

## PERSONAL RECORD OF REV.

PATRICK JOSEPH O'KEEFFE  
NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name..... WILLIAM JOHN O'KEEFFE (deceased) AND MARGARET MARY O'SULLIVAN

Birth Date and Place..... OCTOBER 10, 1934 KILKENNY, IRELAND

Baptism Date and Place..... OCTOBER 17, 1934, ST. CANICE'S, KILKENNY, IRELAND

Present Citizenship..... IRISH

If Naturalized, Date and Place.....

Elementary School—Dates and Places..... PRESENTATION CONVENT SEPT, 1938 to JUNE 1941  
CHRISTIAN BROTHER'S SCHOOL SEPT, 1941 - JUNE 1948

High School—Dates and Places..... SEPTEMBER 1948 - JUNE 1953

ST. KIERAN'S COLLEGE

College—Dates and Places.....

Seminary—Dates and Places..... SEPTEMBER 1953 to MAY 1959

ST. KIERAN'S SEMINARY

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places.....

Degrees—Dates and Places.....

Ordination Date and Place..... MAY 31, 1959, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, KILKENNY IRELAND

Ordaining Prelate..... MOST. REV. DR. DUNNE, DD.

Ordained for what Diocese..... SAN DIEGO

If incardinated in San Diego, Date..... JUNE 1956

If not incardinated, Date of Arrival.....

What foreign languages can you speak?..... GAELIC

Name and address of nearest relative or friend..... MRS. W. MANLEY, 6418 CLAIRMONT AVE. SO. CHICAGO, ILL.

State where last will and testament is filed..... CHANCERY OFFICE, SAN DIEGO

(The Clergy are obliged to deposit at the Chancery the original or a copy of their last will. Dioc. Stat. No. 231)

List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception.....

State any special work or assignment and give dates.....

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000001

Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, Alcalá Park, San Diego 12, California

(Over)



**Yolanda Lear**

**From:** June McDonald

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 29, 1999 9:00 AM

**To:** Dale Jonasson; Debbie Garcia; Gloria Santos; Jim Pesta; Maria Echeverria; Peggy Koster; Trang Pham; Yolanda Lear

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe has a new mailing address: Please make the necessary changes.  
 Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
 P. O. Box 7105  
 Laguna Niguel CA 92607

Thanks for your assistance with this matter.

June

<b>PHONE MEMO</b>	TO	<i>M. Sgr. Welker</i>	DATE	<i>4-16</i>	TIME	<i>9:36</i> (AM) PM		
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	MES- S- A- G- E	<i>Re: Fr. Pat O'Keeffe He has been active in Hesperia.</i>						
		<i>Spoke with Fr. G. Judy spoke with him about matter. With NO NAME, there is NO action possible.</i>						
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9/29/99

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PATRICK J O'KEEFFE  
DIOCESES OF SD AND SB PP - PRIESTS

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MAKE THIS ELECTION VALID.

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PATRICK J O'KEEFFE  
P.O. BOX 7105  
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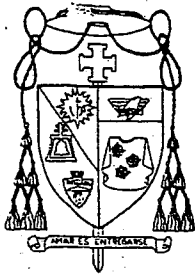
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Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of San Berna

SEP 07 1999

March 15, 1999

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

Dear Ms. Barry,

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe, born October 10, 1934 and ordained May 31, 1959 has petitioned for retirement. His retirement will be effective October 10, 1999.

Any assistance you could offer Monsignor O'Keeffe would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely in Christ,

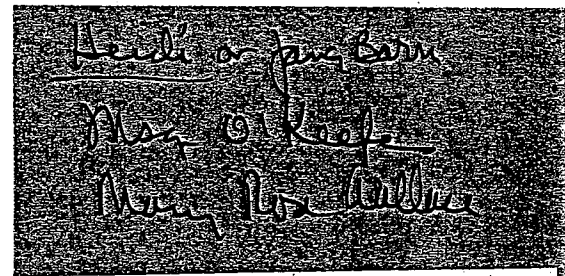
*Gerald R. Barnes*

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes  
Bishop of the Diocese

GRB/yl

- cc: Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe
- Reverend Monsignor Philip Behan
- Reverend Anthony Di Leo
- Reverend Robert Miller
- Reverend Ronald Larkin, MSC

3-15  
 Retirement OCT 10 1999  
 TERM NOV 30 1999  
 November 1999  
 RATE - Dec 1st  
 First payment  
 Msgr O'Keeffe  
 9-1-99  
 First Pension  
 CK - Dec 2000



He will not receive check from Epler until Dec. So we need to put back on payroll for Sept OCT NOV. Msgr Webber

O'Keeffe-WOA 000005

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# Diocese of San Bernardino

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## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Heidi Mager	FROM: Yolanda Lear
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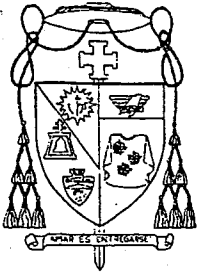
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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000006



Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of San Bernardino

January 19, 1999

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

Dear Ms. Barry,

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe, born October 10, 1934 and ordained May 31, 1959 has petitioned for retirement effective June 30, 1999.

Any assistance you could offer Monsignor O'Keeffe would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes  
Bishop of the Diocese

GRB/yl

cc: Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
Reverend Monsignor Philip Behan  
Reverend Ronald Larkin, MSC

*1-20-99  
Copies sent to  
Jim DeLeo &  
John Miller*

O'Keeffe-WOA 000007



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

July 25, 1991

Mrs. Judy Abacluli  
17954 S. Euclid  
Chino CA 91709

Dear Mrs. Abacluli:

I thank you for your letter dated July 16, 1991 and for your commendations of the pastoral work of Monsignor Patrick O'Keefe.

It is wonderful to hear words of praise and support and I know Monsignor O'Keefe will be deeply appreciative of your taking the time to do this.

May God continue to bless and keep you always. With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

PFS/yl

O'Keefe-WOA 000008

10 July 1999

Dear Bishop Strading,

I wanted to write and tell you how much good Msgr. O'Keefe has done for our family.

Because of him my son and his wife are back in the Church. She is now Baptized and Confirmed and they attend regularly.

My Grandson loves the youth Mass on Sunday night. He is anxious to go to Church.

Other grandchildren are benefiting from the CCD program.

Two daughters are involved in ministries and quite active. I know their

faith has grow because of  
this.

Our whole family loves  
and really appreciate Moze Pat.  
We are thankful he is at  
St Margaret Mary. We also  
think a lot of Fr. Mike!

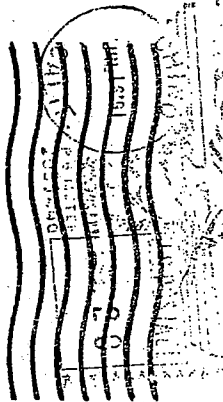
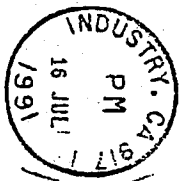
Thank you for all your  
good work and time. We are  
truly Blessed with a  
Bishop such as you!

Sincerely,

REDACTED

REDACTED

*Handwritten signature*



*Buckley Philip Strickling  
Attorney at Law Bernardino  
P.O. Box 5847  
San Bernardino Ca  
92412*



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

July 24, 1991

REDACTED

Chino CA 91710

Dear Edmond and Janice:

Many thanks for your letter dated July 9, 1991 and for your commendations of the pastoral work of Monsignor Patrick O'Keefe. It is most refreshing to receive your letter, as often people only write when they have a complaint or a problem with a priest.

May God continue to bless and keep you always. With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

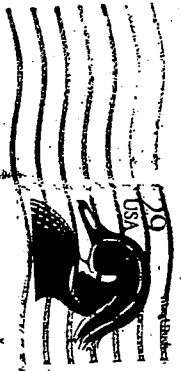
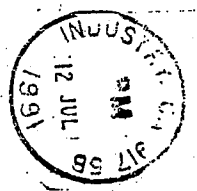
Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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O'Keefe-WOA 0000012



REDACTED  
9111 Remington Ave. Sunnyvale, CA



Mr. R.W. Bishop  
Shaker  
1450 N. 110<sup>th</sup> Street  
San Bernardino, Ca.  
92405

Dear Bishop Skelton —

7/9/91

We are rather intimidated and feel a bit presumptuous in writing to you, but we feel we must address the issue of our pastor, Msgr. O'Keefe, before it gets too out of hand.

We have been members of St. Margaret Mary's for close to (7) years now. We are the Parish Coordinators of CFM (Christian Family Movement), teach both High School Sharing III CED and Evenings for the Engaged and I am on the RCIA Team and my husband is on Parish Council. We are very dedicated to our Catholic-Christian faith, and to our parish.

When we were first married and moved to this area, we were suffering from "over-extended burn-out". We had both been youth ministers and CED teachers at our parish in Orange County - and that was before we had children of our own! Our first child was conceived right away and we began to look closer at our parish. We sought out our pastor, Fr. Johnson, and go to know him. He encouraged us in our

faith and brought us back into our parish in an active way. And we loved him very much. His vacancy left a large hole at St. Margaret's. His death was devastating for many of us.

When Fr. Pat came, a lot of people were very upset with him. He "tweaked" a lot of noses out of joint. But you know what? Those noses needed to be out of joint. So many of us wanted to be a part of the "process" that is our parish, but the cliques wouldn't let in newcomers. And we have many gifts to offer. But when the same ones are always doing it all, where can (or do) I, John Doe, fit in? The answer used to be NOWHERE! Now, new faces are everywhere and the spirituality is electric. Mass has become an experience to be felt, not motion to go through. All our masses are packed. Even Fr. Mike is infused with the Spirit the Holy Spirit, and the new spirit at St. Margaret's. Things are more efficiently run and everyone is getting excited about our new potentialities!

Please don't let the same few people, who express the opinions of a very small

2.)  
minority, sway your opinion of Fr. Pat. The  
Lord truly works in, and through, him. As  
our spiritual shepherd, we should trust and  
follow him; not try to thwart and under-  
mine his ministry. There are so many of us  
who thank God (and you) for bringing  
Fr. Pat to us. He really has saved our  
parish from foundering amongst the rocks of  
conceit, arrogance, bitterness, prejudice, and  
the love of power. He is challenging us to  
live as 7-day-a-week-Catholic-Christian.  
He is expecting the best from us and we  
pray we can have the time with him as  
our Pastor, to show him our very best.

Please feel free to contact us in any way  
regarding St. Margaret's and/or Fr. Pat. We  
truly love him, and our parish.

In Christ,

REDACTED

P.S. With no computer handy,  
I had to handwrite this.

Please excuse the informality  
of a handwritten letter!  
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REDACTED



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

March 11, 1991

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Margaret Mary Church  
12686 Central Avenue  
Chino CA 91710

Dear Monsignor Pat:

Please find enclosed a letter from Mr. REDACTED I  
thought you would appreciate learning that people value your  
pastoral ministry and service.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

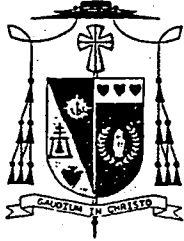
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

PFS/rls

Enclosure

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000017



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

March 7, 1991

REDACTED

Chino CA 91710

Dear Mr. REDAC:  
TED

I wish to thank you for your letter dated February 8, 1991 regarding the fine ministry of Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Chino. It is always a pleasure to receive letters which compliment the priests of the diocese. Being a pastor of a large parish with such a great variety of people and demands is not an easy task.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write and with prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

PFS/jm

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000018

REDACTED

FEBRUARY 8, 1991

DEAR BISHOP STRALING:

MY NAME IS REDACTED AND I AM A MEMBER OF ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH IN CHINO. I HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE PARISHIONER HERE FOR FIVE YEARS, AND AT ST. GEORGES IN ONTARIO FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE THAT. I AM WRITING YOU WITH REGARD TO OUR PASTOR, MONSIGNOR PAT O'KEEFE. I BELIEVE ALL TOO OFTEN PEOPLE ONLY CONTACT YOU WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM. WELL, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE TO TELL YOU WHAT A GREAT JOB I FEEL MONSIGNOR IS DOING ON YOURS AND OURS BEHALF. HE HAS REVIVED OUR SCHOOL AND CCD PROGRAM ACADEMICALLY, SPIRITUALLY AND FINANCIALLY IN THE SHORT YEAR AND A HALF THAT HE HAS BEEN HERE. WE HAVE A FLOURISHING, ALIVE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM TAUGHT ON A ROTATING BASIS BY ALL THREE PRIESTS. OUR PARENTS, WITH CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL, AND CCD ARE CONTINUALLY BEING REMINDED AS A GROUP AS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS THE PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN. MONSIGNOR IS ALSO REMINDING OUR ADULT PARISHIONERS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY/OBLIGATION TO SHARE THEIR GOD GIVEN GIFTS OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE WITH THE CHURCH.

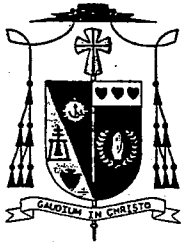
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SINCERELY,

REDACTED

WT/tlp



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

March 7, 1991

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Chino CA 91710

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Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000020



REDACTED

FEBRUARY 8, 1991

DEAR BISHOP STRALING:

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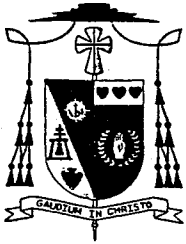
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

SINCERELY,  
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WT/tlp

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000021

P.O. BOX 847 • CHINO, CA 91710 • (714) 591-1791  
LIC. #426865



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

May 29, 1990

Ms. REDACTED  
1468 Hazeltine Street  
Ontario CA 91761

Dear Ms. REDACT  
ED

Many thanks for your letter dated May 17, 1990, expressing your concern for Monsignor O'Keefe. At times, I know there can be difficult situations in a parish community. However, I believe Monsignor O'Keefe with the pastoral experience he has gained while serving various parishes throughout our diocese, as well as the many years he has spent in vocation work, will be able to meet the challenge and provide the necessary leadership needed at St. Margaret Mary's Parish.

I sincerely appreciate your concern for Monsignor O'Keefe and ask for your assistance in helping him to make the necessary adjustments, so St. Margaret Mary will continue to be a leading parish in the Chino area.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

PFS/jm

O'Keefe-WOA 000022

REDACTED

Ontario, CA 91761

*The Most Reverend Bishop Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405*

*Dear Bishop Straling,*

*I wish to say a few things about my pastor, and as a parish council member, my leader--my friend. I believe you probably have heard about the shocking, rude, and unsavory treatment our Monsignor Pat O'Keeffe received from his parish council last Tuesday evening. It was a horrible and disheartening sight to witness. This good man sat there, taking what he was being dealt, turning paler by the minute, and, I'm sure, unconsciously holding his side.*

*Monsignor Pat does not deserve to be treated in such a manner. Since his arrival at St. Margaret Mary parish, he has done nothing else but give of his time and energy to evangelizing and enriching the spirit of his parishoners. Sometimes he looks so tired, but he keeps on going with a vitality, charisma, and genuine desire to do the Lord's work.*

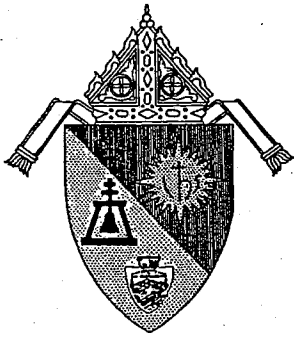
*We do not deserve him. As much as I love his presence at St. Margaret, and as much as I would hate to see him leave, I do not wish to see him destroyed like Fr. McGinn and Fr. Johnson. Take care of your, and His, excellent lamb; please do not lead him to slaughter.*

*Peace be with you. Your Excellency,*

REDACTED

*parishoner, St. Margaret Mary parish*

O'Keeffe-WOA 000023



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 11, 1990

Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Keeffe, Pastor  
St. Margaret Mary Church  
12686 Central Avenue  
Chino, CA 91710

Dear Msgr. O'Keeffe:

We are pleased to advise you that you have been elected to serve as a member of the Diocesan Building Commission for a three year term, commencing June 1990.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the upstairs Conference Room of the Chancery. Copies of the Minutes of the April meeting have been sent to you. Copies of the May Minutes and the Agenda for the June Meeting will be forwarded to you later this month.

Enclosed is a copy of the Diocesan Building Committee Procedures Manual for your review.

The date for the June Meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, 1990 in the upstairs conference room, commencing at 10:00 A.M.

Very truly yours in Christ,

*Gilbert Bracken*

Gilbert Bracken  
Executive Secretary  
Diocesan Building Committee

cc: Bishop Straling  
Msgr. Philip Behan  
Very Rev. Fred Gaglia

O'Keeffe-WOA 000024

CERTIFICATION OF INSTALLATION

During the Pontificate of Pope John Paul II, with the Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling serving as Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino, I, Rev. Fred Gaglia, in the presence of the parishioners whose signatures appear below, commit to the Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. O'Keeffe responsibility for the spiritual and temporal administration of the parish of St. Margaret Mary Church, Chino, to which he has been duly appointed as Pastor.

The Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. O'Keeffe, is hereby officially installed as Pastor of this parish with all rights and responsibilities in accord with the laws of the Church. This document certifies that the installation ceremony has taken place and that it has been publicly proclaimed in fulfillment of all applicable requirements, canonical and civil.

Given at St. Margaret Mary in Chino Church

This 19 day of November in the year of Our Lord 1989

Margaret Hawes  
Witness

Msgr. Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
New Pastor

John P. Casey  
Witness

Fred R. Gaglia  
Vicar Forane

To be signed in duplicate: one copy of Diocesan Archives; one for Parochial Archives.)

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

Office of  
Vocations — Seminarians



1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405  
(714) 384-8216

November 2, 1989

Most Reverend Roger M. Mahony  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

Dear Archbishop Mahony:

Due to my recent appointment as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Chino and my continuing ministry as Director of Vocations and Seminarians, I will be unable to fulfill my obligation as a member of the Board for St. John's Seminary.

Effective July 1, 1990, my successor to the ministry of Vocations and Seminarians will be Father Anthony Ferrero, who is presently my associate. Bishop Straling feels that this would be a good time for Father Ferrero to acquaint himself with the Seminary Board, and he requests that you appoint him as my replacement.

My years on the Seminary Board have been beneficial and fruitful to me, and I am glad that I had the opportunity to serve and contribute in some small way to the formation of future priests.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick J. O'Keeffe".

Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
Director of Vocations-Seminarians  
Rector, Junipero Serra House

PJO:jj

cc: Most Rev. Phillip F. Straling  
Msgr. George Niederauer  
Msgr. Joseph George

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000026

# Diocese of San Bernardino

Office of  
Vocations — Seminarians



1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405  
(714) 384-8216

September 10, 1989

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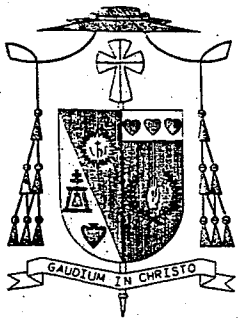
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cc: Rev. Msgr. Philip A. Behan

O'Keeffe-WOA 000028





## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

February 13, 1989

Reverend Msgr. Patrick O'Keefe  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Monsignor O'Keefe:

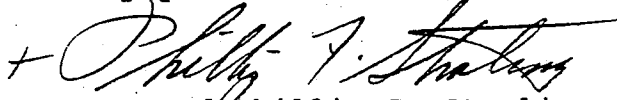
Having received the counsel and vote of the priests engaged in special ministry, I am happy to concur with their vote and to appoint you Vicar for Priests in Special Works, effective immediately. In this position, I ask that you get together with these priests on an ongoing basis and, in that way, involve them in the work of the diocese. You will also inform them of what is taking place, as well as invite and encourage them to participate in the ongoing educational and spiritual programs that we have during the year.

From time to time there are issues that concern the men specifically and I would like you to keep me informed of these concerns.

You are an ex officio member of the Presbyteral Council and I ask that you be in attendance at all meetings and so bring the voice of the priests you represent, as well as their pastoral concerns, to the attention of the membership of the council.

With every best wish and assuring you of my appreciation for your ongoing dedicated ministry in the diocese, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

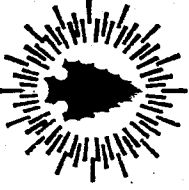
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Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

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**351 N ARROWHEAD-GROUND FL  
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**PATRICK J OKEEFFE  
1450 N D ST  
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405**



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

October 4, 1989

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Monsignor O'Keeffe:

In accord with Canon 523, I am happy to appoint you Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Chino, effective October 1, 1989.

I understand that you have previous commitments with your ministry in vocations and seminarians that you have to fulfill. You will continue for the rest of this year, until June 30, 1990, to oversee this diocesan vocation and seminarian program. I am deeply grateful that you will continue to assist Father Tony Ferrero with this ministry and ask that you work out the details with him.

Please be in contact the local Vicar Forane, Father Fred Gaglia, as soon possible, to arrange for a date to take possession of the parish (Canon 527 #2). In this public act of taking possession of the parish, you will make your profession of faith and take the required oath of fidelity. Copies of the ceremony and the profession of faith and oath are enclosed.

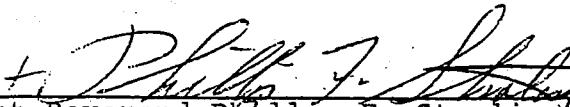
I deeply appreciate your fine service in the foundation of Serra House, as well as your vocation and seminarian ministry, which has born much fruit. You can be very, very proud of your success there. Since you have wanted to return to parish ministry, I know the Lord will abundantly bless you and my prayers and best wishes are with you as you assume this new responsibility.


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Rev. Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
October 4, 1989

In gratitude for all your service and deeply appreciative of your ministry, I am

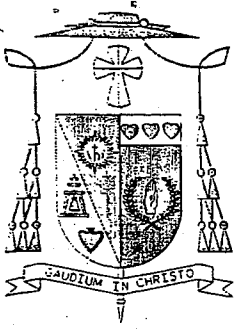
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

  
Sister Maura Feeley  
Chancellor

cc: Very Reverend Fred Gaglia, VF  
Reverend Anthony Ferrero

Encl.



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

November 2, 1988

TO: Father Pat O'Keefe  
FROM: Bishop Straling *DS*  
RE: Notes of various memos

Thank you for your memo of October 24th, regarding the various items.

I have no problem with the "Adopt-A-Seminarian Program." In fact, it would provide a personal relationship between a seminarian and some of the various groups in our diocese, but the thing that I am very concerned about is that other seminarians will be left out. Some will enjoy feasts and others famine. This, of course, would be very unfair to some seminarians. If there could some way that help, etc., would be equal for all, such a program would be a great idea.

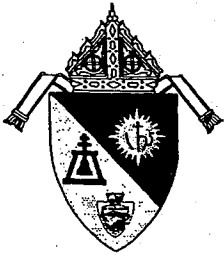
Regarding the Father Bluett Estate: I would much rather have the \$50,000 available to us, without making a commitment to give \$5,000 per year. The \$50,000 would certainly encourage us to send our students to Rome, which I feel was Father Bluett's intention. Please be in touch with Bill Lemann and Father Behan, so this matter can be resolved.

I am pleased that we had the opportunity to discuss the Philosophy and Internship Program, but am still concerned about some of the philosophy courses being taught at secular universities. I would like to make very sure that they are not anti-Catholic or atheistic in nature. I am not sure how we would get this type of clearance concerning courses, but I feel we need to be assured. Your plan for bringing someone in for some of the classes is a good one, as long as they can receive credit through one of the universities or colleges.

Many thanks for all your help and good work with our seminarians at Serra House.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO

O'Keefe-WOA 0000033



Office of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 24, 1988

TO: Bishop Phillip F. Straling

FROM: Father Patrick J. O'Keeffe *(956)*

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Re: ESTATE OF FATHER BLUETT

By this time, you should have received a copy of the second draft from Bill Lemann to Mr. Healy, attorney for the estate of Father Bluett. I think this is satisfactory; however, Fr. Behan thinks we do not have to add our \$50,000 to it unless you specifically wish to do so. How do you feel about this?

Re: ANONYMOUS DONOR TO SEMINARY

Thank you for your memo regarding Bill Lemann's friend who plans to leave a considerable sum of money to the seminary. I have spoken with Bill, and we feel that we should make arrangements to invite him to Serra House for dinner. I will pursue this.

Re: HISPANIC SEMINARIANS

Thank you for the document on Hispanic seminarians. It is my personal opinion from what I have observed at St. John's and St. Pat's that they could not be more sensitive educationally, spiritually and culturally to the Hispanic student than they are at the moment. I think that should be written into the record at the Bishop's meeting. You may quote me if you wish.

Re: ROMAN REPORT ON AMERICAN SEMINARIES

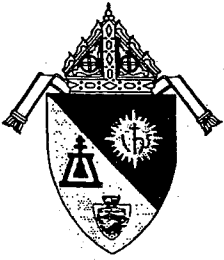
I have contacted Mike McGrath, a member of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Chino, who is a Doctor of Philosophy affiliated with LMU. He charges \$2,000 per course of 3-4 semester units. Unfortunately, the units will not be accepted by Cal State and UCR toward the seminarians' degrees. These units would be in addition to their normal college load.

