belen at this time. I am of the understanding that your Ordinary, Archbishop Roger Mahony, has extended your leave to June 30, 1987. This new assignment will be re-evaluated prior to that time.  

Also, I wish to thank you, Monsignor, for the ministry you have performed so well in Socorro. I am sure Father Hernandez is also very grateful for your service to the people of the parish.  

As soon as possible I would like both you and Father Dan Farris, the pastor, to meet with Father Clay Dennis, to discuss the possibility of working with a Ministry Contract in your new assignment. Father Dennis will be in touch to set up this meeting.  

I would also encourage you at this time to continue to see Dr. on a regular basis, as well as your spiritual director. Both are needed for your continued growth.  

I have no doubt that you will find your new assignment both challenging and enjoyable. I pray God that it will be an experience for you that will enrich your priesthood and allow you to serve His people effectively and happily. Please know that I stand ready to assist you at any time. Wishing you the Lord's continual blessings, I am,  

Fraternally,  

Robert F. Sanchez  
ARCHBISHOP OF SANTA FE  

(dictated by the Archbishop; signed by his secretary in his absence)
Monsignor Peter Garcia  
Our Lady of Belen Church  
Church and Tenth Streets  
Belen, NM 87002  

Dear Peter:  

Thank you so very much for your recent letter, and I appreciate your keeping me informed about your ministry there in New Mexico.  

I am pleased that your new assignment in Belen is a favorable one for you and that you have found your new Pastor to be very open and receptive of your ministry there with him and the parish community.  

Unfortunately, I will be in Rome on March 18th and 19th and therefore unable to see you in person.  

However, I would state that I believe that it is in your best interest to continue your active priestly ministry within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, as long as this is agreeable to Archbishop Robert F. Sanchez, and as long as your functioning there continues to be so positive.  

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and I am hopeful that this entire year will be one of many graces and blessings for your life and ministry.  

With kindest personal regard, I am  

Fraternally yours in Christ,  

Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles  
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REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

Date: 1/16/87

TO:  

( ) Please review, then SEE me
( ) Please review, then RETURN to me
( ) Please review, then SEND me your COMMENTS
( ) Please review, then FILE

( ) Please handle this matter entirely
( ) Please answer; send copy of letter to me
( ) Please write a reply for my signature
( ) For your information
( ) Please XEROX and send copy/copies to:

{ } original to file
{ } original back to me

REMARKS: Please advise her that we are bound to follow all the recommendations of the professional staff.

thanks!
March 7, 1987

Dear Roger,

I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote to Fr. Perri as a response to the letter he wrote you. I feel he has mismanaged and mishandled the facts.

Sorry to be so much trouble, but hopefully tomorrow all that will be clarified when we meet with Archbishop Andrews.

I commend myself to your prayers.

[Signature]

Peter E. Garcia
March 19, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
Our Lady of Belen Church
Church and Tenth Streets
Belen, New Mexico 87002

Dear Peter:

Archbishop Mahony has asked me to reply to your letter of March 10, 1987.

I am sorry to hear that you are encountering some difficulties. However, the fact that you discussed these with Dr. [REDACTED] and Archbishop Sanchez and Father Perri is also a very positive step and I would like to congratulate you on your handling of this.

As you are aware, Archbishop Mahony is most interested in your progress, but as you are no doubt also aware, the Archdiocese is bound to follow the recommendations of the professional staff.

I hope you will continue to be very much in touch with the staff there, and I wish you every blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

cc: Archbishop Mahony
March 24, 1987

Most Rev. Roger Mahoney, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Archbishop Mahoney:

On Wednesday, March 18, Archbishop Sanchez, Msgr. Peter Garcia, REDACTED M.D. and I met at 1:00 P.M. in Archbishop Sanchez's office. Archbishop Sanchez asked me to write to you informing you of this meeting and of the resolutions that were made at that meeting.

Four points were covered in the meeting. I will go over each point separately.

1) We discussed the aftercare program for Msgr. Garcia and the requirement that he meet on a monthly basis with Dr. REDACTED Msgr. Garcia expressed his negative feelings toward Dr. REDACTED Msgr. Garcia said that this is a doctor-patient relationship and that Msgr. Garcia should not expect it to be friendly. Dr. REDACTED stated that he has the obligation to help Msgr. Garcia deal with a very painful and difficult area of his life and, therefore, this adds to the negative feelings that Msgr. Garcia experiences. Dr. REDACTED also stated that he is in a precarious situation in that he is liable if Msgr. Garcia engages in inappropriate sexual behavior, because he is his physician and that many physicians would not even see Msgr. Garcia because of this possible liability. The option was given to Msgr. Garcia for him to see another therapist. He did not accept this option. I said that we would not be able to maintain Msgr. Garcia in our Aftercare Program if he did not see Dr. REDACTED on a monthly basis.

Resolution: Msgr. Garcia agreed to see Dr. REDACTED on a monthly basis at the Albuquerque Villa. Msgr. Garcia will call ahead to the Albuquerque Villa to make an appointment. Dr. REDACTED stated that the entire trip from Belen to the Albuquerque Villa and back should not take Msgr. Garcia longer than one hour.
2) The issue of Msgr. Garcia continuing to take the medication, Depo-Provera, was discussed. **Dr. REDACTED** stated that he would be much more comfortable if Msgr. Garcia would agree to take the medication by injection rather than in tablet form. **Dr. REDACTED** said that the medication seemed to have better effects when taken by injection and that it also was a way of monitoring Msgr. Garcia because a nurse would have to administer the injection weekly. Msgr. Garcia stated that he has experienced side effects from this drug, particularly chills. Also, he stated that he sees **Dr. REDACTED** regularly to have him monitor any effects that this medication might be having on his liver. Thus far, there does not seem to be any liver damage. Msgr. Garcia said that he would prefer to take the medication in tablet form. Again, I stated that we could not continue to have Msgr. Garcia in our Aftercare Program if he did not take this medication. This may seem like coercion but it needs to be made clear that Msgr. Garcia has an option. Also, in view of the letter that Msgr. Garcia gave to me after this meeting, in which he desires "written documentation to take whatever action may be warranted", I have asked **Dr. REDACTED** to have Msgr. Garcia sign a legal form in which he gives his consent to continue taking this medication.

Resolution: Msgr. Garcia agreed to continue taking the Depo-Provera in tablet form.

3) We discussed the visits that Msgr. Garcia makes to Los Angeles to see his father, his mother and his family. **Dr. REDACTED** and I are concerned that Msgr. Garcia makes too many home visits and that this could lead to potential legal problems if someone sees him who is aware of the situation he has been in. I expressed the feeling that this is difficult in that we do not want to prevent Msgr. Garcia from visiting his elderly parents. However, we feel that he needs to curtail the number of his visits. Archbishop Sanchez expressed his concern about this matter and asked Msgr. Garcia to plan his visits and limit them to three or four times a year. Archbishop Sanchez also asked Msgr. Garcia to give him an itinerary of his planned visits to Los Angeles. Also, he asked Msgr. Garcia to have his friends visit him in his mother's home when he is in Los Angeles and try to avoid going to public places. Archbishop Sanchez said that Msgr. Garcia can keep in contact with his family through letter and by telephone. Msgr. Garcia stated that he calls his mother every day.

Resolution: Msgr. Garcia will limit his visits to Los Angeles to three or four visits a year and will give Archbishop Sanchez an itinerary of his planned home visits.

4) The fourth issue involved the possibility of telling Msgr. Garcia's present pastor about his situation so that the pastor could monitor Msgr. Garcia's behavior in the parish. I expressed some hesitation concerning this as did Archbishop Sanchez. I also explained that this is the reason why we did not have a staff member visit with Msgr. Garcia after he left the program and was assigned to Socorro. A meeting of this type would have been awkward in that we would have needed to state why Msgr. Garcia had been in the program, could not return to Los Angeles and was being assigned in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. We concluded that Msgr.
Garcia needs to be very careful about any ministry involvement with young people and that he should simply inform the pastor that his gifts do not lie in this area. Archbishop Sanchez advised Msgr. Garcia to use his gifts in other areas, for example, in administration.

Resolution: Msgr. Garcia's pastor will not be told about his problem.

I expressed that we needed to have this meeting because we are concerned for Msgr. Garcia and not because we want to punish him or make his life more miserable. Dr. REDACTED and Archbishop Sanchez also expressed these sentiments. Msgr. Garcia has done very good work, both in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. We do not wish to take away from his positive gifts and accomplishments. Msgr. Garcia expressed his gratitude for the meeting and for being permitted to express his negative feelings. The meeting ended at 2:00 P.M. At this point, Msgr. Garcia handed an envelope to me, to Archbishop Sanchez and to Dr. REDACTED with a letter addressed to me and dated March 17, 1987.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House

cc: Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
    Msgr. Peter Garcia
    REDACTED M.D.

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Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Roger,

Thank you for answering my letter of March 10th through Msgr. Thomas Curry. I feel better now, but the stress and pain I have had to undergo once again has been very great.

Father William Perri's letter of March 24th was somewhat accurate. Item one discussed a choice of therapist, but even though I was given a choice, no names were recommended and I know no therapists here or where I could find one.

Item two does not really give me an option, if I want to continue in ministry. I know no other type of work and I must continue to follow their dictates or be put out or at least have their support withdrawn in which case, they claim, no Bishop would allow me to function. It is almost as if they want me to fail, rather than to succeed. If I sound negative to them, it is because they do not give me any positive encouragement or incentive to really put the past behind me and let me live my life anew, fully aware of my weaknesses and strong points.

Perhaps, all things being equal, the Lord is now calling me back home and so is preparing me for work once again in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. REDACTED once offered me the possibility of working with him REDACTED. I worked with him before as a seminarian for two years. This would be a quiet, out of the way assignment. I offer this as a consideration, should my return be feasible in the near future.

I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote Archbishop Sanchez. I look forward to our meeting in May. I commend myself to your prayers.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
April 20, 1987

Monsignor Peter Garcia
Our Lady of Belen Church
Church and Tenth Streets
Belen, NM 87002

Dear Peter:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 1, 1987 with respect to your present pastoral assignment and ongoing treatment program with the Paracletes at Jemez Springs.

I cannot stress too strongly how very important it is that you follow the entire program as outlined by Father William Perri and his staff at Jemez Springs. It is really important that you remain in the treatment plan as outlined for you, and that you continue to follow their direction even if at times it does not seem to be clear or beneficial.

Before I could consider your fulltime and active return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, it would be necessary to consult at length with our Archdiocesan Legal Counsel and with the staff at Jemez Springs.

Assuring you of my continuing prayers, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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May 8, 1987

To: Father William D. Perri, s.P.
Dr. REDACTED

From: Archbishop Roger Mahony

On Thursday May 7, 1987, Monsignor Peter Garcia came to see me in my office for an appointment at 2:30 PM.

He seemed quite anxious and unsettled about his situation in New Mexico and was desirous to return to Los Angeles as early as possible. He stated quite clearly that he felt he was complying with all of the requirements of the program at Jemez Springs, and voiced continuing bewilderment that the doctors and other professional staff did not understand his situation nor his improvement.

I stated quite clearly to Monsignor Garcia that he simply had to continue at Jemez Springs, and that he should meet at once with both of you in order to discuss more openly and frankly his concerns and to obtain a clearer understanding of what he needs to do in order to move forward with the program.

I told him that it was not possible for him to return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and that we would have to work out any placement program in full consultation and agreement with the professional staff at Jemez Springs. I made it clear to him that there really were no alternatives.

I would be grateful to you if you could continue working with Monsignor Garcia, and I asked him to enter into the next phase of his treatment with a new openness and to listen far more deeply to what is being asked of him.

I understand that he will be meeting with you sometime during the week of May 11th, and I would appreciate any comment on how that meeting went and how the three of you see his next steps.

Thank you very much for your great service to Monsignor Garcia, to the other priests from Los Angeles, and to the entire Church.

cc: Monsignor Peter Garcia
    Monsignor Thomas Curry

eb
Reverend William D. Perri, S.P.
SERVANTS OF THE PARACLETE
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Bill,

I just received Archbishop Mahony's memo dated May 8th.

Archbishop Mahony made it very clear during our May 7th meeting that I could not return to Los Angeles or go anywhere as a matter of fact, until you agreed and set the criterion for my placement. He told me there were many ministries to choose from in an Archdiocese as large as Los Angeles, but that he would not do anything until he had a green light from you.

Please let me know what I can do in order to satisfy Archbishop Mahony's wishes, as well as to obtain the greatest benefit of the after-care program. I am totally and completely at your disposition.

Thank you once again for helping me thus far and for your constant and continued care and concern.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

CC: Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony, D.D.
REDACTED M.D.
A.M.D.G.

OUR LADY OF BELEN CHURCH
Church and Tenth Streets
Belen, New Mexico
87002

May 27, 1987

Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Roger,

Dr. REDACTED called me this afternoon to tell me that he had received my letter addressed to Father Bill Peri. He told me my letter was not in accord with the memo you wrote on May 8th. I told him I would write to you to ask for a clarification.

The clarification concerns paragraph four, where you write: "I told him that it is not possible for him to return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and that we would have to work out any placement program in full consultation and agreement with the professional staff at Jemez Springs. I made it clear to him that there really were no alternatives."

Would you please be so kind as to clarify this paragraph and state exactly what you mean, since I really do not remember you telling me I could not return to the Archdiocese. I do recall that you stated that the only way for me to return to ministry in Los Angeles was with the approval of the staff at Jemez Springs. Did I not understand you or did I not hear you correctly?

It is most important for my state of mind to know definitively if I am to return to Los Angeles or not. I have lived with this hope these past two and half years and now if this is not possible, I would like to know so that I can begin to make plans about my future.

The reason I asked to see you was to find out how soon I could return to Los Angeles. I left our meeting with the impression that as soon as things could be worked out with Jemez Springs this would become a reality. Was I wrong?

Thank you once again for your time and concern. Please pray for me, as I do for you.

In Xto,

(REv. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

CCI 002331
May 28, 1987

Most Rev. Roger Mahony, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

Thank you for your recent memo concerning your visit with Msgr. Peter Garcia on May 7, 1987.

I am enclosing a copy of the most recent letter that I have received from Msgr. Garcia. As you can see, he clearly did not understand your statement that "it was not possible for him to return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles." RFD, REDACTED

Also, at that time, Dr. REDACTED discussed Msgr. Garcia's letter of May 22 with him. Msgr. Garcia felt that it was necessary to clarify the situation with you since he did not think that you told him that he could not return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This, even after Dr. REDACTED read your memo to him over the phone. I am sure that you join us in the frustration.

We, too, do not recommend that Msgr. Garcia return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, for his own well-being and for the safety of the Archdiocese. We are willing to continue working with Msgr. Garcia only if he complies with the guidelines that were established at our meeting with Archbishop Sanchez and explained in a letter to you dated March 24, 1987. If he does not cooperate with these guidelines we will have no other choice but to recommend to you that you suspend him from the active ministry and pursue his laicization from the priesthood.
Thank you, Archbishop, for your personal concern in this matter. If there is anything else that we can do to be of service please let me know.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House

cc: Msgr. Peter Garcia
     REDACTED , M.D.
June 1, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter E. Garcia
Our Lady of Belen Church
Church and Tenth Streets
Belen, New Mexico 87002

Dear Peter:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 27, 1987 and the apparent confusion resulting from my letter of May 8, 1987.

In my personal conversation with you, I thought that I had made it very clear that you would be able to return to the Archdiocese "if and when" such an arrangement were approved by the Staff at Jemez Springs. The paragraph which you quoted should have had the words: "...at this time."

It was not my intention to preclude your return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles forever, but to highlight the fact that this could only occur if and when the Staff at Jemez Springs were in complete agreement, and a placement plan could be worked out that was in the best interest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and yourself.

Assuring you of my prayers, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Msgr. Thomas Curry
Rev. William Perri, S.P.
REDACTED M.D.
Reverend William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

Dear Father Perri:

I am writing in response to your letter of May 28, 1987 and Monsignor Peter Garcia’s visit with me prior to his return to New Mexico in mid May.

I believe that Monsignor Garcia has quoted accurately the intention which I placed in my own letter in an unclear manner. I fully intended to say that it was not possible for him to return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles at this time. My emphasis was on his working closely with you and your staff, and it was simply not possible to consider his return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles until such a plan was proposed and worked out through all of our staff.

I have instructed Monsignor Garcia to cooperate fully with you and your staff, and also to be advised of all steps which he needs to take in order to become in harmony with your total treatment plan.

I really believe that it would be important to have a telephone conference call involving yourself, Dr. REDACTED Monsignor Curry and me. I am asking Monsignor Curry to help arrange such a telephone conference call.

Thanking you for your assistance with Monsignor Garcia’s situation, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Monsignor Thomas Curry

21087
The Reverend William D. Perri, S.P.
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Father Perri:

I am in receipt of your letter to Archbishop Mahony dated May 28, 1987, as well as Archbishop Mahony's letter to me (copy enclosed) dated June 1, 1987. In the light of these two letters I would like to know what you now recommend.

