

Dear Friends,

During the 60's I sent a newsletter at irregular intervals. My mailing list of concerned people dwindled as I turned from ministering to juvenile delinquents, the elderly, Blacks and poor people..to hippies freaks, runaways and drug-users. When I began to criticize my country, the war and the president, the list of those who wanted to continue hearing from me fell off sharply. Now that I have turned to the plight of the homosexual, transexual, transvestite and bi-sexual minorities, I am not sure whether or not I have a list. If I do, I think you might be on it. (Some of you may be for the 1st time.)

Enclosed is a brochure describing to you an Inn which took years to find. As you read it you will learn about what I believe to be the needs of sexual minorities and what I hope to do. The good samaritan of the New Testament fortunately had an inn which accepted bloodied victims and he had the ~~dearii~~ to pay for care and lodging. Lacking for both, I have had to minister by the wayside. I can buy this Inn for \$100,000. Quickly, I need your help. In the past, many have said "Let me know how I can help."

This is the first time I have ever asked for money other than for mailing expenses. Although money is scarce, perhaps you could commit some of what you deduct from taxes (we are tax-deductable!) and gave last year to United Fund, church or charity- none of which goes to help sexual minorities. Or if you give a pledge we have a bank which will give us a loan now against future pledges. I am trying to find 30 people to give \$1,000 each for the down payment. (He's lost his mind, poor fellow.) So far I have seven people who have given each a thousand dollars. Perhaps you could organize a benefit house-party: or maybe your organization needs a scintillating speaker! Do you know someone who might give matching funds or co-sign the mortgage? Although I have been assigned to this work for years, I receive only my salary from the church. I've been a minister without portfolio, church, rectory, car or funds for too long. I believe we can do this incredible feat in the weeks ahead. If not, perhaps you know of an isolated building in the greater Boston area, or even in the city. I'm sure some names of people who do not wish to be there have found their way onto my mailing list. If I don't hear from you I'll presume that is the case with you and not trouble you again. Thank you for your patience.

Cordially and gratefully,

Fr. Paul

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Office of the Chancellor  
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P. S. I'm not pushing the enclosed tape-cassette advertising since I'll receive one dollar royalty on each one, but maybe you'd like it. At least you'll see a recent picture of me. A second tape "Parents of Gays" is just coming out.

Exodus Retreat House  
and

Good Samaritan Inn Name:

I believe in what you are doing and want to be a part of it. Please keep me on your list.

Here's my donation\* \$

- I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month. Send me reminders\*
- Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_ concerning a sizable donation.\*
- I'm broke but want to stay on your mailing list.
- I volunteer my services. Vocation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Avocation: \_\_\_\_\_ Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm enclosing names and addresses of my friends who want to receive your mailings.  
Has your address changed?

Mail to: Fr. Paul R. Shanley  
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