This is going to take a lot of planning and, of course, will add approximately another \$4,000 per year to the Serra House budget.

PJO:jj

*Pat*

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000034



Office of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 24, 1988

TO: Bishop Phillip F. Straling  
FROM: Father Patrick J. O'Keeffe *PJO*  
SUBJECT: ADOPT-A-SEMINARIAN PROGRAM

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This year, we initiated an ADOPT-A-SEMINARIAN Program in our diocese. There are individuals and organizations that would like to help a seminarian financially and provide spiritual support to him.

Financial help is given based on the organization's resources and the needs of the seminarian. Some will purchase college books for their seminarian...others will give their seminarian a monthly allowance toward college expenses, personal needs, etc. This is coordinated through my office.

To date, six of our seminarians at Serra House have been "adopted" by various courts of Catholic Daughters, the Riverside Deanery and Norco Ladies' Guild. We have asked each organization to pray for their seminarian daily on his journey to the priesthood.

They plan to remember the seminarian on his birthday and on special holidays with a card, spiritual bouquet and gift.

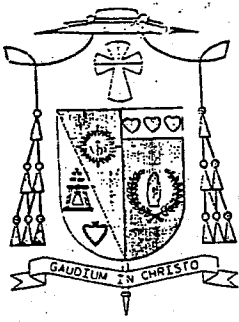
This program will be a tremendous help to our seminarians who have no families here nor any family financial support.

In the past, several of these organizations have been supporting seminarians in other dioceses and other areas. They are now happy to be helping a future priest for the Diocese of San Bernardino.

This program is above and beyond their normal contributions each year to the Vocation/Seminary Fund and Bishop's Burse.

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000035



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

August 17, 1988

TO: Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
FROM: Bishop Straling *DS*  
RE: William Breer, MSW

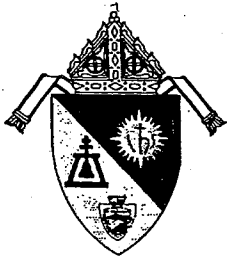
Thanks for the information on William Breer, a Bilingual Social Psychologist, who has done some testing for our seminarians. I foresee his being helpful to us, especially, in cases involving Spanish Speaking applicants.

However, in special cases where we feel there might be a very serious problem, I think we would need someone with more experience, medically, and psychologically than someone, who only has an LCSW. They can be good in doing general testing, but I think in very deep or serious problems, more expertise would be needed. This is not meant to put down Mr. Breer, but I think there is a big difference between what Dr. Joseph can offer and Mr. Breer.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO!

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000036





Office of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 26, 1988

TO: Personnel Board  
FROM: Fr. Patrick O'Keeffe

I recommend that Fr. Francis Frankovich be asked to stay one more year as vice-rector of Serra House and that Fr. Tony Ferrero be permitted to go to school to obtain a Master's Degree in Applied Spirituality as originally planned.

At this time, I am willing to remain as Director of Vocations and Seminarians and Rector of Junipero Serra House for two more years and would take a short sabbatical in May and June of 1990.

My suggestion is that, when Fr. Tony returns in July of 1989, he be appointed Vice-Rector of Serra House and work with me in all aspects of seminarian, vocation and Serra House concerns for one full year.

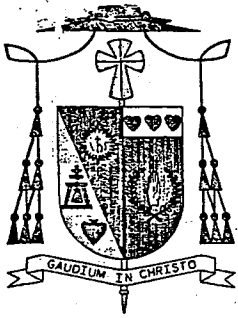
I feel that I can trust Fr. Francis at this time to fully cooperate with this plan.

However, if the Personnel Board decides to grant Fr. Francis' request to leave immediately, then Fr. Tony should be appointed Vice-Rector of Serra House effective July 1, 1988. Fr. Tony would be appointed Rector of Serra House on July 1, 1989. Since this is a two-person ministry, I would remain as Director of Vocations/Seminarians for the 1989-90 year and take a short sabbatical the end of that year.

Fr. Tony's education would take place over a period of four summers. Using this two-year plan would give us more time to find and educate someone to share this ministry with Fr. Tony.

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000037



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 1, 1988

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Father Pat:

This is to confirm our recent conversation, following my meeting with the Priest Personnel Board, regarding your continuance as Director of Vocations and Seminarians until April or May 1990. At that time, you will take a sabbatical and then be available for a parish assignment as Pastor in July 1990.

This schedule is a revised one, since your original plan was to take approximately six months for a sabbatical, prior to assuming a position as pastor in a parish. The change was necessitated by a request from Father Frank Frankovich to leave the diocese to join the "Companions of the Cross," and so Father Tony Ferrero could prepare himself for his duties as the future Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

Father Frankovich will remain in his present position at Serra House, until June 30, 1989, at which time he will be free to join "Companions of the Cross." Father Tony Ferrero will return from his studies in September 1989 and will be working with you at Serra House until you leave for your sabbatical in April or May 1990. At that time, he will assume your position as Director of Vocations and Seminarians, as well as the Serra House. In the coming months, it will be necessary to determine who will be working in Serra House with Father Tony, once he assumes the Directorship.

I am most grateful for your work and ministry as Director of Vocations and Seminarians and feel that the great success of this ministry is largely due to your

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Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
June 1, 1988

leadership and direction. I know you have a strong desire to get back to parish ministry, so I particularly appreciate of your willingness to stay on until Father Tony has a chance to prepare himself for this great task.

If there is a need for further clarification regarding the above, please call upon me.

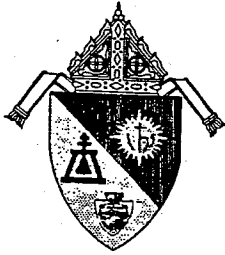
With thanks and appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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# Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

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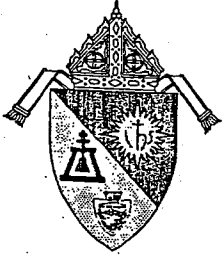
TO: Father Patrick O'Keeffe  
FROM: Father Phil Behan *JB*  
RE: Workshop - June 1-2, 1988

Please set aside Wednesday June 1 and Thursday, June 2, 1988 for a Community Building Workshop with the Diocesan Curia and the Heads of Offices in the Dioceses. Approximately 40 to 50 people will be involved and the workshop will be guided by some members of the Scott Peck Community Building Group. They will assist us in building a better sense of community and better working relationship in the diocese.

Scott Peck has written a volume on community building and it would be very advantageous to read that before the meeting, so as to be aware of some of the techniques involved. The book by Scott-Peck is called "A Different Drum - Community Building," and is available in book stores.

Many thanks...

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000040



# Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

March 21, 1988

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$200.00  
for the celebration of 40 Masses, ad mentem dantis.  
These funds are from the Eve Margaret Hein Estate.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General

PAB/rs

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000041

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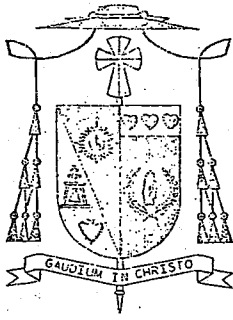
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*Patrick D. Keffe*

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

December 1, 1987

Mr. August G. Huchting  
6880 Archibald Avenue, Space 134  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Mr. Huchting:

This is to acknowledge your letter of November 12, 1987, regarding Father Pat O'Keeffe. I will be discussing this matter with Father O'Keeffe and Father Ed McGuinness. I am hopeful that we can reach an amiable solution.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

PFS/jm

cc: Reverend Ed McGuinness

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000043



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

November 4, 1987

TO: Father Pat O'Keeffe  
FROM: Bishop Straling *JS*  
RE: Ordination in Mexico

I have just received word, and will confirm after my November 3rd meeting in Menlo Park, that the dates for the Ad limina Visit to Rome are scheduled for July 3 through July 9, 1988. This means that I will have to head for Rome on the 1st or 2nd. The problem, of course, is that we have scheduled an ordination in Mexico on July 3rd. If these are to be the dates for the Ad limina Visit, we will have to make some other arrangements for the ordination.

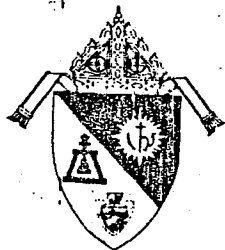
I will be in touch with you regarding this matter.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO

*P.S. I talked to Hernando about  
July 31/88. What do you  
think?*

O'Keeffe-WOA 000044





## Diocesan Pastoral Center

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Director of Vocations

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 1, 1987

Rev. John Ryan  
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church  
P. O. Box 996  
Crestline, California 92325

Dear John:

Thank you for sending information about your  
Vicariate.

I will be attending the Riverside Vicariate  
meetings this year since my ministry as Rector  
of Junipero Serra House is located there.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. O'Keeffe".

Father Patrick J. O'Keeffe

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St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church

P.O. Box 996  
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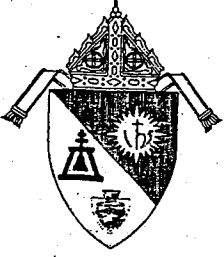
Dear Phil,

Greetings! I thought perhaps  
that for your records you should be  
aware of Fr. Pat's choice of Vicariats.

See you on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

John Ryan



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

July 18, 1987

Reverend Patrick O'Keefe  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Father O'Keefe:

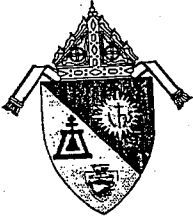
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Fraternally in Christ,

Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General

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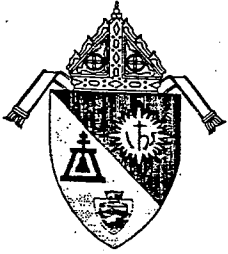
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REVEREND PATRICK O'KEEFFE  
1550 NORTH D STREET SUITE #D  
SAN BERNARDINO CA 92405



# Diocesan Pastoral Center

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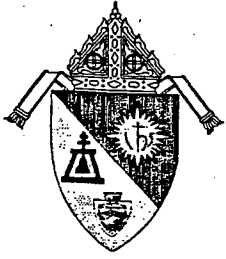
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Fraternally in Christ,

Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General

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O'Keeffe-WOA 000049




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Vicar General

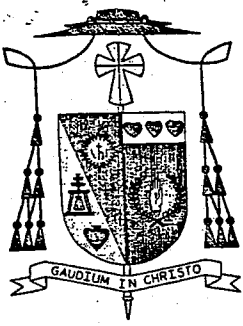
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Date 7-18-87

TO: Finance Department  
FROM: Father Phil Behan   
RE: Check

Please issue a check in the amount of \$250.00 for  
Father Patrick O'Keeffe, from the Hein Mass Stipend  
Fund and deliver the check to me for forwarding.  
Many thanks...

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000050



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 12, 1987

TO: Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
Spirituality Life Commission

FROM: Bishop Phillip F. Straling *PS*

RE: Recognition of Priests with Pontifical Awards  
Protonotary Apostolic; Prelate of Honor to  
His Holiness; Chaplain to His Holiness

One of the recommendations that emerged from the Priests' Convocation Report was that we need to find a way of giving recognition to the priests of our diocese. Since the foundation of the diocese, we have never petitioned any Pontifical Awards with the title of Monsignor for the Presbyterate of our diocese. This has been mainly due to the abuses which many priests felt occurred in the San Diego Diocese.

However, since almost nine years have past and we have failed to find another appropriate means to honor some of our priests, I feel from the remarks that were made at the Convocation, that there are a number of priests who would like to have the title of Monsignor restored. I also have heard from a number of priests that they do not feel that the giving of the stole at the Chrism Mass is an adequate recognition. The Presbyteral Council voted down the suggestion that we might honor priests by giving them an additional stipend for each year of service to the priesthood. Some priests have stated that they would much rather have a paid vacation or a special sabbatical. I do not know if I would see this as a special way to recognize a priest for his ministry. I think all priests, after a period of time, are entitled to some special free time, a sabbatical or special ongoing education. This is something that we have not developed in any formal way either.

O'Keeffe-WOA 000051

Father Patrick O'Keeffe,  
June 12, 1987

Going on the recommendation that we need to have some way of recognizing priests in the diocese and in that some of the priests, to whom I have spoken feel that we should restore the title of Monsignor, I would like to make the following proposal for your consideration and for that of the Presbyteral Council.

I propose that the Pontifical honor with the title of Monsignor be restored on a limited and controlled basis. I also propose that several diocesan officials who work closely with me receive this honor, such as persons holding the Office of Vicar General and the Vicar for Hispanic and Ethnic Affairs. After consulting the Presbyterate and receiving their recommendations, I propose that one or two priests per year be given the honor of Monsignor. In this way, only one or two would be given this honor per year and it would have more importance that their brother priests have considered them because of their work or number of years of service, etc. and desire this recognition. One of the things that I think worked adversely in the San Diego Diocese was that it was given to so many that it no longer had an special distinction for those who received it and those who did not receive it felt that they were on the "black list".

My intention in this proposal is that we restore the title of Monsignor as one of true recognition.

At the Presbyteral Council where I first brought up this proposal at the June Meeting, some mentioned that we should recognize sisters and laity. I would also welcome this idea if the religious could agree that we could give them some of the Papal Honors that would be available for religious. These would also be available for the laity. In addition we do have the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award which is given for special recognition for sisters or laity because of their work and dedication to the diocese. For ministry in the parish, I have the Bishop's Award which can also be given.

I put this matter into your hands and that of the newly formed commission and ask your recommendations. I would like to again present this to the Presbyteral Council at their September Meeting, so that they in

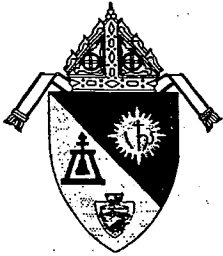


Father Patrick O'Keeffe,  
June 12, 1987

turn can bring it to the Vicariate to receive further input.

I feel we need to address the concern of the priests that we recognize them. If the above proposal is not suitable, I welcome other proposals.

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*Office of Vocations - Seminarians*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

February 10, 1987

TO: Bishop Phillip F. Straling  
FROM: Father Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
SUBJECT: PRESENT MINISTRIES

At this time, I would like to assure you that I will continue in my present ministries of Director of Vocations and Seminarians, Director of Continuing Education for Clergy/Religious, and Rector of Junipero Serra House in the coming year. I would be willing to consider two years if a parish that I would like to be assigned to does not become available. My first choice at this time would be St. Anthony's in Upland.

Father Andy Torma and I discussed the suggestions that he submitted to you. Much of what he suggested has already been discussed by you and me on different occasions. Many things can be implemented if the personnel and funds are available.

Some of my suggestions about my present ministries would be that a religious woman be considered for the position of Director of Vocations; that the Rector of Junipero Serra House also be Director of Seminarians (and team with the Vocations Office to ensure that there is proper emphasis on priestly vocations, etc.); and that the Director of Continuing Education be part of the job description of either a Vicar for Priests, the Director of Liturgy, or your assistant (if he were a priest). I note that Los Angeles recently appointed a layperson as Director of Priestly Formation. I wonder how our men would accept a deacon who could then also coordinate the deacons' on-going education. Of course, that would mean another paid position in the diocese.

As far as a successor for me is concerned as Rector of Junipero Serra House, I would suggest letting the Presbyterate know that the position will be open and see who is interested. My personal recommendations would be Fr. Tony Ferrero, Fr. George Gonzales, or Fr. Don Webber (not bilingual). Whoever is chosen would have to know a year in advance so that he could familiarize himself with the process. It would not be necessary for him to make a move, but it would be necessary for him to pursue serious updating in spirituality and spiritual direction.

I hope we get a chance to discuss these items when I see you in San Francisco next week.

God bless,

Father Patrick J. O'Keeffe

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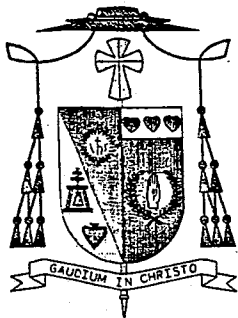
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## *Diocesan Pastoral Center*

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*Diocese of San Bernardino*

November 20, 1986

TO: Father Patrick O'Keefe  
FROM: Bishop Straling *JS*  
RE: Priests' Support Groups

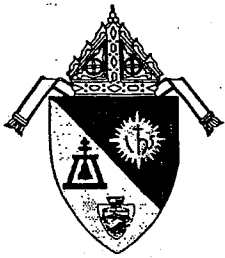
I was pleased to see the note that you sent to the priests inviting them to be a part of a support group.

Do you have information available on the Jesus Caritas Program? A number of priests have found this program to be a very helpful. In fact, this is the one that the California Bishops are using.

In any case, I am glad to see that we are giving the priests the opportunity to form such a support group, as I know it could be a great help to them.

Many thanks...

O'Keefe-WOA 000056



*Office of Vocations - Seminarians*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

November 24, 1986

TO: Bishop Phillip F. Straling  
FROM: Father Patrick J. O'Keefe  
SUBJECTS: Seminaries; Summers and SLI; Young Priests' Program

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I have given some thought to our conversation at Youth Day concerning the above subjects. At this time, I would like to give you an update on what programs are already in operation so that at least we don't try and re-invent the wheel.

As we have shared, both seminaries feel that it is our responsibility to ensure that the seminarians are fully mature sexually and able to face life. I don't agree that it is entirely our responsibility. When you meet with Fr. Bleichner at St. Pat's and with Fr. Miller and the Bishops at St. John's in December, I suggest that the following statements be made:

1. That there is a problem;
2. That the seminaries should be aware of this problem;
3. That they should work WITH the dioceses to devise a program that would attempt to solve the problem;
4. That this solution would be partly their responsibility and partly the diocese's during internship programs.

The solution would have to include that there be regular psychological counseling available to the men at the seminary....and that the diocesan supervisory program be structured in such a way that each seminarian be thoroughly evaluated with regard to his personal interaction with people and situations in ministry. When I send an evaluation to the Field Education offices now, it is either not discussed with the seminarian or sometimes it is filed away and ignored. The tendency for both seminaries is that "We have our program, you have yours...and never the twain shall meet."

Howie Bleichner recently made the statement that we need to realize that the men being ordained are precious, tender, and idealistic.

O'Keefe-WOA 000057

He could also have added that the national survey of seminarians sees that they are conservative, bureaucratic, and dependent. I agree that they are precious, but they also have to be trained to realize that life is tough, that they live under the shadow of the Cross, and that they can't have it all their own way!

I have found that in dealing with our seminarians they rarely take "no" for an answer. Maybe that is society today.

Our diocesan internship programs are more than sufficient to strengthen a man's sense of reality if evaluations are honestly read by the Field Education personnel at the seminaries.

I have spoken to Peter Bradley regarding what could be done in group process education for our seminarians during the summer. Unfortunately, everything closes down during the summer months so I will have to look elsewhere.

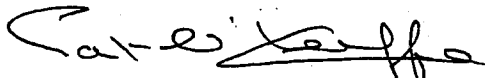
With regard to the Young Priests' Program, Fr. Frank Lowe and Deacon Ralph Partida are in their first and second year supervisory program, and they are cooperating very positively with my office and their supervisors. There is not much more we can do there except to make sure that the following three years are more structured. Fr. Tom Burdick seems to be a steady leader among those young priests. Perhaps he could work with me.

I would like to propose to you and to the Personnel Board that the first two assignments be three years each. This will ensure greater stability and simply not "one good year and one year waiting for the next assignment." That may be an unfair judgment, but I had experience with that myself when I was a pastor.

I hope these sharings will help to prepare for future discussions.

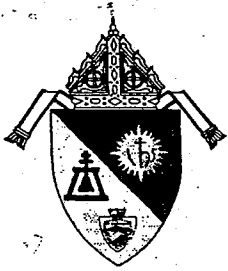
Have a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you will thank God for me... and I will do the same for you.

God bless,



Father Patrick J. O'Keefe

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Office of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

TO: BISHOP PHILLIP F. STRALING  
FROM: Father Pat O'Keeffe *(PK)*  
DATE: October 23, 1986

As a result of a recent vocation committee meeting, I have established two task forces: one, to help foster more native Hispanic vocations and two, to arrange a forum for young adults and college age students so that they can be made more aware of the call to ministry.

The task force members are:

Hispanic: Fr. Tony Ferrero, Fr. Jim Granger and  
Sister Mary Howard Moriarty, IBVM  
Young Adults: Sister Esther Kennedy, CCVI, Brother  
James Kevin, O.P. and Mary Beth Rhoades

Fathers Ray Rosales, Rudy Gill, Saul Ayala and Bill Bonner, SVD have agreed to work with the Spanish seminarians at Serra House in providing a hispanic cultural experience for them. I hope that this works out.

More than twenty religious women and lay people are attending the six weeks spiritual direction workshop at Serra House on Monday nights. It is my hope that some of them will volunteer to be part of formation and faith sharing with the men.

Don't forget what I said. We have to start preparing for a bilingual rector-director.

Thanks and God bless.

PJO:dew

O'Keeffe-WOA 000059

TO: BISHOP PHILLIP F. STRALING  
FROM: Father Pat O'Keeffe  
SUBJECT: Donation for Louvain  
DATE: October 23, 1986

Thank you for your letter. No money is budgeted this year for Louvain. Perhaps when we send some one there we could then start donating the same year. I think we should hold off until we have a candidate ready to go there.

I will be in Menlo Park next week and will discuss Phil Mirci, Gerry D'Arcangelo and Frank Lowe with Howie Bleichner. I understand you have written to him.

Your tape was very good. I wish we could have telephone hook-up. I will have an overview of the Convocation results for you at the meeting of the religious men and women on October 30th.

Thanks and God bless,

*Pat.*





## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 28, 1986

TO: Father Pat O'Keeffe  
FROM: Bishop Straling *BS*  
RE: Recent Memos

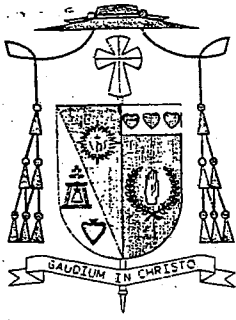
Just a word of thanks for the recent memos. Glad to note that you have started two task forces, one for Hispanic Ministry and the other for Young Adults. I think this can be a great help in trying to get some assistance in these areas.

I was pleased to note the number of people who are attending the Spiritual Direction Workshops. That is good news!!

In regard to Louvain University, I think we should send them something. It is a university that is sponsored by the dioceses of the United States and there is a great need to help repair the buildings. Hopefully, we can send someone back to Louvain in the future. I will talk to you about this later.

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000061



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 3, 1986

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
1550 North "D" Street, Suite D  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

I sincerely appreciate your agreeing to serve on the committee that will follow-up on our Priests' Convocation, 1986. You are already carrying a heavy load of commitments, so your accepting the confidence placed upon you by your peers is truly admirable.

After you have called the first meeting, the group of seven can then elect their own officers to ensure the ongoing processing of the Convocation material.

It is a challenging task to interpret, as well as simplify, the complex material developed at the Convocation. There is a wide variety of opinions and many needs expressed, which all require refinement. I would appreciate hearing from your group as soon as possible regarding a proposed time line for the processing of all this information. I will be available to meet with you, at a time which will be convenient for all to help expedite this task. I look forward to reviewing your findings and hearing your recommendations.

In appreciation for your commitment and all your dedicated service, I am

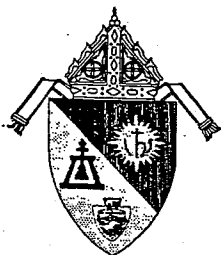
Yours in Christ,

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

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*I thank again Pat for  
going into a "first rate"  
Convocation!*

  
O'Keeffe-WOA 000062



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

September 2, 1986

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
1550 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Father Pat:

The Diocesan Church of San Bernardino needs to study and prepare for the future staffing of our parishes, hospitals, prisons, school chaplaincies, etc. Staffing refers to full time general pastoral ministry.

To pursue this end, a representative group of ten to twelve people from various segments of our local church will meet

- to reflect on our foreseeable needs as church in this diocese over the next 10-20 years
- to research appropriate demographic and staffing data
- to identify and propose various staffing strategies
- to develop a formation process to train non-ordained ministers at a tertiary level.
- and finally, by June 30, 1986 make recommendations to Bishop Straling for appropriate action.

Given your dedicated service in the Diocese, your interest in the future of our church and your conviction of the necessity of planning, rather than falling into the future backwards, I hope you will be able to join us at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on October 16, 1986 at 10:00 A.M. for an opening meeting to initiate this very important and challenging task. If for some reason you cannot participate, please let me know as soon as possible.

