

March 26, 1976

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Very Reverend Robert J. Banks
Rector, St. John's Seminary
Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Father Banks:

I certainly enjoyed our last visit to the seminary and I am looking forward to another one sometime after Easter.

Enclosed is the required dimissorial letters on behalf of Dennis J. Audet and Philip A. Petit who are to be installed in the Ministry of Acolyte.

Sorry it has taken this long to get these to you but the transfer from Campus Ministry to Vocation has taken much longer than anticipated. Looking forward to being at St. John's soon.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Paul E Groleau
Vocation Director

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY
LAKE STREET
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS
02135

March 30, 1976

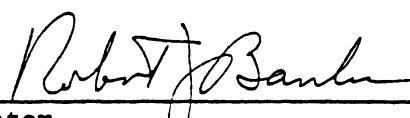
Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Manchester, N.H., 03103

Orders received by: PHILIP A. PETIT

Diocese: Manchester

ORDER	DATE	PLACE	ORDAINING PRELATE
Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood	_____	_____	_____
Reader	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte	<u>March 28, 1976</u>	<u>St. John's Sem. Brighton, Mass.</u>	<u>Joseph J. Ruocco</u>
Diaconate	_____	_____	_____

SEAL



 Rector
 St. John's Seminary
 Brighton, Mass., 02135

April 24, 1976

Mr. Philip Petit
St. John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Phil:

It was great seeing you at the Chism Mass. I hope this warm spell is not going to stick with us too long.

I want to thank you for your letters of support and encouragement. It is such a great feeling to know that there is someone out there who really cares and is willing to help. I feel the same way. If I can ever be of help to you, please feel free to call or write.

I am looking forward to visiting St. John's May 10th and 11th. This should give us a great opportunity to get together. I am sorry about not having parish assignments for this summer. But we are giving this whole area serious consideration. Right now we feel we would like to set up a good program for those who would be going into their Fourth Theology. But the whole concept is still in the thinking stage. I hope the Serra Club can help you locate a good job.

Just wanted to also let you know that I am thinking of you and remember you in my prayers. I hope that Our Lord will stay close to you and guide you into a priest of strong faith and devoted service.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

PEG:ed

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212 COOLIDGE AVENUE
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NORMAN E. CHAMPAGNE
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June 3, 1976

Mr. Philip A. Petit
Saint John's Seminary
127 Wake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Mr. Petit:

I recently had an opportunity to review your application for benefits from the Yvette B. Cote, Aquilas Cote and Elise Cote Fund which provides benefits for educating worthy young men to be Roman Catholic priests in the Catholic Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire. I had received many applications for assistance and it was a difficult decision to determine who would benefit from the limited funds available for this purpose.

I regret to advise you that the fund will be unable to assist you for this coming year. I wish you continued success in your education and the vocation to which you have been called.

Sincerely yours,

W. JEAN LAFLAMME

WJL:cn 064

cc: Reverend Paul E. Groleau

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY
NO ACTION NECESSARY

I. Experiences Available in the Parish

Visitations

Hospital
Nursing Homes
Shut Ins

Liturgy

Preaching
Music - Choir & Folk Group
Para Liturgical Services
Altar Boys
Lector
Eucharistic Minister
Prayer Group

Religious Education

Sacramental Preparation (Penance - Communion - Marri
Grades 1-8-
Grades - High School
Adult Education

Parish School

Home Visitations

Parish Organizations

St. Ann's

Parish Council

Committees

Religious Education
Finance - Ground and Maintenance
Liturgy - Choir & Folk Group
Community Affairs

School Board

Catholic Parents Association

Youth Ministry

Campus Ministry

Ecumenism

Deanery Meeting

II. Experiences the deacon may be involved in

Personal Needs

- Hospital and Nursing Home Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Campus Ministry
- Sacramental Preparation
- Liturgy
 - Preaching
 - Prayer Group
 - Para Liturgical
 - Music - Choir & Folk Group

Parish Needs

- Visit to Shut-ins
- Nursing Home
- Hospital
- Liturgy
 - Music - Choir & Folk Group
 - Altar Boys
 - Prayer Group
- Sacramental Preparation
 1. Adult
 2. Youth
- Grades
 - 1-8
 - High School
 - Adult Education
- Parish Organizations & Meetings
- High School Youth
- Campus - Mass - Involvement during the week
- Ecumenism
- Deanery Meetings

Home Visitations

Contract Involvement

- Shut Ins
- Nursing Home
- Hospital Visit
- Parishioners
- Para Liturgical Ceremonies
- Music - Choir & Folk Group
- Preaching - Rotation
- Baptismal Catechesis
- Marriage Preparation
- Youth Ministry
- Parish Council
 - Community Affairs
 - Liturgy

Future Options

- Prayer Meeting
- Home Visitations

III. Frequency of Meetings

Monday Morning Meeting - Every Week

June 15, 1976

Mr. Philip A. Petit
St. William's Parish
1048 Dorchester Avenue
Dorchester, Massachusetts 02125

Dear Phil:

Thank you so much for calling the other night. I was also pleased to hear that you have a summer assignment. I hope you find it to be helpful in preparing yourself for the priesthood. I pray with the seminarians of our diocese everyday and I also include all of you in my mass intentions. After interviewing all the seminarians, I am really pleased and proud of the quality of our future brothers.

