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February 11, 1997

Archbishop Rembert G. Weakland O.S.B
Archbishop of Milwaukee
Archbishop Cousins Center
3501 South Lake Drive
P.O. Box 07912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Archbishop Weakland:

Peace to you! You are in our prayers daily at All Saints and St. John's Chapel as you deal with your healing and treatment for cancer. I believe your days at times are wearing, however, I hope you are aware that many have you on their minds, their hearts and in their prayers.

At both parish sites, All Saints and St. Martin de Porres, our pastoral staffs, along with our parish councils have seriously evaluated our upcoming future and budget. We realize that in order for us to use our monetary gifts well, it is imperative that we creatively deal with staff reductions and strive to be frugal. At All Saints we realize that having two full time priest is not in the best interest for the parish nor the diocese due to our parish roster. My position is being terminated at the end of June. I am fine with this decision and have tried to help our Council in the Fall to understand such critical financial matters were necessary for the future of the parish to frugally maintain the funds at hand and those invested. It would be advantageous if both parishes became one, however, that is far from what one parish would desire.

I have been in full time parish ministry for two years. I realize even more that I don't blossom in this ministry and where I serve best is in the field of education. St. Paul realized in his time the variety of gifts; "there are different gifts.". I believe my gift is enhancing the lives of our youth and their parents. It is that ministry I miss and desire to return in some capacity.

Living in Phoenix from 1994-1995 working in the Scottsdale Public School was a rejuvenating time for me. I enjoyed working with that District, it was the first time in a long time I felt inner peace, knowing I was doing good. The District was pleased with my work, they were thrilled to have a Catholic Priest on their staff, serving in their schools. The District still has a desire for me to return and with your permission I would like to move to Phoenix this June, 1997.

I am fully aware that our Local Church is suffering with a dearth of priest and the need for priest ministering in our parishes. I realize the predicament and stress this places upon you and the Church for whom I was ordained to serve. Yet, I know inner peace and doing my best, where I serve best, enhances not only my life but those whom I am called to serve.

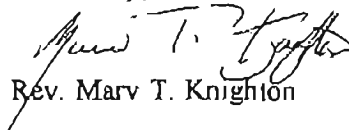
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I am not seeking excommunication, nor at this time desire it. I am requesting a "Personal Leave of Absence with Faculties", along with your permission to relocate to Phoenix. This appeal to you as my Archbishop is under Canon 270, and Canon 271. I realize if this is granted, it does not automatically allow me to function with Faculties within the Diocese of Phoenix. I hope a favorable letter and phone call to Bishop Thomas O'Brien, stating that I am a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, in "good standing" will facilitate me to serve and assist the Church of Phoenix outside my work with the District. While living in Phoenix I am fully aware Bishop O'Brien is the Ordinary and all due respect and obedience will be adhered. I realize the difficulties that arose in the past, yet your good words could make the difference. I have served our Milwaukee community well and wish to continue serving wherever I am.

In granting this personal leave of absence with faculties, I realize according to our Clergy Manual, this is for six-months and can be renewed. After a six-months period, I will write you to determine the situation. I realize that my health insurance becomes my responsibility, including my payments into my retirement fund.

I am grateful for all you have done and the time and patience you have given me. I realize that your position is taxing, I know this isn't the best time due to your health. I greatly appreciate your time and concern regarding this matter. I simply seek to serve and live the Gospel with the inner peace we all desire. You are in my prayers.

Fraternally,



Rev. Marv T. Knighton

Vicar

JAN 30 1998

January 27, 1998

Reverend Marvin Knighton
[REDACTED]

Dear Marv,

I received in the mail last week your general Christmas newsletter in which you announce that you are adopting another child.

I will place that letter plus this letter of mine into your file if proof is needed in the future that you do what you wish and then inform us later.


Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee



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July 14, 1998

Rev. Marvin T. Knighton


Dear Father Knighton,

It is with a sense of joy in our shared priestly ministry that I ask you to join the faculty at Dominican High School as the Associate Principal. Following the recommendation of the Priests' Placement Board, I am happy to entrust this office to your pastoral care beginning on August 1, 1998. This appointment is being made for a period of six years, after which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal.