I would also like to clarify a statement you make in your letter to Archbishop Mahony, since I do not think you or Dr. REDACTED would deliberately lie. You state: "Also, Dr. REDACTED indicated to me that Msgr. Garcia did not attend the latest meeting, during the week of May 11 that was held by him at the Albuquerque Villa." I did not attend this meeting scheduled by Dr. REDACTED on Tuesday May 12th, at his office. He has requested at 4:00 p.m. I have not met with him at the Albuquerque Villa since March of 1987. He now wants me to attend this meeting of one and one half hours rather than meeting on a one to one basis. I did not attend this meeting due to the fact that we have a 6:30 P.M. mass scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This particular Tuesday my pastor's mother was taken to the hospital, who has since died, and so I had to cover this scheduled Mass.

Please be so kind as to let me know your pleasure in regards to my situation and my return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Dr. REDACTED has told me there is no clinical reason why I cannot return, it is up to you.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

cc: Most Rev. Roger Mahony
     Most Rev. Juan Arzube
     REDACTED, M.D.
OUR LADY OF BELEN CHURCH

Church and Tenth Streets
Belen, New Mexico
87002

SPECIAL DELIVERY

MOST REVEREND ROGER MAHONY, D.D.
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

PERSONAL
July 8, 1987

Reverend William D. Perri, s.P.
Director, Foundation House
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Bill:

Would a conference call between you, Dr. REDACTED Archbishop Mahony and myself be possible on

Wednesday, July 29, 1987
2:30 p.m. Los Angeles time
3:30 p.m. New Mexico time

If so, I would very much appreciate if you could verify this with my office.

It was good talking to you yesterday, and I am grateful for all your help.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
July 20, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Curry  
Vicar for Clergy  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

Dear Tom:

Dr. REDACTED and I will be available for a conference call with you and Archbishop Mahoney on Wednesday, July 29 at 3:30 P.M. New Mexico time and 2:30 P.M. Los Angeles time.

Looking forward to speaking with you again.

Fraternally,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.  
Director: Foundation House
Rev. William D. Perri, S.P.
DIRECTOR - FOUNDATION HOUSE
Servants of the Paraclete
Jemez Springs, New Mexico 87025

Dear Father Perri:

I trust this letter finds you well and rested after your vacation.

I wrote to you on May 22nd and again on June 17, 1987, to which you have not as yet condescended to answer.

I went to Foundation House in November of 1984 in good faith and at the request of my Ordinary, Cardinal Manning. I requested, after evaluation, to be admitted into the winter module of 1985, January to June. I was accepted and I was most truthful and open with you and your staff, which I presumed was guided by excellent professional standards and outstanding ethical norms. I learned much and you were a great help to me. For this I am most grateful.

I eventually came to know you a little, since you are a most private person. I thought of you as a person who could never be accused of malfeasance in office, since (and I quote from PRIESTLY PEOPLE, Vol. II, No. 1, July, 1987) you write about yourself "I want to maintain control of my life journey. I have spent much time and energy developing supports, defenses, and power to protect my way of life. My responses are usually well thought out and safe."

I now ask you to answer my previous letters. I also request to be formally released from Foundation House and to be returned to my lawful superior and Ordinary, Archbishop Mahony. I trust this is possible, unless you are under secret instructions that I am not aware exist and hence warrant my further detention here.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

In Xto, 21080

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

CC. Most Rev. Roger Mahony
Most Rev. Robert Sanchez
Most Rev. Juan Arube

REDACTED
July 23, 1987

Rev. Peter Garcia
Our Lady of Belen Church
Church and Tenth Streets
Belen, New Mexico 87002

Dear Peter:

I must say that the angry tone of your letter has caused me to pause and wonder. It seems to me that this is the reason for the times when I may have been negative toward you and concerning your future. There has always been that edge of arrogance and manipulation in your demeanor.

I am sorry that I have not responded to your letters. However, I was away on vacation when your first letter was written. By the time I returned, I received your second letter plus correspondence from Archbishop Mahoney. The Archbishop's letter helped to clarify things. Also, he asked in his letter for a conference call concerning your future with Dr. REDACTED and myself. We have set up the time of next Wednesday, June 29 for this telephone call. As you may know, we are all busy and it was not easy to get a time when we could all mutually be available. In any event, I was waiting until after this call to respond to your letters since I will have more information by that time.

Also, I am sorry to hear that you have considered your time in this Archdiocese to be detention. I thought that you were pleased with the assignments. Also, I have no power to keep you here or to release you. I hope that you are free and that it has been your choice to follow the guidelines that have been set down. If not, I feel sorry for you and believe that your future life will not be happy.

Sincerely,  

cc: Most Rev. Roger Mahoney
    Most Rev. Robert Sanchez

(Rev.) William D. Perri, S.P.
cc: Most Rev. Roger Mahoney
    Most Rev. Robert Sanchez

Director: Foundation House
DATE: July 28, 1987

TO: Archbishop Mahony

FROM: Monsignor Curry

RE: Conference Call with Jemez Springs

We have a Conference call to Jemez Springs arranged for Wednesday, July 29, at 2:30 P.M. Los Angeles time. Father Bill Perri and Dr. REDACTED will be available.

I am attaching recent correspondence for your information.
7-29-87  2:30 pm

Telephone Conference Call - w/ Peter Donaci

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- has physically attended the sessions only
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- shy, manipulative person
- in the group, he does not help the others

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7/29/87

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+ RMH
July 30, 1987

Rev. Peter Garcia
Our Lady of Belen Church
Church and Tenth Streets
Belen, New Mexico 87002

Dear Peter:

Yesterday, Dr. REDACTED and I had a conference telephone call with Archbishop Mahoney and Msgr. Tom Curry. The purpose of that call was to discuss the possibility of you returning to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

We all concluded that it would be helpful for you to return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, but under some strict criteria. Archbishop Mahoney and Msgr. Curry will draw up a contract with the criteria you will be expected to agree upon if you return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. They will then send that contract here for Dr. REDACTED and me to review. Once this has been done, you will receive the contract and be asked to agree to it.

It may take some time before all of this is accomplished, so I ask you to be patient.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House

cc: Most Rev. Roger Mahoney
Most Rev. Robert Sanchez
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Curry
REDACTED 4.D.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 1987

FROM: MSGR. THOMAS CURRY

TO: Archbishop Mahony

RE: Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia

Agreement between Monsignor Peter Garcia and the Archdiocese:

As a condition of his returning to the Archdiocese, Monsignor Garcia will agree to the following:

The extent of his ministry and the conditions of his return will be made known to and discussed with Bishop Juan Arzube.

He will attend a monthly group meeting at the Servants of the Paraclete facility in Cherry Valley. It is the expectation of the Archdiocese that he will be an active participant in these meetings.

He will continue to receive Depro-Provera by injection on a weekly basis. It is understood that the person administering the medication will report to the Archdiocese if Monsignor Garcia fails to receive this medication.

He will see a spiritual director at least monthly.

He will never be alone with a minor or minors.

He will have no physical contact with minors, e.g., wrestling, tickling, etc., apart from shaking hands.

He will return to Jemez Springs at agreed-upon intervals for continued treatment and evaluation.

This agreement is for a period of six months, after which it will be evaluated by all concerned. Any breach of the agreement will result in its immediate cancellation.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 30, 1987
FROM: Monsignor Curry
TO: Archbishop Mahony
RE: Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia

Attached is draft of possible agreement.

Bishop Arzube is in REDACTED and he can be reached from August 2 at REDACTED
MEMORANDUM

August 10, 1987

To: Archbishop Mahony

From: Msgr. Thomas Curry

Re: Msgr. Peter Garcia

I spoke to REDACTED at St. Luke's Institute, and he thought the Institute could be of assistance in this case.

Their first opening for evaluation is September 21. This evaluation would take place over the course of a week or perhaps a slightly longer period. If they decide Peter is still in denial, they would recommend residence there at the Institute for treatment.

In addition to the treatment center, they run a Three-Quarters-Way House, an outpatient facility for priests who are seeking laicization or who are being retrained to work in non-parochial assignments. Priests live there for up to a year (no more than six at a time) and continue to participate in individual and group therapy. The facility is designed to assist dioceses in dealing with hard to place priests.

I told REDACTED I would discuss the matter with you and would get back to him shortly.

O. S. J. Belen
Church St. 7th
Belen, New Mexico 87002

REDACTED
RESELAL MEMORANDUM FROM ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

Date: 8-29-87

TO: [Signature]

( ) Please review, then SEE me
( ) Please review, then RETURN to me
( ) Please review, then SEND me your COMMENTS
( ) Please review, then FILE

( ) Please handle this matter entirely
( ) Please answer; send copy of letter to me
( ) Please write a reply for my signature
( ) For your information

( ) Please XEROX and send copy/copies to: ______________________

( ) original to file
( ) original back to me

REMARKS: When Peter calls, let's set up the

apt. Thanks!
Office of the Archbishop

August 29, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
Our Lady of Belen Parish
Church and 10th Streets
Belen, New Mexico 87002

Dear Peter:

I am writing as a follow-up to your letters of inquiry and our own internal discussions about your situation and your future.

It is essential for you to know how extremely grave I view your past conduct, your participation in the program at Jemez Springs, and my reluctance to have you serve in any capacity here within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

At the same time, I do not feel that your continuation at Belen is accomplishing anything positive for yourself or for the Church.

Therefore, I would like to have you visit with me as soon as possible so that I may outline the only two viable options which I see for you.

These are extraordinarily busy days because of the Papal Visit and my departure shortly thereafter for Rome and the Synod of Bishops. Therefore, I would ask you to telephone Monsignor Curry as soon as possible to arrange a meeting date and time that is suitable for all of us.

During the course of that meeting I will outline for you clearly where I see us in terms of your planning, as well as the two options which I will present to you.

Assuring you of my prayers, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Roger Mahony
Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Bishop Juan Arzube
    Monsignor Thomas Curry
    Rev. William Perri, S.P.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 1987
FROM: Msgr. Curry
TO: Archbishop Mahony
RE: Father Peter Garcia

I spoke to Bishop Juan this morning, and he will be here at 1 P.M. today in order to see you prior to the appointment with Peter Garcia.

I have just pulled some of the relevant material from the file (attached) for your review, and I have the complete Confidential file on my desk in case you need it.

If there is time before we meet with Peter, I would like to see you just for a minute to go over the situation.

REDACTED
Most Reverend Robert F. Sanchez
Archbishop of Santa Fe
Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Center
Saint Joseph's Place, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87120

Dear Archbishop Sanchez:

We have been aware for some time of Monsignor Peter Garcia's desire to return to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and during the summer I have consulted extensively on the wisdom of acceding to this request. There appears to be a consensus that it would not be wise for Peter to return at this time, and there is also widespread agreement that he should not stay in parish ministry either. To do so poses a danger not only for him, but for both our Archdioceses.

Accordingly I have asked Peter to go to St. Luke's Institute for evaluation and to engage in continued treatment there. It is my hope that with the added advice of this program we will be able to come to a definite decision regarding his future ministry. I do not foresee his return to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

May I take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for your compassion and unfailing assistance to Peter in this most difficult time in his life. I know that you will keep him in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Roger Mahony
Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

/lbm
September 11, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

This will confirm our conversation today. You will be on the Archdiocesan payroll as of September 1, 1987 and will receive your monthly check at St. Luke's Institute, 2420 Brooks Drive, Suitland, Maryland 91754.

Father REDACTED in Jemez Springs will mail you a release form to Belen, and I would appreciate it if you could return the signed form as soon as possible. Father Sailer will then send your records to Dr. REDACTED at St. Luke's.

Your plane tickets will be sent separately.

I will keep in touch with you and am most eager to be of help. Please be assured that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
Sept. 14, 1987

Dr. REDACTED
St. Luke's Institute
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746-5294

Dear Dr. REDACTED

This will confirm that Monsignor Peter Garcia, a priest of this Archdiocese, will attend St. Luke's Institute for evaluation beginning on September 21, 1987. It is our understanding that he will stay for continued treatment if the Institute recommends it.

I have asked Father REDACTED at Servants of the Paraclete, Jemez Springs, New Mexico to send Monsignor Garcia a release form for signature, so that the records of his previous treatment may be forwarded to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/17
FROM: REDACTED
TO: MSGR.
RE: 

PRIORITY:

Call Dr. REDACTED BEFORE 12:50 P.M. OUR TIME!

He got your letter and says the reference to understanding they will keep Msgr. Garcia if he needs the treatment is not correct.

Their admissions depend on their discharges and they have only 28 beds so typically the patient goes back home until they can admit him.

He needs to talk to you about this.

REDACTED
MEMORANDUM

DATE: ____________________________
FROM: ____________________________
TO: ______________________________
RE: ______________________________

REDACTED REDACTED called back. 

Call him again -- REDACTED 

If girl answering says he's not there, tell her to ring him in the Admissions Office where he is working.

He says he has a plan but needs to let you know what it is,

Patient is evaluated.

Say this: I probably a month or six weeks.

Then is the option...
October 1, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

Thank you for calling me to let me know of your progress. I understand you will be returning to Los Angeles on Saturday to await further developments based on the recommendation from St. Luke's.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of the need for circumspection during your stay. I ask that you not engage in ministry during that time, nor be in the company of minors alone at any time. Also, I would appreciate it if you could come to see me.

I thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
October 7, 1987

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahoney, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Monsignor Peter Garcia
SLI REDACTED

Dear Excellency:

This letter will serve to document our evaluation of Monsignor Peter Garcia, a 47 year old priest from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This evaluation was somewhat atypical for us in that Monsignor Garcia, as you well know, has already undergone treatment with the Servants of the Paraclete in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. As we understand it, conflict developed over the past year between Monsignor Garcia and the aftercare program prescribed by the Servants of the Paraclete. The disputed issues involved the use of the sexual appetite suppressant Depo-Provera, the degree of disclosure which was deemed appropriate for Father Garcia, and the therapy relationship with Doctor REDACTED Given the acknowledgement of a sexual disorder our evaluation was aimed more at assessing the current state of Monsignor Garcia’s recovery and to offer our opinion regarding the dimensions of an ongoing aftercare plan.

You are well familiar with Father Garcia’s history but to put this report in context a brief summary is appropriate here. The first allegation of sexual impropriety was placed against Monsignor Garcia in 1975. In his own mind he has had a long struggle to recognize the reality of his behavior with adolescents. A second complaint was registered in 1980, and when similar charges were made in November of 1984 he was confronted for the third time about his behavior. This confrontation had an impact on him and it was followed by a suicide attempt using a sleeping medication and alcohol. Subsequent to this he was referred to the Servants of the Paraclete for evaluation and he entered treatment at Jemez Springs in 1985. In Monsignor Garcia’s own view his REDACTED He came to acknowledge the nature and extent of his behavior and felt committed to eliminate it. It appears that he made significant progress in treatment and since that incident in 1984 has had no further sexual contact with minors, or for that REDACTED After completing the residential phase of his treatment he has worked as a parish priest in the Santa Fe Diocese in New Mexico. While so doing he has been involved in aftercare with the Servants of the Paraclete. As accurately as we can determine the last year of this aftercare has been increasingly problematic.

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Things have reached an impass where Monsignor Garcia is no longer working in New Mexico, and he has yet to be given a priestly assignment in the Los Angeles Archdiocese pending clarification of the current state of his recovery and his prognosis.

Against this background Monsignor Garcia came to the Saint Luke Institute on September 21, 1987 and participated in a comprehensive physical and psychological assessment process. It seemed obvious to us that the outcome of the evaluation could impact Monsignor Garcia's life in a way that would argue against his being fully disclosing about his current situation. Despite this anticipated obstacle he was very forthcoming in giving extensive information about himself and in our opinion we came to a reasonably accurate understanding of him. REDACTED
He first had sexual interaction with a minor shortly after ordination. Since that time he has had perhaps 15 to 17 relationships with youngsters in the age range from 12 years to perhaps 17 or 18. Some of these relationships have endured over time for between two and four years with recurrent sexual interaction occurring on an intermittent basis. Through his treatment Monsignor Garcia has 'come to recognize the "modus operandi". He would befriend an adolescent, become friendly with the family, and eventually ask the youth to vacation with him. While on vacation he would engage him in sexual acts. Although Father Garcia does not perceive himself as coercive in these behaviors it is our understanding that many, if not most, of the minors with whom he was involved were undocumented aliens. They may well have felt threatened by the consequences of their making formal allegations, to one archdiocese or legal complaints against Monsignor Garcia. Although he expressed concern and paternalistic feelings about many of these children the pattern of sexual interaction seems quite aggressive. Monsignor Garcia at this point seems to have a rather thin understanding of the harm he may have caused. Despite REDACTED he has difficulty putting into words any clear understanding of why sexual behavior between adults and minors is generally considered harmful, and the basis for legal penalties for such behavior.
His fantasies during this behavior include memories of previous sexual interaction. Our understanding is that such behavior tends to pose a certain element of risk for an individual in recovery from a sexual disorder. Monsignor Garcia does not seem to appreciate this element of risk. In our view his history makes the diagnosis of ephebophilia unequivocal. He has come a long way in treatment. He recognizes that this is an incurable condition that needs a life-long management plan. Continued growth is needed in recognizing the full role of others in establishing a secure management plan. The situation is quite analogous to the alcoholic in recovery who must learn to count on others to monitor his program. One must learn to strike a balance between accepting responsibility for one's own recovery and yet not moving to a position where one again assumes that they know in all instances what is the best course of action for themselves. This perspective is enshrined in the Third Step of the 12 Steps of the AA recovery program where the individual recognizes a need to hand over to God and to others a part of their life. Yet another way of describing this point is to fully accept the need for an external structure of accountability. The individual is not the best judge in these matters.
mild deficits is probably developmental in origin. They are mentioned because they may have some contributing role in Monsignor Garcia's deficient analysis and judgement regarding his own behavior. It does appear that for many years he was able to deny the significance of what he was doing with youngsters and only repeated confrontation helped him to appreciate the true extent and nature of his behavior.