Phil, I discussed the question of Candidacy with the Bishop. We looked at all the "pros and cons" and decided that it would be better for you to receive candidacy at the Seminary. I know that this comes as a disappointment and I know you trust and accept Bishop Gendron's decision. We would consider Candidacy in a local setting only in an "extraordinary" situation or a case of "real" serious illness. Otherwise the Bishop's schedule would become impossible. The Bishop along with the Vocation Board has agreed on the policy that all ordinations or ceremonies would take place at the Seminary with the exception of diaconate and/or priesthood when in these cases the seminarian may request the local Bishop to ordain him.

At our last board meeting we discussed the August Week-end. The board agreed that it would strongly urge the seminarians to attend but would not make it obligatory. I hope the seminarians will make a strong effort to attend because the Bishop and many priests are making a strong effort to be there and spend a lot of time with all of you.

Hope you have a good summer and I also hope we get the chance to get together - Remember - Sacred Heart Parish is also your home.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

Philip A. Petit
St. John Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

4380

Pentecost, 1976

Dear Paul,

I am sorry to have taken so long to write. I hope I am not too late to submit ~~the~~ names for the seminary week-end. You know how busy it can get at this time of the year with Ordinations (Deacons + Priests) and Masses of Thanksgiving. In addition there are two graduations and a wedding in my family this year. I spotted you at Keene on 5/30 but didn't get to ~~see~~ speak with you.

About the week-end for seminarians. To be honest Aug 20-22 would be impossible for me, and Aug 27-29 would be tentative at best. I am working at St. William's Parish, 1048 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester Ma. 02125 phone no. 265-1809. My superior is Rev. John P. Tackney. I am committed there for six weeks 6/14 - 7/23.

My spiritual director at St. John's, Bishop D'Arcy, insists that I take the month of August for vacation. I am not sure what I will do, but I'll be ~~at~~ away for the month. Hence the conflict with the week-end.

I just want to jot down a few names of priests for the week-end --

Ed. Mahoney, Frank Talbot, Dick Choquet, Alton Bolger,
Eugene Dumont, Gerry Croteau.

6/6/76
4381

Also, I'm including my final evaluation from the
Parish Center. I am pleased and hope you will be.

I had mentioned the possibility of admission
to Candidacy in my home parish. I would appreciate
it if you would mention it to the Bishop to
get his reaction. Again my primary concern is my
father's inability to travel to Boston for the ceremony.
I would suggest September 11, at either 4:00 or 5:30 p.m.
in Lunenburg. This is after Labor Day so most of the parish
would be settled again, and not during the school year
for me. I would hope for a very simple ceremony yet
tastefully done. If the Bishop doesn't like the idea,
it will be admitted here at St. John's in late October or
early November. I have already checked with Fr. Banks,
and there is no difficulty as far as the seminary is
concerned.

My parents mentioned that you had called to ask me
to serve a Mass at St. Augustine's. I was in Hartford
for the week, and didn't get home until Sun. 5/30. They
mentioned some sort of ordination, but I couldn't figure
out who it could be.

Well, that is all for now. I'll expect your letter re:
Candidacy and some news on the week-end in August.

Peace in Christ

Phil

July 5, 1976

Rev. Msgr. John A. Broderick
Our Lady Of The Presentation Parish
676 Washington Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Msgr. Broderick:

Thank you so much for taking the time to reflect on Philip Petit's involvement and effectiveness in your parish. It is extremely helpful to get the reactions of various people who are involved with our seminarians. The challenges that face our seminarians today and the pressures they meet are so great that any help that we can offer them is most important. We cannot help them unless we become aware of their strong points and weaknesses.

We have so much need for men of faith and men who are convinced and knowledgeable about the church and its theology. Therefore we need to work together and pray so that Our Lord will continue to bless us with such priest. Thank you for your efforts and concern in this area. Thank you for accepting Philip and for being willing to guide and work with him.

In Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

PEG:ed

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION PARISH

676 WASHINGTON STREET

BRIGHTON, MASS. 02135

June 29, 1976

Rev. Paul E. Groleau, Director of Vocations
Chancery Office
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N. H. 03105

Dear Father Groleau:

Phillip Petit has asked me to send you an evaluation of his work here at Our Lady's.