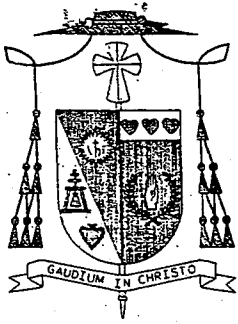
Thanking you in advance for your help in this vital matter, I am

\* Fraternally in Christ,

Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000063



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

April 7, 1986

Reverend Patrick O'Keefe  
Director of Seminarians  
1550 North "D" Street, Suite D  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Father O'Keefe:

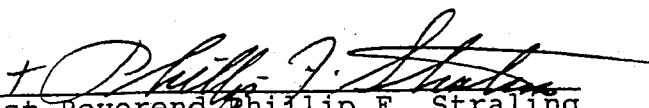
It gives me great pleasure to appoint you Rector of the Junipero Serra House, with total responsibility for the formation of the candidates for priesthood at this facility. This appointment is effective July 1, 1986.


You will ensure that these young men are provided with a sound spiritual, educational and pastoral formation, while endeavoring to make the Junipero Serra House a true home for them as they begin their preparation for the Diocesan Presbyterate. You will also be responsible for the administration of the facility and will be assisted by a Vice Rector, who will be in residence there. Your other duties are outlined in the attached under Principal Duties.

I know that you will bring to this new responsibility your customary dedication and zeal. Be assured of my prayers for your ministry and work as you and your assistant guide these young men in discerning God's call.

With gratitude for all your fine ministry in the diocese, I am

Yours in Christ,

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

  
Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Vicar General/ Chancellor

O'Keefe-WOA 0000064

DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

POSITION TITLE: RECTOR OF JUNIPERO SERRA HOUSE

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Total responsibility for all formation - spiritual, educational, pastoral - and community life, as well as administration of the facility.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES:

- To provide for the spiritual development and formation of the seminarians.
- To be responsible for student academic involvement. This includes colleges attended, course work, study schedules, and college extra-curricular activities.
- To assist the individual student in determining the place of studies and the course of studies.
- To determine, with the seminarians and the vice-rector, the types, times, and frequency of religious exercises and community schedules.
- To assign, supervise, and evaluate the students in their pastoral ministries.
- To negotiate and contract for these ministries with local pastors, associates, and/or other parish or diocesan ministry personnel.
- To assist the individual seminarians in finding a spiritual director and to serve as counselor when necessary or requested.
- To arrange social and spiritual gatherings for the parents and families of the seminarians several times a year.
- To interact with the clergy of the diocese, especially the clergy of parishes with seminarians in the program.
- To be in constant contact with various offices and agencies of the diocese so that their collective charisms can benefit the men in formation for the Diocese of San Bernardino.
- To participate in all liturgical functions whenever he is not otherwise engaged in diocesan work. He will celebrate the Eucharist and be present for morning and/or evening prayer as often as possible each week.
- To hold a monthly rector's conference with all seminarians.
- To oversee and monitor the vice-rector in his responsibilities as predetermined by his job description, including a weekly meeting with him.

PRINCIPAL RELATIONSHIPS:

- To relate directly with and be accountable to the Ordinary of the Diocese.
- To team with the vice-rector to ensure that all diocesan policies are fulfilled.

PRINCIPAL RELATIONSHIPS (continued):

To relate with the seminarians as their supervisor, coordinator, and mentor....and to relate with and seek advice on a regular basis from the Seminary Board.

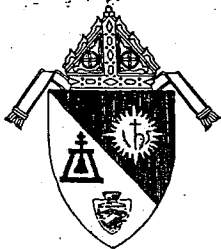
To relate with the parents and families of the students, especially in the areas of hospitality and spirituality.

To host the clergy of the diocese for programs and visitations, especially the clergy from parishes who have students in the program.

To serve as an ad hoc member of the Seminary Admissions Board and to chair the Seminary Board.

To team with the spiritual directors appointed by the Ordinary in all matters of spirituality and spiritual growth.

To oversee and monitor the vice-rector in his responsibilities and to meet with him weekly.



*Office of Vocations - Seminarians*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

TO: BISHOP PHILLIP STRALING

FROM: Father Pat O'Keeffe *POK*

DATE: June 11, 1985

Thanks for your presence yesterday at El Carmelo. I cannot speak for the priests but I know the seminarians appreciated being important enough that the Bishop would attend. I thought it reasonably successful but I don't like the format. We are concerned about three separate groups:

1. Seminarians within a few years of ordination
2. Priests coming into the Diocese seeking incardination (Hispanic/Anglo)
3. Religious men involved in parochial ministry in the Diocese.

I would like to suggest:

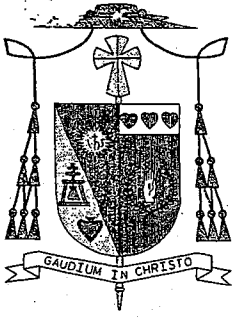
1. That the Director of Seminarians be responsible for orientation of seminarians during the summer months through visits of the various agencies.
2. That Fr. Peter Luque and Fr. Phil Behan be responsible for orientation of priests seeking incardination in the Diocese and that their willingness to go through a process of orientation determine whether they are accepted into the Diocese or not.
3. That the Director of Continuing Education in conjunction with the Vicar for Religious Men be responsible for the orientation of religious men.

Orientation would take place immediately after the arrival of priests seeking incardination and for the religious men after they are assigned by their order to this Diocese. Perhaps this could be discussed with the Personnel Board. The following agencies would have to be part of the orientation: The Vicar General's Office, the Tribunal, the Continuing Education Office plus the various Diocesan agencies that we have or may have in the future. At the moment we are having orientation every couple of years. The orientation would take place under the supervision of the directors of an agency at the agency rather than a group process. The orientation would have to be mandatory and acceptance of a seminarian or a priest would be contingent on their complying with the Diocesan policy in this matter. These are just a few suggestions.

Thanks and God bless,

PO:dw

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000067



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

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Diocese of San Bernardino

June 21, 1985

TO: Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
FROM: Bishop Straling  
RE: Orientations

Many thanks for your memo of June 11, 1985 with your evaluation of what might be a more successful plan for the various orientations of seminarians, priests coming into the diocese seeking incardination and religious men involved in parochial ministry in the diocese.

It is your second item where you are seeking a major change. You recommended that those priests seeking incardination would receive their orientation under the direction of Father Peter Luque and Father Phil Behan. I really do not see why this could not be combined with the religious men who are assigned to serve in the diocese. They should also receive some orientation to the Hispanic Ministry under Father Luque. I feel that whoever does the orientation for the priests, either yourself or Father Phil Behan, it should be done at the same time and in the same program.

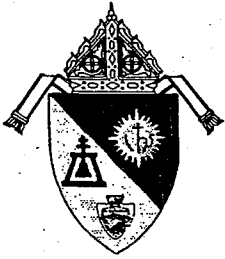
These are just some of my thoughts, but let's see what Father Behan recommends.

Many thanks.

O'Keeffe-WOA 000068



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*Office of Vocations - Seminarians*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

June 24, 1986

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Bishop:

I would like to express my gratitude to you for the Appreciation Plaque. The sincerity and the personalization of the wording on the plaque meant a great deal to me. I know that we are supposed to work for the Lord, but I have not received that degree of sanctity yet.

I was so uplifted and excited Sunday that I could hardly sleep. It was a proud day for our Diocese, and I hope that with a lot of prayer, patience and willingness to change and innovate we will have a successful House of Formation. We will just have to take it one year at a time.

Your ongoing support and trust are deeply appreciated. Hope you have a peaceful summer!

God bless,

*Pat*

Father Patrick J. O'Keeffe

PJO:jj

Father Patrick O'Keeffe

July 11, 1986

Dear Pat,

Just received your report on the 1986 convocation for Clergy listing what has already been done and the things that will be done during August and September.

Congratulations on a very fine planning job!! Your planning has covered all the bases and it is preparation such as this that ensures the success of our Convocation. The Holy Spirit has truly blessed us with having you as the Organizer of this event.

Yours in Christ,



BISHOPS' COMMITTEE ON PRIESTLY LIFE AND MINISTRY

RECOMMENDATION FOR PRIEST ADVISOR TO THE COMMITTEE

FOR 3-YEAR TERM - 1985-1988

NAME Reverend Patrick O'Keefe

ADDRESS 1550 N. "D" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405

AGE 51 ORDINATION DATE 5/31/59 DIOCESE San Bernardino REL. COMM.

SCHOOLING, DEGREES

PRESENT POSITION Director of Priests' Ongoing Education, Director of Seminarians, Director of Vocations

PAST POSITIONS Served in several parishes, his latest being St. Peter and Paul, Alta Loma, CA, which is one of the larger parishes in diocese

EVALUATION OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS BISHOP/SUPERIOR Good. Father has the ability to talk and work well together on the direction of ministry in the diocese.

EVALUATION OF RELATIONSHIP WITH BROTHER PRIESTS Overall good, although at times he speaks his mind on issues, which can irritate some of his brothers.

WHY HAS HE BEEN SELECTED? His knowledge of the diocese and priesthood;  
(REFER TO GUIDELINES)  
his past pastoral experiences and present responsibilities

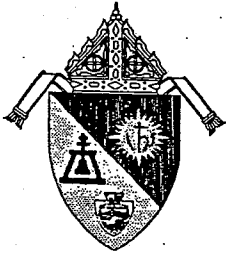
RECOMMENDED BY Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling

POSITION Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 10, 1986 TO:

Bishop Thomas J. Murphy  
Office of Priestly Life and Ministry  
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General, Chancellor

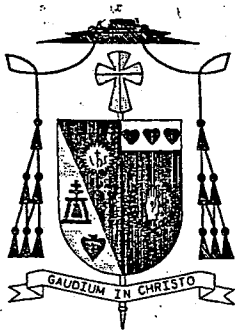
Diocese of San Bernardino

November 5, 1985

TO: FATHER PAT O'KEEFE  
FROM: FATHER PHIL BEHAN *PS*  
RE: DIOCESAN PRIESTS' CONVOCATION 1986

Bishop Straling would like a segment on parish problems included in these days, where the priests might have a forum to talk about areas like hiring and firing of parish personnel, wage scales, job descriptions, conflict resolutions, how priests need to be willing to cede certain areas to trained staff, etc.

O'Keeffe-WOA 000072



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

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Diocese of San Bernardino

June 25, 1986

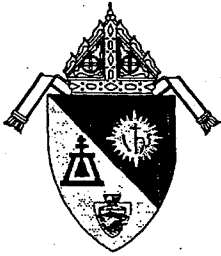
TO: Father Patrick O'Keeffe  
FROM: Bishop Straling *BS*  
RE: Future Staffing of Parishes

Many thanks for your report of June 20th. I am sending a copy to Father Ed Ball for his review and input.

I agree it is time to do some serious thinking as to how we are going to prepare people for the future, when we may not have enough priests to be administrators of our parishes.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000073



Office of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

TO: BISHOP PHILLIP F. STRALING  
FROM: Father Pat O'Keeffe *POK*  
RE: Future Staffing of Parishes  
DATE: June 20, 1986

Father Phil Behan recently shared with me concerning future staffing of parishes and the whole concept of training for the future staffing of parishes. This has been on my mind for some time since I don't see us having more than two or three priests ordained in the average good year.

My feelings at this time seem to center around:

1. Finding out from our deacons, religious women and lay people who are presently active in parish life or who have been active but who for one reason or another have taken a sabbatical if they would be willing to make a full time commitment to administration on the parish level.
2. Having solicited the interest, a committee would then evaluate their ministry and begin to make a selection of no more than thirty--fifteen men and fifteen women.
3. These men and women would then be asked to make the sacrifice of a two-year commitment to further education in ministry and Theology.

All of the above will have put in a minimum of two years either in Straling Leadership Institute or the Master Catechist Program. So there would be no "neophytes." They also would have the advantage of knowing what charisms they have in ministry. There is also the question of salary, etc.

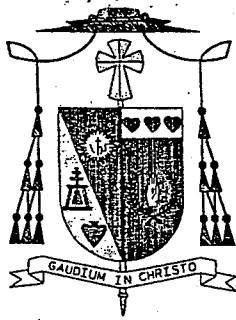
I see Junipero Serra House as a possible location for such a program in conjunction with the education offered by U.C.R. to the seminarians, or we could simply use the best talent we have to educate men and women in such a program. This would in no way change the concept of S.L.I., the Diaconate Program, the Master Catechist Program or the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program.

These are just some thoughts but I feel that if we don't make a move now, our parishes will be grossly understaffed with good people in the future.

*Pat O'Keeffe*

cc: Fr. Behan  
1450 North D Street • San Bernardino, California 92405 • (714) 889.

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 25, 1986

TO: FATHER ED BALL  
FROM: BISHOP STRALING *JS*  
RE: FUTURE STAFFING OF PARISHES

Please find enclosed some thoughts by Father Pat O'Keeffe regarding future staffing of our parishes.

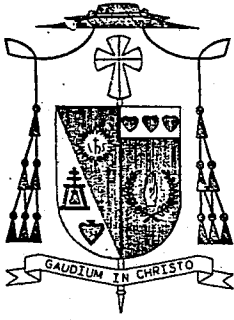
Father has some good points. I know you and I have talked about this and am not sure just where we are in the process. I would welcome any thoughts you might have, or perhaps you and others might want to get together with Father O'Keeffe to do some further brain-storming.

Many thanks...

cc: Father Pat O'Keeffe

Encl.

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

August 9, 1985.

MEMO TO: FATHER PAT O'KEEFFE  
FROM: BISHOP STRALING *JS*  
RE: YOUNG CLERGY POLICIES

I have reviewed the minutes of the June 25th meeting between the newly ordained clergy and myself.

In Item #1, I can see where the word "supervisor" sort of rings of the old seminary days. Perhaps the word "mentor" would be a good term, as it would designate a particular person who would be responsible for working with the newly ordained priests.

In Item #2, It would be my understanding that perhaps the newly ordained priest and the Director of Seminarians could work together in making a recommendation to the Bishop as to the mentor. I don't like the title "Mentor Program." It would seem to me that "Young Clergy Program", or something like it would be suitable.

In Item #4, They talk about evaluation. I think one of the problems we face is that many of us think that once we are ordained, there is never any evaluation of our ministry and work. This is very contrary to the secular work world, where there are many, many evaluations of one's service and work. I think of the many evaluations that teachers must go through, even though they have served many years. I know that we shy away from the term "evaluation," however I would not want to go in the other direction and eliminate the idea altogether. I think there should be some type of evaluation, a call to accountability. We need to know what others think of our ministry and work. There is always room for improvement. As you are aware, some priests resent anyone questioning the

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Memo to: Father O'Keefe  
August 9, 1985

way they do things. We must accept the fact that we are accountable for our actions. This involves some type of evaluation of our performance and works. Perhaps our preaching is not what it should be and someone needs to help us know that we are not doing a good job.

In Item #7, I would not agree that there is no need for some type of young clergy program. I have not looked up the code, but I am sure there is something there demanding that a Bishop in a Diocese have something for the newly ordained.

In Item #8, I would see the overall program to be five years. I would agree that in the first two years it is more intensive and then, perhaps, more relaxed in the final three years.

These are some of my thoughts and reflections. I guess my major concern, as emphasized above, would be that it is not just a support group, but that there would be some type of ongoing education and evaluation. Perhaps, you would want to meet with me to discuss this in greater detail.

Many thanks for your hard work in putting this together. I am hopeful that it can give us some definite direction.

All the best...

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# Office Memo

Office of  
**Director of Vocations — Seminarians**

To Bishop Phillip Straling Date 8-2-85

From Fr. Pat. O'Keeffe Subject Young Clergy

Please review and especially note the implementation of policy. I intended to send this to you before, but I may have lost it.

After you have reviewed them, I would like to make these policies official. Thanks.

*Pat*

265 West 25th Street . San Bernardino, California 92405

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# COPY

Minutes of meeting - Newly Ordained Clergy & Bishop Straling  
June 25, 1985

DIocese of SAN BERNARDINO  
OFFICE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION  
1450 NORTH "D" STREET  
SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405

The following concerns were raised:

1. The word "supervisor" in the Supervisory Program for seminarians and priests ordained less than two years was too strong. The word "mentor" or Support Program would be better.
2. The question arose concerning who chooses the supervisor. Pat O'Keeffe said that the Director of Seminarians would but that there was an option within any given supervisory period that a change of supervisors could be made. This had been done in a few cases already. Phil Behan mentioned that one should have a right to choose one's mentor, if we call it a "Mentor Program."
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4. It was difficult for most of the newly ordained to envision the supervisory program since they were not a part of it. Mike Lama and Frank Lowe were part of the program and generally had favorable impressions. They expressed the difficulty of getting together with their supervisors because of time conflict and also the feeling that sometimes the laity did not understand priests' life and concerns.
5. It was the general consensus on the need for a spiritual director, for brother priests as a support group, and the absolute necessity of finding good pastors for men in their first assignment.
6. Concern was raised that some of the supervisors might be too strong, interfering and bossy. Pat explained that that was not in the spirit of the program and that it was an affirming supportive program rather than evaluative.
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8. Bishop Straling agreed with all the opinions and concerns but still insisted that there be some form of support and accountability during the first two years after ordination and to a lesser degree during the next three years.
9. It was strongly recommended that pastors to whom newly ordained would be assigned should participate in a workshop that would help them to better

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understand the newly ordained and help them grow as members of the parish community as ministers in the true sense of the word not merely maintaining the "status quo." It was expected that the pastor should be a source of spiritual strength to his associate.

10. Tom Burdick also mentioned that he thought there would be resistance on the part of pastors to an ongoing evaluation.
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12. Seminarians get credit at their seminary for their summer internship assignment.

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PROGRAM II

MEN ORDAINED 5 YEARS OR LESS

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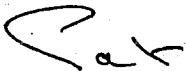
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*Still need some type of orientation I think it is a problem*

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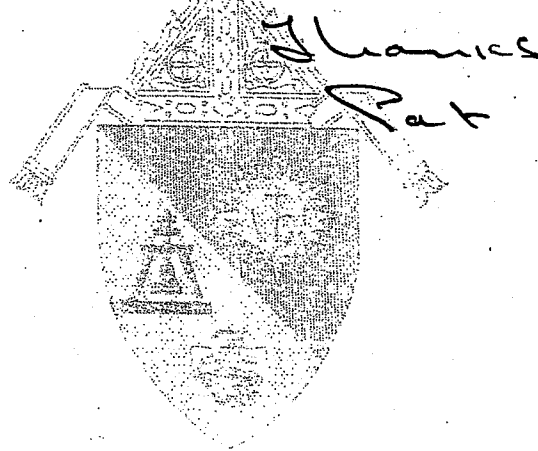
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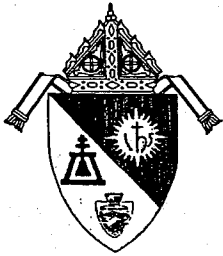
Office of  
**Director of Vocations — Seminarians**

To Bishop Straling Date June 28, 1985

From Fr. Pat O'Keeffe Subject Young Clergy

Please read the enclosed and particularly the policies.  
Before I send it out to the men, I want to make sure  
the policies meet with your approval.





Office of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

February 8, 1985

Bishop Phillip Straling  
Bishop of San Bernardino  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Bishop Straling:

I met with Sisters Maura Feeley, Mary Jo Nelson and Catherine Leonard as a follow-up to the minutes that I shared with you on developing further team ministries in the Diocese and the possible formation of teams that would serve a parish. Unfortunately they were not in the mood to talk about team ministry until there was a total change of attitude of our priests to women religious in our Diocese. They feel at this stage that there is a critical need for change of attitude in interpersonal relationship on the parish and Diocesan level. The decision was made, however, to hold two workshops for all priests with paid employees in November with Father Bob Hater and in January with Dr. Michael Cavanaugh on the "Meaning of Ministry" and "Interpersonal Relationships."

I had been aware of the hurt but it seems to have gone beyond that. I do not, by any means, see the situation as hopeless and I know inviting the sisters to the Chrism Mass and the workshop with Fr. Ray Brown will help. I also feel that the guidelines on personnel, contracts and job descriptions as proposed by Sr. Mary Jo's committee should be completed, backed and implemented. I pray that as we enforce these guidelines and pray together that the Spirit of Christ will help us to come together in ministry. As Director of Vocations this is a major concern of mine, as I know it is of yours. We must recognize the talents of the women religious and laity. This will go a long way toward alleviating the vocation crisis and do more to foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life than anything else.

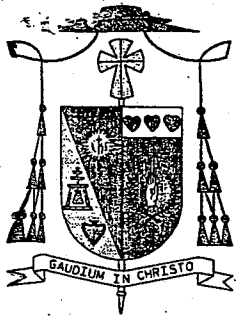
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God bless,

Father Pat O'Keefe  
Director

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

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Diocese of San Bernardino

March 1, 1984

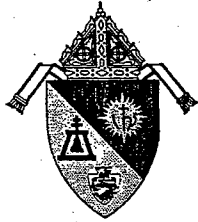
MEMO TO: FATHER PATRICK O'KEEFFE  
FROM: BISHOP STRALING *JS*  
RE: SILVER JUBILEE

I received your note of February 10th, announcing the celebration of your Silver Jubilee of Ordination to Priesthood on June 1st.

I would be honored to concelebrate the Mass with you that evening and to be the homilist. I note that the celebration will be at 7:30 PM.

God has given each of us many special blessings over these past years and through you the Church has been truly blessed.

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Director of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

February 10, 1984

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, Ca. 92405

Dear Bishop Straling,

I am celebrating the Silver Jubilee of my Ordination to the Priesthood on Friday, June 1, 1984 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary. This will be followed by a reception for the Clergy in the rectory and for any lay people in the hall.

I would be honored if you would preside over the Liturgy of the Word and be the Homilist at my Anniversary Mass. I know this is your day off, but why break with tradition.

God Bless,

*Pat*

Father Patrick J. O'Keeffe

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THE DIOCESE OF  
SAN BERNARDINO

ACADEMIC LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Note To Applicant: Please fill in the spaces below, then give this form to the person who will write this reference, with a stamped envelope, to be mailed directly to this office. We do not accept letters of recommendation delivered by the applicant.

Your Name REV. PATRICK J. O'KEEFE Degree Sought & Major MASTER IN APPLIED SPIRITUALITY

Note To Author Of Reference: The applicant whose name appears above has waived his/her rights provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to inspect this letter of reference. In accordance with FEPC policies, the authors of references are asked to refrain from comment re illegal discriminatory criteria such as the applicant's race, religion, and national origin; or to political affiliations, beliefs, or activities. THIS WILL BE A CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE APPLICANT.

Kindly indicate how long and in what capacity you have known this individual. You will greatly assist the Committee on Graduate Studies if you include a short statement concerning the applicant's level of motivation, intellectual ability, creativity, preparation in chosen field, and proficiency in communication. Does this individual have any problems which would impede the educational process? If additional space is needed, you may use reverse side of this form.

I have known Father Patrick J. O'Keefe for over four years as a brother priest and latterly as Vicar General, Chancellor of the Diocese. In those years, he has been serving as a Pastor and now as Diocesan Vocation Director, Director of Seminarians and Director of Priests Continuing Education.

In all capacities he has demonstrated himself to be an outstanding worker and priest. He has great administrative skills and is so organized that at times he may threaten lesser mortals!

In parish ministry he has great ability to motivate parishioners and involve all in the parish. His parish was a model of lay involvement and deep commitment to Church. He is intelligent, a good preacher, a sympathetic counsellor and would out shine most of his peers in most areas of life and ministry. He is admired.

I have no hesitation whatsoever in recommending him for this course of studies in spirituality. It will be an asset to him and to the Diocese.

Name Very Reverend Philip A. Behan Date 2.9.84

Signature [Signature] Position Vicar General

Address 1450 NORTH 2ND ST Institution Diocese of San Bernardino

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Albert J. Zabala, S.J., Director, MAS Program University of San Francisco, CA 94117



December 28, 1983

Dear Father Pat,

Many thanks for your Christmas greeting along with the book "Clowning In Rome" by Father Henri Nouwen.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication with the seminarians. At times, this particular job has its shortcomings, but its rewards are many.

Wishing you a very blessed and happy New Year, I am

Yours in Christ,

*Phil*



Raphael, 1447-1483, National Gallery

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
265 West 25th Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

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# Office Memo

Office of  
**Director of Vocations - Seminarians**

To All Religious Priests, Priests Ordained Date \_\_\_\_\_  
since 1976 and new arrivals in Diocese in past 5 years

From Father Pat O'Keeffe Subject Orientation Days

Please note the following changes regarding Orientation Day. Bishop Straling has agreed to reduce the process to one day.

Date: Monday, September 12, 1983, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
at El Carmelo Retreat House, Redlands.

If you have not made a reservation, please do so immediately by notifying the Office of Continuing Education for Clergy at 265 W. 25th St.