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he tends to underutilize information available to him. Specifically, his understanding of his sexual problem is simplified and he has difficulty thinking through some of its dimensions and consequences. REDACTED

REDACTED
**DIAGNOSIS:** Axis I: 1. Sexual disorder not otherwise classified, (ephebophilia).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Given the degree of emotional distress which was primarily identified through the projective test results, we think it important that Monsignor Garcia have continued outpatient treatment. Although his restraint and psychological growth in not acting out with minors over the last three years must be recognized and affirmed, he has to be helped to understand that his recovery program must be as secure and certain as possible. I think there is something in him that would like to see treatment as behind him and he could return to a business as usual frame of mind. The fact is that the condition is incurable.

In our opinion it is inadvisable that he be assigned to regular parish ministry. In such a context the avoidance of minors which he must pursue at all costs is simply too difficult. Additionally, the aggressive nature of his sexual behavior in the past argues strongly for the continued use of the sexual appetite suppressant, Depo-Provera. If allergic reactions preclude the use of this drug the appropriateness of ministry must be carefully reviewed.

Given the complexity of his therapy we would recommend that his outpatient treatment be administered by a psychiatrist or at least by a treatment team where psychiatric consultation is readily available. Needless to say, such therapists should be familiar with the specific nature of sexual behavior disorders. We would also commend to Monsignor Garcia participation in the self help recovery groups such as Sexaholics Anonymous. Many have found the support of others struggling with similar problems tremendously important.

I suspect that Monsignor Garcia might object to the stringency of our recommendations. The social and cultural reality is such that a relapse would be a disaster. An individual in recovery from such sexual behavioral problems has to come to the understanding that they must go to any lengths to insure sexual sobriety. If they can come to this awareness and commitment their prognosis is good.
In closing I would like to thank you for the referral of Monsignor Garcia to us. We hope that our evaluative services prove useful both to him and the Archdiocese. Asking for your continued prayers in support of our work and those we try to help,

Respectfully,

REDACTED

REDACTED

CC: Monsignor Peter Garcia
MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 1987
FROM: Monsignor Curry
TO: Archbishop Mahony
RE: Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia

I met with Peter today and found him most cooperative and understanding. He is optimistic about the future, but reminded me that he is not getting his hopes up about returning to the Archdiocese and is taking life one day at a time.

We discussed the matter of his continuing to take deproprovera, and he explained that he really did not want to continue taking it. I did remind him, however, that the issue would be of great importance in discussion about his return to ministry and he said he understood that and did indicate a willingness to continue taking it if that were necessary.

In discussing future possibilities for ministry, I reminded him that parish ministry was probably not a realistic possibility for the foreseeable future and asked him what other things he might be interested in.

The one thing he mentioned was REDACTED as apparently REDACTED had invited him to work there some time earlier on. He did mention that he thought hospital ministry would be very difficult for him. We did not pursue it beyond that.

I had written him a letter saying he could not minister in the Archdiocese at the moment and that he was not to be involved with minors in any capacity. He admitted that this letter had shocked him and made him somewhat angry when he received it, but that he had worked it through in his mind and by the time we met had come to an understanding of why I had written it. I found that somewhat promising.

Although St. Luke's is probably going to make a recommendation that he go back to New Mexico and work with Dr. REDACTED Peter very much does not want to do this and I tend to agree with him that that would not be a good option. However, we left it by agreeing nothing would happen until you came back and saw the report, and I promised him I would be back in touch with him as soon as possible after your return.
October 14, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
REDACTED

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

Many thanks for your visit this week and also for your understanding. In reflecting on our conversation, I do want to add some advice.

You mentioned you had run out of the medication depoprovera. I would ask that you renew the prescription and continue taking this medication. We discussed the fact that the issue of your taking this medication would be a major factor in deciding on any future ministry, and since it is apparently the advice of both institutions you attended that you continue taking it, I believe this would not be a good time to stop the practice.

If there is any way I can assist you in this matter, or if you wish to discuss it further, please do call me. I hope to be in touch with you by phone soon.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
October 15, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
REDACTED

Dear Peter:

A minister, REDACTED REDACTED -- called saying he was a friend and wanted to talk to you.

I promised to pass on the number to you.

Sincerely,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
REDACTED

OCTOBER 17, 1987

REV. MSGR. THOMAS J. CURRY
VICAR FOR CLERGY
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015

DEAR MONSIGNOR CURRY:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 14, 1987. I would like to explain to you why I did not refill my prescription for the Provera.

When I was first put on the Depo-Provera I had such a tremendous reaction that Dr. Redacted changed to the pill form of Provera. At the time he told me to try it for about six months and then decide if I wanted to continue with it or not. Always it was stressed that it was my decision to take it or not. When I told the doctor of my continued reaction and my fear of taking the Provera, he made it a "conditio sine qua non" if I wanted to be active in the pastoral ministry. So I continued taking it reluctantly.

I continued to experience severe attacks of chills, which last from three to four hours at a time. During this time I am soaking wet from perspiring. I am afraid of these chills because I have suffered from pneumonia over six times. My doctor has told me if I was to contract it one more time, it could be fatal. I told this to Dr. Redacted but he made it quite clear he was not interested in my physical health.

Then during my physical examination a year and a half ago I complained of persistent lower back pains. The doctor suspected damage to my liver and kidneys due to the Provera. I began to be monitored for this, since he said there were border line cases. When the doctor, who had been recommended by Dr. Redacted... since I knew no doctors in Albuquerque, reported back to Dr. Redacted, he told him it was just above normal. Dr. Redacted told me it was nothing to worry about, even though I continued having the pain. Then my pancreas began to act up. The doctor then warned me about possible cancer in the pancreas. But still I continued with the Provera, even though there was good medical reason to suspect it was doing damage to my internal organs.
NOW I AM TOLD THAT I HAVE EXTREMELY HIGH CHOLESTEROL, WHICH CAN CAUSE HEART ATTACK OR STROKE. IN ADDITION, ANOTHER SIDE EFFECT OF PROVERA IS THE POSSIBILITY OF BLOOD CLOTS, AS WELL AS WEIGHT GAIN. I HAVE GAINED OVER FORTY POUNDS SINCE THE USE OF PROVERA. I FEEL THAT THESE ARE ALL INTERRELATED. THERE IS ALSO DIABETES IN MY FAMILY, WHICH CAN BE RELATED TO OVERWEIGHT AND SOMETIMES HIGH CHOLESTEROL, I AM TOLD. WITH ALL THESE PRESENT I AM TRULY AFRAID.

I ALSO SUFFER FROM KERATOCONUS, WHICH IS AN EYE CONDITION. IT APPEARS THAT THE PROVERA HAS ALSO AGGRAVATED THIS EYE CONDITION.

WHENEVER I TRY TO EXPLAIN ALL OF THIS NO ONE SEEMS TO LISTEN. IT SEEMS EVERYONE IS TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR POSITIONS TO REALLY CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME PHYSICALLY. UNFORTUNATELY I DID NOT HAVE A OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN ALL OF THIS TO REDACTED AT ST. LUKE'S INSTITUTE.

I WAS READY TO SUE DR. REDACTED FOR MALPRACTICE IF MY PHYSICAL HEALTH HAD GOTTEN ANY WORSE. HE KNEW THIS AND THAT IS ONE REASON, I FEEL, HE IS SO CRITICAL AND HOSTILE TOWARD ME.

I FEEL I AM BEING FORCED TO DO SOMETHING MORALLY WRONG WHICH IS DETERRENTIAL TO MY HEALTH. BUT AGAIN NO ONE REALLY SEEMS IT TO CARE.

IF YOU AND THE ARCHBISHOP ARE READY TO ACCEPT TOTAL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY HEALTH OR LACK THEREOF, I WILL RESUME TAKING THE PROVERA. I WILL NEED A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION, WHICH YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO RECOMMEND.

I UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN AND NEED FOR ASSURANCES THAT YOU MUST HAVE. BUT THIS MEDICATION DOES NOTHING FOR ME. AS FAR AS I CAN TELL. IT JUST MAKES ME VERY MUCH AFRAID FOR MY PHYSICAL HEALTH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION. I WILL WAIT YOUR ANSWER.

IN XTO,

(REV. MGR.) PETER E. GARCIA

CCI 002370
October 23, 1987

Most Reverend
Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 W. Ninth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Dear Archbishop:

Peter García is in town after his short stay at the Institute where you suggested he go. I have seen him a couple of times and I understand that the report has not yet arrived. If it is favorable, I would strongly recommend that he be given some assignment in this Archdiocese that you feel would be suitable for him. I feel he has really tried to conform to every thing we have asked him to do, and that he would respond positively to the confidence placed in him.

You will probably receive this on your return from Rome, so I want to welcome you back and tell you that we have missed you. I hope you don't find too much work piled up. If you would like to discuss this matter with me personally, I will be happy to see you.

With a prayerful remembrance, I remain,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

++Juan Arzube

Bishop, San Gabriel Region

cc: Msgr. Thomas Curry
October 26, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

Thank you for your letter of October 17, in which you make very clear your opposition to continuing the use of Depro Provera. However, the resolution of this issue will have to await the Archbishop’s return, when we will all have a chance to discuss it.

Meantime, to assist you to prepare for that meeting, may I ask you to consider the following: Jemez Springs recommended strongly that you continue taking this medication, and I believe from my conversation with Dr. [REDACTED] that St. Luke’s will recommend the same. Before you could be appointed to ministry here, the Archdiocese would need some very strong guarantees and recommendations that such an appointment was a prudent one and did not endanger either you or the public.

You mention in your letter that you feel you are being forced to do something morally wrong, but that you will continue taking the medication if I or the Archbishop will take complete responsibility for your health. No one wishes to ask you to do something you feel is immoral, and I do not believe that anyone can give away his own responsibility for maintaining his health.

Obviously, all of us have to be concerned with how you see your health; but at the same time, all of us with responsibility in the Archdiocese have also to be concerned about the difficulties you have had and about the future. Certainly the Archbishop must be morally certain that if you minister here no harm will come to the people you serve.

It seems to me that for you to be appointed to ministry you and the treatment centers and the Archdiocese would have to be in complete agreement as to the assessment of where you are and your continued treatment. Given your strong feelings about the medication, this does not seem possible. Thus two issues are in conflict at present--your health and your ministry in the Archdiocese.
I would strongly encourage you to think carefully about this in advance of our forthcoming meeting, because I think that at that time it would be most helpful if you could present the Archbishop with some realistic guides as to the resolution of this conflict, and perhaps be able to explain to him your expectations as to what he should do for the future.

I can assure you you do have my sympathy in this difficult situation, and I hope that this letter will be of assistance to you in clarifying the state of things.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 2, 1987
FROM: Monsignor Curry
TO: Archbishop Mahony
RE: Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia

I think we need to have some action very soon on Peter's case, and since I would like to discuss it with you on Wednesday, I am attaching copies of all recent correspondence.

To give you the background: Attached is a memo I wrote you on October 12, after my first visit with Peter on his return from St. Luke's.

Then, given the fact that he had stopped taking the deproprovera, I wrote to him on October 14 and received a response that I think changes the situation somewhat, and to which I replied.

Given the importance that St. Luke's attached to his taking this medication, I do very much believe that Peter has to give us some guidance on the future, and that is what I tried to stress in my reply of October 26.

Also included here are letter sent in by Bishop Arzube with reference to Monsignor Garcia and the October 7 evaluation of his case by St. Luke's.
November 17, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

In order to follow up on our last meeting with the Archbishop, I would like to meet with you soon.

I will be away from Wednesday through the remainder of this week, but would appreciate it if you could make an appointment for next week on a day that is convenient for you.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 30, 1987
FROM: Monsignor Curry
TO: Archbishop Mahony
RE: Peter Garcia

Attatched is a copy of the letter I propose to send to Peter as a result of our meeting last Wednesday.

In the course of that meeting, he mentioned he would never ask for laicization. I held out little hope of his returning to minister here and he talked about possibly returning to New Mexico in the future.

We left it that he would take life day by day and leave the future open.

Looks fine — note my days —

Thabls.

RMH 12-1-87
December 3, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia  
453 Van Buren Avenue  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

Many thanks for coming to see me last week, and I hope our meeting was clear and helpful to you.

The Archdiocese will continue to pay your salary for six months—-from December 1, 1987 to June 1, 1988—-and we will evaluate the situation after that. My hope is that this will assist you to establish your independence. You may also continue to use the present car until January 1, 1988, and you will continue to be covered by the Archdiocesan insurance.

We agreed it would be better for you not to perform any ministerial service, even in such instances as funerals for family or friends, and that it would also be better for you not to wear clerical garb.

I will continue to explore the availability of continued psychological counseling for you and, indeed, expect to be able to give you some more definite information within the very near future.

As time progresses, other questions may occur to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy
December 10, 1987

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

Recently I was referred to a psychiatrist who is very experienced in counseling priests and conducts a priests' support group. He would be open to coming to Los Angeles for the same purpose, and since the aftercare program at Cherry Valley does not seem to be operative, I would very much like to get such a group into operation here.

Could you give me a call at your convenience and let me know your thoughts on this?

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy
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12/17/87

REV. MSGR. PETER GARCIA

Called to tell me that he had met with Dr. and that he can get on with the therapist.

Got my letter and discussed this with the therapist.

Both agreed that the group was not for him at this time.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 1988

FROM: Monsignor Curry

TO: Archbishop Mahony

RE: Meeting with Dr. REDACTED

I had a long and very productive meeting with Dr. REDACTED yesterday. He meets on a monthly basis with six of our priests who have been in therapy at Jemez Springs. He appears to be getting along very well with them, and I have heard good reports from them about him. The following are some short comments on each of the priests:

Peter Garcia: Dr. REDACTED feels he is building a good though challenging relationship with Peter. Since Peter had such a negative image with Dr. REDACTED, he did not seem able to hear anything he heard from him. Peter separated his behavior with minors completely from the rest of his life, and did not treat it as a matter of conscience—something that had an impact on his priestly life. In addition to dealing with the matter therapeutically, Dr. REDACTED is trying to have Peter develop a spiritual dimension to his life. However, he is struck by how unrealistic Peter is. When asked recently about his thoughts on his future in ministry, Peter answered that he did not feel he would be able to return to active ministry for at least three months!!!
June 15, 1988

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

I am just checking with you to be sure the arrangements we made earlier are working out. The Archdiocese agreed to pay your salary until June 1, 1988 with the understanding that you would be able to support yourself by that time. I hope that is the case, and that you have been able to establish yourself to your satisfaction.

I believe you are seeing Dr. REDACTED, and hope he is a help to you. From my meetings with him, I have been considerably impressed.

Please know that you have my prayers and best wishes. Do let me know if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

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Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Curry  
VICAR FOR CLERGY  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Curry:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 15, 1988. Thank you for writing and for the concern. I truly appreciate it.

My financial situation is not good. Since I was obliged to buy a car, I have had added expenses. The car was almost $13,000.00. This in addition to what I already owed and some other medical expenses I have incurred, has put me deeper into debt. The $465.00 I receive from the Chancery help pay the car, insurance and maintenance. I receive $207.00 every two weeks from my brother. This barely pays the other debts I have.

I keep a very low profile, go no where and do very little outside of working on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I go to see one doctor or another. Outside of seeing Dr. REDACTED I am being attended by my eye doctor. He is trying to stabilize my keratoconus and has been working on it since November of last year. He told me it will take about a year. Then there is the dentist, podiatrist and my family doctor, who is trying to control my very high cholesterol.

So you see, right now my finances are not too well. I would appreciate it very much if the Chancery could continue to help me get along. I do not give any support to my family for board and room, since I have nothing to give them right now.

Thank you for your understanding, compassion and assistance during this difficult time in my life. God bless you and I commend myself to your prayers.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
June 21, 1988

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
c/o 453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Monsignor Garcia:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, 1988.

The Archdiocese, I believe, does want to assist, and we will indeed continue your salary until December 1, 1988.

May I suggest that we look at the situation again at that time to see if we can help you in evaluating and discerning what is best for the future.