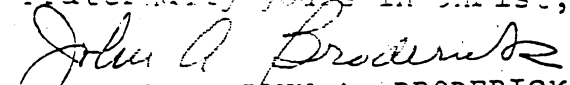
As you may know, Phil has been helping with our parish music program for the past year. He helps to select the program for the weekend and leads the congregational singing. He has a fine voice and uses it well. In addition to his involvement with the music program, Phil is genuinely interested in the entire parish life and shares fully in the give - and - take of our rectory.

I feel that the past year has been one of growth and maturation for Phil. He has great enthusiasm and energy. He is eager to improve the parish participation in singing but has acquired a manly restraint on his zeal for improvement. He has grown a great deal in the past year in every way.

Phil is a very fine prospect for the priesthood. He has physical and mental vitality, emotional stability, orthodox convictions, a generous spirit and genuine enthusiasm. He is on target and coming along at a very good pace. I hope he will return here next year. I think the experience has been good for him, and I think he has been equally good for us.

With every good wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,


REV. MSCR. JOHN A. BRODERICK
Pastor

July 15, 1976

Mr. Philip Petit
 St. William's Rectory
 1048 Dorchester Ave.
 Boston, Mass. 02125

Dear Phil,

Concerning the loans, grants or trusts that could be available to you, I list the following:

1. Wagner Fund
2. Hosser Fund

Both of the above are available through the Amoskeag Bank in Manchester. Address the letter to Mr. E. Johnson.

3. Gelinas Fund

This one is available through the St. Mary's Bank and you should address the letter to Mr. Raoul Hebert.

If none of the above works out and you are still in need of loan information, write to :

Mr. Romeo Dorval, Vice President
 Consumer Credit Center
 Merchants National Bank
 One Hampshire Plaza
 Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Hope everything is fine and that if you are ever in the Manchester area, you will let us know. I will make sure there is a warm plate at the table. Hope to see you soon.

In His Peace and Love,

Ref. Paul E. Groleau
 Vocation Director

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P.S. I also received word that a \$2,000.00 grant will be awarded to the seminarians of Manchester for education. This award is given by the Union St. Jean Baptiste. The recipients are chosen by the Bishop. I should know at the beginning of August who will be receiving help from this grant.

Rev. Paul E. Groleau

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Saint William's Rectory
1048 Dorchester Avenue
Boston, Mass. 02125

- 4386

July 13, 1976

Dear Paul,

I was just told by Denis Audet about his grant from the Cote Trust Fund. He is also applying for another fund from a trust in the care of Ste Marie's Bank.

I still have \$2600 to pay in tuition and have no gifts or grants. I'd appreciate a name ^{and} address so I can contact the other fund also.

We are all in the same predicament and I feel we should all have the same opportunities.

I will be here until July 23 - so if you don't get it out in time, please mail the info to my home. Any other trusts or places I might apply for aid will be appreciated.

Love in Christ
→ Phil

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14+15
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SEMINARIAN EVALUATION

Name of Seminarian Philip Petit Date July 25 19

Your Name Rev. Roger Fournier Address 10 School ST
(street)

SUNCOOK N.H 03275
(city or town) Zi

1) a) Did the seminarian become truly involved in the parish ministry?

*

b) In what particular areas was he most involved?

Liturgic - music

2) How do you rate his effectiveness in the aforementioned areas of involvement?

Good

3. a) How well did he communicate with fellow workers?

b) With you individually?

4. a) Did he express a deep interest in parish liturgies?

yes

b) How do you evaluate his participation in liturgical functions?

Good

5. Do you consider him a man of prayer? Please explain.

I do not know

6. Has he demonstrated friendliness and courtesy in his relationships with the Laity in the Parish?

yes

*Phil worked in Buxton early part of the summer
has just arrived*

7. How would you rate his leadership ability, that is, his ability to inspire others and maintain confidence?
8. Did he demonstrate loyalty to and respect for the teachings of the church?
yes
9. What is his reaction to trying situations or to criticism?
10. How would you rate his punctuality?
11. Has he shown initiative and creativity in his parish experience (in the liturgy, in education programs, etc.)?
12. How would you rate his personal appearance (dress, mannerisms, etc)?
priestly
13. Is there any age group or area in which his ministry has been most effective?
14. What has impressed you most about this person?
15. a) Does he demonstrate those qualities which are required in one aspiring to sacred ordination?

Do you recommend that he be encouraged to pursue his priestly formation and education? Please explain.

16. Does he seem to have an adequate understanding of theology?

17. Are there any points which you feel should be brought to our attention as we help, guide and support this seminarian?

I find Phil very rigid in his thinking, but this could a personality class between he and I because I know that I am also.

18. Are there any points you feel should be brought to the seminary's attention?

No

19. Are there any points which you feel ought to be brought to the seminarian's attention as he prepare himself for ordination to the priesthood?

No

Any further comments concerning this Seminarian?