In this ministry, you are called upon to serve the needs of God's people so that they can take their rightful place as baptized Catholics in their own Faith-community and in society. Your mission, like my own, is one of teaching and sanctifying. To accomplish this mission, I ask you to work closely with the staff at the high school.

It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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Dominican High School

Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217

June 6, 2000

Reverend Joseph F. Hornacek
Vicar General/Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 South Lake Drive
P.O. Box 07912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Dear Joseph:

Peace to you in the Risen Christ! My life has settled somewhat since the completion of my course work for my degree in education, planning my 25th anniversary, graduation, moving out of my home, and then being the homilist at +Joseph N. Perry's anniversary Mass in Chicago. I don't know how I was able to get so many things done but I did.

As you may know I have accepted an administrative position at St. Mary's High School in Phoenix Arizona. My position will begin in August, once all the needed paper work from here is sent and I sign a contract with the school. I complete my assignment at Dominican High School at the end of June 2000.

I am not sure of Archdiocesan policy in regard to payment to a priest, if the priest is in between assignments. I unfortunately packed my guidelines and so I turn to you for your assistance. I will have the month of July where I will not receive a salary/housing due to this move. My insurance however is covered until July and I will be covered with St. Mary's in August. Are there any possibilities where the Archdiocese can cover my salary/housing for the month of July? If so, it would be appreciated. If not, I will understand.

In the event the Archdiocese will pick up my salary/ housing for the month of July, I also hope they will subtract the needed monies toward my retirement fund. It is probably best to send information to the above address and phone number. Again, thank you and the Archdiocese for whatever help can be given at this time.

I will keep you posted once I have made the move and found residence in the Phoenix area. Please keep me in your prayers as I undertake a little of the unknown. I am looking forward to the challenge and the change.

Fraternally yours in Christ,


Rev. Mark T. Knighton
Associate Principal for Student Affairs

*P.S.
Thanks much for your support
as all that you do for & with us.*

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Office of the Bishop

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August 21, 2000

Rev. Marvin T. Knighton
St. Mary's High School

Phoenix AZ 85004

Dear Fr. Knighton:

With the approval of Most Rev. Rembert Weakland, Archbishop of Milwaukee, I am happy to grant you the faculties of the Diocese of Phoenix effective immediately. I wish you well in your important ministry to our youth as the Campus Minister at St. Mary's High School.

I would like to welcome you to the Diocese and hope your time here is fulfilling and fruitful for you. Enclosed are some materials that you might find helpful.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Thomas J. O'Brien

Most Rev. Thomas J. O'Brien
Bishop of Phoenix

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Enclosures

Cc: Most Rev. Rembert Weakland ✓
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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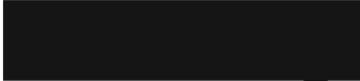
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August 31, 2001

Rev. Marvin T. Knighton



Dear Father Knighton,

At the recommendation of the Vicar for Clergy and with a sense of joy in our shared faith, I appoint you a consultant in the Office for Child, School and Youth Ministry. I am happy to entrust this office to your care, beginning September 1, 2001. Your office continues until June 30, 2002.

The specific duties of this ministry are outlined in a separate Letter of Agreement between you and Ms. Maureen Gallagher, the Archbishop's Delegate/Director of Catholic Education. You will report to Maureen Gallagher as your immediate supervisor.

In this capacity, you will be an Archdiocesan Official. Your mission will be one of teaching and sanctifying. It is a privilege to share my ministry with you. May God's blessings fill your life.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, OSB
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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MAR 01 2002



TO: Rev. Joseph F. Hornacek
 ✓ Vicar for Clergy
 Barbara Reinke
 Director of Project Benjamin
 FR: Rev. Marv T. Knighton
 Re: Allegations
 Date: March 1, 2002

I wish to again thank you both for your understanding and the needed probing that your position demands of you. I fully understand the delicate position you hold, significantly when charges come forward of such magnitude. I again wish to reiterate these allegations are false in this matter in regard to my accuser, [REDACTED]. Yesterday as you can expect, I had a great deal of time to think over all that was shared and I have come to the following conclusions on this matter.