I do wish you good health, and send you my true concern and best wishes in this difficult time in your life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

/lbm
cc: Archbishop Mahony
Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Curry
VICAR FOR CLERGY
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Curry:

I want to thank for your letter of June 21, 1988 and your prompt response to my request for continued assistance. I really appreciate your kindness.

I will continue with my routine and seeing Dr. REDACTED. He is very good and very encouraging concerning the future.

I am totally in God's hands and commend myself to your prayers.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

cc: Archbishop Mahony
Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

I want to thank you for your continued support and assistance during this time in my life. I have been doing as well as I can and I hope that all will be well in the future.

I am getting my health back together, since I have had several long standing ailments. One in particular is my eye condition which I have had for many years now. It is called keratoconus'. The doctor is trying to stabilize this condition and has asked for a year to work on it. He has been working with me since the end of November of last year and has progressed a little. I am still under treatment and will continue.

I am seeing Dr. REDACTED and he is very good. He is challenging and very supportive, as well as encouraging. I am sure that Monsignor Curry has kept me informed.

Again, thank you very much for all you have done for me. I commend myself to your prayers and assure you of a continued remembrance of you in mine.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
July 5, 1988

Monsignor Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

I am very grateful to you for your letter of June 25, 1988, and I am pleased to learn that things are going well for you during this very special time in your life.

I am very hopeful that your eye condition can be dealt with in a positive and productive fashion, and that your eyesight will not only be guarded but enhanced.

[REDACTED] seems to be a tremendous grace for all of us priests, and I am pleased to know that his treatment with you is proving beneficial.

I think of you often and pray for you daily, and I would be delighted if you could stop by for a visit sometime towards the end of the summer.

Asking the Lord's blessings upon you, and with every best wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Monsignor Thomas Curry

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Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California  90012

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

I trust that this letter will find you in good health and that you have had a very pleasant and relaxing vacation, if you have taken one by now. Thank you very much for your kind letter of July 5, 1988. I really appreciate your concern and prayers.

Dr. REDACTED has asked me to contact you at this time, since he wants me to make an eight day directed retreat. He asked me to inquire if the Archdiocese will pay for this retreat. I will stay at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Azusa and be directed by a visiting Jesuit priest friend of Dr. REDACTED

The cost will be:

1. $200.00 for Manresa Retreat House;
2. $200.00 stipend for the retreat master.


Dr. REDACTED feels that it is time in my treatment with him to make this retreat, after which he will present his recommendations to you and Monsignor Curry. I will also meet with you, as you suggested, after I make this retreat, if this is agreeable to you.

Hoping to hear from you and a positive response, I commend myself to your prayers, as I pray for you every day.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

cc: Monsignor Curry
Two or three weeks ago, confided to his uncle that he wanted to move out, felt restricted by parents, wanted car. With great difficulty, he confided the abuse by Sr. Garcia. Crisis was triggered by recent call to fix home by Sr. Garcia, was suffering from obsessions and to go to bathroom frequently and a terrible fear that a bathroom would not be available. REDACTED told Sr. Garcia, 1st, I had dropped out of high school, reported finding it hard to relax enough to go to sleep, fearing Sr. Garcia would "do something to him." REDACTED further, confided that Sr. Garcia said "lie hands on me too" had some trouble with stealing and drugs — seems to be doing well now.

Wife REDACTED returned call to Sr. Garcia, she got impression that he would like his younger son REDACTED to spend some time working at Sr. Garcia's family store. When brand about call she very strongly insisted that Sr. Garcia not see his little brother.
Mr. reported second hand report of molestations by Bishop from in June '88.

Ms. "We don't want them to take Fr. Garcia's 'prisoners.' We see priests, even Fr. Garcia, as servants of God. We just don't want Fr. Garcia in the area because he is aware of Fr. Garcia being around. We want him to be helped."

Mr. "If Fr. Garcia is reported, we will testify for money."
September 2, 1988

Monsignor Peter E. Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of August 24, 1988 with respect to your desire to make an eight day directed retreat at the Manresa Retreat House in Azusa.

Recent developments in your case preclude our making any kind of commitments at this time.

Both Monsignor Curry and I will be in touch with you shortly concerning these matters.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Monsignor Thomas Curry

eb
September 7, 1988

Rev. Peter Garcia  
453 Van Buren Drive  
Monterey Park, CA  91754

Dear Peter:

Listed below are the names and telephone numbers of two criminal lawyers I am aware of. Both of them are excellent as far as I know.

REDACTED

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Curry  
Vicar for Clergy

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Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Curry  
VICAR FOR CLERGY  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Monsignor Curry:

Thank you for your recent letter and information. I appreciate your concern and support.

I am sending you a copy of the letter I wrote to the Archbishop and I hope that you will be able to help me in this matter. Anything you do for me will be deeply appreciated.

I commend myself to your prayers.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
A.M.D.G.

453 VAN BUREN DRIVE
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA  91754

SEPTEMBER 24, 1988

Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California  90012

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

I am writing to you today in the light of what has transpired these past few weeks and with the counsel and advise of Bishop Juan and Doctor REDACTED

It is very clear, due to many circumstances, that I will not be able to return to the active ministry here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Since this is a fact, both Bishop Juan and Doctor REDACTED whom I trust you have had the opportunity to talk with by now, since this is what you told me you would do, support me in asking you for permission to seek another Diocese and a benevolent Bishop who will give me an opportunity to return to the active ministry.

I ask you to please keep in mind that what happened lately was the result of something that had occurred many years ago. There have been no new incidents since before I went to Jemez Springs in 1984 and with my treatment with Dr. REDACTED and the grace of God, there will never again be such an occurrence, since I have truly experienced a great change in my life.

I have Dr. REDACTED's strong support and recommendation, as well as the support of Bishop Juan, who also knows me very well and all the details of my life.

I ask, therefore, as my chief Shepherd and friend, to keep these facts in mind and grant me your permission to seek another Diocese.

I commend myself to your prayers and will await your pleasure in this matter.

In Xc.

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

cc: Bishop Juan - Msgr. Curry - REDACTED
October 3, 1988

Monsignor Peter E. Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 24, 1988 in which you inquire about your future plans as a priest.

It will be my responsibility to share with any other Diocesan Bishop a complete and accurate history of your situation here within our Archdiocese, together with my own personal recommendation. If Dr. REDACTED prepares a complete written report, a proposed ongoing treatment program, and his personal recommendation that you continue with priestly ministry, then any future Bishop will have to evaluate that recommendation and make his own respective decision. If such a full evaluation and recommendation are forthcoming from Dr. REDACTED, it would be useful to have a copy here in our files.

Assuring you of my prayers, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ RM

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

cc: Bishop Juan Arzube
Monsignor Thomas Curry

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A.M.D.G.

453 VAN BUREN DRIVE
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA  91754

OCTOBER 8, 1988

Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California  90012

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

Thank you for your letter of October 3, 1988. I shall proceed with your recommendation concerning Dr. REDACTED

Bishop Juan told me some time back that if any opportunity to administer a sacrament should arise that I should approach you for permission on a one to one basis each time. I discussed this with Dr. REDACTED and he suggested that I write to you to request permission to baptize.

A couple that I befriended while ministering in New Mexico and who were to be my "padrinos" for my Cursillo, have a daughter living near San Bernardino who has given birth to twins. They have asked me to to baptize the twins toward the end of October in their parish in San Bernardino. I have not said any thing to them, except that I would let them know if I was available.

I request your permission to baptize these twins in the San Bernardino Diocese.

I will await your pleasure and commend myself to your prayers.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

cc: Bishop Juan Arzube
Dr. REDACTED
October 10, 1988

Rev. REDACTED
Our Lady Queen of Angels Church
100 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Father REDACTED

This is just to let you know I will be out of town on the Rome/Holy Land trip until November 8.

However, if anything comes up with regard to REDACTED, or needs that he may have, would you please call my office and talk to REDACTED. We are very concerned that he get both the counseling and educational help he needs at the moment.

With regard to Monsignor Garcia, we have been in contact with him regarding his future, and while we cannot determine where he will live, it is clear that he will not be able to minister in this area.

Please convey my best wishes and concerns to REDACTED family.
I also wish to thank you very much for your help and care in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

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Peter Garcia  December 30, 1988

Talked to Dr. REDACTED today and make it very clear that there was no future for Peter in ministry. REDACTED had been talking to him about the possibility of going to another diocese, and he now understands that this Archdiocese will not support that in any way. I told him that there were people who felt so strongly about the matter that they would probably report Peter to the police if he were to get an assignment elsewhere.

From a spiritual point of view, Peter's assimilation is so superficial that if REDACTED were to write a report now, it would have to be negative. Peter is working very hard, but he has a peculiar ability to detach himself from what is going on. We spoke at length about his going to another diocese, and I assured him that the Archbishop was very opposed to that. I also told him how the disillusioned family was with bishop Arzube.

I did assure him we would pay for a retreat for Peter. REDACTED asked him if was vested in the retirement plan, and I told him we would work out an agreement with Peter according to Canon Law, but that we would not continue to support him if he insisted on having unrealistic goals, i.e., seeking another diocese. I told him that if Peter tried to find a diocese in Mexico, the Archdiocese would react even more vehemently.
MEMORANDUM

January 24, 1989

TO: Archbishop Mahony

FROM: Monsignor Thomas Curry

RE: Peter Garcia

Dr. [REDACTED] called me today, and he has seen Peter a number of times over the past weeks. In my last talk with Dr. [REDACTED], I made it absolutely clear that Peter could not come back to active ministry, and that the Archdiocese would oppose his getting an assignment in another diocese. Peter's response to this according to [REDACTED] was one of surprise, and Peter claims that Bishop Arzube was also surprised.

Peter has decided that he does not want to ask for laicization but that he wants to retire. Dr. [REDACTED] wanted to know if he was vested in the retirement plan, and I gather Peter expected to receive the normal retirement benefits.

I told Dr. [REDACTED] that Peter is forty-eight and has eighteen years of actual service in the Archdiocese and that, as a retired priest, he would be eligible for benefits at the normal retirement time. I did not think he could simply seek retirement at this time and expect the Archdiocese to support him. Dr. [REDACTED] said he would be happy to attend a meeting with Peter and you to work out a plan for the future.

I shared with Dr. [REDACTED] my frustration in dealing with Peter in that, while he has been told repeatedly he has no future in ministry, he still says this comes as a surprise to him. Also, I made it clear to him that he was supposed to have been establishing himself independently during the past year, but he has made no progress in this matter at all. He now appears to think that the Archdiocese will support him in retirement.

I left it that I would talk to you and would be back in contact with both Dr. [REDACTED] and Peter.
CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT INFORMATION

Re: Monsignor Peter Garcia

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This psychological report is being written at the request of
Monsignor Peter Garcia. Monsignor Peter Garcia has been receiving
individual psychotherapy from me since January, 1988, approximately
twice a month. He has requested that his current psychological
functioning, particularly in reference to his psychosexual
development, be discussed in detail in this report.

Relevant Background Information:

Monsignor Garcia is 48 years old. He was ordained for the Arch-
diocese of Los Angeles on April 30, 1966. Since 1975 at least three
complaints of sexual impropriety were placed against Msgr. Garcia.
The last complaint was made in 1984 and he was subsequently sent to the Servants of the Paraclete for prolonged inpatient treatment. After completing six months of residential treatment, Father Garcia was placed as a parish-priest in the Santa Fe Diocese in New Mexico. During this period, he continued to take part in the aftercare program of the Servants of the Paraclete. However he lost rapport with the treating psychiatrist as well as the treatment team there. Monsignor Garcia was returned to Los Angeles and was subsequently sent to Saint Luke Institute, Maryland, for evaluation. He was diagnosed as suffering from ephobophilia, REDACTED

It was also concluded that his condition is "incurable and required vigilant and aggressive life-long management". They recommended that it was not advisable to assign Monsignor Garcia to regular parish ministry. They also recommended the continued use of sexual appetite suppressant, Depo-Provera and also the possible use of REDACTED

The current outpatient treatment program started in January, 1988. Monsignor Garcia has been quite punctual and regular at his biweekly sessions. He appeared eager to participate and has established an excellent rapport with the therapist. However, Monsignor Garcia controlled the frequency and modality of the sessions. REDACTED

REDACTED
According to the Chancery Office, it was understood from the very beginning that Msgr. Garcia was to make use of psychotherapy to rehabilitate himself outside of priestly ministry. However, this was not clear to Msgr. Garcia. His main objective in psychotherapy was to reach a position of psychological health such that he would be allowed to return to active ministry. When it was made unambiguously clear to him that he would not be allowed to return to Los Angeles for ministry, he hoped that he would be allowed to apply to another Diocese. The Chancery again made it clear that his only option at this time would be to seek employment outside of priestly ministry.

Currently he is negotiating to avoid laicization. He feels convinced that the Lord is calling him to priesthood and that he wants to "live and die as a priest", even if he is not allowed to return to active ministry.

It is to be observed that in the last five years Msgr. Garcia reports of no inappropriate sexual activity. The only suspicious incident was an allegation that he tried to contact over the telephone one of his former victims. However, it appears that it was the family that initiated this contact and that he was merely returning the call. I have no way of verifying this.
Summary of Findings:

These findings are discussed also in the context of the psychological findings of October, 1987 in St. Luke Institute.

REDACTED
Monsignor Garcia’s sexual integration has been poor. In the recent past he has made some progress in this matter. He is continuing to use repressive and avoidant measures. He has not seriously dealt with his ambiguous sexual orientation. He is determined not to repeat the mistakes of the past. However he is still struggling to understand and assimilate his past experiences.
Discussion and Recommendations:

It is obvious that the sexual improprieties occurred in a highly narcissistic and self-serving frame of mind. It does not appear that he cared for his victims at all which is not the usual emotional situation in a pedophilic activity. There are no detectable signs of identification with "youth" nor history of "courting" them. This does raise some questions about the diagnoses that were given at St. Luke Institute. It appears that his activities were simply "convenient" activities of self-gratification without any regard for the victims. It is important to observe that these experiences were defensively isolated from his priestly ministry and life. He did not feel the normal guilt or compunction. The conflict or at least the awareness that something was wrong was completely repressed. There was neither confession nor consultation.

A careful analysis of Msgr. Garcia's personality organization, reveals that he did compartmentalize his sexuality and isolated it from his priestly life. It was as though "somebody else" was engaging in these activities. This matter has been brought to analysis with Msgr. Garcia. He continues to be minimally insightful.

The social consequences and prolonged discussion of his behavior has brought an unavoidable awareness in Msgr. Garcia. It is highly
unlikely that he would ever engage in these type of activities. No matter what the motive is, he has effectively stopped these behaviors. While no one can predict future, the current assessment is that Msgr. Garcia is currently not in danger of inappropriate sexual activity.

Should he be allowed to return to active priestly ministry? Even in the context of minimal danger, Parish ministry cannot be recommended. Msgr. Garcia is detached enough emotionally and spiritually at this point to accept a decision to allow him to retire from all active ministry and pursue a secular career, although this is by no means what he desires. It is this examiner's opinion that it is possible to rehabilitate Msgr. Garcia into a restricted and supervised ministry. If that were contemplated he should continue psychotherapy and spiritual direction on a regular basis. If Msgr. Garcia is required to retire from active ministry, it is recommended that he be allowed to exercise his priesthood on a strictly private basis, such as private celebration of the Eucharist. It would be emotionally devastating to him to be required to petition for laicization.

REDACTED

Clinical Psychologist.

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MEMORANDUM

February 8, 1989

TO: Archbishop Mahony
FROM: Monsignor Thomas Curry
RE: Peter Garcia

I think we need to contact Peter Garcia again soon and am checking with you to verify if I should go ahead and set up an appointment with him.

Dr. REDACTED suggested he might attend such a meeting, and I have no problems with that. If he is available, would you wish him to attend?


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9:30 AM
7th 27th.
February 10, 1989

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

Archbishop Mahony has asked me to contact you about an appointment, and I am writing to know if you would be able to see him here at the Chancery Office on

Monday, February 27, at 9:30 A.M.

I am also writing to Dr. REDACTED to invite him to attend.

Please call and let me know if this will be possible.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

/lbm
cc: Dr. REDACTED
February 20, 1989

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
c/o 453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, February 27, at 9:30 A.M. Dr. REDACTED plans to attend, and it would be most helpful if you could send or give permission to Dr. REDACTED to send a copy of his report to Archbishop Mahony ahead of the meeting.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

cc: Dr. REDACTED
Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia  
c/o 453 Van Buren Drive  
Monterey Park, CA 91754

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As we discussed at our meeting, it is my belief that it would be more advantageous for you to make the request for laicization, but in any case, we have come to a point where the Archdiocese feels it necessary that the process be initiated.

I realize how difficult a decision this is for you, and I encourage you to work with Dr. REDACTED in coming to terms with it. I am firmly convinced that your laicization will be in the best interests of yourself, the families involved, and the Archdiocese.

Therefore I look forward to hearing from you soon, so that we can proceed.