No

Signed Rev Roger E. Fournier

Date July 25, 1926

Please return immediately to:

Vocation Department
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

Phil
Because, arrived two days ago, these observations are based on prior knowledge of him during the previous three years

SEMINARIAN EVALUATION

Name of Seminarian Philip Petit Date July 29, 1955
 Your Name Rev. Maurice Lagueur Address 10 School St.
 (street)
Suncook, N.H. 03075
 (city or town) Zip

- 1) a) Did the seminarian become truly involved in the parish ministry?

Has been working in Boston - when around - YES.

- b) In what particular areas was he most involved?

In the liturgy - helping with money - etc.

- 2) How do you rate his effectiveness in the aforementioned areas of involvement?

Very good.

3. a) How well did he communicate with fellow workers?

Good

- b) With you individually?

Good

4. a) Did he express a deep interest in parish liturgies?

Yes

- b) How do you evaluate his participation in liturgical functions?

Very good

5. Do you consider him a man of prayer? Please explain.

Acts like one! must be.

6. Has he demonstrated friendliness and courtesy in his relationships with the Laity in the Parish?

Yes

7. How would you rate his leadership ability, that is, his ability to inspire others and maintain confidence?

Good

8. Did he demonstrate loyalty to and respect for the teachings of the church?

Yes

9. What is his reaction to trying situations or to criticism?

He defends himself very well.

10. How would you rate his punctuality?

Good

11. Has he shown initiative and creativity in his parish experience (in the liturgy, in education programs, etc.)?

Has not been here.

12. How would you rate his personal appearance (dress, mannerisms, etc.)?

Good

13. Is there any age group or area in which his ministry has been most effective?

14. What has impressed you most about this person?

Good character + good personality.

15. a) Does he demonstrate those qualities which are required in one aspiring to sacred ordination?

Yes

- b) Do you recommend that he be encouraged to pursue his priestly formation and education? Please explain.

Yes, I feel that he would make a fine priest.

16. Does he seem to have an adequate understanding of theology?

Definitely

17. Are there any points which you feel should be brought to our attention as we help, guide and support this seminarian?

18. Are there any points you feel should be brought to the seminary's attention?

19. Are there any points which you feel ought to be brought to the seminarian's attention as he prepare himself for ordination to the priesthood?

Any further comments concerning this Seminarian?

Signed *Rev. Maurice R. Leguery*

Date *July 29 1976*

Please return immediately to:

Vocation Department
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

July 30, 1976

Mr. Philip A. Petit
167 Main Street
Suncook, New Hampshire 03275

Dear Phil,

I am very sorry to say that I have been unable to find a spot for your services on a week-end during the summer months. Unfortunately, most places are already filled up and I have two seminarians and 7 laymen working for me at the beach churches.

I phoned your home to leave this message but wanted to send a reply to your note in writing.

I hope all is well with you and that you are enjoying the summer. Best wishes for every blessing!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Vicar General

Saint William's Rectory
1048 Dorchester Avenue
Boston, Mass. 02125

485-9573

July 14, 1976

Dear Msgr. Hansberry:

As you probably know, it is a requirement of St. John's Seminary that theologians do six weeks of pastoral work during the summer. Fr. Groleau was unable to find a parish able and willing to hire a seminarian for that amount of time. As a result, I have been obliged to satisfy the requirement in a parish in Boston.

I will terminate my six week period on July 23, next Friday, and I have no commitments for the remainder of the summer. I was wondering if you might need an acolyte to distribute communion on week-ends at Hampton or its missions. I am available beginning the week-end of the 24-25 July thru the weekend of 12-13 September, with the exception of 28-29 August.

If you have no need of me, perhaps you know of some other parish that is in need of weekend help for communion at Mass.

Peace in Christ,

Philip A. Petit

Saint William's Rectory
1048 Dorchester Avenue
Dorchester, Mass. 02125

8-7-76

Dear Father,

Fr. Bill Kendrick was transferred to another parish. I arrived just recently, having only some two weeks with Phil. Based on this limited exposure, I don't feel to be in a position to fill this evaluation form.

However, I am pleased to offer the following. During my two week residence with Phil, I found him to be pleasant, spirited, cooperative, a diligent

Conscientious and interested - 4396
Seminarian. In our several
conversations about the church,
its mission etc, Phil clearly evidenced
an enthusiasm, experience far
beyond that of his. I did
not find, or at least was un-
aware of any negative quality
or attitude.

I hope he above will be of
some assistance to you, with
every good wish.

J. E. M. Decker

S E M I N A R I A N E V A L U A T I O NName of Seminarian Philip Petit Date _____Your Name Rev. William Kendrick Address _____
(street)_____
(city or town) Zi

- 1) a) Did the seminarian become truly involved in the parish ministry?
b) In what particular areas was he most involved?
- 2) How do you rate his effectiveness in the aforementioned areas of involvement?
3. a) How well did he communicate with fellow workers?
b) With you individually?
4. a) Did he express a deep interest in parish liturgies?
b) How do you evaluate his participation in liturgical functions?
5. Do you consider him a man of prayer? Please explain.
6. Has he demonstrated friendliness and courtesy in his relationships with the Laity in the Parish?