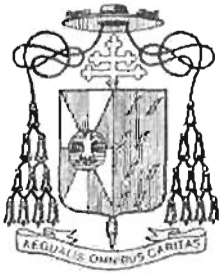
- Before any meeting is set up with my accuser, I do see it necessary for me to speak with an attorney on this matter. I need to know legally the advantage and disadvantage of meeting with [REDACTED] and his therapist. My concern is, if [REDACTED] has been in therapy for over ten years on and off, how can we as parties have a wholesome discussion if he and maybe his father continue in dysfunction.
- I also need to know legally where I stand if [REDACTED] his father [REDACTED] continue to make these false accusations of inappropriate sexual behavior.
- I checked my notes when I returned home and [REDACTED] was in therapy at the time when he first made his false allegations with me. I also have in my notes his father coming to see me because he was so upset with one of the sessions where [REDACTED] was blaming him for everything about his life and how bad of a parent he was.
- Upon the death of [REDACTED] he was in attendance at St. Jude the Apostle. It was also during that time that [REDACTED] for the most part [REDACTED]. The attitude of his classmates from my understanding changed somewhat when [REDACTED].
- At your convenience, I would like to meet with you both to discuss further this matter in regard to these unfortunate false allegations that have been made.
- Finally, in defense of Fr. Thomas Venne and my comment about him not recording this back in the 1990's, we all waited for something to come in from his Therapist or [REDACTED] and not one thing transpired. I believe to due that, Fr. Venne and Attorney Matthew Flynn did not do anything because they never received an official complaint. I hope to make this point clear in defense of Fr. Thomas Venne who also served as Vicar and also did a fine job/ministry which is a difficult position to hold.

Once I have made contact with two attorneys, I will get back to you as soon as possible. Again, thank you for your time, your concern for [REDACTED] my accuser and for me who is being falsely accused. Like the late Cardinal Bernadine, it is simply a terrible experience to have, even more when it is so untrue.

Sincerely,

Rev. Marv T. Knighton
 Rev. Marv T. Knighton '75

Statute of limitations has expired for any civil or criminal behavior



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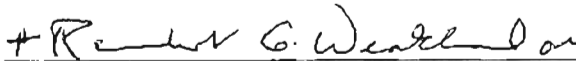
In response to the pastoral needs of this Christian community, in virtue of my authority as diocesan bishop (c. 381, §1), and in accord with the provisions of canon 49, I formally place upon Reverend Marvin Knighton the following obligations:

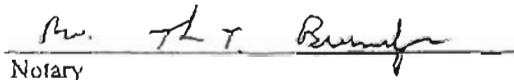
- 1) To refrain from all contact with minors, vulnerable adults, and other persons or categories of persons who have proven to be occasions of temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 2) To cease until further notice all public ministry including the celebration of Eucharist; Eucharist may be celebrated in a private setting alone or with only another priest or priests in attendance; the celebration of any other sacraments will require my explicit permission in each case;
- 3) To avoid all places and situations that, from past experience, have been occasions of serious temptation in the area of sexual morality;
- 4) To cease any and all activities and relationships that may be described under the broad category of pastoral counseling;
- 5) Until further notice the faculty to hear confession is revoked.

The reasons motivating this decree are the allegations of sexual activities in violation of the obligation of clerical celibacy (c. 277, §1). These restrictions are seen as necessary and prudent precautions and will remain in effect for three months from this date or until notice of their revocation. Any violations of this precept could result in penal action and this decree shall serve as canonical warning to that effect.

This decree shall be executed by means of its communication to Reverend Marvin Knighton by Very Reverend Joseph Homacek.

Given this 1st day of April 2002.