Assuring you of my prayers and with kindest personal regards,

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Roger Mahony

Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
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Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia  
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Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

February 28, 1989
MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 1989
FROM: Monsignor Curry
TO: Archbishop Mahony
RE: Msgr. Peter Gracia

Attached is a possible letter to Peter Garcia.

Please do let me know if you wish me to make any changes or additions.

Many thanks.

Will keep copies for our files.

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3-2-89
Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 1989. Dr. has agreed to help me prepare the necessary letter you request. I will meet with him after Easter, since he will be away for a few weeks.

Before I submit my petition, I would like to make one last appeal to you, since I know you are a just and fair man. I do this not to antagonize you or to appear to stall for time, but because I wish to share with you the fruit of many hours of deep prayer, meditation, as well as the results of a four day directed retreat I have just completed at Manresa. I truly believe that I am in God’s hands and have really tried to do what He wants by following the dictates of those He has set over me to guide and direct me.

I realize that this is a last minute appeal. I present it so that at least I will have the satisfaction of knowing that I spoke on my behalf before you passed final judgement.

These past five years have been spent in doing and complying with everything I was asked to do. I have been examined, tested and discussed by many. I have been sent here and there. I have been labeled manipulative and suffering from selective hearing. The only time I did not do what I was asked was when Dr. REDACTED wanted me to disclose my situation to my pastor. My spiritual director and Archbishop Sanchez both agreed that this was not a wise thing to do. I would like to add that I deeply feel Dr. REDACTED has done great psychological harm to me.

I had had good reports from Jemez Springs and Dr. REDACTED until this incident in early 1987. After this, my situation became unstable. You yourself had a telephone conference call with Msgr. Curry, Fr. Perri and Dr. REDACTED. I was not included. Fr. Perri wrote to me after outlining the conditions under which I would be allowed to return to Los Angeles. You recalled me in
early September and followed an entirely different course. The rest is recent history.

When we last met, I felt fear and sadness in your words. I know you will never allow yourself to be bullied, blackmailed or threatened to do what your heart and conscience know is not right.

You said that the Church is sometimes accused of doing nothing in such cases as mine. I have been stripped of my priestly duties; stripped of my parish; been sent into exile for 3 1/2 years; my health has been broken, as well as my spirit. What more punishment can be given?

But this is all in the past. I hold no grudge or malice toward anyone. I pray for everyone who has come into my life every day.

So now I would like to speak on my own behalf, before it is too late and all is done that has been proposed. I do this because I strongly feel that what you have asked me to do is terribly wrong and this is based on the prayers and meditations of my just completed retreat and other prayers.

I know that I am a proud and sinful man. I have hurt many people. who I pray will forgive me. I am truly repentant of all that I have done, since, I and only I can assume full responsibility for my actions.

I come to you as the prodigal son, who has wasted away his inheritance and I beg you to please hear my prayer. I do not deserve to be called your son, for I have sinned against God and you my father. I am not worthy to be a member of your family, but only allow me to be a servant in your service where I have lived for the past thirty five years of my life. Please do not close the door in my face.

I come to you as my chief shepherd, who has found the lost sheep and can now return it to the fold, chastised, repentant, wiser and hopefully holier. I beg you not to throw me back into the thicket.

I will do anything you ask: enter a monastery, where ever you may wish to sent me and I will be accepted; go to another place or country; remain inactive indefinitely, if you so wish; go into an early retirement. But please I beg you let me remain.

And so my dear Archbishop, chief shepherd, spiritual father and friend, I ask you, I plead with you, I beg you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who will one day judge us all, to please, please reconsider and give me one last chance.

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Whatever you decide, may the God we both love and serve be with you now and may you and I one day be with Him forever.

In Xto,

Peter E. Garcia

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
March 24, 1989

Rev. Msgr. Peter E. Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, California 91754

Dear Peter:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 16, 1989 in which you make a very personal appeal to me to consider another possible option for you other than petitioning our Holy Father for canonical return to the lay state.

Please realize, Peter, that I have prayed, reflected and consulted about this entire matter for some years now. These consultations have included my visits to the Holy See, with professional counsellors, and with advisors here within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

We are really facing a most difficult situation—one of the most severe and aggravated cases I know of in the Church. Your past conduct has been of such a nature, to such a degree, and over such a length of time that the broader good of the entire Church must be given the highest priority.

I do not have the option to recommend any lesser course of action. There are no alternatives that remain because this case is of such a grave nature. Believe me, had I perceived any other options for you, I would have gladly explored those with you.

Consequently, I can only recommend again with the same clarity and urgency that you petition our Holy Father to be returned to the lay state.

Assuring you of my prayers during this most difficult time in your life, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

The daughter of my only brother has asked me to baptize her infant daughter as soon as possible. We are a small family, my father (who is in a rest home), mother, brother and myself. My brother has three children, one son and two daughters. The youngest daughter has two children. I baptized the older of the two some years back.

I told my brother that I would have to write to you to ask for permission, since I am still officially on leave. I ask you to please grant me permission to baptize my great niece in a quiet family gathering at the local parish church which is Our Lady of Miraculous Medal in Montebello, where they reside or at St. Stephen's in Monterey Park, where my sister-in-law works and knows the pastor very well.

I am scheduled to meet with Dr. REDACTED this coming Tuesday April 11. I shall be writing to you shortly afterwards.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
April 13, 1989

Rev. Msgr. Peter E. Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, California 91754

Dear Peter:

I have received your letter dated April 5, 1989 in which you inquire whether or not you might be permitted to baptize the new baby of your brother's daughter.

I regret that I am unable to grant this permission.

Our conversations over the past months have focused upon my one request of you: that you submit as early as possible your formal petition to our Holy Father to return you to the lay state. It is clear that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is unable to support you remaining in the active priesthood, or performing any ministerial functions as a priest.

May I recommend that you use this opportunity to share with your family members the reality of your status, and help them to realize that after many years as a priest, you are now petitioning our Holy Father to have you return to the lay state and be dispensed from the obligations of priestly vows. This would surely be a special moment of grace for you and for your family members to face the truth and reality before us all.

I realize how difficult all of this is for you, Peter, but you must simply understand that we are on a track leading to a different kind of life for you in the future—and that life does not include the exercise of the priesthood for you.

Thanking you for your understanding, and assuring you of my prayers during these difficult days for you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Roger Mahony
Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
A.M.D.G.
453 VAN BUREN DRIVE
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA 91754
MAY 1, 1989

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Your Excellency:

It is with great sadness and reluctance that I write to you at this time, since I am compelled and forced to do something that is totally against my will and being. But I do it in a spirit of obedience to you as my Ordinary to whom I have pledged reverence and obedience and since you have categorically refused to offer or explore any other options with me.

I offer to you my resignation from active priestly life at this time and ask you to do whatever you deem necessary to accomplish this end.

I ask that Dr. REDACTED be allowed to act on my behalf in the working out of the details involved.

Thank you for your time and attention.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

cc: Dr. REDACTED
REFERRAL MEMORANDUM FROM ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

TO: [Signature]

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REMARKS: Details on how to proceed.

[Initials]

Date: 5-5-89

Needs at least a mention of the letter.

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May 24, 1989

REDACTED

Dear Doctor REDACTED

Enclosed is a copy of the sample letter I spoke to you about the other morning. This may be of help.

Many thanks for all your understanding and kindness, and I hope we will have a chance to meet for lunch in the not too distant future.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

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Enclosure
January 15, 1989

His Holiness, John Paul II
Vatican City, Europe

Your Holiness:

Under the provision of Canon 290, 3, I humbly request a rescript returning me to the lay state, along with a dispensation from the obligations of celibacy.

My full name is N.N. I was born on .... on .... and I was baptized a Roman Catholic on .... I completed my studies for the priesthood at .......... I was ordained to the subdiaconate on ....... and to the diaconate on ....... On .... I was ordained to the priesthood for the service of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles where I continued to serve until ......

The following is a list of my parochial assignments since being ordained:

When I was ordained, I fully understood that I was making an act of personal commitment and I fully intended to live up to it. However, I have found it impossible to hold to the commitment, as much as I would like to. I have been involved in intensive therapy and have received evaluations in two major treatment facilities that specialize in the treatment of the clergy. I continue to receive regular counseling and spiritual direction.

In meetings with Archbishop Mahony and other archdiocesan officials, I have been informed that it would not be possible for me to resume ministry in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, not do they see the possibility of my ministering in any other diocese. For this reason, I am petitioning to be returned to the lay state.

At the present time, I am living with ... at ... I have not attempted marriage. I am employed ..........

It is with deep regret that I present this petition to you and I do it only after careful deliberation and fervent prayer. But I see no other alternative. I make this appeal to you for the good of the Church that I hope to continue to serve in any way that I can.

Humbly and prayerfully, I lay this petition before your feet, asking for a favorable decision.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
(N.N.)
Most Reverend Roger Mahony, D.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF LOS ANGELES
114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Your Excellency:

It is with great sadness and deep regret that I write to you at this time to offer you my resignation from the active priestly life and ask you to do whatever you deem necessary to accomplish this end.

I do this on the advice of my Doctor, Dr. REDACTED and your paternal counsel.

I ask that Dr. REDACTED be allowed to act on my behalf in the working out of the details involved.

Thank you for your time and attention.

In Xto,

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia

cc: Dr. REDACTED
REFERRAL MEMORANDUM TO ARCHBISHOP ROGER MAHONY

Date: 7-15-89

TO: [Handwritten]

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REMARKS: [Handwritten]

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CCI 002424
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 1989

FROM: Monsignor Thomas Curry

TO: Archbishop Mahony

RE: Progress Report from Dr. REDACTED

Dr. REDACTED called me today to say that, because of the progress made by several members of the group of priests he was meeting with, they have agreed with him that the group meeting is no longer necessary, but he will continue to see them individually.

Peter Garcia: Peter was not part of the group, but he sees REDACTED once a month. He is doing well at work and adjusting better than REDACTED had expected. REDACTED also advised me either to write a sample petition or to get together with him and write it, and I plan to send Peter a sample of what is needed soon.

Let's discuss these in person.

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9-19-89
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 1989

FROM: Monsignor Curry

TO: REDACTED

RE: Attached

I would very much appreciate any comments on this draft as a format for Peter Garcia to petition Rome.

Attached is Peter's original petition, and also a copy of your very helpful sample petition.

With many thanks.

REDACTED
MEMORANDUM

TO: Reverend Monsignor Thomas Curry
FROM: Reverend REDACTED
RE: Draft of Petition for Laicization
DATE: November 9, 1989

The draft is fine. I assume you have other documentation to accompany this.

The Archbishop's votum will be very important.

I am enclosing a brief article from the recent edition of "Roman Replies". You might find it interesting.

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enclosures
December 4, 1989

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

I do apologize for my delay in getting back to you. I notice your letter was dated July 1.

After consultation with some knowledgeable people, I find that your July 1 letter would not be adequate, in that it does not actually petition for laicization.

Enclosed is a sample draft that I hope you will find useful. I also hope Dr. REDACTED will be able to help you in this matter.

Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Thomas J. Curry
Vicar for Clergy

cc: Dr. REDACTED
Dear Juan,

It has been a long time since I last wrote or spoke to you. The last time was in July as you were getting ready to go on vacation. I trust that you had a great vacation and a very restful time. I hope that you are well.

Thank you for the Christmas card and the good wishes. It is consoling to know that at least you think of me from time to time. I too shall remember you in my Christmas masses and prayers.

The last time we spoke you told me that the Archbishop had told you that even my psychiatrist agreed that I should petition for laicization. I spoke with Dr. REDACTED about this. He told me that the only reason he did not disagree with the Archbishop was that he was convinced that the man had made up his mind and that to contradict him would do no good whatsoever. He feels that no matter what, the Archbishop will not change his mind and not listen to any reason or facts, other than the ones he wants to accept. It is for this reason that he went along with the recommendation, feeling that it was the best thing for me not to fight him on the issue, even though he truly disagrees with the conclusion. We discussed it and both decided that I would resign, as you have copies of the letters and let it go at that. Whatever action was to be taken would be up to the Archbishop.

Dr. REDACTED has told me that he really feels that I am neither homosexual or pedophilic. What happened to me, as far as I can understand from what he has told me, is that as a result of the formation that I received and the acute compartmentalization that I developed over the years put me in a situation that I could act in one way and live another. After long and serious work with Dr. REDACTED, he feels that I can be rehabilitated and returned to the ministry. However, he also sees that as long as the Archbishop is against me, this is almost impossible.

I asked him if he would be willing to write an updated report on my behalf. He said that as things stand now I would be accused of being manipulative and he would be ridiculed for his observations which would completely contradict other "authoritative" sources. Hence, nothing would be gained, except further alienation of the Archbishop.

Enough of that. I think you know how I feel. Yet, I still live with the hope that God has not completely abandoned me and that some day, some where, some how, with the help of Our Blessed Mother I will return to the ministry.

A.M.D.G.

453 VAN BUREN DRIVE
MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA  91754

DECEMBER 16, 1989

21325
MEMORANDUM

January 11, 1990

TO: Archbishop Mahony
FROM: Monsignor Thomas Curry
RE: Peter Garcia

and I met with Dr. last Monday and reviewed the attached letter. Dr. stressed that he believed that you had looked at the evidence carefully and had made up your mind. He in no way felt that the decision was rigid, uninformed, or unreasonable, and he does not disagree with the Archdiocese on this matter.

After his meeting with you, Dr. clearly understood what the decision of the Archdiocese was and has tried to lead Peter to an understanding of this. He has stressed that pursuing ministry is foolish and counterproductive for Peter since an informed decision has been carefully and firmly made.

He explained that he finds sexual categorization for patients harmful and tries to avoid it in an effort to have the patients themselves discover their own identity. He agreed that he sees Peter as neither homosexual or pedophilic because Peter is at a pre-sexual identity stage.

In his report earlier this year, Dr. said that Peter could be returned to a restricted and supervised ministry, but at our meeting he hastened to say that he realized this was not practically possible. He felt that Peter had come a long way towards coming to terms finding peace with leaving ministry.

Dr. has certainly been of much help to Peter, but I am not sure that Peter has dealt as well with his nuanced approach as Dr. might have hoped. Peter's letter seems to evidence a continuation of the pattern of selective hearing and manipulation of information for his own purposes.

Dr. optimism is positive for Peter, but both and I share a less optimistic view. Dr. noted, for instance, that Peter was not a sociopath, but that in certain areas he was able to live without any sense of responsibility. We pointed out that the practical consequences were the same. On re-reading the report (attached) neither one of us can agree that the conclusion on page seven follows from what has gone previously.

From our conversation, I think it is clear that Peter's letter is not an accurate statement at all of Dr. position. I do believe, however, that Dr. will be able to help Peter come to terms with the decision that he seek laicization.

We will continue on examination.

re: RM

1-18-90
From: Monsignor Curry
To: Archbishop Mahony
Date: April 6, 1990

Excerpt from multiple memo - this excerpt re Peter Garcia:

I spoke to Dr. REDACTED to see if Peter had seen him and if there was any progress on Peter's submitting a proper petition for laicization. (Attached is my sample petition to Peter.) Peter did see him last week, and he is not willing to submit anything further at this time. He is reluctant to take the final step and simply wishes to remain passive.

Dr. REDACTED acknowledged that basically Peter hopes that if he waits long enough something will change, and he is willing to wait indefinitely.

Currently we are paying Peter's salary and he is covered by our health insurance. I will take to you to discuss further action on this matter.
His Holiness, John Paul II
Vatican City, Europe

Your Holiness:

Under the provision of Canon 290, 3, I humbly request a rescript returning me to the lay state, along with a dispensation from the obligations of celibacy.

My full names is N.N. I was born in ..... on ..... and I was baptized a Roman Catholic on .... I completed my studies for the priesthood at ........... I was ordained to the subdiaconate on ...... and to the diaconate on ...... On ..... I was ordained to the priesthood for the service of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles where I continued to serve until ......

The following is a list of my parochial assignments since being ordained:

When I was ordained, I fully understood that I was making an act of personal commitment and I fully intended to live up to it. However, I have found it impossible to hold to the commitment, as much as I would like to. I have been involved in intensive therapy and have received evaluations in two major treatment facilities that specialize in the treatment of the clergy. I continue to receive regular counseling and spiritual direction.

In meetings with Archbishop Mahony and other archdiocesan officials, I have been informed that it would not be possible for me to resume ministry in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, not do they see the possibility of my ministering in any other diocese. For this reason, I am petitioning to be returned to the lay state.

At the present time, I am living with ... at ... I have not attempted marriage. I am employed ...........

It is with deep regret that I present this petition to you and I do it only after careful deliberation and fervent prayer. But I see no other alternative. I make this appeal to you for the good of the Church that I hope to continue to serve in any way that I can.

Humbly and prayerfully, I lay this petition before your feet, asking for a favorable decision.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
(N.N.)
April 27, 1990

Dear Doctor REDACTED

Enclosed is check for $90 to cover billing for Peter Garcia on March 20, 1990.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure
Psychotherapy Services: Rev. Msgr. Garcia

03-20-1990  Individual Psychotherapy  1 hour  $90.00

Total Balance Due

$90.00

Note: Federal Tax ID # REDACTED
May 23, 1990

Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter:

As we continue to assess your personal situation, I believe that it is necessary to begin placing limits on what the Archdiocese of Los Angeles should be obligated to offer as the months and years go by.