- 7. How would you rate his leadership ability, that is, his ability to inspire others and maintain confidence?

- 8. Did he demonstrate loyalty to and respect for the teachings of the church?

- 9. What is his reaction to trying situations or to criticism?

- 10. How would you rate his punctuality?

- 11. Has he shown initiative and creativity in his parish experience (in the liturgy, in education programs, etc.)?

- 12. How would you rate his personal appearance (dress, mannerisms, etc)?

- 13. Is there any age group or area in which his ministry has been most effective?

- 14. What has impressed you most about this person?

- 15. a) Does he demonstrate those qualities which are required in one aspiring to sacred ordination?

Do you recommend that he be encouraged to pursue his priestly formation and education? Please explain.

es he seem to have an adequate understanding of theology?

17. Are there any points which you feel should be brought to our attention as we help, guide and support this seminarian?

18. Are there any points you feel should be brought to the seminary's attention?

19. Are there any points which you feel ought to be brought to the seminarian's attention as he prepare himself for ordination to the priesthood?

20. Any further comments concerning this Seminarian?

Signed _____

Date _____

Please return immediately to:

Vocation Department
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

SEMINARIAN EVALUATION

Name of Seminarian Philip Petit Date 8-9-76

Your Name Rev. Msgr. Joseph Boyle Address 1048 Dorchester Ave
(street)

Dorchester, Mass 02125
(city or town) Zip

1) a) Did the seminarian become truly involved in the parish ministry? *yes.*

b) In what particular areas was he most involved? *In census taking in Mass liturgy - in giving out Holy Communion and helping around the rectory*

2) How do you rate his effectiveness in the aforementioned areas of involvement?
Excellent

3. a) How well did he communicate with fellow workers? *Splendidly*

b) With you individually?
Excellent

4. a) Did he express a deep interest in parish liturgies? *By all means*

b) How do you evaluate his participation in liturgical functions?
A dedicated leader

5. Do you consider him a man of prayer? Please explain.
Yes - ever reverent, devout and Christ-like

6. Has he demonstrated friendliness and courtesy in his relationships with the Laity in the Parish?
yes

7. How would you rate his leadership ability, that is, his ability to inspire others and maintain confidence?

Excellent - think he had such necessary qualities

8. Did he demonstrate loyalty to and respect for the teachings of the church?

Yes

9. What is his reaction to trying situations or to criticism?

Good

10. How would you rate his punctuality?

All that could be desired

11. Has he shown initiative and creativity in his parish experience (in the liturgy, in education programs, etc.)?

In the liturgy

12. How would you rate his personal appearance (dress, mannerisms, etc.)?

All that could be desired - always a pleasure

13. Is there any age group or area in which his ministry has been most effective?

Seems to appeal to all - maybe the older people more so - he seems so considerate of them

14. What has impressed you most about this person?

His Sincerity, devotion and zeal.

15. a) Does he demonstrate those qualities which are required in one aspiring to sacred ordination?

yes

) Do you recommend that he be encouraged to pursue his priestly formation and education? Please explain.

yes - think he could make a fine priest with the Grace of God

16. Does he seem to have an adequate understanding of theology?

yes - as far as I could discern

17. Are there any points which you feel should be brought to our attention as we help, guide and support this seminarian?

None

18. Are there any points you feel should be brought to the seminary's attention?

Keep high his noble aspirations

19. Are there any points which you feel ought to be brought to the seminarian's attention as he prepare himself for ordination to the priesthood?

Only that there is a part for him as a priest to do and only he can do it in God's Divine Pl.

any further comments concerning this Seminarian? - *No.*

Signed

Joseph J. Doyle

Date

August 9, 1976.

Please return immediately to:

Vocation Department
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

SEMINARIAN EVALUATIONName of Seminarian Philip Petit Date 9/30/76Your Name REV. JOHN P. TACKNEY Address 1048 DOR. AVE.
(street)DORCHESTER, MASS. 02125
(city or town) Zi

1) a) Did the seminarian become truly involved in the parish ministry?

YES.

b) In what particular areas was he most involved?

CELSUS.
LITURGY.

2) How do you rate his effectiveness in the aforementioned areas of involvement?

EXCELLENT.

3. a) How well did he communicate with fellow workers?

VERY WELL.

b) With you individually?

VERY WELL.

4. a) Did he express a deep interest in parish liturgies?

YES.

b) How do you evaluate his participation in liturgical functions?

EXCELLENT.

5. Do you consider him a man of prayer? Please explain.

YES. VERY SERIOUS ABOUT VOCATION, AND PRACTICE
PRAYER IN IT.