Most Reverend Rembert G. Weakland, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Milwaukee


Notary

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OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Milwaukee County

E. MICHAEL McCANN • District Attorney

June 4, 2002

Dr. Barbara Reinke
Archdiocese of Milwaukee
3501 S Lake Drive
PO Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912

Re: Fr. Marv Knighton

Dear Dr. Reinke:

I am writing to advise you that the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office will, in the very near future, be issuing a criminal complaint charging Fr. Marv Knighton with one count of second degree sexual assault of a child. As of the date of this letter, the fact that a criminal charge will be issued is not public knowledge and will not be public knowledge until the complaint is signed. I have, though, advised an attorney who called on behalf of Fr. Knighton that a criminal charge would be issued against him. I instructed the attorney to contact Fr. Knighton to schedule a time for him to appear at the Wauwatosa Police Department to be booked and then a date would be scheduled for him to appear in court for his initial appearance. If you have any questions, please call me at 278-4662.

Sincerely,


Paul Tiffin
Assistant District Attorney

Robert D. Donohoe
Jon N. Reddin
Carol Lynn White
Patrick J. Kennoy
James J. Martin

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Alexander G. Sklenarz
Frederic E. Mallesch
William J. Morris
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Garry D. Mahon
David Robblet
Nathaniel Doley
Peg Tarrant
Douglas J. Simpson
Cynthia G. Brown
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Carol E. Spaulder
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Jacob D. Day
David H. Weiser
Joy Hammond
Martin T. Lundquist
John J. Rieger
Trevor A. Sak
Andrew J. Maier
Haley A. Noor
Rebecca K. Biersberg
Joan C. Aguiar

193. Marv Knighton
March 1, 2002 Marv consults with Matt Flynn and a second attorney and expresses reservations over attending a meeting with his alleged accuser-victim on 3/8. Homacek and Reinke explain the purpose is fact-finding to hopefully get at the truth of the matter because Knighton denies all allegations. Later Marv phones both Reinke and Homacek to request presence of a [REDACTED] who is familiar with the allegations, to act as support person for him. Vicar has no objections to this and so informs Reinke and Knighton.

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208. Marv Knighton
March 8, 2002 Vicar joins Dr. Barbara Reinke in a fact-finding meeting between Fr. Marv Knighton alleged perpetrator and [REDACTED] alleged victim of inappropriate physical contacts from approximately '86 to '91 when [REDACTED] was between 13 and 18 years old. Marv's advocate: [REDACTED] who also tutored [REDACTED] was present as were [REDACTED] therapist Dr. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] cousin [REDACTED] whose son [REDACTED] was focused, forthright and specific about his allegations. Marv has denied all except what he claims was consensual hugging and kissing.

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251. Marvin Knighton
March 28, 2002 Dr. Reinke reports that another victim of Marvin Knighton has just been interviewed with similar circumstances as the first. Archbishop is notified by Vicar as they agree Marv will be removed from current ministry and a precept drawn up to withdraw faculties effective 4/1/02. Maureen Gallagher, Marv's employer-supervisor is informed.

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257. Marv Knighton
April 1, 2002 Marv Knighton is the alleged perpetrator of a sexual abuse incident report received today from Dr. Reinke. This took place in '75 or '76 while Marv was at Holy Angels Parish. When the alleged victim told his parents of this 4-5 years ago his mother reportedly was not shocked because she believed Marv had similarly abused one of her nephews.

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- ✓ 181. Marvin Knighton
On April 1, 2002 I received notice of the Archbishop's promulgation of a precept limiting ministry for three months pending further investigation of the allegations recently brought forward.

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260. Marv Knighton
April 2, 2002 Marv is seen by Vicar and Dr. Reinke to report 2nd allegation received of sexual abuse - this one of a minor at Holy Angels Parish in '75 or '76. He was told he was being relieved immediately of all priestly ministry and was given a detailed Precept that forbids all public ministry including celebration of sacraments except Mass in private. In one breath he spoke of contacting an attorney because the allegations were slander, and in the next breath he said he was not surprised by any of this and had in fact told a close friend prior to being contacted by the archdiocese re the 1st allegation, that he was thinking of leaving the priesthood. Vicar shared new compensation schedule. He asked to maintain current schedule through June and later urged Maureen Gallagher to plead with Vicar on his behalf for this.