At the present time we are paying your salary and REDACTED REDACTED I see this arrangement as a transitional one only while you move into other full-time work which will become your own responsibility.

Therefore, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will REDACTED REDACTED This seven month advance notice will enable you to become totally self-sufficient and to make the necessary transition to a full-time lay employment situation.

I would still hope that you are actively planning to petition our Holy Father for a rescript returning you to the lay state, together with the dispensation from the obligations of celibacy.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

* Roger Mahony
Most Reverend Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

eb
Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Curry,
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, Ca 90015-1194

Psychotherapy Services: Rev. Msgr. Garcia

05-08-1990 Individual Psychotherapy 1 hour $90.00

Total Balance Due

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$90.00

Note: Federal Tax ID# REDACTED

Check received 5/1/90
MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 12, 1990

FROM: REDACTED

TO: REDACTED

RE: Rev Msgr. Peter Garcia

Ms. REDACTED called twice this morning requesting information on Msgr. Peter Garcia.

I told her that it was the policy not to give out priests' addresses and that she could send it here and we would forward the letter.

She called a few minutes ago to say that she had spoken to a priest at Catholic Information Center who told her that he was on sick leave.

I again told her how to get in touch with him through this office.

FYI
June 15, 1990

Dear Doctor REDACTED

Enclosed is check in the amount of $90 to cover therapy for Peter Garcia on May 8, 1990.
With thanks for your patience, I remain
Sincerely yours,

Enclosure
MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 1990

FROM: [REDACTED]

TO: Msgr. Curry

RE: Peter Garcia

ACCORDING TO THE ATTACHED LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MAHONY, THE ARCHDIOCESE WILL TERMINATE ANY FINANCIAL REMUNERATION [REDACTED]

MAY I GO AHEAD AND IMPLEMENT THAT?

[REDACTED]

21308
MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 5, 1990

FROM: REDACTED

TO: REDACTED

RE: Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 1990:

Please DELETE Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia from your Payroll.
(He is on sick leave.)

With many thanks.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 5, 1990
FROM: REDACTED
TO: REDACTED
RE: Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia

REDACTED
MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 17, 1991

FROM: REDACTED

TO: Fr. REDACTED

RE: Appointment Time Cancellation

The January 22, 10 A.M., A.B./P. Garcia appointment is cancelled.

Father Dyer has written the A.B. about this and we are to keep trying.

I will be requesting another date from you later on.
MEMORANDUM

January 17, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony
FROM: Fr. Tim Dyer
RE: Peter Garcia

I spoke with Peter on Tuesday. He gave excuses as to why he could not come to see you Jan. 22 (the date I had worked out with Fr. REDACTED I insisted that he do whatever was needed to arrange his schedule for the 22nd. He was to have called back Wednesday but did not. I located him today at work. Said he could not come on Jan. 22. I made it very clear to him that this was urgent and in his interest. He became resistant -- saying all previous meetings with the Archdiocese had been humiliating. I told him that there were developments of which he needed to be apprised and that I needed dates when he could come. He said he would call on Monday.

I will keep you informed.

Please keep me posted - I fear that his situation continues to be problematic.

+RMH

1-17-91

21304
MEMORANDUM

January 25, 1991

TO: Archbishop Mahony
FROM: Fr. Tim Dyer
RE: Bishop Arzube

I asked to put together the relevant information from the Garcia file. If there is need for anything else, please advise me.

Please see me about all of this upon my return Feb. 1st.

+ RMM

1-25-91
February 2, 1999

Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia
453 Van Buren Dr.
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Peter,

I hope that this letter will find you in good health and spirits. Though somewhat belatedly, I pray that this year will be a blessed and happy one for you.

Peter, I am writing to you at the instance of Cardinal Mahony and in my capacity as REDACTED. As part of the responsibilities of this new position, I work to seek a pastoral and canonical resolution of the status of those priests of the Archdiocese that, for various reasons, have taken an "inactive leave" from priestly ministry.

His Eminence has asked me to contact you so that I might encourage and assist you to prepare a petition for a Dispensation from the Obligations of Priesthood to the Holy See. This seems appropriate, in view of the many years that you have been away from ministry, the successful adjustment that you have made to secular life, the state of your health, and the special circumstances that realistically would make it impossible for you to ever effectively engage in priestly ministry.

Initially, all I wish to do is to meet with you, hear what has been happening in your life, and discuss your openness to this proposal. On the basis of our informal conversation, I would hope that we could then amicably work together to resolve your present canonical status.

Consequently, I would really appreciate it if you would call me within the next few days so that we can arrange to get together by no later than March 3, 1999. We could meet either at my office or at another location where you might feel more comfortable. At that time, we could also discuss any other question you might have. Please call me at the office to arrange an appointment at REDACTED. Or, if you prefer, you can leave a message for me on my machine at home at REDACTED.

I know that this is a difficult and perhaps even painful decision for you to make. I wish you to know that I will be willing to assist you in any way I can. Until we meet, you can be assured of my prayers, please remember me in yours.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

REDACTED
February 16, 1999

3424 Wishire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90010-2241

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of February 2, 1999. It was good to hear from you after such a long time. I, too, hope that you are having a good year and that the good Lord will continue to guide and bless you in your difficult work.

I look forward to meeting with you to bring you up to date on the happenings in my life. However, I have just started a seven week intensive course of study and will not be free to meet with until I have completed these studies.

I will call you as soon as I am free and set up an appointment to meet with you.

I ask that you continue to remember me in your prayers, as I daily remember you in mine.

In [REDACTED],

(Rev. Msgr.) Peter E. Garcia
August 31, 2006

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Attn. REDACTED
3424 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Dear REDACTED :

Thank you for your August 23, 2006 notice of the laicization of Peter Edward Garcia. The proper annotations have been duly made to his baptismal record, and this matter is resolved. Please let me know if I can be of further service.

Sincerely,

REDACTED
January 4, 2006

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, J.C.D.
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

RE: CDF Prot. No. 750/2004

Your Excellency:

Would you please be so kind as to forward the enclosed letter and signed rescript to Archbishop Levada at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith?

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

enclosures
January 4, 2006

His Excellency
Archbishop William J. Levada
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del S. Uffizio, 11
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

RE: Prot. N. 750/2004

Your Excellency:

In the absence of Cardinal Mahony who is on his annual retreat, I am writing to forward to you one of the signed copies of the rescript of dispensation from the obligations of the clerical state granted to Peter E. Garcia.

We very much appreciate the work of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in assisting us in preparing and presenting this petition to the Holy Father.

May God continue to bless you in your service to the Church at this challenging time!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

enclosure
CONGREGATIO PRO DOCTRINA FIDEI

Prot. N. 750/2004

Angelorum in California
(Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

D.nus Peter E. GARCIA, presbyter huius dioecesis, humiliter petit dispensationem ab omnibus oneribus sacrae Ordinationi conexit

Summus Pontifex Benedictus, Papa XVI

Die 18 m. Novembris a. 2005

habita relatione de casu a Congregatione pro Doctrina Fidei, precibus praedicti sacerdotis annuit iuxta sequentes rationes:

1. Dispensationis Rescriptum a competenti Ordinario oratoris quamprimum notificandum est:
   
   a) Eius effectum sortitur a momento notificationis;
   
   b) Rescriptum amplectitur inseparabiliter dispensacionem a sacro coelibatu et simul amissionem status clericalis. Nunc quam oratorius fas est due illa elementa seiuergere, seu prius accipere et alterum recusare;
   
   c) Si vero orator est religiosus, Rescriptum concedit etiam dispensationem a votis;
   
   d) Idemque insuper secumfert, quatenus opus sit, absolutionem a censuris.

2. Notificatio dispensationis fieri potest vel personaliter ab ipso Ordinario eiusve delegato aut per ecclesiasticum actuariurn vel per "epistolulas praejectas" (registered). Ordinarius unum exemplar restituiture debet ante ab oratore signatum ad fidem receptionis Rescripti dispensationis ac simul acceptionis eiusdem praecipitorum.


4. Quod attinet, si casus ferat, ad celebrationem canonici matrimonii, applicandae sunt normae quae in Codice Iuris Canonici statuuntur. Ordinarius vero curet ut res caute peragantur sine exteriore apparatu.

5. Auctoritas ecclesiastica, cui spectat Rescriptum oratoris rite notificare, hunc enixe hortetur, ut vitam Populi Dei, ratione congruendi cum nova eius vivendi condicione, participet, aedificationem praestet et ita probum Ecclesiae filium se exhibeat. Simul autem eidem notum faciat ea quae sequuntur.

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a) Sacerdos dispensatus eo ipso amittit iura statui clericali propria, dignitates et officia ecclesiastica; ceteris obligationibus cum statu clericali conexis non amplius adstringitur;
b) exclusus manet ab exercitio sacri ministerii, iis exceptis de quibus in can. 976 et 986 § 2 CJC ac propertia nequit homiliam habere, nec potest officium gerere directivum in ambitu pastorali neve munere administratoris paroecialis fungii;
c) item nullum munus absolvere potest in Seminariis et in Institutis aequiparatis. In aliis Institutis studiorum gradus superioris, quae quocumque modo dependent ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo fungii nequit;
d) in aliis vero Institutis studiorum gradus superioris ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica non dependentibus nullam theologicam disciplinam tradere potest;
e) in Institutis autem studiorum gradus inferioris dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica, munere directivo vel officio docendi fungii nequit. Eadem legem tenetur presbyter dimissus ac dispensatus in tradendo Religione in Institutis eiusdem generis non dependentibus ab Auctoritate ecclesiastica.

6. Ordinarius curet ne presbyter dispensatus, propter defectum debitae prudentiae, fidelibus scandalum praebat. Haece pastoralis sollicitudo Ordinarii a fortiori gravissime urget si adeunt periculum quamvis remotum minoribus abutendi.

7. Tempore autem opportuno, Ordinarius competens breviter ad Congregationem de peracta notificatione referat, et si qua tandem fidelium admiratio adsit, prudenti explicatione provideat.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

Ex Aedibus Congregationis, die 18 m. Novembris a. 2005

William J. Levada

Gulielmus Josephus LEVADA
Archiep. Emeritus Sancti Francisci in California
Praefectus

Angelus AMATO, S.D.B.
Archiep. titularis Silensis
a Secretis

Dies notificationis 3 January 2005

Subsignatio Presbyteri in signum acceptionis

Subsignatio Ordinarii

407666
No. 26.030

December 10, 2004

Dear Monsignor Cox:

I acknowledge your kind letter of December 8, 2004, with enclosure.

Rest assured that the petition of Monsignor Peter E. Garcia for a dispensation from obligations of the Priesthood will be duly forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241
December 10, 2004

Peter E. Garcia
453 Van Buren Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91755

Dear Peter:

This is to confirm that I have received your petition for dispensation from the obligations of the priesthood, dated December 4, 2004, and I have forwarded it to the Vatican. I will keep you posted with regard to any developments.

Please know that you continue to be in my prayer. May these days of Advent and the coming days of Christmas be ones of many blessings for you.

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy
December 8, 2004

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, J.C.D.
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

RE: Monsignor Peter E. Garcia (Nunciature No. 25.805)

Your Excellency:

On November 19, 2004, you assisted us by forwarding to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith a packet of materials related to Monsignor Peter E. Garcia. I am most grateful for the assistance you provided.

Enclosed, please find the petition of Monsignor Garcia seeking a dispensation from clerical obligations. Would you please be so kind as to forward this to the Congregation on our behalf?

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

enclosure
Monsignor Peter E. García
REDACTED

His Holiness
Pope John Paul II
Vatican City State

Your Holiness,

I, Reverend Monsignor Peter E. Garcia, hereby petition for a dispensation from the obligations of the Sacred Order of Presbyter and the related obligations of the clerical state, and a return to the status of a layman.

I present this petition because of my inability to return to any effective priestly ministry.

I reluctantly submit this petition at the request of my Archbishop, for the welfare of the Church and for my own spiritual welfare.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Peter E. García

Date: December 4, 2004
Dear Monsignor Cox:

I acknowledge your kind letter of November 16, 2004, with enclosures.

Rest assured that the correspondence concerning Monsignor Peter E. Garcia, including a check in amount $500.00 for the taxa, will be duly forwarded through the diplomatic pouch to His Eminence, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo
Apostolic Nuncio

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
3424 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241
November 16, 2004

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, J.C.D.
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

RE: Monsignor Peter E. Garcia

Your Excellency:

Enclosed, please find a letter from Cardinal Roger M. Mahony to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger at the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, regarding Monsignor Peter E. Garcia. With his letter are copies of relevant documentation. All materials are submitted in triplicate.

Cardinal Mahony is seeking the assistance of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in this matter.

Would you please be so kind as to forward this to the Congregation on our behalf?

Also enclosed is a check made out to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith to cover the usual taxa in such matters.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter. May God continue to bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.
Vicar for Clergy

enclosures
November 15, 2004

His Eminence,
Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger,
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,
Piazza del S.Ufficio 11
00120 Vatican City
EUROPE

Re: Monsignor Peter Edward Garcia

Your Eminence:

I write in regard to the matter of Monsignor Peter E. Garcia, a priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is presently domiciled within our Archdiocese. Monsignor Garcia has been accused of graviora delicta.

Enclosed, please find supporting materials taken from personnel files maintained at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

1. The completed summary of the case using the format prepared by the Congregation;
2. Report on initial psychological evaluation (27 November 1984);
3. Progress report from Foundation House (18 February 1985);
4. Progress report from Foundation House (12 March 1987);

Peter Edward Garcia was born on February 12, 1940, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His family moved to California while he was still at a young age. He completed his elementary school education at St. Mary's Parochial School, Los Angeles. In 1954, he entered Our Lady Queen of Angels High School, the Junior Seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. From there he entered St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, California, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained a priest on April 30, 1966, for service in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

In November of 1984, a complaint of abusive sexual conduct with minors on the part of Monsignor Garcia was received at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. It was alleged that he took advantage of three young boys, part of a poor and undocumented family that had come to the
Letter to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger  
Regarding Monsignor Peter E. Garcia  
Page 2 of 3

United States from Mexico. It seems that Monsignor Garcia invited the oldest of the three boys, then 16 years old, to live with him. The boy was unwilling to do this, but his parents encouraged it. For a period of four years this young man endured intimidation at the hands of Monsignor Garcia. Specifically, he was warned that if he divulged to anyone the nature of the relationship between himself and Monsignor Garcia, he, Monsignor Garcia would see to it that the young man would go to jail or be deported back to Mexico.

Subsequent communications to the Archdiocese revealed that all three young male members of the REDACTED family were sexually abused by Monsignor Garcia. As a result, the entire family was suffering from the psychological effects of this abuse and needed help from the Archdiocese in securing appropriate therapy.

Monsignor Garcia was asked to resign his pastorate of St. Marcellinus Parish, Los Angeles. The resignation became effective November 25, 1984, and he was placed on sick leave. Soon thereafter, he was sent for residential treatment at Servants of the Paraclete, Foundation House, Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

On November 27, 1984, Monsignor Garcia was clinically evaluated. He was found to be in crises, in that, for the first time in his life, he was being confronted with the reality of his behavior. He accepted that he had, indeed, been sexually involved with minor children. He admitted that his encounter with the three Mexican boys was not his first sexual encounter with minors. In the course of his treatment at Foundation House, and subsequently at The Saint Luke Institute, Suitland, Maryland, his sad sexual history emerged. Specifically, his first sexual interaction with a minor was shortly after ordination. Since that time he has had as many as sixteen to seventeen relationships with children, the youngest being merely eleven years old, with whom he engaged in anal intercourse. Some of these relationships endured over periods of two to four years with recurrent sexual interaction. Thus, while some of his abusive activities involved those sixteen and older, there is no doubt that he abused many young people who definitely were minors at canon law.

First reports to the Archbishop of Los Angeles from Foundation House, indicated that Monsignor Garcia seemed to be making some progress toward addressing his problems. A subsequent report, however, included a complaint that Monsignor Garcia was not adhering to his after care program and his psychiatrist had come to mistrust Monsignor Garcia’s manipulative ways. This resulted in the decision to send him to The Saint Luke Institute, Suitland, Maryland, for further evaluation and treatment. There it was recommended that Monsignor Garcia continue outpatient treatment with the caution:

The fact is that the condition is incurable and requires vigilant and aggressive life-long management. In our opinion, it is inadvisable that he be assigned to a regular parish ministry. In such a context, the avoidance of minors which he must
Pursue at all costs is simply too difficult. Additionally, the aggressive nature of his sexual behavior in the past argues strongly for continued use of the sexual appetite suppressant, Depo-Provera. REDACTED M.D.; 7 October 1987

Even after extensive therapy, the deeply rooted nature of Monsignor Garcia's condition render him unsuited for priestly ministry.