6. Has he demonstrated friendliness and courtesy in his relationships with the Laity in the Parish?

VERY MUCH SO.

7. How would you rate his leadership ability, that is, his ability to inspire others and maintain confidence?

VERY GOOD.

8. Did he demonstrate loyalty to and respect for the teachings of the church?

YES.

9. What is his reaction to trying situations or to criticism?

HUMAN,

10. How would you rate his punctuality?

EXCELLENT.

11. Has he shown initiative and creativity in his parish experience (in the liturgy, in education programs, etc.)?

DOES NOT APPLY.

12. How would you rate his personal appearance (dress, mannerisms, etc)?

VERY GOOD.

13. Is there any age group or area in which his ministry has been most effective?

I BELIEVE ADULTS.

14. What has impressed you most about this person?

HIS WILLINGNESS TO GET INVOLVED, AND HIS DRIVE

15. a) Does he demonstrate those qualities which are required in one aspiring to sacred ordination?

YES.

- b) Do you recommend that he be encouraged to pursue his priestly formation and education? Please explain.

YES, OF COURSE, TO ME, AS A PRIEST, I BELIEVE HE POSSESSES ALL QUALITIES NECESSARY TO BE

Does he seem to have an adequate understanding of theology?

YES.

17. Are there any points which you feel should be brought to our attention as we help, guide and support this seminarian?

STRONG REACTION, ^{BUT} VERY RARELY TO CRITICISM.

18. Are there any points you feel should be brought to the seminary's attention?

No.

19. Are there any points which you feel ought to be brought to the seminarian's attention as he prepare himself for ordination to the priesthood?

No. Just ONE, ABOUT HIS REACTION AT VERY RARE TIMES, TO CRITICISM.

Any further comments concerning this Seminarian?

Excellent candidate for priesthood.

Signed Rev. John P. Hockley

Date 8/30/76

Please return immediately to:

Vocation Department
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H. 03105

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VOCATION DEPARTMENT

Diocese of Manchester

153 Ash Street Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Phil Pettit: 1976

Phil appears to have a lack of self confidence. This makes him (gruff) or sharp and his remarks have a note of finality. But this has not happened with me. I feel as if he is comfortable with me and does not seem to worry about how he comes across. Maybe because I have accepted him. But he is afraid of deep relationships with others. Maybe because he finds himself to be lacking. (afraid to be found weak)

He seems to have had a problem with the youth when he worked in Merrimack. But that could be do to Ed. Richard's success. He has also had problems at the Paulist Center - but so do I. It will be important to evaluate Phil this summer.

9/21/76

Phil - not found in file

September 27, 1976
Feast of Matthew, Apostle

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

Dear Bishop,

I am a member of St. John the Baptist Parish, Suncook. I am 23 years old, and have now begun my third year of theological studies at this seminary. With your permission was instituted in the lay ministries of Reader and Acolyte and have exercised these ministries in my home parish, in the parish where I worked this past summer, as well as at the seminary.

I request to be admitted as a candidate of the Diocese of Manchester for the sacred orders of the transitional diaconate and the presbyterate. I make this request of my own free will, not by obligation or coercion. I have consulted and received the approval of my spiritual director.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and encouragement in the past, and I confidently ask you to remember me in prayer.

Peace in Christ, the Lord
Philip A. Petit



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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

October 12, 1976

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H., 03103

RECTOR'S TESTIMONIAL

I, the Rector of St. John's Seminary, Boston, warrant and attest that

PHILIP ARTHUR PETIT

a candidate for Admission to Candidacy, has fulfilled the necessary requirements as listed here.

1. The certificates of his Baptism and Confirmation have been obtained.
2. He is not bound by any censure or other canonical impediment, as far as I know.
3. If any dispensations from irregularity or other personal impediment will be needed for ordination to the Diaconate, notice has been given to candidate's Ordinary.
4. He has reached the necessary age and has begun his theological studies.
5. Finally, he has made the proper request for Admission to Candidacy, freely and by his own hand, and his petition has received the approval of the Faculty and Rector.

In testimony of the above, I hereby affix my own signature and the seal of the Seminary.

October 12, 1976

DATE


RECTOR



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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

October 12, 1976

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H., 03103

Dear Bishop Gendron:

I write to inform you that your student PHILIP ARTHUR PETIT has requested Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood.

I am enclosing the rector's testimonial letter and the faculty evaluation in favor of the above student, as well as his letter requesting Admission to Candidacy. You will also find enclosed the transcript of his grades.

With every best wish, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Banks".

Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector

RJB:MFF
Encs.

October 26, 1976

Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector
St. John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Bob,

Thank you very much for your kind hospitality on Fridays when Gerry Boucher and myself attend the Deacon Program.

I have enclosed the Dimissorial Letter for Philip A. Petit.