God Bless,



Father Pat O'Keeffe  
Director of Continuing Education for Clergy

PO/gg

265 West 25th Street . San Bernardino, California 92405

# Office Memo

## Diocesan Pastoral Center

To Father Patrick O'Keeffe

Date June 27, 1983

From Bishop Straling *BS*

Subject Response to June 23rd Memo

The following are comments to the various items that you have raised in your memo of June 23, 1983.

1. In looking over the contract which students in the seminary college section would sign, it looks fine to me. The only question I would have, would be concerning those men who are a little bit older and who are independent of their parents. I can see such a contract being signed by a man coming out of High School, but if a man is twenty or thirty years of age, it would seem rather embarrassing to go back to his parents to have them co-sign the contract. Would there be a benefit of having two kinds of contracts, one for younger men where it would be proper to ask their parents for co-signing and another for older men?
2. In response to Father Miller's request, we have made exceptions in the past. I would not want to make this a general policy as I would hope that individual parishes would find it advantageous to the parish as well as the diocese in helping by paying the mans full salary while he is working in the parish. On the other hand if a parish is financially strapped, then some arrangements could be made. I would have no objections to making a fifty-fifty arrangement with Father Miller.
3. I guess I'm not familiar with Michael Johnson's situation. It's my understanding that he is presently in Kentucky and wishes to study there. I think I would need to know a little more about the situation. If there would be good reasons why he should continue to study in Kentucky, I would have no objections. I would rely upon your judgement as to its suitability. Of course, the ideal would be that they would be in a seminary closer to home and in a seminary with other students studying for the diocese.
4. Regarding Marc Kotlarczyk, I would have no objections to the diocese taking over the \$6,255 loan as long as he would sign one of our regular agreements that he would repay the diocese if he should leave. I would agree with you that if he finishes, that we would want him to come to one of the seminaries here on the west coast. Again, it would be helpful to me if I had a little more background on this man.
5. Regarding the deacons, there is no problem in your helping them with their ongoing study and prayer. Mrs. Marilyn Fitzgerald is involved in the Deacon Formation Program and is not directly responsible for deacons once they are ordained. Just do not get yourself too involved with all the other jobs that you have to do!

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6. Many thanks for the proposed letter on the Priest's Orientation Day. In looking over the list that Father Behan sent you, I would like to add any of the religious priests, who are also new in the diocese. I think that the religious priests coming to the diocese should be orientated as to what this diocese is all about and made aware of our policies and programs. I note that in the agenda, that it has been limited to one day and mainly to the educational programs of the diocese. I originally thought that we were going to have two days? I think that something should be given to the men on the Marriage Tribunal, Father Phil Behan's and Father Covas' Offices and perhaps something from the Building Committee and the Inland Catholic.

I will draw up the letter based upon the one you presented to me which could always be changed if you wish to include the extra time. I do not think it would be that much work and for those men coming from out of town, they could possibly get over night accommodations at El Carmelo or at one of the rectories.

7. In regard to the study and prayer days, I have made note of these days in my calendar. I will not be available for Sept. 28th, as I will still be in Rome for the Ad Limina Visit. For the prayer days prior to the Chrism Mass, it might be suggested that those priests who live locally would come to the earlier days allowing those priests who travel some distance to come to the one that would be closest to the Chrism Mass. It would be hard for men to come on a Monday and Tuesday and then return on a Thursday. I presume that all of these days would be mandatory.
8. Regarding October 27, 1983 and the program for the retiring priests, I commend you on this. We very badly need some help in this area. On that same day, unfortunately, I have the California Catholic Conference Meeting in San Jose and will be unable to attend. I also like the program on story telling.
9. Work together with Father Behan as to priests for these programs. Father Phil handles these sabbaticals and could also assist you in getting priests who might have expressed an interest in these areas.
10. I presume in this item that you are talking about 1984. As soon as you can give me some possible dates for Lama, I would be happy to try and set a tentative date. If Gerald D'Arcangelo wishes to be ordained with his class, this is fine.

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Regarding the ordination dates, I welcome the recommendations that you and the Seminary Board would make. I, too, would like to see a good diocesan celebration. However, the only concern that I would have is that if some men are finished earlier than others, would it be asking too much to make them wait for five months? If we would be a general consensus from you and your board, I would be happy to have just one diocesan celebration. I agree that it would be a great witness and sign value to the diocese. Also, I think it is good that classes are ordained together rather than ceremonies all over the diocese. So that various parts of the diocese might also have ordinations in their parishes, I am not opposed to having the ordinations in other churches other than the Cathedral. However, I believe that the Cathedral should be given the highest priority.

12. I am glad that you have made note of the Spanish requirement. I think we need to get very stern with the obligation of speaking Spanish. It should be a prerequisite that a person be able to communicate and understand Spanish before ordination.

I very much appreciated the list of new seminarians who will be entering into seminaries this year. I think that it is a good move to begin St. John's in Camarillo. By sending three men this year, it will be a good group and a way to really review St. John's.

Regarding Michael Leonard, I have received your note, as well as that of Father Charlie O'Connor. I am willing to give Mike a chance and would recommend that you set up the necessary correspondence with Mike Leonard and St. John's. I think that he is a good man who has learned a lot through his past experience.

I note in your paragraph under new seminarians that you are planning a get together in August for dinner. You would be most welcome to hold it here at my place. You might get together with June as to setting a date. After Friday, August 19, 1983 it would be rather difficult for me, in light of a Bicentennial Celebration in Montana where I have relatives and also, I will be leaving for Rome for the Ad Limina Visit.

I will send a note of congratulations and thanks to those men who have worked in getting seminarians for this coming year. I will have June draw up a regular letter and unless there are any changes, I will send them to the pastor of the various parishes from which the men are coming. If there is a particular priest outside of the pastor, kindly let June know.

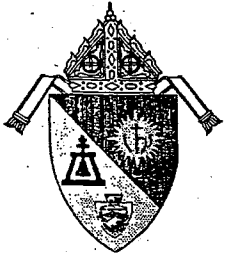
I sincerely appreciate this excellent report. It was most informative

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and complete. It certainly shows a lot of work and an exemplification of a great gift that you have of organization. It also points out that vocations are out there. It is uplifting to me to know that we have this many men interested in the priesthood for this diocese. May God continue to guide and bless you and grant you His great peace and joy for this fine ministry and work.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO



# Diocesan Pastoral Center

Chancellor of Pastoral Affairs

Diocese of San Bernardino

July 19, 1983

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
265 West 25th Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Pat,

In reply to your letter of July 11, 1983, I don't see any problem with your plans to study at USF over the next three summers, viz '84, '85, '86.

In accordance with Diocesan Policy, the Diocesan Continuing Education Fund will pay one-third of the tuition, and a third comes from your own office budget. The remaining third would be your own person contribution.

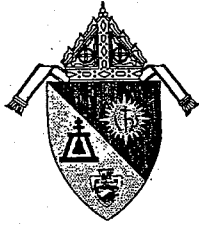
When you have made final arrangements, please let me know what the diocesan third is and I will see that you get that sum.

Fraternally,

Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Chancellor, Pastoral Affairs

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Director of Vocations - Seminarians

Diocese of San Bernardino

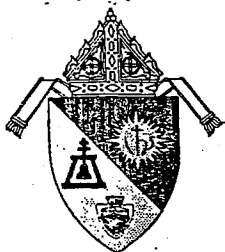
July 11, 1983

Dear Phil,

I would like to study for a Masters in Spiritual Formation at USF for the next four summers. Aproximate cost is \$823.00 for room and board per summer, plus \$200.00 a unit from June 15 to July 29.

Pat

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Chancellor of Pastoral Affairs

Diocese of San Bernardino

June 13, 1983

Reverend Patrick O'Keefe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Pat:

Somebody mailed a copy of your April 24th bulletin to the Bishop, with the section captioned "Listen" underlined in red ink. It dealt with the obligation to fulfill the Paschal precept.

The Bishop has asked me to draw to your attention the fact that the notice was unclear and may give the impression that we are obligated to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Eastertime to fulfill the Easter Duty. The law, in fact, obligates the confession of serious sin at least once a year, without specifying time (Canon 906). It obligates only those who have grave sin on their consciences. We are obligated to receive the Eucharist once a year, at least at Easter (Canon 859 #1), as the bulletin correctly states.

Fraternally in Christ,

Very Reverend Philip A. Behan  
Chancellor, Pastoral Affairs

PAB/rs

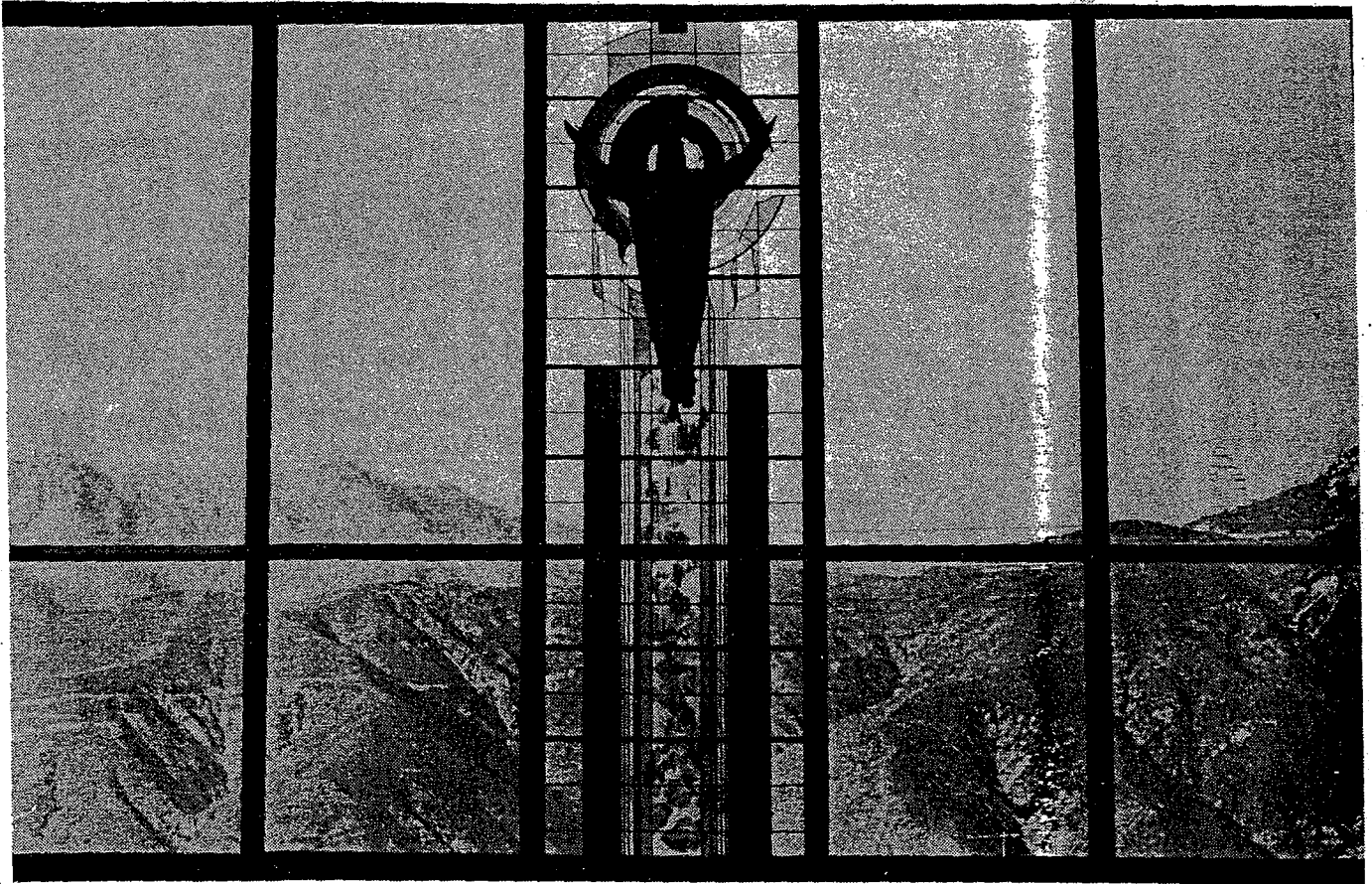
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# Saint Peter & Saint Paul Parish

6084 Falling Tree Lane, Alta Loma, California 91701

Parish House: 989-1713

FATHER PAT O'KEEFFE, PASTOR  
FATHER ROBERT CLOVER, ASSOCIATE



**MASS SCHEDULE**  
*Saturday:* 5:30 PM  
*Sunday:* 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM,  
12:00 Noon.  
*Daily:* 8:30 AM (Monday)  
through Friday)  
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*Saturday: 3:00 to 4:30 PM (anytime by appointment)*

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*preparation requi.*

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## Mass for the Intentions Week

### THIS WEEKEND

5:30 GERALD MICHAEL FAMILY (INTENTIONS)  
 7:30 ROBERT MOUNT  
 9:00 MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH  
 10:30 RAYMOND FERNANDES  
 12:00 MICHAEL HOLLAND

MONDAY: EMILY WIECZOREK (INTENTIONS)  
 TUESDAY: BEVERLY LOPEZ (INTENTIONS)  
 WEDNESDAY: CHESTER WARDA  
 THURSDAY: MAE PUGSLEY  
 FRIDAY: KAREN KENNEDY

### NEXT WEEKEND - APRIL 30/MAY 1

5:30 LAWRENCE RICCA  
 7:30 MARIE CARLBOM  
 9:00 EMILY WACHEL AND FAMILY (INTENTIONS)  
 10:30 MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH  
 12:00 FELIX RODRIGUES

## Our Parish This Week

**TODAY:** SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP  
 7:30 PM in Library

ICE SKATING (HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP) - 7:00-10:00 PM (\$3.75)

**MONDAY:** OPEN HOUSE FOR 8TH GRADE PARENTS  
 7:00 PM in Parish Center

**TUESDAY:** OPEN HOUSE FOR 7TH GRADE PARENTS  
 7:00 PM in Parish Center

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE - 5:45-6:45 PM  
 in Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY:** TWILIGHT RETREAT FOR 10TH GRADERS  
 4:00-10:00 PM in Teen Center  
 (Donation for dinner - \$3.00)

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING AT 7:30 PM  
 FOLLOWED BY BUNCO

**THURSDAY:** RCIA MYSTOGOGIA - 7:30 in Library  
 BIBLE STUDY - 9:15 AM in Library

**NEXT WEEKEND:** PARISH RENEWAL...Please pray for  
 all who will be attending the Renewal.

## Flowers



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## Join us!



ATTENTION LADIES...come  
 to our next WOMEN'S CLUB  
 meeting on Wednesday,  
 April 27, at 7:30 PM in  
 parish center dining room.  
 We'll be discussing plans  
 for the upcoming Festival  
 and then play Bunco.

Let's get together, share our ideas, and  
 have some fun! Call Diane Luce, 987-5374,  
 for information. WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME  
 NEW PARISHIONERS...come and get acquainted.



NECESSARY FOR BAPTISM...parents must be  
 registered in the parish; interview with  
 Fr. Pat O'Keeffe; parents and godparents  
 must attend BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES.

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls  
 of Bill Bright, brother of Sonia Buquet; and  
 for the father of Lucille Seibel.



We ask you to pray for the following  
 members of our parish family:  
 Gerri Kimber, Gene Knauer, Connie  
 Harris, Christopher Tristany, and  
 Michael Holland.

## NOTICE

HEALTH FAIR - ALTA LOMA HIGH IS THE SITE FOR THE  
 HEALTH FAIR ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30, FROM 9:00 AM  
 TO 6:00 PM. Tests such as blood pressure, EKG,  
 glaucoma, pulmonary function, and more will be  
 given FREE OF CHARGE. Blood tests with 32  
 results will be given for \$8.

## School Registration

ANTON MARTIN SLOMSEK SCHOOL in Etiwanda will regis-  
 ter pupils for Kindergarten on May 10-11-12 in the  
 school offices from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Kindly  
 present the following: Baptismal Certificate,  
 Immunization Record, and a note of recommendation  
 from your Pastor. Total fees of \$90 are also  
 payable at this time. There are some openings in  
 other grades. An entrance test and a copy of the  
 most recent Achievement Test will be required  
 before a final registration is made. Please  
 call 899-1601 for further information.

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*From the Pastor's Desk*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - APRIL 24, 1983**

Today we are asked to pray that men and women in our Church will respond to the call of God to be leaders. Each of us has a vocation. We are called as a community to serve God, but some of us are called in a special way. Each of us is called to minister to others, but some of us are called to the unique ministry of the priesthood, brotherhood, and sisterhood.

All of us must pray as we do today for an increase in generous and sacrificing men and women who will answer the Lord's call. It is my prayer as I take on the new role of Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians that many will respond, but my greatest joy would be to see a response from our parish family of St. Peter and St. Paul which will always be dear to my heart.

PARENTS....please pray, encourage, and share Faith with your children.

**PARENT'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God, our Father, by bringing life into the world, we are sharers in your creation. We turn to you to give us faith, love and a spirit of sacrifice in our home which will allow our children to hear you. Give them the grace to live their Christian vocation according to your call, Whether they are called to be married, single, priest, sister, or brother, help us to say a joyful "yes" and to have the courage to let go of their lives. May our family life extend beyond our home and be a blessing to others as we grow in love for you and for each other. Strengthen daily our desire as a family to have a part in making your Kingdom come. AMEN.

DEAR FATHER PAT,

I would like to discuss further with you my interest in the priesthood or religious life.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please mail to Rectory or drop in the collection basket.)



**DID YOU KNOW** that the Church still binds all Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist during the period from the first Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday (May 29 this year)?



**BACCALAUREATE MASS/BREAKFAST**

All Seniors will be receiving an invitation in the mail to our Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast on May 8. The mailing list used was the Confirmation list of three years ago. If there are any Seniors who have joined our parish since then, please call Father Pat as soon as possible.

**Special Announcement**

ALL JUNIORS WHO WERE CONFIRMED LAST YEAR (1982) ARE ASKED TO PLEASE COME TO THE 5:30 PM MASS ON MAY 14. Father Pat would like to celebrate the anniversary of your Confirmation with you at this special Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP.....On April 28 at 7:00 PM, we will sort the articles for our Tijuana trip. Please come and help. This counts toward service hours.

**ICE SKATING PARTY TONIGHT**

7:00 to 10:00 PM - \$3.75 includes skates and transportation. Please bring permission slip! Call Elaine Herber at 987-6125 for more info.



**Special Request**

NEEDED FOR NEW BOOTH AT FESTIVAL THIS YEAR..... all kinds of things that you normally throw away! We will have a CRAFT ACTIVITY booth for children so we need items like scraps of wood and material, empty spools, egg cartons, corks, toilet tissue and paper towel rolls, plastic containers, caps, odds 'n ends of broken toys, etc. Perhaps you may have scrap items at your place of employment! Dot Flagg is Chairperson of this booth....please bring your items to Mass with you on Sunday morning and take them to the storage building.

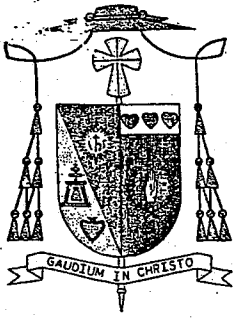


SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED THEIR RUMMAGE FOR OUR SALE LAST WEEKEND.....AND ALSO TO ALL WHO HELPED SORT AND PRICE THE ITEMS. PROCEEDS ON THE SALE WERE \$909. Renee Boal and Diane Luce, Chairpersons of the sale, also thank all the shoppers!!!

**TENTH GRADE STUDENTS...."YOU ARE CALLED"**

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 2, 1983

Reverend Patrick O'Keefe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, CA 91701

Dear Father O'Keefe:

I am happy to appoint you as the Director of Ongoing Priestly Education for the Diocese of San Bernardino. This is being done after consultation with the Priests' Education Committee of the Priests' Senate. You will be assuming this position in addition to your task as Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

You will be continuing the work that Father Joseph Vandenberg has begun. Principally, we are looking toward this coming year's ongoing education, days of recollection and priest's study weeks. There are many other things that will flow in the future, such as helping to form various priests' support groups, priests' visitor, and other ministries to priest programs. These will have to be undertaken when more help and funds are available.

I would suggest that you and Father Ned O'Donnell get together regarding the board, who will advise and assist you in the ongoing education programs. Between you and the board, you can determine whether this same board should continue, new members be added, or if a totally new board should be established.

I would like to meet with you, and any members of the advisory board that you would wish to have in attendance, to help set up the schedule for next year. I would like to try to establish some possible dates, both for my own scheduling as well as for the Vicariate, so we can announce them. Perhaps, we can do this sometime in June.

The Council of Economic Affairs has cut back on funds for the Priests' Ongoing Education. I would suggest that, once you have a plan and its possible costs, that you meet with Father Covas regarding the funding. \$15,000.00 was set aside for a

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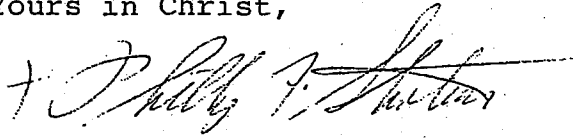
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special joint program of Ongoing Education for Priests with the Diocese of Orange. Be assured that we will provide the necessary funds to make this program operative.

This position will be effective July 1, 1983.

With appreciation for your acceptance of this task and with prayers and best wishes, I am

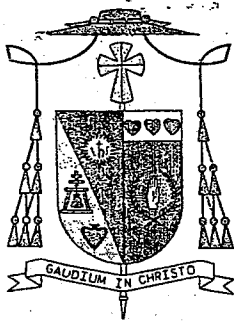
Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phillip F. Straling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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

PFS/rs

cc: Reverend Ned O'Donnell



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 20, 1983

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, CA 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

This is in response to your letter of May 9, 1983 regarding your proposal to work out an academic formation of prospective seminarians in our area.

It sounds like a good idea, as it would certainly keep the men closer to home while allowing them to gain some of the necessary academic requirements. I also agree with the substantial cut in our expenses. The idea of working with the Sacred Heart Novitiate in Hemet is also a good one. It seems a shame that such qualified men are available and we have so few to take advantage of their skills.

I will be awaiting more information and suggestions as to possible candidates.

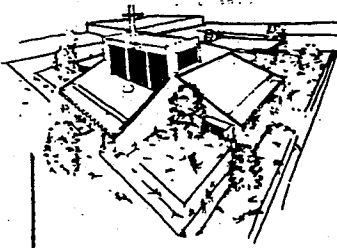
Praise be our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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# Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church

May 9, 1983

Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling, D.D.  
Diocesan Pastoral Center  
1450 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

Dear Bishop Straling,

I would like you to prayerfully consider the following proposal. I have met with the Chairman of Religious Studies at the University of California at Riverside, Douglas M. Parrott, P.H.D., and he has proposed working with my office and the Diocese in the academic formation of prospective Seminarians. I have given him the curriculum of St. Josephs College and he has given me their curriculum of Religious studies which I find acceptable and comparable.

The candidates I would suggest sending there for no more than a period of two years would be High School Graduates and candidates about whom we know too little and are uncertain of. The Spiritual formation would than have to be monitored by the Director of Seminarians with the help of their Parish Priests in conjunction with the Sacred Hearts Novitiate in Hemet. I visited with them recently and they would have three fine Spiritual men available to work with me.

The advantages to this approach would be:

1. It is alot less expensive at U.C.R.. \$800. verses \$6,000 per student per year.
2. Their presence in the Newman Apostolate which should help foster more vocations.

The disadvantage would be a less intense Spiritual formation for those two years.

My final question is would we be willing to pay the \$800. fee if student aid is not available?

Welcome home and God Bless,

*Pat*

Father Pat O'Keeffe

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000106

# Office Memo

## Diocesan Pastoral Center

To VERY REVEREND PATRICK O'KEEFFE Date May 27, 1983  
From BISHOP STRALING Subject NEW PRIESTS ORIENTATION

I spoke to you about the September 12th., 13th Orientation that is being planned by the Education Department. I would like to send out a letter as soon as possible to all those priests who would be required to attend so that they would be aware of these dates and could make arrangements to be in attendance. It is my understanding that the present program is being offered by DECH and DCTF. We could also add some of the other diocesan departments such as, Marriage Tribunal, Diocesan Paper, and other diocesan offices.

I know that part of this will be to work with the newly ordained priests as to what they have planned. From what I gather, they have set their minds on those couple days in Malibu. If you need any help in this matter, kindly let me know.

I am pleased that we were able to get together to set up some possible dates. I was very pleased with the suggestions and ideas that you had. I think that it sounds like a very sensible program and perhaps would work out better than the week long ventures that we had this past year. I am particularly pleased that you would be having some input to the Diocesan Retreats. Hopefully, we can have a greater voice in the selection of the Retreat Masters and program.

Be assured of my complete support as you begin this new task.

May our Lord Jesus Christ be praised.