In order to comply with your directive that cases of this nature be referred to your Dicastery prior to the Solemnity of Christ the King of this year, I respectfully request a dispensation from prescription so that appropriate canonical action can be taken in the case of Monsignor Peter Garcia.

Recently, however, Monsignor Garcia has indicated, verbally, that he intends to petition His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, for a dispensation from the obligations of Sacred Orders. Up to this time, however, he has not committed his intentions to writing. It is my hope that he will have the wisdom to recognize the circumstances and prepare such a petition. In the event he does not, I request authorization to employ the penal process of canon 1720, with a view to requesting the imposition of the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state. If this course of action is not judged to be appropriate, I would welcome direction as to how to proceed in this matter.

In view of the prospect that Monsignor Garcia may submit such a petition, I am not at this time enclosing copies of his voluminous file. Should I learn that he will not petition, I would be sure to send a complete copy of the acts of the case to you.

Thank you for your attention to this difficult matter. Please be assured of my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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**ORIGINAL DIOCESE OF INCARDINATION**
Los Angeles in California

**MINISTRY IN/TRANSFER TO OTHER DIOCESE**

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REDACTED

**PROCURATOR (include original signed mandate)**

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Salary and transition support given as well as medical and therapeutic services provided.

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BISHOP'S VOTUM

In this case, there are many victims and a clear admission by Monsignor Garcia of abusive activities with children throughout his priesthood. The nature of the activities was quite egregious and the damage suffered by those abused was profound.

Given the leadership positions held by Monsignor Garcia and given his close association with Bishop Juan Arzube, his abusive activities create an even great scandal.

We have a verbal assurance that he will petition for a dispensation from the obligations of the clerical state and a return to the lay state. That would be the best way forward. Should Monsignor Garcia not submit such a petition, I am seeking authorization to employ the administrative penal process of canon 1720, with the prospect of asking for the imposition of the penalty of dismissal from the clerical state.
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**The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles**
(A Corporation Sole)
3424 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90010-2241
(213) 637-7691

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To The
Order Of

**CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE**
of the Faith
Piazza Del S Offizio II
00120 Vatican City

**REDACTED**
His Eminence,
Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger,
Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,
Piazza del S.Ufficio 11, 00193,
Rome, Italy.

Re: Peter Edward Garcia.

Your Eminence:

I write in regard to the matter of Msgr. Peter Garcia, a priest incardinated in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is presently domiciled within our Archdiocese. Msgr. Garcia has been accused of graviora delicta.

Enclosed, please find supporting materials taken from personnel files maintained at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

1. Pages summarizing the case.
2. Report on initial psychological evaluation

Msgr. Peter Edward Garcia was born on February 12, 1940, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, U.S.A. His family moved to California while he was still at a young age. He completed his elementary school education at St. Mary's Parochial School, Los Angeles. In 1954, he entered Our Lady Queen of Angeles High School, the Junior Seminary for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. From there he entered St. John’s Seminary, Camarillo, California, where he completed his theological studies and was ordained a priest on April 30, 1966, for service in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

In November, 1984, a complaint of wrongdoing of a sexual nature with minors on the part of Msgr. Garcia was received at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. It was alleged that he took advantage of three young boys, part of a poor and undocumented family that had come to the United States from Mexico. It seems that Msgr. Garcia invited the oldest of the three boys, then 16 years old, to come to live with him. The boy was unwilling to do this, but his parents encouraged it. For a period of four this young man endured intimidation at the hands of Msgr. Garcia. Specifically, he was warned that if he divulged to anyone the nature of the relationship between himself and Msgr. Garcia, he, Msgr. Garcia would see to it that he went to jail or be deported back to Mexico.

Subsequent communications to the Archdiocese revealed that all three young male members of the REDACTED family were sexually abused by Msgr. Garcia, that the
entire family was suffering from the psychological effects of this abuse and needed help from the Archdiocese in securing appropriate therapy.

Msgr. Garcia was asked to resign his pastorate of St. Marcellinus Parish, Los Angeles. The resignation became effective November 25, 1984, and he was placed on sick leave. Soon thereafter, he was sent for residential treatment at Servants of the Paraclete, Foundation House, Jemez Springs, New Mexico.

On November 27, 1984, Msgr. García was clinically evaluated. He was found to be in crises, in that, for the first time in his life, he was being confronted with the reality of his behavior. He was open to accepting that he had, indeed, been sexually involved with minor children. He admitted that his encounter with the three Mexican boys was not his first sexual encounter with minors. In the course of his treatment at Foundation House, and subsequently at St. Luke Institute, Suitland, Maryland, it was learned that his sexual awareness began at about age eleven while at play with same sex children that involved hugging. Later, while in the seminary, he had his first experience at genital sexuality in touching another man. His first sexual interaction with a minor was shortly after ordination. Since that time he has had as many as 16 to 17 relationships with children, the youngest being eleven years old, with whom he engaged in anal intercourse. Some of these relationships have endured over periods of two to four years with recurrent sexual interaction.

First reports to the Archbishop of Los Angeles from Foundation House, indicated that Msgr. Garcia seemed to be making good progress toward solving his problems. A subsequent report, however, included a complaint that Msgr. Garcia was not adhering to his after care program and his psychiatrist was mistrusting of his manipulative ways. This resulted in his being sent to St. Luke Institute, Suitland, Maryland, for further evaluation and treatment. There it was recommended that Msgr. Garcia continue outpatient treatment with the caution, "The fact is that the condition is incurable and requires vigilant and aggressive life-long management. In our opinion, it is inadvisable that he be assigned to a regular parish ministry. In such a context, the avoidance of minors which he must pursue at all costs is simply too difficult. Additionally, the aggressive nature of his sexual behavior in the past argues strongly for continued use of the sexual appetite suppressant, Depo-Provera".

Even after extensive therapy, the deep seated nature of Msgr. Garcia's problems render him unsuited for ministry. On his own he has come to this realization and has indicated verbally, that he intends to petition His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, for a dispensation from the obligations of Sacred Orders. Up to this time, he has not committed his intentions to writing. For that reason, and in order to found in compliance with your directive that cases of this nature be referred to your Dicastery prior to the Solemnity of Christ the King of this year, I respectfully request a dispensation ad cautelam from prescription, so that appropriate action can be taken in this case in the event that Msgr. Garcia has a change of mind. If indeed Msgr. Garcia does have a change of mind about a voluntary petition to Our Holy Father for a return to the lay state, may I have direction as to how to proceed in this matter.
Thank you for your attention to this difficult matter. Please be assured of my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Roger M. Mahony.
Monsignor Peter Garcia

REDACTED

D.O.B.: 02/12/40

Peter is a 44-year-old man who is a Roman Catholic priest with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is referred to Foundation House for evaluation at the request of his Archbishop because he has been reported to have had sexual involvement with three boys in a family with whom he was involved in a helping relationship. Peter is open about the reality of what happened and feels extremely badly about it. He also admits that this was not the first time that this has happened, such behavior having occurred on and off since his ordination in 1966. Once before in 1980 he was reported and at that time he sought psychiatric help but was discharged after only about six months.

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Psychological Evaluation/Msgr. Peter Garcia

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(Dictated, but not read)
Cardinal Timothy Manning, D.D., J.C.D.  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West 9th Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Cardinal Manning:

This is the first report on the progress of Monsignor Peter Garcia who is currently in the program here at Foundation House.

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Peter reviewed with me his history of sexual behavior. There were several more young males involved since I had written in my last dictation. The youngest one was 11 years old. It was the 11 year old that he was involved in anal intercourse. I told Peter that in my opinion the best hope for him is the drug therapy, depo-provera. He seemed very relieved saying he was looking for something like that for years. I wanted him to think about it for a week, then we would talk again.
If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Director

I have read the above letter and approve of its being mailed. I so signify my consent by my signature below.

[Signature]

This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by Federal Law. Federal Regulation (42 CFR Part 2) prohibits you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose.
March 12, 1987

Most Rev. Roger Mahoney, D.D.

REDACTED

114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear REDACTED

Today I received a copy of the letter which Msgr. Peter Garcia recently sent to you. I feel that I must respond by giving you the following information.

There are several reasons why REDACTED does not trust Msgr. Garcia. Msgr. Garcia has not been complying with the aftercare procedures which were established when he completed this program. He regularly has excuses for missing his appointments with Dr. REDACTED. It seems that there is always something to interfere with these appointments. This time it had to do with the fact that Msgr. Garcia was traveling a great deal, then he was in Los Angeles, then he was transferred and then he caught a cold. Once again, we can only interpret this as manipulation. It is not as though REDACTED were hundreds of miles away! Plus, we are only requiring Msgr. Garcia to see him one hour a month.

Secondly, Msgr. Garcia regularly has excuses for not wanting to take the Depo-Provera. If we are to maintain him in our aftercare program then he must take this medication. Otherwise, he is free to take responsibility for himself. We are not forcing him to take this medication. This, by the way, is how he communicated to one of the priests who is presently in this program and discerning as to whether or not he should take the Depo-Provera. Msgr. Garcia told him that he was being coerced, making it much more difficult for this priest to make a decision. Thus, another reason why we do not trust Msgr. Garcia.

Thirdly, Msgr. Garcia returns to Los Angeles quite often and stays for a week at a time. This, it seems to me, is very dangerous and could lead to serious problems if he is spotted by someone. He continues to insist on this travel. Obviously, we do not wish to prevent him from seeing his family. However, perhaps it could be
lessened to twice a year and, then, only for several days. Until last summer I had not seen my family in two years even though I am very close to them all. This constant travel seems dangerous and foolish on the part of Msgr. Garcia. If he can travel to Los Angeles so much, why, then, have him assigned in New Mexico? Again, he does not seem to be aware of the realities and uses rationalization to put forth his own point of view. This, by the way, is very common in people who have these types of sexual issues.

If he would simply follow our guidelines, which, to me, do not seem so strenuous, given the problem, and if he would stop these sneaky and manipulative excuses and misinformation, we probably would have reasons to trust him. He simply does not seem to understand this and continues to challenge the aftercare guidelines. Again, we cannot be responsible if this continues. Also, I have verbally advised Archbishop Sanchez that he should not assume responsibility unless Msgr. Garcia follows these guidelines.

Finally, REDACTED has worked here for the past ten years. He is certainly not an uncompassionate and cold individual. Rather, he has great dedication and commitment to this ministry and has been of great service to the Catholic Church and her priests. I know him well and resent the fact that Msgr. Garcia could see him in this light. REDACTED is merely trying to prevent Msgr. Garcia from further trouble and a possible prison sentence. In addition, REDACTED wishes to protect the Church at large, as we all do.

REDACTED, Msgr. Garcia and I will be meeting with Archbishop Sanchez on March 18. We will inform you of any outcome from that meeting.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

cc: Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
    Msgr. Peter Garcia
    REDACTED
October 7, 1987

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahoney, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Monsignor Peter Garcia
SLI #11683

Dear Excellency:

This letter will serve to document our evaluation of Monsignor Peter Garcia, a 47 year old priest from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This evaluation was somewhat atypical for us in that Monsignor Garcia, as you well know, has already undergone treatment with the Servants of the Paraclete in Jimez Springs, New Mexico. As we understand it, conflict developed over the past year between Monsignor Garcia and the aftercare program prescribed by the Servants of the Paraclete. The disputed issues involved the use of the sexual appetite suppressant Depo-Provera, the degree of disclosure which was deemed appropriate for Father Garcia, and the therapy relationship with Doctor REDACTED. Given the acknowledgement of a sexual disorder our evaluation was aimed more at assessing the current state of Monsignor Garcia's recovery and to offer our opinion regarding the dimensions of an ongoing aftercare plan.

You are well familiar with Father Garcia's history but to put this report in context a brief summary is appropriate here. The first allegation of sexual impropriety was placed against Monsignor Garcia in 1975. In his own mind he has had a long struggle to recognize the reality of his behavior with adolescents. A second complaint was registered in 1980, and when similar charges were made in November of 1984 he was confronted for the third time about his behavior. This confrontation had an impact on him and it was followed by a suicide attempt using a sleeping medication and alcohol. Subsequent to this he was referred to the Servants of the Paraclete for evaluation and he entered treatment at Jimez Springs in 1985. REDACTED

After completing the residential phase of his treatment he has worked as a parish priest in the Santa Fe Diocese in New Mexico. While so doing he has been involved in aftercare with the Servants of the Paraclete. As accurately as we can determine the last year of this aftercare has been increasingly problematic.
Things have reached an impasse where Monsignor Garcia is no longer working in New Mexico, and he has yet to be given a priestly assignment in the Los Angeles Archdiocese pending clarification of the current state of his recovery and his prognosis.

Against this background Monsignor Garcia came to the Saint Luke Institute on September 21, 1987 and participated in a comprehensive physical and psychological assessment process. REDACTED

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In our opinion it is inadvisable that he be assigned to regular parish ministry. In such a context the avoidance of minors which he must pursue at all costs is simply too difficult. Additionally, the aggressive nature of his sexual behavior in the past argues strongly for the continued use of the sexual appetite suppressant, Depo-Provera. If allergic reactions preclude the use of this drug the appropriateness of ministry must be carefully reviewed. We see Monsignor Garcia as in need of extensive work on the
In closing I would like to thank you for the referral of Monsignor Garcia to us. We hope that our evaluative services prove useful both to him and the Archdiocese. Asking for your continued prayers in support of our work and those we try to help,

Respectfully,

REDACTED

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CC: Monsignor Peter Garcia
Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

Rev Msgr Peter E. Garcia

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Peter is a 44-year-old man who is a Roman Catholic priest with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He is referred to Foundation House for evaluation at the request of his Archbishop because he has been reported to have had sexual involvement with three boys in a family with whom he was involved in a helping relationship. Peter is open about the reality of what happened and feels extremely badly about it. He also admits that this was not the first time that this has happened, such behavior having occurred on and off since his ordination in 1966. Once before in 1980 he was reported and at that time he sought psychiatric help but was discharged after only about six months.
Psychological Evaluation/ Msgr. Peter Garcia

Thank you for the opportunity of helping to evaluate Msgr. Garcia.

REDACTED

(Dictated, but not read)
February 18, 1985

Cardinal Timothy Manning, D.D., J.C.D.
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
1531 West 9th Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Dear Cardinal Manning:

This is the first report on the progress of Monsignor Peter Garcia who is currently in the program here at Foundation House.

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Peter reviewed with me his history of sexual behavior. There were several more young males involved since I had written in my last dictation. The youngest one was 11 years old. It was the 11 year old that he was involved in anal intercourse.
If you have any questions or comments concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Director

I have read the above letter and approve of its being mailed. I so signify my consent by my signature below.

This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by Federal Law. Federal Regulation (42 CFR. Part 2) prohibits you from making any further disclosure of it without the specific written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by such regulations. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose.
March 12, 1987

Most Rev. Roger Mahoney, D.D.

REDACTED

114 East Second Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Archbishop Mahoney:

Today I received a copy of the letter which Msgr. Peter Garcia recently sent to you. I feel that I must respond by giving you the following information.

There are several reasons why REDACTED does not trust Msgr. Garcia. Msgr. Garcia has not been complying with the aftercare procedures which were established when he completed this program. He regularly has excuses for missing his appointments with Dr. REDACTED. It seems that there is always something to interfere with these appointments. This time it had to do with the fact that Msgr. Garcia was traveling a great deal, then he was in Los Angeles, then he was transferred and then he caught a cold. Once again, we can only interpret this as manipulation. It is not as though REDACTED were hundreds of miles away! Plus, we are only requiring Msgr. Garcia to see him one hour a month.

Secondly, Msgr. Garcia regularly has excuses for not wanting to take the Depo-Provera. If we are to maintain him in our aftercare program then he must take this medication. Otherwise, he is free to take responsibility for himself. We are not forcing him to take this medication. This, by the way, is how he communicated to one of the priests who is presently in this program and discerning as to whether or not he should take the Depo-Provera. Msgr. Garcia told him that he was being coerced, making it much more difficult for this priest to make a decision. Thus, another reason why we do not trust Msgr. Garcia.

Thirdly, Msgr. Garcia returns to Los Angeles quite often and stays for a week at a time. This, it seems to me, is very dangerous and could lead to serious problems if he is spotted by someone. He continues to insist on this travel. Obviously, we do not wish to prevent him from seeing his family. However, perhaps it could be
lessened to twice a year and, then, only for several days. Until last summer I had not seen my family in two years even though I am very close to them all. This constant travel seems dangerous and foolish on the part of Msgr. Garcia. If he can travel to Los Angeles so much, why, then, have him assigned in New Mexico? Again, he does not seem to be aware of the realities and uses rationalization to put forth his own point of view. This, by the way, is very common in people who have these types of sexual issues.

If he would simply follow our guidelines, which, to me, do not seem so strenuous, given the problem, and if he would stop these sneaky and manipulative excuses and misinformation, we probably would have reasons to trust him. He simply does not seem to understand this and continues to challenge the aftercare guidelines. Again, we cannot be responsible if this continues. Also, I have verbally advised Archbishop Sanchez that he should not assume responsibility unless Msgr. Garcia follows these guidelines.