With our best wishes and prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

D I M I S S O R I A L

L E T T E R

To all who read this letter I make known and attest that our beloved son in Christ, Philip A. Petit, possesses a sound moral character, is not bound by ecclesiastical censure or any other impediment, and, so far as I know, can be promoted to Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood. Accordingly, by this letter presented to the Very Reverend (^{*Rector's name*} Robert J. Banks,) Rector of (^{*School*} St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts,) I grant permission and the faculty to any bishop in communion with the Holy See to admit the above-mentioned (Philip A. Petit) to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood.

As an indication of my faith in this statement, I issue this present document under my signature and seal.

Given at Manchester, New Hampshire on the 26th day of October, 1976

Bishop of Manchester

Date:

Seal:

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY
LAKE STREET
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS
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November 2, 1976

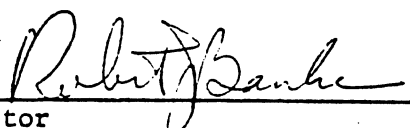
Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
153 Ash St.
Manchester, N.H., 03103

Orders received by: PHILIP ARTHUR PETIT

Diocese: Manchester

ORDER	DATE	PLACE	ORDAINING PRELATE
Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood	<u>Oct. 31, 1976</u>	<u>St. John Sem. Brighton, Mass.</u>	<u>Joseph J. Ruocco, D.D.</u>
Reader	_____	_____	_____
Acolyte	_____	_____	_____
Diaconate	_____	_____	_____

SEAL



 Rector
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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

November 2, 1976

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
153 Ash St.
Manchester, N.H., 03103

Dear Bishop Gendron:

Enclosed please find Document of Admission to Candidacy
for Philip Arthur Petit.

The Ceremony took place here at the Seminary on Sunday,
October 31, 1976.

With every best wish, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Banks".

Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector

RJB:MFF
Enc.

NAME: Philip A. Petit
CLASS: 1978
DIOCESE: Manchester
DATE: March 15, 1977

Philip Petit has made significant improvement this year. He has indicated that he is conscious of the need for some work in the area of social maturity and interpersonal relationships, and he seems to be working in this area with some success. Positive signs are the way he responded to faculty recommendations last year, his attempts to be less shy, and his acknowledgement of problems in interpersonal relationships.

Some faculty feel that there is still room for considerable improvement, noting that there is somewhat of a tendency to be a loner and that he can be stubborn in pushing his own viewpoints (but now he definitely tries to listen). Mention was also made by some that he should reflect with his advisor on any tendency to get caught up in "gossip".

Philip's intention to postpone diaconate for a year is seen as a good move by many of the faculty.

Philip chose a demanding field education project this year (working with elderly in a nursing home) and the report is favorable, noting his conscientiousness. The summer report from his home pastor is also very favorable.

Since Philip did not request Diaconate, the faculty voted on the issue of his general aptitude for priesthood and his performance this year. He received a fairly good majority of favorable votes. ?

March 16, 1977

Mr. Philip Petit
St. John Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Phil,

Thank you for the warm and generous reception you gave us last Monday evening. It made a darn good impression on Ray, Peter and Richard. It also helped to make us all feel "quite at home".

I decided to write and touch on a few areas of great importance which your letter brought to my attention. You presented a request to be considered for the Union St. Jean Baptiste Scholarship Fund. I will certainly place your letter with the others and we should have an answer by the end of the month. Then you asked about the committee to discuss lay ministries. We decided not to ~~have~~ such a committee because we asked all of our seminaries to provide input. We discussed the pros and cons with our Bishop and we feel we have arrived at a reasonable solution. We have decided that we would go along with "lay ministries" being held in the seminary setting. There are many reasons for this decision and I would be more than happy to share these reasons with you any time.

I have discussed diaconate ordination with Paul and Pierre and they would like ordination to take place as soon as possible. We have agreed that the ordination would take place in December of 1977.

Many thanks again for all you do, I am really looking forward to April. If there is anything else I should know or if I can help, please feel free to call or write.

In His Peace and Love,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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Philip A. Petit
St. John Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

February 27, 1977

4416,
We will
meet again,
to discuss these
points

Dear Paul:

Please forgive the formality of a type-written letter, but there are many topics that I would like to cover and I can get more on a page if I type it.

First, I would very much like to apply for financial assistance from the grant from the Union St. Jean-Baptiste. If I do continue my studies next year, I would be paying the full tuition of \$ 2,700.00 (an increase of \$ 100,00 over this year). I will no longer have the benefit of a \$ 300.00 burse from the seminary, so all things being equal that would be more money I would have to borrow from the bank.

Second as regards next year, it is possible that Ron Gariboldi may oppose my request to not be assigned to a parish for weekend ministry as an acolyte. I hope to be able to depend on your approval and support (vocal and otherwise) should I encounter difficulty in this matter. It has been an important consideration in my decision not to petition for diaconate until a later time. An obligation to a parish would seriously hinder my commitment to work for an M.Th.