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000107


# Office Memo

## **Diocesan Pastoral Center**

To Father Patrick O'Keefe

Date May 5, 1983

From Bishop Straling



Subject Possible resource people  
for priests

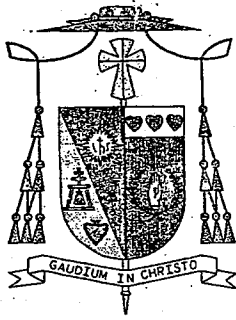
I have been informed by Sister Mary Jo Nelson that Father Robert Hater, Theology Professor at the University of Dayton, in Dayton, Ohio and the research theologian for the National Conference of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education, will be in our diocese in early February 1984 to address the Directors of Religious Education. Is this a topic we might possibly choose for the Clergy, too? The Catechetical Office would be interested in knowing some of our reactions, so that they can plan for our DRE's with the idea of inviting pastors to join them, or should there be a separate workshop for all priests?

I know we need to get together to talk about next year, but I just pass this on to you for your information and some preliminary thinking.

Many thanks...

O'Keefe-WOA 0000108





## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

October 29, 1982

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of Monday, October 25, 1982, concerning your appointment as Director of Vocations and Seminarians. Your position as Director of Vocations will take place immediately and as Director of Seminarians on July 1, 1983.

As Director of Vocations, it is understood that your involvement will be very limited until July 1, 1983. Father Vincent Merfeld is to work with you as Executive Secretary until the time that you are able to assume this position on a full time basis.

Father Charles O'Connor will continue as the Director of Seminarians until July 1, 1983. However, I ask you to work closely with him, so that you will become familiar with our seminarians and theological schools. I also ask you to work closely with Father O'Connor in drawing up next year's budget.

From now until July 1, 1983, you will determine the location of the offices for seminarians and vocations, as well as your own living accommodations. I will work with you in helping to determine these items.

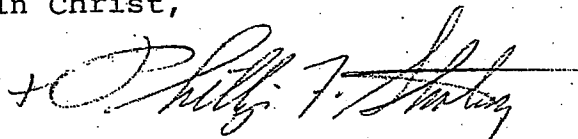
I am looking forward to your ministry in this very important area and ask God to bless our diocese with many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I sincerely appreciate the fine ministry that you have

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Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
October 29, 1982  
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accomplished at St. Peter and St. Paul Parish. I know the people will miss you, but hopefully, we can find a successor who can build upon the fine work that you have already accomplished.

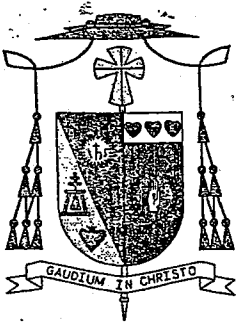
In Christ,

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

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cc: Reverend Charles O'Connor  
Reverend Vincent Merfeld  
Reverend Peter Covas



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

November 4, 1982

Very Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

I received your letters of October 28, 1982 regarding a Vice Vicar and also housing available at the Cathedral.

I am pleased to appoint Father Malachy McGinn as Vice Vicar for the Ontario Vicariate. Please note the enclosed letter making this appointment.

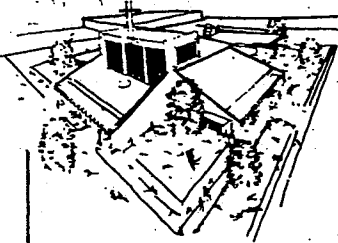
In regard to the the house adjacent to the Cathedral, I am happy you found this to be a good possibility for residence and office space.

I think the first thing would to be to work out a definite arrangement with Father Vince Walters for the use of the facilities. Then I recommend getting some estimates as to the expense of renovating and furnishing this house.

Upon learning this, I would approach Father O'Connor and look at the vocations budget to see what money can be used from these funds. At this time, there is no specific money set aside in the diocesan budget for this project. Let me know what you find out and what is possible with money that is presently available.

Many thanks.

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000111



## Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church

October 28, 1982

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

Dear Bishop Straling:

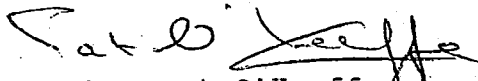
I took your advice and surveyed the little house in the Cathedral compound with Father Vince Walters. I think it would be ideal for what we presently have in mind as a residence for myself, as an office, and as a meeting place for seminarians, etc.

Father Walters said that the dining room and garden in the Ministry Center of the parish would also be available to us.

The only problem I see is that there is no furniture whatsoever in the house and no air-conditioning. The exterior badly needs painting and landscaping clean-up. I have no idea what condition the plumbing, electricity, or heating are in. What funds are available for the above to furnish the house and make it livable?

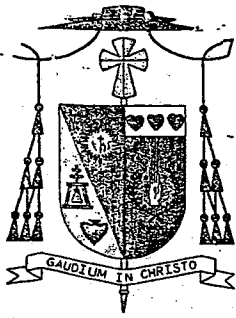
I am excited about the possibilities and I foresee using it even this year especially for a meeting place. Please advise.

God bless,

  
Father Pat O'Keeffe

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000112



## *Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

September 17, 1982

Reverend Patrick O'Keefe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Father O'Keefe:

I would like to summarize some of the issues that were brought up at the Vocations Meeting, Wednesday, September 8, 1982 and also our discussion following that meeting.

I am proposing that you be appointed as the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of San Bernardino. I will bring this to the attention of the Priest's Personnel Board at their upcoming meeting which will hopefully be around the end of September. Upon receiving their approval, I propose that you assume the duties of the Director for Vocations on a part-time basis until July 1, 1983. As of July 1, 1983, you would then assume this position on a full-time basis.

Father Vincent Merfeld will remain during this year as Executive Secretary to the Vocations Office. He would be there to assist and help you in every way possible and as he mentioned at the meeting, even supply for you in the parish on various occasions. If additional help is needed in the parish, I will do everything possible to provide this assistance.

I envision two aspects to the role of Director of Vocations. The first would be to promote religious vocations in general throughout the diocese. This would include the promotion of vocations for religious priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and diocesan priests. The second part would be the responsibility of promoting and recruiting vocations to the diocesan priesthood for the Diocese of San Bernardino.

It is most important that we build a strong vocations team in the coming months. This would include religious men and women, as well as diocesan priests and lay people. Some thought should be given to adding an additional person to the vocations team on a full-time basis. We have been considering the possibility of hiring a full-time sister.

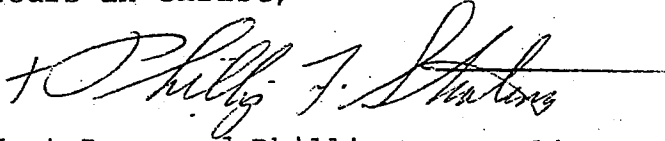
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Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
September 17, 1982  
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There are many other aspects to this task, but the above are some of the starting points on the development of this office.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Phillip F. Straling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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

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cc: Reverend Vincent Merfeld

# Office Memo

## **Diocesan Pastoral Center**

To Father Phil Behan

Date September 17, 198

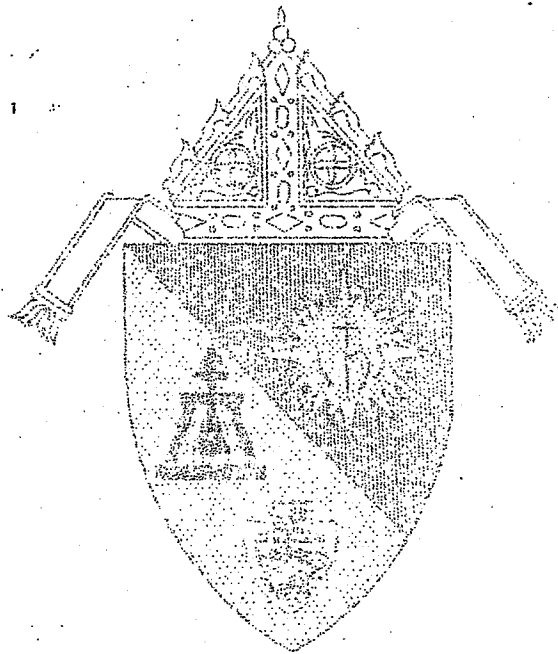
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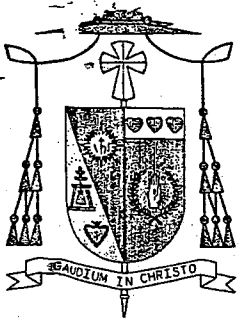
Subject Father Patrick O'Keefe

Please note the letter that I sent to Father O'Keefe and to Father Merfeld. I would suggest that perhaps this letter might be sent or given to the members of the Personnel Board prior to our upcoming meeting for their information and discussion at the meeting.

Many thanks...



O'Keefe-WOA 0000115



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

April 21, 1982

Mrs. Joan Rettig  
23261 Erwin Street  
Woodland Hills, California 91367

Dear Mrs. Rettig:

This is to acknowledge your kind and sincere letter about Father Patrick O'Keefe.

It is indeed very refreshing to receive letters, such as yours, telling me of the dedication and love our priests have for their people.

Our diocese is very fortunate in having so many priests that are true examples of Christ's love for His people. Father Pat is such a priest.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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Monday April 19, 1982

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Dear Bishop Stranling,

I am not a member of your area, but my daughter lives in Alta Loma, and I was present at the services for Easter at her parish, St Peter and St Paul, and Father Pat the rector is a priest that truly has captured the attributes of Jesus Christ Resurrected! His sensitivity is truly a reflection of the Presence Of Jesus Christ, Himself, dwelling within this priest, for the sensitivity comes from the sharing of Jesus Christ's humanity and divinity, the spirituality of Jesus Christ and His Humanity! The natural and the spiritual making up the fulness of the living Jesus Christ Resurrected! The glorified body to me, is this fulness of Jesus Christ dwelling within man! This awesomeness of beauty! The naturalness and realness that Jesus is! Jesus never wanted to be treated like a little god, nor acted like one, but lived and breathed as the humility of the "servant" not a god! So real! So human! So natural! So sensitive! To the needs of mankind! So meaningful because he had feelings and passion and was not ashamed to live them without inhibitions or reservations! So OPEN! Which made Jesus so real and natural and so receptive and responsive!

I have witnessed to Jesus in this priest, the way he reaches out to others to touch them and to let other reach out and touch him with their humanity! As Jesus was with Mary and Martha and their brother, and everyone Jesus met, He was moved by and touched by and so were they who encountered His Presence and Being!

I am writing and sharing, because so many people only take time to complain about a priest, and one who is really living the life of Jesus, truly dwelling among the people in the flesh as Jesus did, deserves to be witnessed too!

Sincerely, reflecting the attributes of the Risen Christ to his flock! When I grew up we were so afraid of the priests, because they reflected only the Suffering Jesus, the reflection of Good Friday, the Cross, and being always in mourning, and black signifies mourning and death to a child fears! A priest never manifested joy or happiness, always the Cross, joyless and dead like a lifeless person, never showing any sensuality, feelings, being alive! They were like the living dead! They reflected that being a Christian was a Cross not a JOY! A burden to carry! They forgot that Jesus died but He was Resurrected! They never reflected the joys of the Risen Christ, that of being fully ALIVE, FULLY HUMAN! Father Pat reflects the



IDAY

Sharing Spiritual Ecstasy!! My heart is a reflection of the Communion of Saints!! My God! My Life! My Love! My heart celebrates in its ode of love & thanksgiving! With You!!!

DEAR FATHER PAT,

Deb has just shared with me the knowledge that she and Bill will be attending classes soon so that their boys can be baptized in July! I am well pleased that you have parents become such an intimate part of this experience and the only way one can become an intimate part of an experience is to have grown in UNDERSTANDING of it, through knowledge of its meaning!

Adult education is so needed, it is truly the evolution we need, for to try and live and adult life on the education we received as a child is so empty---for as we are told, "when I was a child I thought as a child, now I lay the things of my childhood aside to think as an adult", something like that scriptures tell us we must do! Our childhood fears we have been taught, must be laid aside so we may grow in love of God!

A child does not grasp the meaningfulness, on the same level and degree as the adult mind is now ready to be given! I'm delighted Deb did not allow Deryk to be baptized and make his first communion at his school because Deb and Bill would not have had to attend classes!

To be child like, is to be natural and REAL, painfully real, as God Himself is so REAL! To ask WHY endlessly is the child's mind, because the child likeness is to crave to know why, to understand, and as our understanding evolves our love evolves! A child's mind is like a sponge, craving to absorb all that is given to it! That curiosity, that makes them question all things! This is the delight of a child's mind! They must be feed understanding of the knowledge they have received, so they possess meaning--knowledge alone is emptiness, just words--one must understand the knowledge they have been given, in order to have meaning, for we only get out of something, according to what it means to us!

How many adults go through all the external actions, like a mechanical man! For they are only doing the physical act, that is all that is involved, just the body, not the mind or heart or soul, which adds the beauty to the act, for that is where the meaningfulness comes in.

I'm so thrilled that you are going to involve the parents in learning and growing in understanding of the knowledge they received as a child! A child is given knowledge, but an adult possesses understanding, for words must be lived before one understands their meaningfulness! A child has not lived them yet, just memorized them, as in their prayers, they repeat words, without meaning, formal prayer life is so meaningless, but it is the beginning for a child, but soon they learn to listen to God as well as ask God!

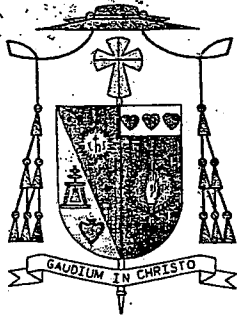
This is how I see you using the opportunity to have your adults grow when they attend mass, you have them there and maybe never have them in class, what an opportunity to grow in understanding of JESUS CHRIST for He is what adds meaningfulness to every experience and your exhortation are so necessary for growth in your adults spirituality!

I read where you want to be known for being a sacramental priest, it is obvious because you make the sacramental experiences so full of beauty and genuine sincerity of caring for your flock to understand what they are experiencing in the sacrament they are partaking!

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Showing God's way of the intensity of His love -



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

July 26, 1982

Very Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, CA 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

I am happy to appoint you as the Episcopal Vicar for the Ontario Vicariate, effective as of this date.

As Vicar, you are a member of the Board of Consultors and Bishop's Council. As Vicar and Consultor, the next meeting will be held on September 27th at 10:00 a.m., El Carmelo Retreat House, Redlands. This will be followed in the evening with the Bishop's Council and will last until noon on the 28th.

I am very appreciative of your accepting this responsibility.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

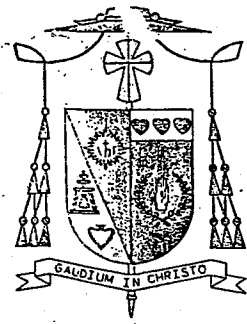
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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cc: Reverend Donald Webber

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 17, 1982

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you and your parishioners for the very nice Confirmation that was held at your parish Saturday, May 8, 1982.

Your pastoral leadership is truly a great example of God's influence in your parish. May God continue to bless you and your people, as the parish grows and prospers.

Also, many thanks for your very generous gift and with prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

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


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# Office Memo

Diocesan Pastoral Center

To REVEREND PATRICK O'KEEFFEE Date May 27, 1981

From BISHOP STRALING  Subject BOND

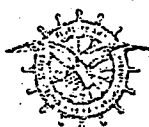
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MANY THANKS...

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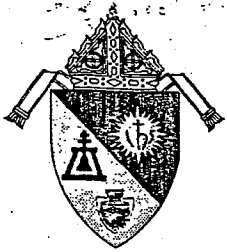
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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

June 24, 1981

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

The Regent, Mrs. Nancy Ticich of Court of Our Lady of Fatima 1387, Catholic Daughters of America has requested your appointment as Chaplain to the Court for two years.

Since you are agreeable to this assignment, the Bishop concurs in your fulfilling this office.

May your find great joy and support in working with the Catholic Daughters of America.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

*Edward T. Cronin*

Reverend Edward T. Cronin  
Chancellor, Pastoral Affairs

ETC/jm

cc: Very Reverend Donald Webber  
Mr. Nancy Ticich, Regent

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000124





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

ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

June 20, 1981

The Most Reverend Phillip Straling  
Bishop of Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, California, 92405

Dear Bishop Straling:

As the new Regent of Court Our Lady of Fatima "1387,  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas. I am writing requesting  
your approval of our Chaplain for the next two years. I  
have asked Father Patrick O'Keefe, pastor of St. Peter, and  
St. Paul of Alta Loma, and he has accepted with your approval.

Please let me know if this meets with your satis-  
faction. Your advice would be appreciated.

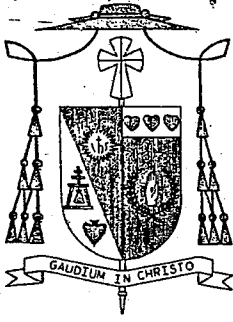
Respectfully yours,

Nancy Ficich, Regent

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

April 2, 1979

Mr. Estrelida Thomas  
8863 San Bernardino Rd. #4  
Cucamonga, California 92730

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I received communications in the mail bearing your name, dated March 22, 1979.

Upon looking at the materials enclosed, although one is addressed to me, they are photocopies and not even the signature is personally inscribed. Not knowing to whom the original was sent and having only the photocopies, I will not make any comments on the enclosed material until I would have verification from you that this was sent under your signature and to whom the original was sent. The accusations that you make in the letter are serious ones and I would feel that it only proper on my part to have a signed copy verifying the facts that have been given.

Sincerely yours,

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

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000126

March 22, 1979

Bishop Phillip F. Straling  
Diocese of San Bernardino

Your Excellency;

I've done much soul searching before concluding that you must be made aware of a most unfortunate situation in the parish of St. Peter and Saint Paul. I have been a member of that parish since it's inception. Along with others, I gave time, money, work, and such talents as I possess. We established a sense of community as well as the physical building. It is breaking my heart to see so many of these good people leaving to attend adjacent parishes. These people love this parish and have left out of frustration, powerlessness, and despair. Many of the people still here are terribly unhappy or angry. Some new people are even feeling that way. It is like a spreading disease that is destroying the past esprit de corp here. Unhappy people do not pay for churches, and we as you know, have a large debt. Unhappy people do not volunteer, and fund raisers cannot do without volunteers. A constant infusion of new blood, due to a building boom, is masking the problem. When it levels off the damage will have been done.

Our problem is our priest. Fr. O'Keefe is driving out or offending all who are unwilling to be a rubber stamp to his every whim. It is hard to find a family who has been in this parish very long who has not had a member fall victim to his abrasive manner. It leaves people in shock. He used duplicity before he even arrived here. He is a master of the half truth, illusion, and guile. He can be quite charming when it suits his purpose. He is very clever in anticipating reaction and preparing plausible rebuttals. All this must be due to a mental disorder. I'd hate to think that a well person, particularly a priest, could be so malicious. I sincerely believe that it should be determined if this is true, and treatment should be arranged. With the stresses of the priesthood, it is at least as likely for this to occur as it is to occur in the general population. It is commonplace for ordinary people to seek therapy when pressures build to the place where they are not functioning rationally. Why not a priest? He alternates between feeling persecuted and suffering because he claims not to have the faintest idea of why some parishioners have rejected his friendship; and acting in a cavalier and arrogant manner. Of course this leads to more alienation with just cause.

I wish to illustrate what I mean with four incidents that have affected the parish as a whole, and several that have affected me personally. The small incidents affecting other individuals are legion.

Before Fr. O'Keefe arrived, he sent Sr. Bridget Mary, our C.C.D. coordinator, a letter stating that since he likes children and has experience in C.C.D. work, her services would not be needed. I was with her the week she received it. She told several of us that she would be leaving and why. She was crushed. She then made plans to leave for Ireland to relieve her sister, also a nun, from the care of their invalid mother for a while. After Fr. O'Keefe found the job too big for one person to handle along with his other duties in this large church, he issued a call from the pulpit for help

He said Sr. had left in spite of his 'begging' her to stay. He neglected <sup>to say</sup> that he had first dismissed her. He begged her after she had already made other plans. Some of us corrected this wrong impression whenever we heard it. He said those doing this disliked him before he came, and were spreading baseless rumors. He never acknowledged the dismissal.

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In our church, we had two choirs, a youth folk group and an adult choir. It gave the congregation a good choice of music to worship in whichever setting they enjoyed. Both masses where these groups sang respectively were always filled to capacity. The leader of the adult group, Ken Fulayter worked hard with the them and produced a very fine group. When Fr. O'Keefe came, he immediately started to pick at the choice of selections and the manner of rendition. He waged an all out war of nerves on the director. It became impossible for them to function so they disbanded. He sent a very sarcastic and insulting letter to all of them except the director informing them that he was searching the local colleges for a new director, and he inferred that if they were really spiritual people, they would form a group again. He also attacked the director and the music again. The letter made it sound like well known liturgical selections of the type we all grew up with was not understandable to the congregation. He wanted nothing used that was not in the missalette hymn section. The recipients were incensed.

A few months ago, he attacked the charismatic prayer group in *the* bulletin. This was met with consternation and confusion. The group was upset because he should not have avoided a direct meeting with them, expressing his complaints. The rest of the congregation was bewildered and wondered why such cryptic references appeared in the bulletin.

His latest disruptive action has prompted me to write this letter in the hope that you will talk to other people and check into the situation. The enclosed letter and copy of last weeks's bulletin are self explanatory. When Fr. Casey arrived, we were not told that he was to be temporary. In Fr. Casey's letter, two things stand out. One, the change of heart within such a short time with no explanation. Two, the manner of dismissal. One notices that in the bulletin article, that Fr. Casey is damned with 'faint praise'. In point of fact, some of us would not still be in this parish if not for Fr. Casey offering us a choice.

He is a good man, much loved by our people. He made every effort to involve himself in parish life, and to acquaint himself with the area and people. He, to my knowledge, has never criticized Fr. O'Keefe, his decisions, either in public or in private. I believe he was much needed here. I also believe that the S.J. after his name was a liability in his relationship with Fr. O'Keefe. When I talked to him, he was truly stunned at the turn of events.

So many families have been divided into pro-Pat, anti-Pat factions that husbands and wives have even argued over it. That is unfortunate. At least three people that I know of are staying only for fear the loss of continuity would damage their children's religious life.

My son, a year ago, was embarrassed by him on Christmas Eve before midnight mass. In front of twenty altar boys, he called him too fat because he had asked for help in locating his waist girdle for his cassock which had been separated. My son was extremely sensitive about this and almost quit altar boys as a result. What he said, did not solve the problem and only offended someone with a legitimate question. Not long ago I was greeted after mass with "Hi Dummy". A few months ago I took a spiritual problem to him involving my other son. He told me he was sick and psychotic and not worth my worry. I needed help in keeping him in the church, not someone to kick him out a little farther. He is only fourteen. During the course of our talk, I cried aloud, which is out of character for me. He told me to stop being silly. That only added to my distress. These small things are multiplied a hundred-fold by other incidents in other parish families. I don't confess to him anymore. I go elsewhere. The first and only time that I went to him he used profanity during our face to face sacrament of reconciliation. Jesus Christ and damn were the expletives that

had no place in that setting. It was very disconcerting to me.

I am not a trouble-maker, but this is my church, and I don't want to be driven out of it. Some on the parish council even feel impotent and frustration in dealing with him. There was no place for me to go with this but to you. I hope that I will not be regarded as a malcontent with an ax to grind. I am not. I have never ever even thought of writing to a bishop before. I overlooked many things until recently when I realized that listening to his sermons about peace, love, truth, and justice was making me feel like a hypocrite since the one giving the sermons doesn't reflect these attributes in his dealings with our congregation. Feeling this way at mass hardly readies me to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Respectfully,  
REDACTED

Tuesday, March 13. 1979

To the parishoners of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Alta Loma, Calif

My dear friends,

In a telephone call this evening (Tuesday) from Los Gatos, where he is at a workshop, Fr. Pat informed me that my contract to serve here as your assistant pastor was being terminated as of March 31st. The news came to me as quite a shock; I am saddened and disappointed. My current one year contract was due to expire April 30th. Just last January, Fr. Pat and I discussed whether I would be returning for another year, and he offered me a contract and I accepted it, and subsequently I obtained permission from my Jesuit superiors to accept it.

I have very much enjoyed my time here with you and was eagerly looking forward to a second year. The fact of the termination, as well as its abruptness, is something I do not fully understand, and any questions about it will probably have to be referred to Fr. Pat. For several weeks, I have had scheduled a meeting with my superiors, in Berkeley, for tomorrow, Wednesday, March 14th. The meeting was to have been a routine one, such as we have annually. Now, however, it takes on added significance, for I will have to advise them of the developments here, and that I am available for reassignment. I would appreciate your prayer that wherever I am sent or whatever work I do that it will be in service of God's people. I will return from the meeting Friday.

From the beginning, many of you must have been aware, as I was, that both my style of ministry, and my personal approach to persons was different from Fr. Pat's, and yet they always seemed to complement each other. Together, I felt we offered you as complete and comprehensive priestly ministry as could be found anywhere. Certainly I found in your response to me and to my ministry all the reward and appreciation and cooperation that anyone could ask, and I am deeply grateful to you for all that you have done for and with me, and for your kind acceptance of me in your midst.