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July 11, 1975

The Reverend Marvin T. Knighton ✓
Holy Angels Parish
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206

Dear Father Knighton:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith appoint you Team Member at St. Anne Parish, Milwaukee, effective August 5, 1975. You will kindly report on that date to the Administrator of the Pastoral Team, Father Joseph B. Frederick.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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May 28, 1976

The Reverend Marvin T. Knighton ✓
St. Anne Parish

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53210

Dear Father Knighton:

Following the recommendation of the Personnel Board regarding your assignment, I herewith transfer you from your present position as Team Member, St. Anne Parish, Milwaukee, and appoint you to the Faculty of Pius XI High School, effective June 15, 1976. You will kindly report on that date to the Principal, Father Lawrence W. McCall, S.A.C.

With the warmest of personal regards and wishing you God's choicest blessings, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Cousins
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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July 26, 1979

The Reverend Marvin T. Knighton

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Marv,

It was hard for me, Marv, to understand your decision to have your name taken off the advisory board for the Office of Integration.

I know that this could be wrongly interpreted, and so I simply have not given it any interpretation until I hear from you your reasons. Naturally, I will not ask anyone to assume a responsibility he does not want to accept, and so I accept your resignation.

On the other hand, I cannot help but wonder about it. Perhaps we should find a moment yet this summer to discuss that as well as your paper on ministry to the black community. I'll be away next week on retreat, but then will be here after that.

Take care.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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September 2, 1981

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The Reverend Marvin Knighton

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Marv,

Got your letter and just wanted to let you know that I am trying to work with Tom Venne to see what can be done about the problem you raised.

I hear nothing but good things about your work. I hope the year is a good one and that too many moons won't pass before we see each other.

Many blessings.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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PIUS XI HIGH SCHOOL

135 NORTH 76TH STREET, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53213

PHONE: 258-0522



Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233
August 25, 1981

Archbishop Rembert Weakland
Archbishop of Milwaukee
Archdiocesan Chancery Office
345 N. 95th St.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Rembert:

Peace to you and hoping your year will be good and prosperous as servant among servants! It has been a while since I've seen you or talked with you in capacity. It may be good that I don't conversed with you until some of the anger and frustration I have is dealt with by me in a creative way. At this point I probably would be blaming others and that I don't wish to do.

A few weeks ago I was out at the De Sales complex and what an unfriendly welcome I received from Mr. Chestnutwood the building manager. De Sales and the people who have made up that complex have been know for their curtness and rudeness in the past; I sense it ever moreso with some of the present people who are part of that place.

I was at the seminary two weeks ago with two students and Mr. Chestnutwood called me over and wanted to know who I was and whether or not I belonged at De Sales using the facilities. He really didn't introduce himself until I asked him who he was. I told him I felt I belonged and the two boys also belonged; I told him I was a priest and school spiritual director of Pius. He then later told me that I wasn't to come out to De Sales unless I notified him first. I told him I wouldn't and it wasn't necessary when it is just me and only a few students. I also told him that if I can travel 80 some miles to St. Lawrence Seminary and be treated with warm hospitality and nothing locked, why can't people like himself and others learn what the Gospel calls all of us to; to be open and warm. He just said to me, "fine, the doors will be locked and you won't get in."

I feel as a former student and also as a priest who is serving people of this dicoese, and in my own way trying to encourage young men to look at priestly life; I feel I have a right to use that building without going through the third degree. Rembert, I believe it is a sad commentary on the people of De Sales when such a closed attitude is presnt. It seems that when Msgr. Busch was moved out to rid it of some of the closedness there; it has become worse. At least with Busch I could reason with him about priest and others using the building and he grew to be open about it.

