

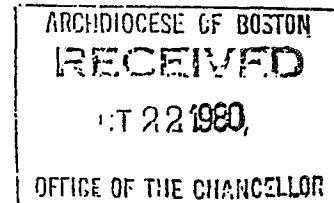


Exodus Center

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Dear Rod,

All the water in the ocean cannot sink a ship unless it gets inside. Efforts to convince people they are *sick and sinful* because of their sexual orientation are attempts to "get inside." Let me tell you about an exciting and unique project which does the opposite.

Exodus Center is a tax-exempt national resource for sexual minorities and their families founded to help people achieve positive self-images. It is a response to the needs I constantly witnessed in my street ministry to sexual minorities. Our current programs include education, spiritual and psychological counseling, and peer support.

To provide the ideal environment for the success of these programs, we are establishing a retreat facility. It is a project which has captured the imagination of our two directors, Donna Taylor and Brian McNaught, and the interest of a growing army of volunteers. I believe we can create a model for the entire country.

Anita Bryant Ministries has provided a place to "cure" homosexuals. Exodus will provide a place to be supported! Imagine an accessibly located facility in a rural setting where men and women can come to be renewed or with their families to be assisted in rebuilding relationships. You can have a vital role in creating such a place.

The enclosed brochure describes Exodus Center in more detail. I urge you to read it thoroughly. Our objective is invaluable, but it is one which will require substantial funding to become a reality. We need to raise \$50,000 a year for operating expenses; in addition we must secure \$400,000 over the next two years to purchase a suitable property, furnish it, and hire a first-rate staff.

I want you to be part of the building of this retreat center. Your donation is fully tax deductible. We need your help now. Won't you please do all that you can?

With best wishes,

(The Rev.) Paul Shanley