The time between this letter and my departure will be all too brief, I am sure to even attempt to contact you individually to say thank you and goodbye, so I hope you will accept and pardon the present method of communication with you that I feel necessary to use. I also hope, and indeed pray, that you will further pardon anything I may have said or done to anyone here that was less Christian and less priestly than I would have wished it to be.

It may not be possible for me to stay in the diocese, though I should very much like to. But I will confess to loving California so much that I am hopeful the Lord can use me out here somewhere. No matter where I go, I doubt I shall find a People of God anywhere that I can so easily love as I have loved you.

I am confident that the good Lord loves you very much; I know that I do. God Bless you always.

*George Casey, SJ*

Father George Casey, SJ

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- Monday - Special Intention
- Tuesday - Georgette Boucher
- Wednesday - Tricia Sofa
- Thursday - People of the Parish
- Friday - Melissa Crede

Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. by Fr. Pat. Next  
by Fr. Pat.

**PARISH THIS WEEK "**

7:30 p.m. at 8367 La Senda Road, 987-7184

Faith and Convert Class - Father Pat  
Meeting Room

6:30 p.m. Folk Group at 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

at 7:30 p.m.

at 4:00 p.m.

to the Priesthood and Religious Life  
(Sponsored by Youth Group, Spark Plugs and  
Cub Scouts)

Masses - 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Homily  
during Masses on Tuesday and Friday.

at 7:00 p.m. Baptisms on Holy  
Easter Sunday  
**AT BEFORE COMING TO CLASS.**

8:00 a.m. until noon.

with flowers for the altar for

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begins at 8:00 p.m. No-host bar and hors d'oeuvres! Donation - \$1.50.  
A piece of fine art will be given as a door prize. Bring a friend!!

**NEXT SUNDAY** - All Holy Name Society members and their families are  
encouraged to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass for a special Mass to officially  
establish the Holy Name Society in our parish. This is also the regular  
Communion Sunday for members and their families.

**HOLY NAME** board members (officers and committee chairman) will meet  
next Thursday evening, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 6.

**Banns of Marriage:** Georgene Blanchard and Martin Dickey. Please pray for  
these young people who will enter the Sacrament of Marriage on April 7.

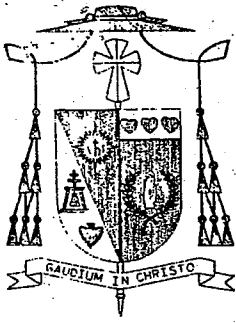
**ZONE 13 PARISHIONERS** and anyone else who is interested - **HOME MASS**  
on Wednesday, March 31, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Vic and Stephani  
Hinojos, 8229 Placida Ct., Cucamonga. Dessert following Mass. Please  
RSVP - 985-9226.

**SECOND COLLECTION** next Sunday is the special children's collection for  
the new Church.

**NEEDED:** Housekeeper and child-care person to live in. Call Steve, 989-3

Please show your priests the common courtesy of letting them and the ministrants  
be the first outside after Mass. Is the 30 seconds or so that you "save" by  
dashing out in front of them all that worth it? Rudeness has no excuse.

Bishop Straling has appointed Father Vincent Connor and Deacon-elect  
Charles Schultz to minister in St. Peter and St. Paul Parish as of  
April 1. Father Pat regrets that Father Casey's contract will not  
be renewed. As you know, Father Casey was hired under contract  
until such time as the Bishop could see his way to assign priests of  
the Diocese of San Bernardino to minister in our parish. Fr. Pat  
was made aware of the new assignments while he was attending a  
two-week workshop in Los Gatos and felt obliged to let Father  
Casey know before he met with his Formation Director in Berkeley  
on Thursday. We are all aware of Father Casey's ministry to us  
during the past year and we will keep him in our prayers wherever  
he is assigned by the Jesuit Order.



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

December 7, 1979

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Peter and St. Paul Parish  
6084 Falling Tree Lane  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

I received your letter and the enclosed check for deposit with the Diocese in the amount of \$35,000.00 toward your Building Fund.

I pray that the bids of December 19th will be within the limits that you are expecting.

I have checked my calendar for Sunday, January 20, 1980 and I plan to be at St. Peter and St. Paul for a 12:00 Noon Mass and a potluck lunch to follow.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

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

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St. Peter & St. Paul Parish

ALTA LOMA, CALIFORNIA 91701

November 30, 1979

Most Rev. Phillip F. Straling  
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 North D Street  
San Bernardino, California 92404

Dear Bishop Straling:

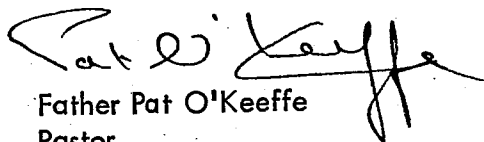
Thank you for your letter of November 20, 1979. All conditions and promises are acceptable to the parish council, building committee and myself. The architect and the Rev. Mr. Jack Clinton met with us on Tuesday, November 20, and everything is in working order.

Bids are due to be opened on Wednesday, December 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the presence of the Rev. Mr. Clinton. Upon acceptance of a bid, we will have a contract prepared for your signature by mid-January with construction beginning late January or early February. A completion date is set for December 1. The architect expects that the diocese will be billed in about ten equal payments.

We will be honored to have you come for groundbreaking on Sunday, January 20, 1980. If you could celebrate the 12:00 noon Mass, we would break ground afterward and have a small potluck luncheon with the building committee and parish council.

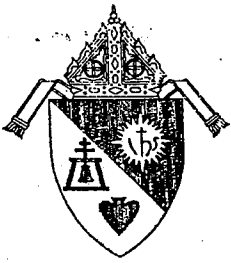
I would like to personally thank you for your understanding and sensitivity in this whole matter. The response of the people has been just magnificent.

In Christ,

  
Father Pat O'Keeffe  
Pastor

PO:jj

cc: Rev. Mr. Jack Clinton  
Very Rev. Peter Covas



## *Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

January 16, 1980

*File*

Reverend Patrick O'Keeffe, Pastor  
St. Peter & St. Paul  
9135 Banyan  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Fr. O'Keeffe:

This is to let you know that the contracts have been approved by the Bishop and we have forwarded them to our attorneys for their concurrence.

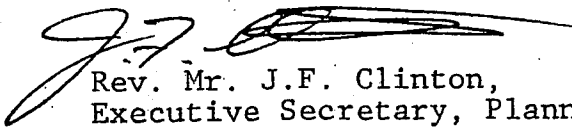
But, also before the contracts will be sent, we will require from you the professional estimate for furnishings to be put-together by Mr. Macy, and also require the cash flow analysis for the first six months, as we discussed with you before.

Please forward these two items and we will forward the approved contract to Mr. Macy so that your project will be started. Also, please be aware that the total amount of money on deposit with the diocese is approximately \$17,000 short of what is going to be required to begin, per the Bishop's letter of November 20, 1979. I feel confident that this will be in prior to the contract beginning.

This in no way will stop the ground-breaking ceremonies because there is nothing that is not attainable of these necessary requirements.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday at the ground-breaking and I stand ready to assist you in any way to facilitate this project.

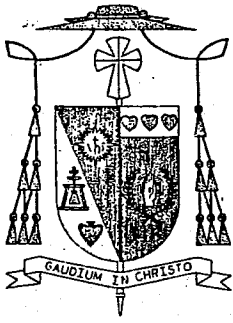
Very truly yours,

  
Rev. Mr. J.F. Clinton,  
Executive Secretary, Planning and Building Committee

JFC/rgp

cc: Bishop Straling ✓  
Fr. Covas

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## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

March 19, 1979

Father Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
9135 Banyan  
Alta Loma, California 91701

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

Received the contract for architectural services for the new church at St. Peter and Paul.

I have noted that you have signed on behalf of the diocese. Legally contracts signed other than by the incumbent Bishop is not a binding legal document. If Macy, Henderson & Cole, AIA are willing to accept the document as signed, I am happy to verify by this letter that I will stand behind the document as signed.

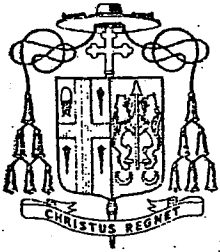
With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

PFS/djd

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

May 11, 1977

Rev. Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
St. Joseph the Worker Church  
10816 Mountain View Avenue  
Loma Linda, Calif. 92354

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

I am pleased to appoint you Pastor of:

St. Peter and St. Paul Church  
9135 Banyan  
Alta Loma, California 91701

effective July 1, 1977.

With best wishes in this new appointment,

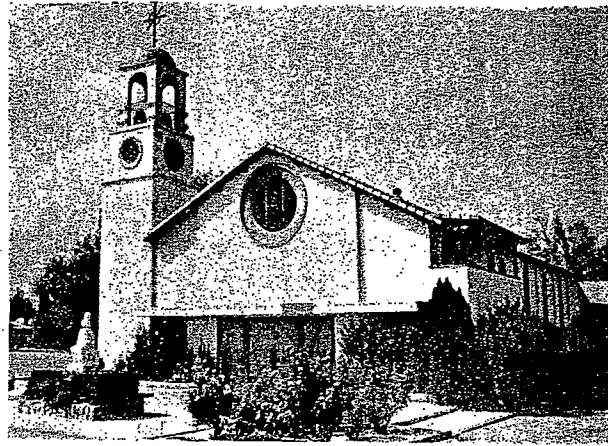
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000136

Phone: (714) 796-2605



## St. Joseph the Worker Church

10816 Mountain View Avenue  
Loma Linda, California 92354

April 27, 1977

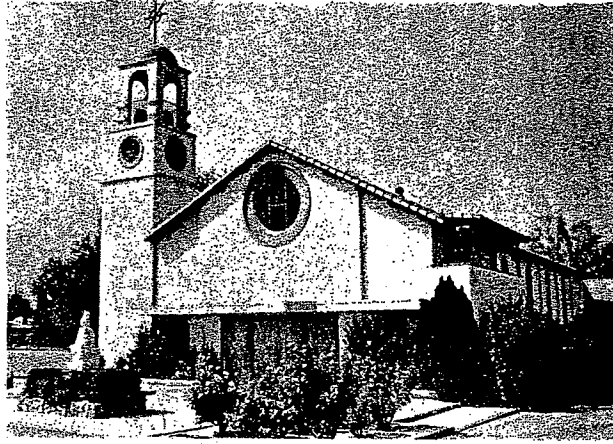
My dear Bishop,

I feel the need to share with you my hurt over being "passed over" in recent appointments. The Personnel Board members have informed me that I can't work with people and will just have to be satisfied with small Parishes. I wish I knew where that idea originated. My two Pastors and my peers in High School years had no complaints. The only associate I had was an old gentleman whose only conversation in 30 months was a few words and

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Phone: (714) 796-2605



## St. Joseph the Worker Church

10816 Mountain View Avenue  
Loma Linda, California 92354



November 8, 1976

Rev. William Mooney  
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
San Diego, Calif. 92105

Dear Fr. Mooney,

I would like to request an appointment to the Pastorate of St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Rialto. This was the parish that Bishop Maher suggested that I transfer to when I left St. Adelaide's in July. At that time this plan did not materialize. I am grateful for the understanding which I have received from you all, but after a three months "vacation" at St. Joseph the Worker, I feel the need for more of a challenge and for sharing my ministry with a fellow priest.

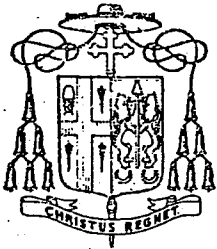
Another factor that should be taken into consideration at this time is that at least fifty percent of this parish is Mexican-American, many of whom are not bi-lingual. I cannot minister to them or the many farm hands in the citrus groves.

In anticipation of a favorable reply,

I remain yours in Christ,

*Pat O'Keeffe*  
Fr. Pat O'Keeffe, Pastor

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

July 9, 1976

Rev. Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
St. Adelaide Church  
27457 East Baseline  
Highland, California 92346

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

I am pleased to appoint you Pastor of:

St. Joseph the Worker Church  
10816 Mountain View Avenue  
Loma Linda, California 92354

effective August 17, 1976.

With best wishes in your new appointment,

I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leo T. Maher".

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

cc: Rev. William D. Erstad

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000139

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JAY G. VICKERS

60 EAST FOOTHILL BOULEVARD  
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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

November 24, 1971

Rev. Msgr. I. B. Eagen  
San Diego Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Re: Will of Father Patrick Joseph O'Keeffe  
St. Adelaide's Catholic Church  
Highland, California

Dear Msgr. Eagen:

Enclosed please find the original Will of Father Patrick Joseph O'Keeffe which we are forwarding to you at Father O'Keeffe's instruction.

Respectfully,



JAMES H. MC DANIEL

JHM:jg

Enc:

cc: Father Patrick Joseph O'Keeffe

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old will ret'd to  
Fr. O'Keeffe*

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

November 10, 1971

Rev. Msgr. I. B. Eagen  
San Diego Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Re: Will of Father Patrick Joseph O'Keeffe  
St. Adelaide's Catholic Church  
Highland, California

Dear Msgr. Eagen:

This will serve to advise you that Father Patrick Joseph O'Keeffe has made and executed a Will as of this 10th day of November, 1971, the original of which is being held in our offices. It is our understanding you presently have a Will on file for Father O'Keeffe, which Will should be destroyed.

Respectfully,

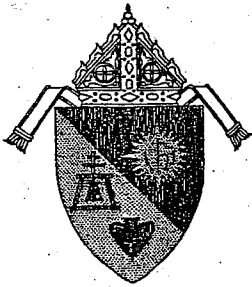
  
JAMES H. MC DANIEL

JHM:jg

cc: Father Patrick Joseph O'Keeffe

*Called 11/18/71*

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# Diocese of San Bernardino

VICAR GENERAL

October 29, 2002

Reverend Msgr. Patrick O'Keeffe  
20 Guildford Avenue  
Sandymount  
Dublin 4, IRELAND

Dear Monsignor O'Keeffe:

I am writing with respect to my previous communication to you dated May 30, 2002. The purpose of this letter is to amend and clarify the communication of May 30, 2002.

The following points are hereby noted and affirmed in your case:

- 1) According to universal law (cf. Canon 134) and the particular law of the Diocese of San Bernardino (cf. "Diocesan Policy on Sexual Abuse by Clergy"), in my capacity as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, I have been, am currently, and will continue to serve as the principal and primary investigator of your case.
- 2) Paragraph three of my correspondence of May 30, 2002 therefore shall read: "Under the norms of the Code of Canon Law and the policy of the Diocese of San Bernardino, I am hereby designated and delegated to conduct an appropriate investigation into the facts and circumstances of this matter and the related question of your imputability in accord with the norm of law." The remainder of paragraph three stands in effect.
- 3) The role of Judge Martin Swanson and the Diocesan Review Committee is solely to assist and supplement the prior investigation of your case according to the norms of Canons 1717 through 1719.

I hope to be able to assist Bishop Barnes very soon in making a final determination on the conclusion of the prior investigation of your case. May the Lord continue to sustain you during this time.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

*Very Rev. Ger. M. Lopez*  
Very Reverend Msgr. Gerard M. Lopez, STL, VG  
Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia

*Sr. Mary Frances Coleman*  
Sister Mary Frances Coleman, RSM  
Chancellor

cc: Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, DD  
Most Reverend Dennis P. O'Neil, DD

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000142



# Diocese of San Bernardino

VICAR GENERAL ♦ CHANCELLOR

February 7, 1997

Mr. Timothy Busch  
St. Anne School  
2532 Dupont  
Irvine CA 92612

Dear Mr. Busch,

This is in response to your letter of February 3, 1997 concerning Patrick O'Keeffe. He has the permission of the Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino to seek work in the business world.

With my cordial regards, I remain

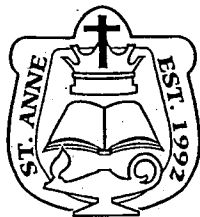
Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Donald S. Webber  
Vicar General/Chancellor

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# ST. ANNE SCHOOL



EXECUTIVE OFFICE:  
2532 DUPONT  
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA 92612  
714-474-7368 • 714-474-7732 FAX

February 3, 1997

Monsignor Donald Weber  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1201 East Highland Avenue  
San Bernardino, California 92404

Re: Patrick O'Keeffe  
Our File No. 2364-A-22.15

Dear Monsignor Weber:

Enclosed is a letter which was directed to your attention by Patrick O'Keeffe regarding his status as Director of Religious Education at St. Anne School.

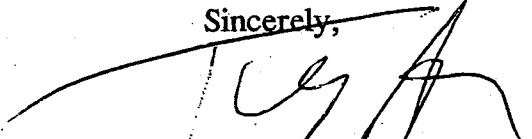
It has been brought to my attention that Patrick O'Keeffe does not retain priestly faculties from either your Diocese or from the Bishop of Orange.

Patrick O'Keeffe will not be wearing the clerical collar or performing any priestly duties at St. Anne. He will continue to teach religious education and to develop the curriculum as the Director of Religious Education.

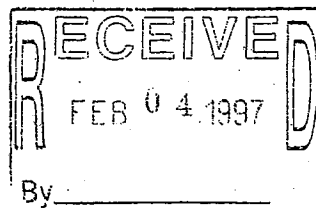
The purpose of this letter is to confirm the presence of Patrick O'Keeffe at St. Anne School. I have also asked Patrick O'Keeffe if I could direct the letter to your attention, inquiring as to whether there would be any reason why he could not serve in this capacity, based on his history with the Diocese of San Bernardino.

I would appreciate for my file a confirmation to this effect from you. If you need anything executed by Patrick O'Keeffe, he has agreed to comply.

Sincerely,

  
TIMOTHY R. BUSCH  
Chief Executive Officer  
St. Anne School

TRB\os  
Enclosure: Copy of letter (undated) from Patrick O'Keeffe  
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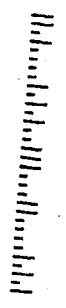


# ST. ANNE SCHOOL

POST OFFICE BOX 7199  
LAGUNA NIGUEL, CALIFORNIA 92607



Monsignor Donald Weber  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1201 E. Highland Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92404



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MSGR.DONALD WEBER,  
DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO  
1201 EAST HIGHLAND AVE.  
SAN BERNARDINO,CA.92404

DEAR MSGR.WEBER,

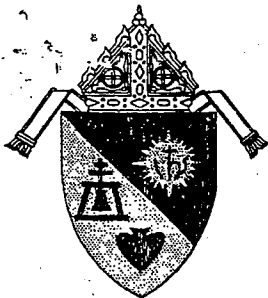
I HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF ST. ANNE SCHOOL AND  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING MY STATUS  
AT ST. ANNE SCHOOL,A PRIVATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL,IN LAGUNA  
NIGUEL.THEY HAVE AGREED THAT I WILL NOT WEAR THE CLERICAL COLLAR  
OR OFFER MASS AT THE SCHOOL AND WILL FUNCTION ON A PART TIME  
BASIS AS DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

IN CHRIST,

*Patrick J. O'Keefe*

C.C.MSGR.JOHN URRELL

C.C.MR.TIM BUSCH



# Diocese of San Bernardino

VICAR GENERAL ♦ CHANCELLOR

December 28, 1998

~~Rev. Msgr. Patrick O. Keefe~~

P.O. Box 48275

Los Angeles, Ca. 90048

Dear Pat,

Year end best wishes to you. I hope that Advent and Christmas seasons are a time of blessing and peace.

Recently the attached letter was received at the diocesan office. Bishop Barnes has raised the question of whether this information was on file. I do not know if it is factual, so I thought it best to present the matter to you.

In looking at the statistics of the priest who are able to apply for retirement, I note that you are approaching your sixty fifth year in the year of 1999. I would recommend that you write to Bishop Barnes and request to formally retire. You will then begin to receive your retirement income from the Priests Pension Plan. If you have the need to discuss the application for Medicare and other Social Security benefits, please let me know. The retired priests are now served by the Vicar of Clergy office. Father Ron Larkin, MSC is the director. June McDonald works part time in the office.

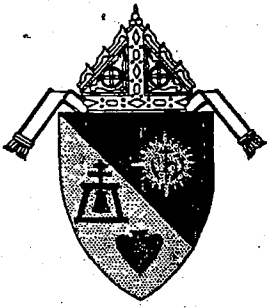
This action will allow the diocese to conclude the monthly stipend that you are now receiving. We have a number of other priests that this money will assist as a subsidy.

You may write to Bishop Barnes directly about this or if I may assist you, please let me know. With my cordial regards and prayers for the new year, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Donald S. Webber  
Vicar General/Chancellor

O'Keefe-WOA 0000148



# Diocese of San Bernardino

VICAR GENERAL ♦ CHANCELLOR

January 9, 1997

To: George Schmit

From: Monsignor Don Webber *DW*

Re: Stipend of Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe

Effective January 1, 1997, please reduce the monthly subsidy sent to Monsignor O'Keeffe by \$400.00. He has obtained some part-time employment. He will continue to seek other employment opportunities.

DSW/yl

cc: Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes  
Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
Norma Martinez, Payroll

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000152



1-7-97

*Msgr. O'Keefe's file*

DEAR DON,

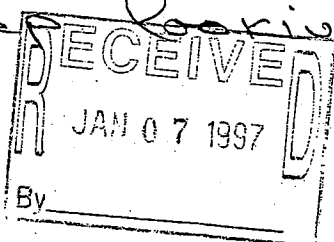
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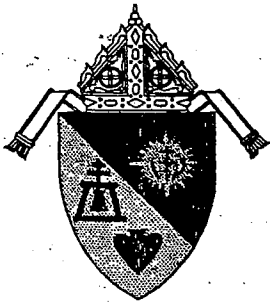
PRAYERS AND PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR,

C.C. MSGR. JOHN URELL

*Pat O'Keefe*

*Don,  
They agreed to give me a monthly stipend of \$100.00 for part time work. Please advise if I will keep looking for other employment  
Thanks.*





# Diocese of San Bernardino

VICAR GENERAL ♦ CHANCELLOR

January 2, 1997

Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Keeffe  
P.O. Box 6513  
Laguna Niguel, Ca. 92607

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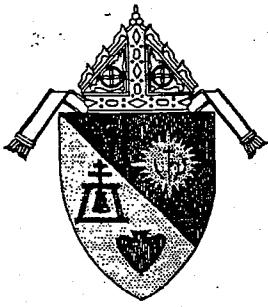
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I hope that this letter finds you well. I look forward to talking with you about these matters. With my prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Donald S. Webber

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000154



# Diocese of San Bernardino

VICAR GENERAL ♦ CHANCELLOR

January 2, 1997

Rev. Msgr. John Urell  
Diocese of Orange  
Marywood Center  
2811 E. Villa Real Drive  
Orange, California 92863-1595

Dear Msgr. Urell,

This is in response to your letter concerning Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe. An agreement was made between Bishop Straling and Msgr. O'Keefe concerning his status for early retirement. Both Msgr. O'Keeffe and Bishop Straling signed a letter dated April 27, 1994.

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With my best wishes to you in this new year, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Donald S. Webber  
Vicar General/Chancellor

c: Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Keeffe

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000155

# DIOCESE OF ORANGE



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR/  
MODERATOR OF THE CURIA  
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2811 E. VILLA REAL DRIVE  
POST OFFICE BOX 14195  
ORANGE, CALIFORNIA 92863-1595  
PHONE: (714) 282-3000  
FAX: (714) 282-3029

December 16, 1996

Reverend Monsignor Donald Webber  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1201 E. Highland Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92404

Dear Msgr. Webber,

Recently some questions have been raised regarding Monsignor Pat O'Keeffe vis a viz his status with the Diocese of San Bernardino.

Father O' Keffee is listed as a "full time Catholic clergy" with St. Anne's (private) School in Orange County; when further inquiries were made at the school, it was reported that he has celebrated Mass at the school, wears his clerics, and is known as "Father Pat."

I seem to recall that I dissuaded him from any public appearances as a priest (knowing from our phone conversations that he did not have faculties of the Diocese of San Bernardino).

At any rate, at your convenience, would you write me up some sort of official statement regarding his status? I will then be able to refer to it (and not just my notes) when questions arise.

There is no pressing need for this; if you wish to wait until the holidays are over, that is fine.

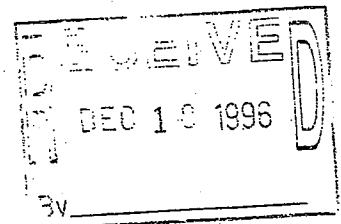
With prayerful Advent greetings, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

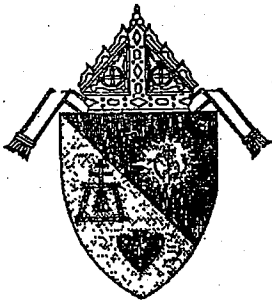
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Urell".