I was so angry with what happened to me yesterday when I wanted to swim. A worker wouldn't even open the pool; he said I had to go to the office and I just wan't stoop to such an attitude. One day you may see me in jail because I just might break the damn doors down. It seemsas a catholic institution where're playing the same tune

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that Mary and Joseph heard; "there isn't any room in the inn." If you want to know why De Sales is such a "white elephant," this is one of the reasons; there has always been a closed attitude that has perpetuated its existence. I hope it changes! Have a good day and maybe we all can work to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,

Marvin
Rev. Marvin T. Knighton

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I don't know much about
this but understand it is
a joint venture between
[REDACTED] and Knighton.

They bought a city owned
property for a "boys" home.
Jamaican boys, court-cases
etc. I don't know how
they will do this.

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Knighton

HI

ARE YOU TIRED OF PARTIES? HAS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON DRAINED AND EXHAUSTED YOU TOO? HAS THE SNOW STORM LOCKED YOU IN? WELL, YOU'RE AREN'T ALONE, BECAUSE WE, HIL AND MARV HAVE BOUGHT A HOME! YES, WE DARED TO BE DIFFERENT, WE LEAPED INTO THIS UNCERTAIN ECONOMY AND GOT A MORTGAGE UNTIL WE DIE!

WE ARE BUYING THIS HOME MAINLY TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR TEENS.

TO WARM THE PLACE UP, HERE IN MERRILL PARK: WE LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A HOUSEWARMING PARTY FRIDAY JANUARY 15th or SATURDAY JANUARY 16th, beginning at 7:30 P.M. Please let us know which night so we can make arrangements.

IF YOU PLAN OR WANT TO BRING A GIFT, THESE ARE SOME ITEMS THAT WE NEED, NEW OR USED (except toilet paper)

plants
decorative touches
wall hangings
bedding (for twin cots)
foodstuff
cleaning and housekeeping goods
light bulbs
candles (not for church)

kitchen utensils

bake ware
dish cloths
drying towels
wall hangings
cookie sheets
muffin tins
casserole dishes etc.

dressers (3) if you have them!

paint sealer for a cement walls
we will even accept \$ to pay for a washer or dryer
or for anything we can buy that we need.

P. S.

If you aren't able to bring anything; your presence is also a gift so please come.

If you have any questions about what or what not to bring, please call :

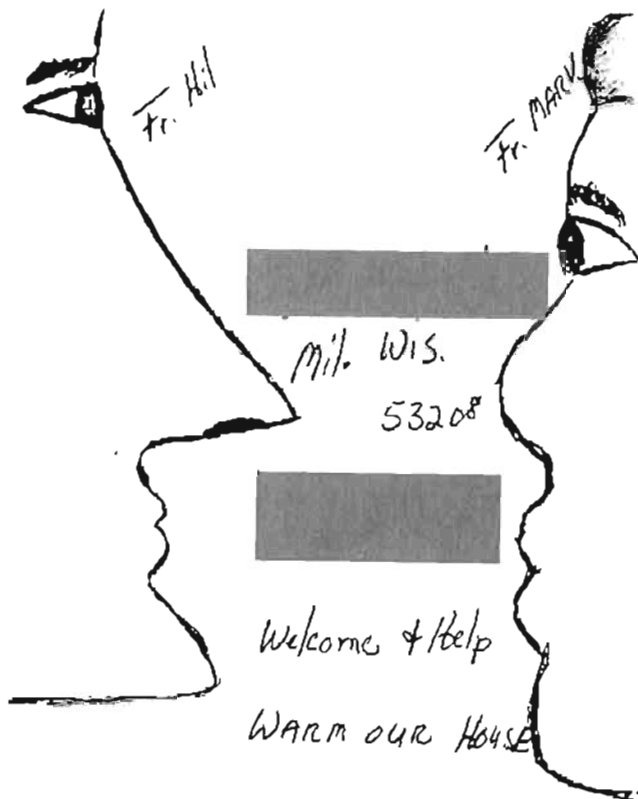
Fr. Hil: [REDACTED]

Fr. Marv: [REDACTED]

home
Pile in high school

R. S. V. P. FOR ONE OR BOTH NIGHTS.

Hope to see you soon!



ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

August 28, 1987

The Reverend Marvin Knighton

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Marv,

I am sorry for being so slow in responding to your letter concerning your accepting the position of secondary school counselor at Whitnall High School.

I have talked this over with others here in the office and it seems to me that I cannot possibly, Marv, use the terminology that you are on temporary loan to the Whitnall School District. According to the rules and regulations that we have, I must use the category of "leave of absence" and with this letter I formally give you that leave of absence to accept that position at Whitnall High School.

I know you are sensitive to this, but I have already had an enormous amount of negative backlash from priests of the diocese. This kind of thing does affect their morale very much and there is no way in which I can save you from any animosity that might be out there in your accepting this position.

I hope you will be able to approach this as a ministry and never neglect the fact that you are indeed a Catholic priest and do represent the Church in that position.

Many blessings on you.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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REV. MARVIN KNIGHTON

'THE HOME'

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September 11, 1988

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Dear Rembert:

Hope your vacation in Europe was peaceful and relaxing. You deserve it! Now begins all of our new beginnings with the fall season.

I feel tremendous peace this year compared to my stormy startings of last year at Whitnall high school. It is good to be at Pius XI; it is a fine place, a good school that strives to relate to the total life of the student which includes their families as well. Stop over sometime to walk the hall and socialize with staff and students. I'll even pick you up.

At the age of 38 it seems the questions, doubts, hopes and fears I've had, that sometimes caused inner unrest, have finally been resolved, at least for now. I have grown to realize that life is filled with intervals of transitions that affect me inwardly and outwardly as well. I have come to grips to deal creatively with changes in me and to effectively relate to my change through prayer, scripture, Eucharist and good friendships. All these areas have helped me during my painful moments.

When I was debating priesthood from the time I was a child, up and until ordination, I questioned celibacy and family life. I came from a positive family experience. I witnessed a mom and dad who truly lived their marriage as sacrament. Those positive experience remain with me and I believe at times have been the cause sometimes of my inner conflicts with my choice of being priest.

As mentioned to you during the summer, I feel good about being a priest and am ok with celibacy. I must be honest however; I truly question celibacy's value as being the criteria for all men who seek this ministry. The question of celibacy within our church will remain for sometime. It is sad, because the church has lost and most likely limits herself from the talents of men who would like to serve in priesthood. Such is life!

Last year in December I came to the conclusion after much questioning, praying and debating during these thirteen years that I desire to be a father, to be a parent. I feel parenting and family is deep within me and wish not to disregard this area in my life. Don't be shaken Rembert; I'm not leaving! I have however decided since December of 87, to sponsor two Black Amerasian boys from Korea to live with me. One is six, the other ten.

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While Hilarion was stationed in Korea he brought to my attention the plight of the Amerasians. He furthered explained that children whose background is part black, their difficulties are even more blatant. In December I realized I had thought long enough and now it was time to act.

Since December I have been working with an agency that assist in sponsoring children. I would have brought this up to you then, but at the time, the idea and hope I had seemed to be fading. After nine months of working on this, finally paper work has begun to hopefully bring these children to the "home of their father." [REDACTED] is ten and [REDACTED] is six. I am not certain if I can adopt due to their background, but I can be their legal guardian until they are of age. If adoption is possible, I am most opened to that as well.

Please recognize that this wasn't done without much thought and prayer. I recognize the trials that may be involved; but also know the rewards and joys that can come with children and with me as well. I am aware that priesthood is my vocation and as a possible future parent; I will not deter nor detract from this ministry I've chosen.

I am most open to your comments Rembert. I would gather you have questions, but as you have been in the past; I hope you are supportive and understanding. I ask for your prayers, and best wishes. All this may be resolved by Christmas. Thanks again for your support and confidence. Let us pray for one another.

Love,



Rev. Marv T. Knighton