Finally, REDACTED has worked here for the past ten years. He is certainly not an uncompassionate and cold individual. Rather, he has great dedication and commitment to this ministry and has been of great service to the Catholic Church and her priests. I know him well and resent the fact that Msgr. Garcia could see him in this light. REDACTED is merely trying to prevent Msgr. Garcia from further trouble and a possible prison sentence. In addition, REDACTED wishes to protect the Church at large, as we all do.

Msgr. Garcia and I will be meeting with Archbishop Sanchez on March 18. We will inform you of any outcome from that meeting.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) William D. Perri, s.P.
Director: Foundation House

cc: Most Rev. Robert F. Sanchez, D.D.
    Msgr. Peter Garcia
    REDACTED
October 7, 1987

CONFIDENTIAL

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahoney, D.D.
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Re: Monsignor Peter Garcia
SLI #11683

Dear Excellency:

This letter will serve to document our evaluation of Monsignor Peter Garcia, a 47 year old priest from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This evaluation was somewhat atypical for us in that Monsignor Garcia, as you well know, has already undergone treatment with the Servants of the Paraclete in Jimez Springs, New Mexico. As we understand it, conflict developed over the past year between Monsignor Garcia and the aftercare program prescribed by the Servants of the Paraclete. The disputed issues involved the use of the sexual appetite suppressant Depo-Provera, the degree of disclosure which was deemed appropriate for Father Garcia, and the therapy relationship with Doctor REDACTED. Given the acknowledgement of a sexual disorder our evaluation was aimed more at assessing the current state of Monsignor Garcia's recovery and to offer our opinion regarding the dimensions of an ongoing aftercare plan.

You are well familiar with Father Garcia's history but to put this report in context a brief summary is appropriate here. The first allegation of sexual impropriety was placed against Monsignor Garcia in 1975. In his own mind he has had a long struggle to recognize the reality of his behavior with adolescents. A second complaint was registered in 1980, and when similar charges were made in November of 1984 he was confronted for the third time about his behavior. This confrontation had an impact on him and it was followed by a suicide attempt using a sleeping medication and alcohol. Subsequent to this he was referred to the Servants of the Paraclete for evaluation and he entered treatment at Jimez Springs in 1985. REDACTED

After completing the residential phase of his treatment he has worked as a parish priest in the Santa Fe Diocese in New Mexico. While so doing he has been involved in aftercare with the Servants of the Paraclete. As accurately as we can determine the last year of this aftercare has been increasingly problematic.
Things have reached an impasse where Monsignor Garcia is no longer working in New Mexico, and he has yet to be given a priestly assignment in the Los Angeles Archdiocese pending clarification of the current state of his recovery and his prognosis.

Against this background Monsignor Garcia came to the Saint Luke Institute on September 21, 1987 and participated in a comprehensive physical and psychological assessment process. REDACTED

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He first had sexual interaction with a minor shortly after ordination. Since that time he has had perhaps 15 to 17 relationships with youngsters in the age range from 12 years to perhaps 17 or 18. Some of these relationships have endured over time for between two and four years with recurrent sexual interaction occurring on an intermittent basis. Through his treatment Monsignor Garcia has come to recognize the "modus operandi". He would befriend an adolescent, become friendly with the family, and eventually ask the youth to vacation with him. While on vacation he would engage him in sexual acts. Although Father Garcia does not perceive himself as coercive in these behaviors it is our understanding that many, if not most, of the minors with whom he was involved were undocumented aliens. They may well have felt threatened by the consequences of their making formal allegations, to one archdiocese or legal complaints against Monsignor Garcia. Although he expressed concern and paternalistic feelings about many of these children the pattern of sexual interaction seems quite aggressive. REDACTED

REDACTED
In our opinion it is inadvisable that he be assigned to regular parish ministry. In such a context the avoidance of minors which he must pursue at all costs is simply too difficult. Additionally, the aggressive nature of his sexual behavior in the past argues strongly for the continued use of the sexual appetite suppressant, Depo-Provera. If allergic reactions preclude the use of this drug the appropriateness of ministry must be carefully reviewed.
In closing I would like to thank you for the referral of Monsignor Garcia to us. We hope that our evaluative services prove useful both to him and the Archdiocese. Asking for your continued prayers in support of our work and those we try to help,

Respectfully,

REDACTED

CC: Monsignor Peter Garcia
April 1, 2005

Chief Daniel G. Cross
Monterey Park Police Department
320 W. Newmark Avenue
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Re: St. Stephen’s Parish
Monterey Park, CA

Dear Chief Cross:

In accordance with the Archdiocesan Policy on reporting to police authorities in instances of possible abuse or neglect involving minors, we have enclosed a copy of an internal report received by the Archdiocese from an adult man claiming that he was abused in the mid-1970’s when he was a minor by Father Peter Garcia who was a priest in the Archdiocese.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
NON-MANDATORY REPORTING FORM

Date of this report to Public Authority:

Name of Public Authority:

Date of this Report to Archdiocese: March 26, 2005

Reported to Archdiocese by: REDACTED

Complainant Name:

Current Address:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Alleged Perpetrator: (Fr.) Peter Garcia

Name: (Victim) REDACTED

Name of Possible Witness: REDACTED

Reported Date of Incident: (s) 1975-77 Many incidents

Reported Circumstances of Incident(s): At rectory, sacristy, REDACTED home
Frequent fondling, kissing, holding boy
to groin and having erection over
clothes. One incident of anal
penetration. Victim grades 5-7th.

Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect: Sexual abuse

Comments:

Submitted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles: REDACTED
Case: REDACTED (victim) Fr. Peter Garcia (Perpetrator)

Interview March 26, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. in the office of REDACTED

Report of Allegation:

In 1975 -77, REDACTED was an altar boy and student at St. Stephen Martyr School, Monterey Park. REDACTED family had one girl and six boys. REDACTED was the fourth child.

Fr. Peter Garcia was frequently at the family home especially at night when the children were bathed and being put to bed. Fr. Garcia would come to say their night prayers. Initially parents were present over time priest alone with the boys who were being put to bed.

Priest also called the family home to invite the boys (2 or 3) over to see special T.V. programs at the rectory. The victim was aware that the other priests were going out or not present at the rectory when the abuse occurred.

Priest very popular and charismatic. Priest very materialistic had a car phone in 1975, a sporty car and special vestments. Many people admired him. He had an altar boy club with many members. Priest always smelled like wine especially when French kissing boys.

Other possible victims his brothers REDACTED. He also thought that REDACTED was a victim. You knew Fr. Garcia’s favorites were.

When Fr. Garcia had Mass he would go into another room, close the door and take off his trousers. He would put a special alb on and vest. Frequently before or after Mass Garcia would hold the altar boys to his groin and have an erection. This was very confusing to Ricardo.

Mrs. REDACTED had two sons who were possibly victims. In 1976, Mrs. REDACTED stood in front of St. Stephen’s the Martyr Church and requested parents who had problems with Fr. Garcia to sign a paper. Victim believed that she took it to the Pastor REDACTED. Later, when Mrs. REDACTED asked in the presence of Fr. Garcia if he had been touched by Fr. Garcia. REDACTED said, “Yes, I was touched”. Fr. Garcia said to REDACTED “How can you do this to me?” REDACTED said to Garcia, “Because it is the truth”. His parents no longer allowed Garcia to come to the house.

Fr. Garcia remained in the parish for a time and I avoided him anytime he saw him or served Mass. REDACTED was very angry. He was a good student academically while acting out by riding his bike inside the church and other ways of acting out his anger against the Church. The pastor asked him what had happened to him because of the change of behavior. No one responded to what had been going on. Hw wonders why the pastor did nothing if Mrs. REDACTED had gone to him.
March 9, 1976

Your Eminence:  

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Yesterday Father REDACTED, Pastor, St. Polycarp, Stanton, called.

In general, he is displeased with the presence of Father Peter Garcia.

1. Father Garcia is critical of the desks;
2. Father Garcia held a meeting on March 4 in his personal quarters in the rectory;
3. Father Garcia is out of the rectory over-night most of the time;
4. Father Garcia accused Father McLaughlin on one occasion of "being a snitch for the Chancery Office." Father McLaughlin is still trying to find out what occasioned this.

The most recent request that Bishop Arzube made of me was to transfer Father Garcia to St. Frances X. Cabrini because of the distance. You will recall that he and Father REDACTED were at Conaty together, one officially and one unofficially.

I did not initiate this phone call. Father REDACTED called about our request for a "votum" on Casa Miguel Pro (the Jesuit Team Ministry in Orange County). During the course of our conversation, he indicated the lack of Peter's presence.

Monsignor Rawden

* I spoke with Fr. Green about this point 13 Apr 76

all points were reviewed with Bishop Arzube 13 Apr 76
A.M.D.G.

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LOVE IS PATIENT; LOVE IS KIND. LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS, IT DOES NOT PUT ON AIRS, IT IS NOT SNOBBISH. LOVE IS NEVER RUDE, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT PRONE TO ANGER; NEITHER DOES IT BROOD OVER INJURIES. LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE IN WHAT IS WRONG BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO LOVE'S FORBEARANCE, TO ITS TRUST, ITS HOPE, ITS POWER TO ENDURE.

I truly hope that this will help you, and myself. He now knows that I will never do anything that would hurt him in any way whatsoever. I feel that I can now trust him completely. However, I do not know if he feels that he can do the same for me. You as his mother can guide him along this way. If he wants to talk to me he must call me as usual. If not, I feel I have done my priestly and Christian duty to you and to him.

Please feel free to call on me at anytime, if I can be of any help whatsoever. I trust that I have not made a grievous mistake and that both you and Joseph now understand why I had to act in the way that I did.

I commend myself to your prayers and to his. I ask your forgiveness if I have offended either of you in anyway, which I trust I have not. I ask God's blessing on you both and I hope your continued friendship.

In Xto,

(Rv.) Peter E. Garcia

P.S.

Remind him not to be too quick to judge others and especially he will be judged in the same measure with which he judges. Things are not always as they seem. Thank you for your kindness to me.

PE. G.
MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 1993
FROM: Monsignor Timothy Dyer
TO: C-File Peter Garcia/REDACTED

Peter Garcia/Mrs. REDACTED (her oldest son)

REDACTED (REDACTED brother) now confused re sexual identity--recently began to open up about an experience with Father Peter Garcia.

Father Peter Garcia had been very tight with the family--10 years--came all the time; grew up loving and trusting him.

Early 70's: Peter Garcia would invite us (me + REDACTED [REDACTED brother one year younger]) on Sundays while he was on duty--alone in house; he'd have us both sit on his lap in his recliner chair; over months; -- he would get closer and closer, began to unzip his pants (not showing genitalia); put his hands over ours; then eventually began to tell us that we had to not be afraid of our bodies...

--began kissing us--in a meaningful way--when I told my mother--she interpreted "kiss" as an innocent kiss.

--then multiple times--while watching TV at rectory on Sundays--he'd put his hands in our pants and shorts over our genitals--skin-to-skin contact--and then ask us to do the same and when we expressed discomfort he'd say that this was God's creation and would take out anatomy books and tell us he'd teach us--and would tell us more and more as time went on. "What's the name of the head part?" "What's the shaft?" "How does the erection work?"

--We felt we were learning stuff--like a study lesson.

--Then he came and asked my to go with him to house in Palm Springs (REDACTED = 8th grade/REDACTED = 7th grade).--"I could describe every detail of the house."--Left us there and went to the market to get food. Told us to get in the pool. We were in the hot sun a long time...and asked him for something to drink--he said "all we have is wine"--he said kids in Italy drank wine and Christ did--it was fine. Told us after dinner to get on our pajamas and we'd play chess--kept drinking wine--that night went to bed. 2 bedrooms: one with 2 beds, one with 1 bed. We figured we'd sleep in one room and him in another--when he said "no", we told him we didn't want to--gave us more wine, told us about prayers--we were getting scared.
Both of us got into the bed with him--he had no clothes on...Gave us a full glass of wine "to help us sleep"--I'd had wine (food, too) all day and was almost sick...He was in middle of both of us--his back to me--whispering to my brother...I could hear my brother say, "Well, I don't know; I don't think it's right."--Next day REDACTED said "he hurt me"--he cried hard in the bathroom. REDACTED said he wouldn't sleep with him again. We met while Peter Garcia was in the shower and talked about taking his car and leaving...

(cont.)
Peter Garcia/REDACTED (cont.)

Next day:

(after wine all day); my brother had stayed to himself all day; went to store again; no phone in house; had a phone in his car. That night: he took me alone to the second bedroom--came in, pulled down my pj's and underwear, had me lay on my stomach--spread my buttocks with his hands; I asked "What are you doing?"--he said: "Remember all I've taught you--now I'm going to show you what it's for and it'll change you and make you better--he began feeling me with his fingers--putting them in my anus. I told him how it hurt-- he said "Relax and breathe." "The reason for the hardness of the penis--is this is where it goes--he proceed to put his penis in my anus--I told him how it hurt--he held me down as he did it--telling me not to move. It went on quite awhile--I could hear him moaning... I just didn't understand what had happened...I cried and fell asleep when it was finally over.--Next morning--I was bleeding from the anus and did for several days.

He'd seen that I didn't want to talk to him or be around him. He'd pull me out of class and take me to the rectory and talk to me-- never touching me but telling me about sex--how it was natural, that our parents did it...

One day he took REDACTED and I to the Charismatic Conference in Anaheim [along with] the two REDACTED boys (with whom he was also getting close--going to the house--their father wasn't there...). I know Peter Garcia tried something with me and he rejected him strongly. That night he brought us to the Bishop's office down here at Chancery--there was a paneled room--with a wet bar--he started drinking and got me drinking--began to kiss me--I said "No" I didn't want to do it again (what had happened in Palm Springs) but he did it again: and intercourse while the other boys were out in another room.

Finally REDACTED went to his Dad and said "don't let us go with Father Peter Garcia anymore because he's touching us in the wrong places...Mrs. REDACTED called Peter Garcia and told him very sternly what she'd heard. Peter Garcia swore he didn't do it. At that point, Mrs. REDACTED didn't realize how serious the touching was. Mrs. REDACTED then went to see Bishop Arzube: "I told him the problem and he (Arzube) said: "You know what, I'm going to do something about it. I'll see that he gets help." Nothing happened--Peter Garcia stayed on at St. Stephen's for 3-4 more months--at which time Mrs. REDACTED went to Father REDACTED. This time, Garcia was transferred (to St. Polycarp, Stanton) within a matter of days.

Bishop Arzube never got back to me or offered help for the boys.

(A fourth boy, REDACTED (??spelling) was also involved--but won't say much other than that he was "fondled" by Peter.)

Presently: REDACTED found out that things happened to REDACTED and wanted to go kill Peter Garcia. (Joseph had gotten into gangs-- wanted to show his toughness in teen years--following the Peter Garcia incident). This week, REDACTED let it be known that something had happened to him. I REDACTED have noticed REDACTED homosexual tendencies and we've talked. still lives at home. REDACTED says that in the family's home--Peter Garcia got hold of him and began (cont.)
Peter Garcia (cont.)

doing things to him and he passed out—he was evidently about seven years old at the time. Now he's told he's not comfortable sexually with men or women.

Action Taken Today:

--Gave them Dr. phone number for immediate help to both

--Will consult with Dr. re an "assessment" for family or referrals for family group therapy as well as the mother.

--Will call Dr. on November 5: on Monday, Wednesday, Friday on Tuesday Thursday
INTERNAL REPORT - CONFIDENTIAL
Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Assistance Ministry Department

Report date: 3/26/05
From: REDACTED

Alleged perpetrator: Peter Garcia
Alleged victim: REDACTED

Date of incident:

Brief Description: Fondling, French kissing, penetration

Type of Report:
- Mandatory
- Non-Mandatory
- Third-party reporting
- Incomplete information
- Attached information

Report sent to: REDACTED

Msgr. Craig Cox, Vicar for Clergy
(Priests, Deacons, Brothers)

REDACTED
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
NON-MANDATORY REPORTING FORM

Date of this report to Public Authority:

Name of Public Authority:

Date of this Report to Archdiocese: March 26, 2005

Reported to Archdiocese by: REDACTED

Complainant Name:

Current Address:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Alleged Perpetrator: (Fr.) Peter Garcia

Name: (Victim) REDACTED

Name of Possible Witness: REDACTED

Reported Date of Incident: (s) 1975-77 Many incidents

Reported Circumstances of Incident(s):
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Frequent fondling, kissing, holding boy
to groin and having erection over
clothes. One incident of anal
penetration. Victim grades 5-7th.

Reported Type of Abuse or Neglect:
Sexual abuse

Comments:

Submitted by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

REDACTED
INTERNAL REPORT - CONFIDENTIAL

Archdiocese of Los Angeles
Assistance Ministry Department

Report date: 3/21/05

From: REDACTED

Alleged perpetrator: Peter Garcia

Alleged victim: REDACTED

Date of incident: 1975-77

Brief Description: Fondling, French kissing, penetration

Type of Report:

- Mandatory
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