Reverend Monsignor John Urell  
Chancellor / Moderator of the Curia

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000156



# Diocese of San Bernardino

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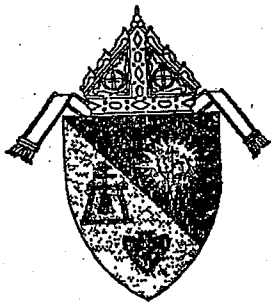
With my best wishes to you in this new year, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Donald S. Webber  
Vicar General/Chancellor

c: Rev. Msgr.. Patrick O'Keefe

O'Keefe-WOA 0000157



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Laguna Niguel, Ca. 92607

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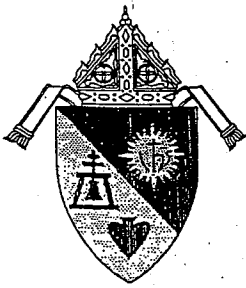
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Rev. Msgr. Donald S. Webber

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000158



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

October 10, 1995

Ms. Heidi Mager  
The Epler Company  
450 "B" Street #705  
San Diego, California 92101-8002

RE: Priests' Long Term  
Disability Insurance

Dear Heidi:

This is in reference to the status of Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe.

For personal reasons, Monsignor O'Keeffe resigned from his assignment effective July 1, 1995. Monsignor O'Keeffe will not receive another assignment in the diocese. It appears that he will elect to receive his Priests' Pension Plan when he reaches the age of 65.

I hope that this information is helpful concerning the status of Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe.

With my very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely Yours In Christ,

*Msgn. Donald S. Webber*

Reverend Monsignor Donald S. Webber  
Chancellor/Moderator of Curia

DSW/cg

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000160

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Father Patrick Okeeffe  
9974 I Ave.  
Hesperia, CA, 92345

11/07/94

Patient Name: Father Patrick Okeeffe

Account Number: 6131501

Date of Service: 03/02/94

Balance: \$ 190.00

The above service was not paid by your insurance company for the following reason(s) and is now due and payable upon receipt of this letter.

- Amount was applied to your yearly deductible.
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If you have any questions, please contact our office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Thank you,



Pat Nguyen  
Insurance Secretary

*Denise is resolving*



O'Keeffe-WOA 0000161



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REPLY TO:  
P.O. Box 7407  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94120

*San Bernardino Medical Gp.*  
*1700 N. Waterman Ave.*  
*San Bernardino, CA 92415*

RE: UNIDENTIFIED CLAIMS

We are unable to determine your eligibility under the health plans that we administer. If you feel this claim was returned to you in error, please provide us with a copy of the member's ID card or complete the information below:

GROUP NAME & NUMBER -----  
EMPLOYEE'S FULL NAME -----  
EMPLOYEE'S SSN -----  
PATIENT'S FULL NAME -----  
PATIENT'S BIRTHDATE ----- 10/10/34

If the above informations are already on the claim and we still cannot determine your eligibility, please contact your Personnel Department to verify your eligibility.

Please return your claim to us once it has been determined that you are eligible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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THE RETA PLAN C/O PAC.ATL.ADM  
PO. BOX 7407  
SAN FRANCISCO CA 94120

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HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM FORM

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1. MEDICARE MEDICAID CHAMPUS CHAMPVA GROUP HEALTH PLAN FECA BLK LUNG OTHER 1a. INSURED'S I.D. NUMBER

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CITY STATE 8. PATIENT STATUS 9. OTHER INSURED'S NAME (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

ZIP CODE TELEPHONE (Include Area Code) 10. IS PATIENT'S CONDITION RELATED TO: 11. INSURED'S POLICY GROUP OR FECA NUMBER

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b. INSURED'S DATE OF BIRTH SEX c. EMPLOYER'S NAME OR SCHOOL NAME d. IS THERE ANOTHER HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN?

d. INSURANCE PLAN NAME OR PROGRAM NAME 12. PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of government benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment below.

13. INSURED'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE I authorize payment of medical benefits to the undersigned physician or supplier for services described below.

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17. NAME OF REFERRING PHYSICIAN OR OTHER SOURCE 17a. I.D. NUMBER OF REFERRING PHYSICIAN 18. HOSPITALIZATION DATES RELATED TO CURRENT SERVICES

19. RESERVED FOR LOCAL USE 20. OUTSIDE LAB? \$ CHARGES

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31. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INCLUDING DEGREES OR CREDENTIALS (I certify that the statements on the reverse apply to this bill and are made a part thereof.) 32. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE SERVICES WERE RENDERED (If other than home or office) 33. PHYSICIAN'S, SUPPLIER'S BILLING NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE & PHONE #

SIGNED DATE

O'Keefe-WOA 0000163

PIN# GRP#

PATIENT AND INSURED INFORMATION

PHYSICIAN OR SUPPLIER INFORMATION

# RETA TRUST

GROUP NAME: DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

GROUP NUMBER: #27 -PRIEST

EMPLOYEE NAME: PATRICK O'KEEFFE

SOC. SEC. NUMBER:

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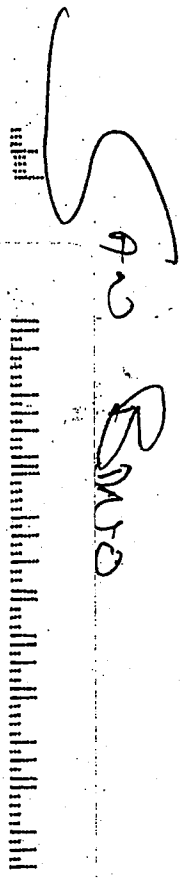
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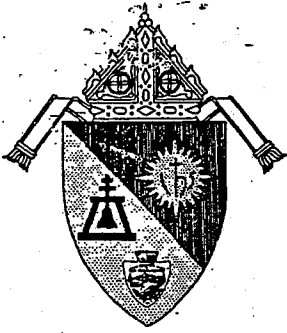
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June 19 Donald

Diocese San Bruno, Diocese Center,  
1450 N. D. St.,  
San Bruno





*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

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*Diocese of San Bernardino*

October 3, 1994

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
P.O. Box 28632  
Santa Ana CA 92799

Dear Pat:

Thank you for your letter. I appreciated the information and will convey to Bishops. I am sorry that the transition is difficult.

You mentioned your letter to Monsignor Urell. I think that is an excellent idea. I am attaching a copy of his letter to my office.

With my prayers, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

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

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000171

# DIOCESE OF ORANGE



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September 30, 1994

Rev. Msgr. Donald S. Webber, JCL  
Chancellor/Moderator of the Curia  
Diocese of San Bernardino  
1450 N. D. Street  
San Bernardino, California 92405

RE: Rev. Msgr. Patrick O'Keefe

Dear Msgr. Webber,

Thank you for the information given to me by phone the other day regarding the status of Msgr. O'Keefe.

I have informed the parish (St. Timothy's in Laguna Niguel) that Msgr. O'Keefe does not have the faculties of the Diocese of San Bernardino, that he is aware of the fact he has no faculties, and is also aware of the fact that he is not to seek any form of ministry.

I have not heard from Msgr. O'Keefe myself; if I do, I will let him know that you and I have spoken.

I certainly hope that Msgr. O'Keefe will respond more favorably to his status in order that I don't have to put out a general letter to our presbyterate about him. I'm certain that he would rather keep his privacy than to have such a warning sent out about him.

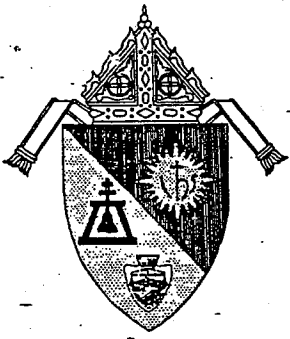
Kindly let me know if there is anything else I might do, or any way that I can be of assistance in this regard.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. John Urell  
Chancellor / Moderator of the Curia

O'Keefe-WOA 0000172



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

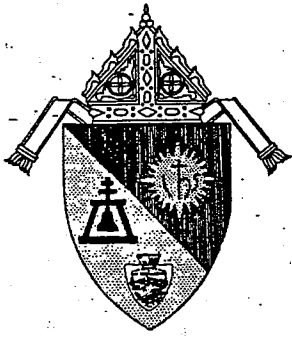
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Dear Pat,

I had been thinking that I have not been in touch with you. I hope that this period of transition is not too difficult. You may want to keep in touch with Bishop Shalins to let him know how things are going.

I did get a call from Msgr. John Urell today inquiring about your presence in Santa Ana. He'd had an inquiry about a funeral service and a request from one of the local pastors to ask you to say Mass. His secretary said you had contacted his office and that you would be writing to him. I thought you may have wanted to inform him of your status in you call or correspondence.

I explained to him your agreement with Bishop Shalins not to do public ministry.



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

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*Diocese of San Bernardino*

I know that this is hard for you not to do public ministry. Please do not accept any invitations to act in public roles as a priest.

I would call you about these matters if I had your telephone. If I may be of assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally in Christ,  
Don

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000174





Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

June 8, 1994

TO: Norma, Payroll  
FROM: Bishop Straling *[Signature]*  
RE: Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe

Please be advised, effective July 1, 1994, Monsignor O'Keeffe will be receiving a stipend of \$1,215 per month plus a \$600 living allowance. This should be directly deposited into his account. This should be reviewed in six months.

His new address is P.O. Box 28632, Santa Ana, California, 92799. This information should be kept strictly confidential and should absolutely not be given out to anyone. If there are any inquiries about this, please refer to Monsignor Webber.

Thank you for your assistance.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000175



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

April 27, 1994

Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
Holy Family Catholic Church  
9974 "I" Street  
Hesperia, California 92345

Dear Monsignor Pat:

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It is not possible for you to continue to work as a priest, here in this diocese, due to the reasons that you and I spoke of during our meeting. It is also not possible for you to go to another diocese because they too would run into the same problems that we have. The only option would be to seek and obtain a job in the secular world. This should be one that in no way would be associated with priestly duties or ministry.

You are entitled to your priest pension benefits once you reach the age of 65. At that time, I would need a letter from you requesting retirement which I would then forward to the Epler Company authorizing payment. At that time, this would amount to \$1,200.00 per month for 30 years of service which you presently have. The question is what do we do between the present time and the official time of your retirement? We

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Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
April 27, 1994

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In granting you early retirement, you would not be allowed to do any priestly functions or ministry. I would not see this status from preventing you from saying a private Mass. This may be a little difficult for you to explain to other priests, who know that you are retired, but you would not have faculties to perform public services or ministries.

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Reverend Monsignor Patrick J. O'Keeffe  
April 27, 1994

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Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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*Deo Gratias*  
*Wjg. Patrick J. O'Keeffe*

*R. J. Murray, Clerk*

*June 19, 1994*



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

June 9, 1994

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
Holy Family Parish  
9974 "I" Street  
Hesperia, California 92345

Dear Monsignor Pat,

It was good to chat with you a few days ago and I am sorry that to this date, I have not found any solutions. Monsignor Don has said that it is time, in the next issue of the Inland Catholic, to announce your retirement effective July 1, 1994. If you have any questions regarding the announcement of your retirement, please be in touch with Monsignor Don.

In my letter of April 27, 1994 I laid out the conditions of your retirement. I know I have your verbal agreement to these conditions, but I need something in writing which would show your agreement and consent. Can I recommend that you make a copy of the April 27th letter and kindly sign and date with a witness that you accept these conditions. Keep a copy for yourself and forward on to me the original.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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DEAR BISHOP STRALING,

AS PER YOUR REQUEST, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OPTIONS WITH REFERENCE TO MY FUTURE MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO.

1. LIVE IN A RECTORY SETTING IN RIVERSIDE OR SAN BERNARDINO AND WORK WITH MSGR. BOB LAWRENCE IN THE TRIBUNAL. THERE WOULD BE NO PARISH MINISTRY BUT THE OPTION WOULD BE LEFT OPEN TO SAY MASS ONLY ON WEEKENDS, IN THAT CHURCH, OR PREACH ON VOCATIONS WITH THE HELP OF FR. TONY FERRERO, OR PREACH ON THE MISSIONS WITH THE HELP OF THE MISSION OFFICE.

THIS WOULD BE ALL UNDER THE VIGILANCE AND GUIDANCE OF DR. JOSEPH MALANCHARUVIL.

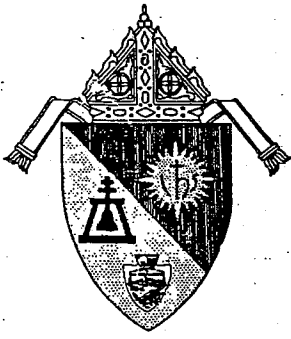
2. THE ONLY OTHER OPTION THAT IS FEASIBLE IS TO RETIRE ON JULY 1 AND UNTIL OCT 10 1999, WITH THE FINANCIAL HELP OF THE DIOCESE SEEK EMPLOYMENT IN THE SECULAR WORLD. AT THE MOMENT I HAVE MADE MANY CONTACTS IN THE SECULAR FIELD BUT WITHOUT ANY SUCCESS. THE ONLY SKILLS I HAVE ARE ALL IN THE FIELDS OF PASTORAL MINISTRY. THE SECULAR WORK FORCE SHOWS NO INTEREST SO FAR BUT I WILL KEEP TRYING. I HAVE ASKED MSGR. PHIL BEHAN TO BE MY LIASON SO THAT I CAN RECEIVE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF A PRIEST IN SPECIAL WORKS WITH HEALTH INSURANCE UNTIL RETIREMENT, IF THE GOOD LORD WILLS TO LEAVE ON THIS EARTH OR UNTIL I AM ABLE TO EARN A LIVING WAGE.

3. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO SAY MASS IN RETIREMENT, NOW OR AT 65, KEEPING CONTACT, OF COURSE, WITH DR. JOSEPH?

*God bless,*

*Pat O'Keeffe*

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000190



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

February 17, 1994

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
Holy Family  
9974 "I" Avenue  
Hesperia CA 92345

Dear Pat:

I am sorry in the delay of answering your letter of January 30, 1994. I gave a copy of it to Bishop Straling and I have discussed it with him. First, he is aware how difficult it is to come to this final decision to seek work outside the Diocese of San Bernardino. I shared with him your hope to find employment.

He is aware of his canonical responsibility and has his own sense of personal care to assist you in these five years until you become eligible for the Priests' Pension Fund. Several other priests are going through personal transitions and the diocese is trying to assist each of them through Priests' Relief. We project a \$450,000 budget for Priests' Relief in the next fiscal year.

The norms for a priest on a leave or in a special category are that your salary will be funded for six months. This is renewable until you are able to find employment. The diocese will continue to assist in your health insurance and the Priests' Pension Plan.

Please know that I will try to assist in every way possible. You are welcomed to discuss this further with Bishop Straling or myself. With my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Donald S. Webber  
Chancellor/Moderator of Curia

DSW/yl

cc: Most Reverend Phillip F. Straling  
Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes

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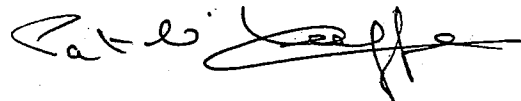
JAN.30 1994

DEAR DON,

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR MEMO OF JAN 25.HAVING SHARED IT, IN CONFIDENCE,WITH MY LAY AND CLERICAL LEGAL "EXPERTS"BOTH OF WHOM YOU KNOW,THEY SUGGESTED THAT I SHARE TWO ISSUES WITH YOU THAT YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR MEMO.FIRST,I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO RETIRE, AS PER OUR CONVERSATION LAST WEEK, AND SECONDLY I DO NOT HAVE THE OPTION TO MINISTER IN THE DIOCESE.THE NORMAL REQUIREMENTS OF MEN RETIRING ARE REALLY NOT APPLICABLE IN MY CASE.I HAVE EVERY INTENTION TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT AND IN TIME I WILL BE ABLE TO,PLEASE GOD,SUPPLEMENT MY RETIREMENT INCOME.UNTIL THAT TIME,IT IS MY OPINION AND THE OPINION OF THOSE WHO ADVISE ME,THAT BY LAW AND IN FAIRNESS,I AM ENTITLED TO ALL THE BENEFITS OF A"PRIEST IN SPECIAL WORKS"UNTIL I FIND EMPLOYMENT.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR ASSURANCES OF"PRAYER AND SUPPORT BOTH PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL".IT MEANT A GREAT DEAL TO ME BECAUSE I REALLY CANT EVEN BEGIN TO VISUALISE WHAT LIFE WILL BE LIKE WITHOUT MY MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO.I WILL ALWAYS BE PROUD AND GIVE THANKS FOR MY THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD IN THE SAN DIEGO AND SAN BERNARDINO DIOCESES.

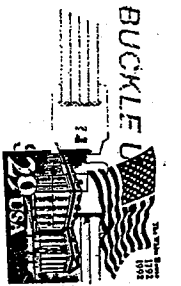
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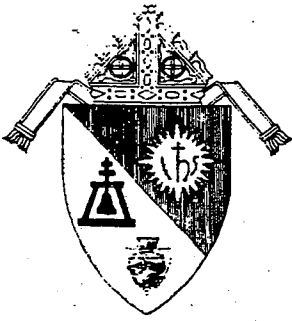
Walter P. Papp  
 Holy Family Church  
 9974 I Avenue  
 Hesperia, CA 92345



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NOTE: Sent with Bishops' Memo  
 of 1-31-94

Walter Papp,  
 Director, Catholic Center,  
 1450 W. D. St.,  
 San Bernardino  
 Ca. 92405



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

*Diocese of San Bernardino*

August 12, 1993

TO: ALL PRIESTS  
FROM: VERY REVEREND DONALD S. WEBBER  
RE: ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCE FORM

NAME MSGR. PATRICK O'Keeffe HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
9974 I AVE.  
PRESENT ASSIGNMENT HESPERIA, CA 92345

In planning next year's assignments, the Diocesan Personnel Board needs your assistance in reaching decisions. To help us, I ask you to please complete this form and return it to me by September 20, 1993.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. I have been in my present assignment since \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

2. I wish to be considered for a new assignment as of:  
July 1, 1993 ~~Yes~~ No July 1, 1994 Yes No

3. I wish to have the following taken into consideration:

A. Areas and places in order of preference:

City Parish _____	Vicariate: _____
Mountain _____	Hemet _____
Desert _____	Ontario _____
Any of above _____	Palm Springs _____
	Redlands _____
	Rialto _____
	Riverside _____
	San Bernardino _____
	Victorville _____

B. List several parishes or ministries that you would be interested in accepting, if they were open:

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All Priests  
August 12, 1993

C. Type of pastoral assignment I would prefer:

Parish

- 1) Large, 3 priest \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Small, 1 priest \_\_\_\_\_
- Small, 2 priests \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional

- 1) Prison \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Hospital \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) High School \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Admin. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Teacher \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Campus Min. \_\_\_\_\_

Other

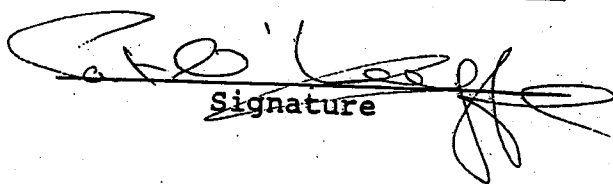
- 1) Catholic Charities \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Catechetics \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Charismatics \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Marriage Encounter \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Cursillo \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Vocations \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Priest to Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Hispanic Ministry \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Marriage Tribunal \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Ministry to Alcoholic Priests \_\_\_\_\_

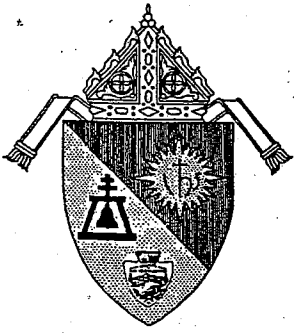
D. Position I would prefer:

- 1) Pastor \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Pastoral Assign. without Admin. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Associate Pastor \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Team Ministry \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Administrative Assoc. Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

E. Higher Studies in \_\_\_\_\_

F. Comments Preferat + teaching ministry  
Adult + family

  
Signature



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

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*Diocese of San Bernardino*

November 6, 1992

TO: Peggy Koster  
FROM: Reverend Donald S. Webber <sup>DSW</sup>  
RE: Salary/Benefits for Monsignor O'Keeffe

Through a directive from Bishop Straling, Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe's salary and benefits will be paid through Holy Family Parish, effective November 1, 1992

Please note Monsignor O'Keeffe' new address:

Holy Family Church  
9974 "I" Street  
Hesperia, California 92345

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

DSW/jm

cc: Reverend Monsignor Philip A. Behan

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000197



APRIL 26

DEAR BISHOP STRALING,

I ACCEPT YOUR DIRECTIVE TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH DR. JOSEPH  
MALANCHARUVIL FOR AS LONG AS WE DEEM NECESSARY. THESE MEETINGS  
WILL TAKE PLACE MONTHLY OR MORE OFTEN IF I THINK IT IS NECESSARY.  
I WILL TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ARRANGING THE TIMES WITH  
DR. JOSEPH. I ALSO AM PLANNING A DIRECTED RETREAT ON MAY  
24. THROUGH 28.

WITH A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

I REMAIN YOUR'S IN CHRIST,

MSGR. PATRICK J. O'KEEFFE

C.C. DR. Joseph  
Msgr. Selvan.

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000198



MARCH 16 1993



DEAR BISHOP STRALING,

WELCOME HOME AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR RECENT CONVERSATION, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT I HOPE TO REMAIN IN RESIDENCE IN HOLY FAMILY PARISH FOR ANOTHER YEAR. THIS HAS THE APPROVAL OF MSGR. BEHAN, PASTOR.

IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, THEN I REQUEST A SABBATICAL FOR STUDY OR REST. I WILL NOT ACCEPT AN APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO. IF I HAVE TO LEAVE, IT WILL BE TO RETIRE. I ALSO HAVE ACQUIRED THE SERVICES OF AN ATTORNEY TO PROTECT ME FROM FURTHER HARASSMENT FROM THOSE WHO WOULD WISH TO DO SO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS. IN FAIRNESS TO MYSELF, MSGR. BEHAN AND HOLY FAMILY PARISH I WOULD APPRECIATE A QUICK RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST.

GOD BE WITH YOU,

CC DR. JOSEPH MALANCHARUVIL

*Msgr. Pat O'Keefe*

CLAIM NO 92220426-03

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INCURRED FROM 08/04/92  
TO 08/31/92  
RECEIVED 10/24/92

CLAIM TYPE MEDICAL  
ADMINISTRATOR EXT #632  
ADMIN. NO 100

MR. PATRICK J.

ISSUED FROM DESCRIPTION OF BENEFIT	AMOUNT	DATES OF SERVICE % PAID AT	PAID AMOUNT	FUND
PAY PER PERIOD STANDARD COST-BASED	600.00	DATED 08/04-08/20/92 600.00 -NOT COVERED**		
* ALL FEES SEARCHED FOR CALENDAR YEAR.				
PAY PER PERIOD STANDARD COST-BASED	600.00	DATED 08/24-08/31/92 800.00 -NOT COVERED**		

TOTAL PAID ON THIS SUMMARY

CHECK AMOUNT PATIENT NO. FUND

NO CHECKS WERE PRODUCED FOR THIS WORKSHEET

ENC - 11390

PLEASE STATE OUR OFFICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CLAIM.

INCUURED FROM 09/21/92  
 TO 09/28/92  
 RECEIVED 10/29/92  
 CLAIM TYPE MEDICAL  
 ADMINISTRATOR FXT #839  
 ADMIN NO. 100

PATIENT NAME: MR. PATRICK J.

BILLED FROM	AMOUNT	DATES OF SERVICE	PAID AMOUNT	FUND
DESCRIPTION OF BENEFIT		% PAID AT		

OF SAN BERNARDINO	100.00	DATED 09/21-09/21/92		
W/INVT OFFICER-SIF		100.00 -NOT COVERED**		

MAXIMUM BENEFIT REACHED FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

OF SAN BERNARDINO	100.00	DATED 09/28-09/28/92		
W/INVT OFFICER-SIF		100.00 -NOT COVERED**		

MAXIMUM BENEFIT REACHED FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

OF SAN BERNARDINO	400.00	DATED 09/07-09/07/92		
W/INVT OFFICER-SIF		400.00 -NOT COVERED**		

MAXIMUM BENEFIT REACHED FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

TOTAL PAID ON THIS SUMMARY

YOUR 1992 DEDUCTIBLE HAS BEEN SATISFIED.  
 YOUR CHARGE IS YOUR LIABILITY, PLEASE PAY PROVIDER

OF SAN BERNARDINO  
 10000  
 RIVERSIDE, CA 92503

DATE	DEBIT AMOUNT	PATIENT NO.	P.5.11

NO WORKSHEET REQUIRED FOR THIS WORKSHEET

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE FOR ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS CLAIM.



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

September 18, 1992.

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
Holy Family Church  
9974 "I" Avenue  
Hesperia, California 92345

Dear Monsignor Pat,

This is to confirm our recent telephone conversation, along with Monsignor Behan that I am asking you to minister as a permanent supply to Holy Family in Hesperia until June 30, 1993. Monsignor Behan has a great task and would deeply appreciate your pastoral skills and talents.

Prior to June 30th, I look forward to receiving the final report on your health sabbatical, along with recommendations for your future pastoral ministry and work, here in the diocese. This will enable us to consider a pastoral assignment for you as of July 1, 1993.

This has been a difficult time for you and I am sure that your present assignment at Holy Family will be one whereby you can provide ministry and service, while having the opportunity for continued healing and renewal.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000202



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

July 30, 1992

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
28142 El Montanero  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92656

Dear Monsignor Pat:

This is to confirm our recent conversation which is backed with dialogue from Doctor Joseph Malancharuvil and Monsignor Philip Behan regarding your providing supply services to Holy Family Parish in Hesperia. It seems appropriate that with the progress that you have made during these past several weeks, that a supply would not only assist you, but greatly help the parish community in Hesperia. Please be in contact with Monsignor Behan regarding the details, compensation, etc.

When you have completed your health sabbatical and receive a release from Doctor Joseph, we will then consider a regular full-time assignment. It may be appropriate if all are willing, that you can be appointed as Parochial Vicar to assist Monsignor Behan at Holy Family through June 30, 1993. We can discuss this when the time comes.

Although, I know it has been a difficult time for you, I am pleased with the progress that you are making and be assured of my continued support and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

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

PFS/jm

cc: Doctor Joseph Malancharuvil  
Monsignor Philip Behan

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000203



Love and Prayers

from

Monsignor Pat

Thanks so much for all  
your prayers & support. I'm  
feeling much better. The sun  
is beginning to shine again.

I miss ministering or at least  
saying Mass on a weekend.

May 31 is my 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary

and I just go to Mass. God  
won't have a reason. Wish our

brothers in the Priesthood were  
colder & not so tongue wagging.

My address is ~~Pat's home~~  
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Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

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May 6, 1992

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Margaret Mary Parish  
12686 Central Avenue  
Chino, California 91710

Dear Monsignor Pat:

As a result of our meeting on May 5, 1992, and your letter to your people, you are resigning as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, effective immediately. You will begin a six month health sabbatical. As to the type and place of this sabbatical, this will be determined with the assistance of Dr. Joseph, in the next few days. It is very important that we carefully choose a program which will best assist you and assure you of many more years of good and fulfilling priestly ministry.

Regarding financial arrangements, I am asking that St. Margaret Mary Parish continue to provide your stipend through the end of June, as well as an additional month which will be your vacation pay. I am also asking the parish to provide an extra five hundred dollars to assist you with special needs. Once we determine the type of program that you will be entering, we can then consider additional funds that might be needed to further assist you. Do not hesitate to call upon me regarding these needs.

At the end of July, which will terminate your payments from St. Margaret Mary, your salary and other expenses will be paid through the Priest Relief Fund. You may wish to be in touch with Father Don Webber, around the middle of July, to ensure that your salary and other expenses will be provided by this fund. Your medical bills will be taken care of through our diocesan health insurance.

This has been a very difficult time for you, but I think you are making good decisions that will lead to new life and vitality in your priesthood and ministry. You can be very proud of the many

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Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
May 6, 1992

years of good and faithful service that you have provided to the people of God.

I am confident that the Lord will be with you in a special way during this time of trial and lead you to a new ministry and service in His name. Do not hesitate to call on me and, again, be assured of my prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Straling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

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

PFS/jm





**SAINT MARGARET MARY CHURCH**



12686 Central Avenue Chino, CA 91710 (714) 627-8466

*May 5, 1992*

*My dear People,*

*Effective immediately, I am resigning as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish and beginning a six-month health and rest sabbatical. I ask for your charity and prayers. At this time because of stress, I am unable to pastor a parish of this size. God willing, I hope I have many more years in the priesthood to serve the people of God. If I do not take this step now, I feel those years of ministry will be greatly reduced.*

*May God bless the children who will receive their First Eucharist on May 16, the graduates of our school, and the graduates of our Religious Education Program. I am deeply grateful to God for all of you who have reached out to me in numerous ways. You are in my daily prayers, and I shall not forget you.*

*God's love and mine,  
Msgr. Pat*

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000234

*Don't know how to sign 1/2-1992*



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

May 6, 1992

Reverend Thomas F. Gillespie  
St. Margaret Mary Church  
12686 Central Avenue  
Chino CA 91710

Dear Father Tom:

Thank you for your support, at this time, when Father Pat O'Keeffe has found it necessary to take a leave of absence. I sincerely appreciate the way that you have handled this situation.

As per Monsignor Pat's letter to the people, he will not be returning to the parish. I am asking you, as originally planned, to stay on as Administrator until the end of June. The parish will be advertized and I am hopeful that with the assistance of the Personnel Board, a man will be found to fill the position of pastor as of July 1, 1992.

In writing to Monsignor Pat, I have told him that he will receive his pastoral salary as usual until the end of June. He is also due one months vacation which will take care of July. I ask that you continue to provide Monsignor Pat with his regular pay checks at an address that he would give to you through the end of July. Also because he has extra expenses of living on his own, at the present time, would you kindly send him an additional \$500 as a special subsidy. He may need an extra subsidy and I have asked him to be in touch with me regarding these needs. I would ask that these be paid likewise through the end of July.

As of August 1, 1992, his salary and all other expenses will be provided from the Priest Relief Fund. If there are any questions or problems that might arise, please be in touch with me or Father Don Webber.

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000235

Reverend Thomas F. Gillespie  
May 6, 1992

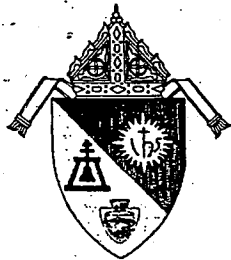
Again, thank you for your continued pastoral ministry and assistance with this very delicate matter. With every best wish, I am

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Straling".

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

PFS/jm



# Diocesan Pastoral Center

Vicar General

Diocese of San Bernardino

November 14, 1991

Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
St. Margaret Mary Church  
12686 Central Avenue  
Chino CA 91710

Dear Father O'Keeffe:

Enclosed is the correspondence we discussed on the telephone today.

I would appreciate your opinion and help in dealing with her concerns.

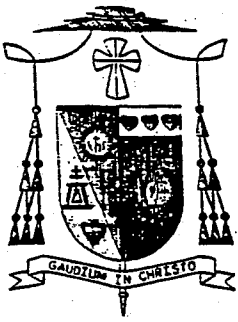
Sincerely in Christ,

Very Reverend Donald S. Webber  
Vicar General

DSW/yl

Enclosure

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000239



## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

March 21, 1989

TO: Monsignor O'Keeffe

FROM: Bishop Straling *BS*

RE: State Chaplains

Many thanks for your memo on the State Chaplains Meeting which was held on February 21. I appreciated your comments very much, particularly stating the issues on which they voted. This is most helpful to me and I hope helpful to them also.

I appreciate you meeting with them even issues stated in your memo, they ignored you for the first two hours of the four and a half hour meeting. But I think this is the very task of the Vicar for Special Works that we try to get the priests that are in these various areas together, to talk out their problems and needs. I think then we can do something to assist and help them once these are identified.

I appreciate your report and again thank you calling together these chaplains.

GAUDIUM IN CHRISTO

PFS/rls

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000248

Joseph M. Malancharuvil, Ph.D.  
A Psychological Corporation  
Clinical Psychologist (PSY 8026)

303 East Vanderbilt, Ste. 260  
San Bernardino, California  
(714) 381-1041

CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT INFORMATION

Most Rev. Phillip Straling  
Bishop of San Bernardino  
1455 N. "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Bishop Straling,

Msgr. Patrick O'Keefe requested that I send you a brief summary of the treatment plan we adopted together for him.

Msgr. O'Keefe will remain in treatment with me and under my therapeutic guidance for at least the next six months, starting May 01, 1992. During this period, his treatment and related activities are to take priority over any other activities, including priestly ministry.

Msgr. O'Keefe's living arrangements are to be made in such a manner that it is congenial and helpful to his therapeutic regimen. He is aware that you have stipulated that he should not be overly visible publicly in his ministry or other activities in and around St. Margaret Mary's.

Msgr. O'Keefe is aware that I would be submitting to you a written or oral report of his progress in treatment on a periodic or as needed basis.

The basic components of his treatment regimen are as follows:

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1. Psychological Testing and Assessment. A comprehensive physical evaluation may also be obtained.

2. Individual psychotherapy. A minimum of fifty hours of work is expected.

3. Group psychotherapy (availability is being researched). A minimum of 25 group sessions.

4. Directed "homework" assignments. 400 hours of work (in a period of six months) is expected with accompanying written report(journal).

5. Active participation in a priests' support group.

6. Directed retreat of at least ten days duration

7. Other programs that may be recommended or stipulated by the treating psychologist.

8. A comprehensive after-care program for at least one year upon completion of the intense treatment program.

The total cost of the treatment program is not likely to exceed \$8000.00 (Eight Thousand dollars) for the six months.

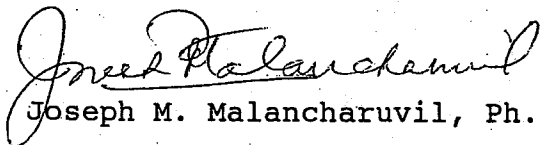
Even though this is our first formal attempt to do intense outpatient treatment for our priests locally, I feel confident that there is a very good likelihood of it producing excellent results. We probably should also arrange for data to be gathered with the permission of the participants to compare the results of this program with the results of a more elaborate inpatient program such as that is

Msgr.OKeefe: ctd. page 3

offered by St.Luke's.

Please feel free to contact me, should you need further clarification in this regard. Requesting your prayers and blessings,

Yours Sincerely,

  
Joseph M. Malancharuvil, Ph.D

May 19, 1992



OCTOBER 20, 1993

DEAR BISHOP,

I AUTHORIZED DR. JOSEPH MALANCHARUVIL ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK TO RELEASE THE RESULTS OF TESTING AND MY THERAPY SESSIONS WITH HIM DURING THE PAST TWENTY MONTHS. HE HAS DISCUSSED HIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE MINISTRY WITH ME AND I HAVE AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE SAME.

ONE MAJOR RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT I BE ASSIGNED AS A PASTOR AS OF JULY 1994. MSGR. BEHAN HAS STRONGLY SUGGESTED TO ME, AS A BROTHER PRIEST AND AS A FRIEND, THAT I CONTACT YOU BEFORE THE PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING ON NOV. 2.

I NEED TO KNOW IF I AM WASTING MY TIME APPLYING FOR A PASTORSHIP AS A VACANCY IS PUBLISHED?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES THEN WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

CAN I BE ASSIGNED TO DIOCESAN WORK? (ADULT EDUCATION, S.L.I. OR DIACONATE PROGRAM, TRIBUNAL)?

CAN I TAKE A SABBATICAL WITH THE OPTION OF SUPPLYING IN VARIOUS PARISHES OR HELPING WITH ADULT ED. PROGRAMS ETC.?

DO YOU JUST WANT ME TO LEAVE? I HAVE TO KNOW SO THAT I CAN GET ON WITH MY LIFE AND MAKE PLANS FOR MY LIVLIHOOD.

DR. JOSEPH HAS CONFIDENCE IN ME. I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF. I WANT ONLY TO DEAL WITH YOU. ONLY YOU CAN MAKE THE DECISION FOR ME AS MY BISHOP. GOD BLESS ME.

In Christ,  
Pat O'Keeffe

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000252

CONFIDENTIAL

REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS - 4/19/93  
REVEREND MONSIGNOR PATRICK O'KEEFFE

1. Needs written report from Dr. Joseph.
2. Catholic Mutual will probably exclude him after settlement on Urbina case.
3. Urbina case near completion as of 5/6/93.
4. Need second opinion of his diagnosis and therapy program.
5. No permanent assignment or probation period until "present cloud lifted" and no complaints.
6. Is his rehabilitation completed? Any further legal problems.
7. Monsignor Behan, Bishop Straling, Father Webber had consultation on 5/21/93. Monsignor will work without appointment at Holy Family: in residence "under observation".

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000269

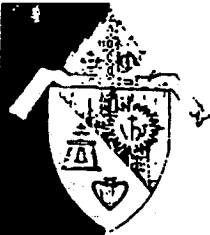
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REVEREND MONSIGNOR PATRICK O'KEEFFE

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3. REDACT case near completion as of 5/6/93.  
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DSW/yl

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000270



# Diocese of San Bernardino

1201 East Highland Avenue  
San Bernardino, California 92404

## PRIEST INFORMATION & PERSONNEL ACTION FORM

1

Name: O'KEEFE, PATRICK J. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle  
 Parish/School/Dept.: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ REDACTED  
 Type of Action: SUBSIDY Entity Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective Date: 1/1/97 File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6513, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677  
 City/State/Zip: LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677 Ethnic Group: 1  
(1) Caucasian (2) African-American (3) Hispanic (4) Asian-Pacific Islander (5) American Indian (6) Other  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate: 10/10/34 Hire Date: JULY 1, 1959

3

**Appointment/Reinstatement**  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Stipend/Salary: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly  Type of Medical Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

4

**Salary Adjustment**  
 From: \$1,815.00 To: \$1,415.00  
Stipend/Salary Per Month Stipend/Salary Per Month

5

**Transfer/Change**  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Title  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stipend/Salary Per Month Stipend/Salary Per Month  
 From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish/Department/School Parish/Department/School

6

**Leave of Absence**  
 Sabbatical Leave  Educational Leave  Leave Without Pay  Leave With Pay  Military Leave  
 Duration From: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration To: \_\_\_\_\_

7

**Remarks**  
 \_\_\_\_\_

8

Priest Signature: Patrick J. O'Keefe Date: 1/10/97  
 I attest that a completed I-9 is on file with the Chancellor's Office and that the above information is correct.  
 Chancellor Signature: Rw. Msgr. Donald S. Wells Date: 1/16/97  
 Received  
 Dept. of Human Resources Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read instructions carefully before completing this form. The instructions must be available during completion of this form. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE. It is illegal to discriminate against work eligible individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because of a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

Section 1. Employee Information and Verification. To be completed and signed by employee at the time employment begins

Print Name: Last <b>O'KEEFE</b>		First <b>PATRICK</b>	Middle Initial <b>J.</b>	Maiden Name
Address (Street Name and Number) <b>P.O. BOX 6513</b>		City <b>LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA.</b>	State <b>CA.</b>	Zip Code <b>92677</b>
Date of Birth (month/day/year) <b>10/10/34</b>		Social Security <b>REDACTED</b>		

I am aware that federal law provides for imprisonment and/or fines for false statements or use of false documents in connection with the completion of this form.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check):  
 A citizen or national of the United States  
 A Lawful Permanent Resident (Alien # A \_\_\_\_\_)  
 An alien authorized to work until \_\_\_\_\_ (Alien # or Admission # \_\_\_\_\_)

Employee's Signature: *Patrick J. O'Keefe* Date (month/day/year): 1/10/97

Preparer and/or Translator Certification: (To be completed and signed if Section 1 is prepared by a person other than the employee.) I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.

Preparer's/Translator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (Street Name and Number, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2. Employer Review and Verification. To be completed and signed by employer. Examine one document from List A OR examine one document from List B and one from List C as listed on the reverse of this form and record the title, number and expiration date, if any, of the document(s)

List A	OR	List B	AND	List C
Document title: _____		_____		_____
Issuing authority: _____		_____		_____
Document #: _____		_____		_____
Expiration Date (if any): ___/___/___		___/___/___		___/___/___
Document #: _____		_____		_____
Expiration Date (if any): ___/___/___		___/___/___		___/___/___

CERTIFICATION - I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have examined the document(s) presented by the above-named employee, that the above-listed document(s) appear to be genuine and to relate to the employee named, that the employee began employment on (month/day/year) \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ and that to the best of my knowledge the employee is eligible to work in the United States. (State employment agencies may omit the date the employee began employment).

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business or Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address (Street Name and Number, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3. Updating and Reverification. To be completed and signed by employer

A. New Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ B. Date of rehire (month/day/year) (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

C. If employee's previous grant of work authorization has expired, provide the information below for the document that establishes current employment eligibility.

Document Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Document #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (if any): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge, this employee is eligible to work in the United States, and if the employee presented document(s), the document(s) I have examined appear to be genuine and to relate to the individual.

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address (Street Name and Number) <b>P.O. BOX 6513</b>		Apt. #	Date of Birth (month/day/year) <b>10/10/34</b>	
City <b>LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA.</b>	State <b>CA.</b>	Zip Code <b>92677</b>	Social Security # <b>REDACTED</b>	

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I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I am (check one)

A citizen or national of the United States

A Lawful Permanent Resident (Alien # A \_\_\_\_\_)

An alien authorized to work until \_\_\_\_\_ (Alien # or Admission # \_\_\_\_\_)

Employee's Signature: **Patrick J. O'Keefe** Date (month/day/year): **1/10/97**

**Preparer and/or Translator Certification.** (To be completed and signed if Section 1 is prepared by a person other than the employee.) I attest, under penalty of perjury, that I have assisted in the completion of this form and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and correct.

Preparer's/Translator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street Name and Number, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_

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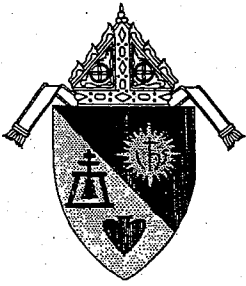
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Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_





## Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 9, 1995

RE: Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe

Monsignor O'Keeffe has been in direct contact with Bishop Straling concerning his present situation. He has applied for 150 different positions, but has been unable to locate a job at this time.

It appears that as soon as Monsignor O'Keeffe reaches the age of retirement that he will seek his pension and resolve the temporary status in which he now finds himself. It was emphasized that Monsignor O'Keeffe has signed a document given to Bishop Straling that he will do no public ministry. This document is in his file and has been notarized.

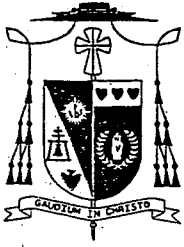
This issue will probably be raised again at the time of his formal retirement. His signed document should be applicable at that time. His formal document should continue into his retirement years. It is evident that he both is in denial about the issues that surfaced, his responsibility, and the circumstances in which he acts inappropriately in counseling or sacramental settings.

*DSW*

Reverend Monsignor Donald S. Webber  
Chancellor/Moderator of Curia

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000276





Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

April 7, 1995

To Whom It May Concern:

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe, a priest of the Diocese of San Bernardino receives a monthly stipend from the diocese. \$600.00 of the amount he receives is for living expenses which includes housing and food.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

PFS/jm

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O'Keeffe-WOA 0000277



A Note From Pat

For File of  
Msgr. Pat O'Keeffe

Dear Bishop,

Best wishes on  
your new assignment. I hope  
the new administration will  
not leave me 'out in the cold'  
Perhaps you should leave  
something in writing. I've  
had 27 interviews for jobs  
& no luck.

If the burden is too much  
for the Diocese maybe you  
should go to the retirement  
board for the salary part  
any way.

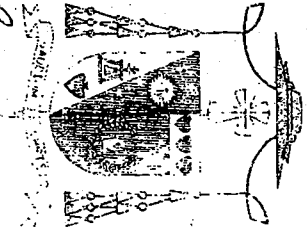
Blessed Sister  
Pat O'Keeffe

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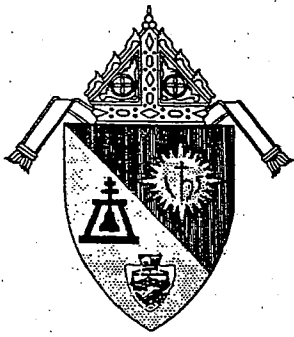
Dear Pat:

I thank you for your note. Bp. Berno  
 knows the whole story - and I am sure  
 he will do what ever is possible for  
 you. There is my best wishes in communication  
 you can always contact me, and will  
 be willing to help. I hope this one  
 could not be one could have done otherwise  
 and what might be done - and the  
 make things happen! May the Holy Spirit  
 continue to guide us.

Sorry that you have not had  
 any success in dot milkmen. The Dot  
 will continue to help you as we can -  
 I know the Retirement Board will not  
 accept an application until 1995. But they  
 in touch with Mrs. Don and Bp. Henry,



So they know how you are doing. And as  
 I said above - in your help in any way -  
 Please call upon me. You have served the  
 Lord well for many years - in spite of some  
 problems that have caused this present  
 situation. Still please ourselves in the Lord's  
 hands and love -  
 B. Church -  
 + P. Ki



*Diocesan Pastoral Center*

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*Diocese of San Bernardino*

April 22, 1994

TO: Monsignor Pat O'Keeffe

FROM: Monsignor Don Webber *DM*

RE: Attached Information

The attached letter came to Bishop Straling's office. I will ask you to handle it. Is it time for us to confer about some of the arrangements for July 1, 1994. Either Bishop Straling or I would be available at your convenience.

Talk to you soon.

DSW/yl

Enclosure

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000281

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP  
CHECK REQUEST FORM

DATE: 3-28-94 DEPARTMENT: Chancellor/Moderator of Curia

AMOUNT OF CHECK: \$525.00

PURPOSE OF CHECK: Medical Bills Reimbursement

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Fullerton, Lemann, Schaefer & Dominick

MAIL CHECK TO: 215 North "D" Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92401-1701

REQUESTED BY: Monsignor Don Webber

CURIA REP: DON

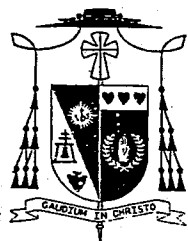
APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION

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Circle one: MAIL RETURN INTEROFFICE



Diocese of San Bernardino  
Office of the Bishop

November 10, 1993

CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
Holy Family Parish  
9974 "I" Street  
Hesperia, California 92345

Dear Monsignor Pat:

I wish to make note of the points we covered during our conversation of Tuesday, November 9, 1993. It was a very frustrating situation for me and I know even more so for you that we do not have a solution to your ongoing priestly ministry. As I told you, I was unaware that with a financial settlement through the insurance company, that you would be uninsurable in the future.

A recent communique to me from the insurance company stated that the coverage issue would not be reinstated for an indefinite time. This greatly saddens me. As I told you during our meeting, I am bringing this issue to the attention of the board next week at the Bishop Meeting in Washington. I brought this matter up at our last provincial meeting and found that all the local dioceses, here in California, are facing the same situation. The Diocese of Orange does not allow anyone to function as a priest without insurance. I gather it is much the same in Los Angeles.

Because a claim has been made against you and if in the future another would be made, potential liability would be upon the diocese. I know that you are sincere and honest in your pledge that you have learned a very hard lesson and will do your very best to avoid finding yourself in a similar situation in the future. However, in light of our human nature and weakness, the diocese must have insurance and I cannot put the diocese at risk in having to defend itself, even where no liability may exist.

Religious Orders have an advantage in that they have religious houses where priests can work and live in an internal situation. However, as diocesan priests, we do not have such

O'Keeffe-WOA 0000293

Reverend Monsignor Patrick O'Keeffe  
November 10, 1993

situations available to us. You mentioned a situation in England, if you could have proper insurance in some other country, I could see this as a possibility. They, of course, would have to know the situation and assure us that they have proper liability insurance.

I will continue to work on possible solutions to the insurance problem. Presently, you are ministering at Holy Family Parish in Hesperia and I propose that you continue in this position until June 30, 1994. This is under the condition that you are taking the necessary precautions that have been outlined for you to ensure that there will be no future claims made against you and that you are meeting, as directed, with Dr. Joseph on a regular bases. During this period of time, it will give both of us the opportunity to continue working on the situation and, hopefully in the coming months, we can find an adequate solution.

As we discussed, the 90's are a whole different situation and this matter of insurance coverage for each priest has become a very serious matter.

I ask that you meet with me during the latter part of the year or in early January to review what progress we have made. Of course if either you or I would find a possible solution, please be in touch with me or I likewise will notify you. I know that you have been praying and I join you in those prayers that the Holy Spirit will guide us during this very difficult time.

With priestly care and love, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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

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REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS - 4/19/93  
REVEREND MONSIGNOR PATRICK O'KEEFFE

1. Needs written report from Dr. Joseph.
2. Catholic Mutual will probably exclude him after settlement on REDACT case.
3. Urbina case near completion as of 5/6/93.
4. Need second opinion of his diagnosis and therapy program.
5. No permanent assignment or probation period until "present cloud lifted" and no complaints.
6. Is his rehabilitation completed? Any further legal problems.
7. Monsignor Behan, Bishop Straling, Father Webber had consultation on 5/21/93. Monsignor will work without appointment at Holy Family: in residence "under observation".

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