Thirdly, we discussed lay ministries when you were here in the Fall, and at that time there was some discussion by the board about having the ceremonies in the diocese. I offered to help on such a committee, but received no response. I am curious to know if anything has come of the idea. I am still very interested and eager to help prepare for such a program.

Fourthly, Paul Montminy and W. Pierre Baker will not be ordained until sometime during their fourth theology. I have planned to wait until the end of fourth theology, but if they were going to be ordained in the diocese, I would be at least willing to consider being ordained with them rather than duplicate ceremonies in a matter of a few months. Perhaps they would not be opposed to waiting until late April or May, or perhaps a date just before Lent of '78? Would you be able to sound them out in an official capacity. I do not think it is too early to start planning. I will be interested in knowing what you find out.

Fifthly, we discussed my spending some time in Berlin this summer. I like the idea of working in St. Joseph's Parish, but another angle has developed. There will undoubtedly will be parishes here in Boston who will request help during the summer months. Being close to the library here at the seminary would perhaps allow me to get a head-start on my thesis for the M.Th. degree. I would like your opinion of this possibility.

Sixthly, I have attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Holy Thursday for the past several years. I intend to be there this year, and I would appreciate it if you would tell Frank Christian that I am more than willing to be of help in any way that I can - lector, acolyte, cantor, etc. If he has anything specific in mind, perhaps you or he could contact me in advance if necessary.

Seventhly, the same offer as in sixthly is good for the ordination of Bishop Mulvee. Regardless of the day of the week, the seminary is

already expecting that the Manchester seminarians will be absent for the day.

Seventhly, you mentioned that you might be visiting St. John's for a couple of days in the near future. I would only ask some prior notice so that we can adjust our schedules as best we can to accomodate you.

Flo Bilodeau was here yesterday, stayed overnight Friday. He is in a D. Min. program at B.U. and stays here. We had a good chat during a very short visit. I am glad that he stays with us, and I wish we could have more priests visit St. John's.

I heard from Marc Montminy that Gerry will have the cast for another month. I feared that this would happen. He had so psyched himself to have the cast off for Ash Wednesday that it must be a real disappointment. He has lost alot of weight, and Erma is very concerned. I do hope that he doesn't make himself sick over this thing! Give him my best.

The E & A process is in full swing so paranoia is rampant here at St. John's! Though I have never had the "pleasure" of being called, I know what effect it has on those who appear before the board and/or faculty. I think that E & A is one of the saddest aspects of St. John's, and on that basis alone I would personally discourage prospective students from coming here. I think that being very objective the process is unchristian. It has nothing of the "fraternal correction" of St. Paul, but smacks of a clandestine "out-to-get-you" approach where faculty take cheap shots at students they don't like without ever having to justify their statements.

I am keeping very busy with committee meetings, schola, classes, field ed. and a number of other things. I hope that it will be a prayreful Lenten season; it is really a challenge to make time for prayer but it is a must.

Hope all is going well with you. Now that your travelling is over, I hope you will be able to spend some time with Gerry. He likes you very much, and has great respect for your work. I look forward to seeing you of at least hearing from you soon.

Take care and pray for me as I do for you.

Peace in Jesus, Messiah

Phil

P.S. Please forgive my Types - a secretary
I'm nut!

Philip A. Petit
St. John Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

4418

3/6/77

Dear Paul,

I apologize for not being able to meet with you Friday. We were like ships passing in the night. A couple of things have come to mind since then.

I am very serious when I say I prefer not to be assigned to a parish while doing an M.Th. I see it as a real obstacle to getting my work done. If the thesis were not finished by the time I left St. John's, it becomes more and more difficult to finish. I have seen the schedules of academic deacons, and they find it oppressive. Most of them have encouraged ~~me~~ me to push for non-placement. Many faculty members feel this way also.

It remains, however, school policy to assign a 4th tier to a parish, either as deacon or acolyte, full-time or week-end. My request would require faculty approval. A faculty member who is experienced in such matters said the request should come from Bishop Sension. May I ask you to discuss this at the board meeting Wednesday, and then would the Bishop write directly to the rector on the matter. If possible, I'd like a copy of the letter.

The letter should cover ~~these~~ two specific areas: the fact that it has been discussed and approved in Manchester, and that a full-time supervised internship will be provided in the diocese.

As regards St. Therese in Manchester - two points to think about: work on M.Th. here in Boston and need to travel

on a weekly basis; its proximity to my home. I foresee a difficult summer at home, and I might benefit from a little distance from it. We can talk more when you come on Tuesday.

Now - "entre nous"

I spoke to Walter Edy, son and his first reaction was that I ~~should~~ must advise the rector of your meeting with a my faculty advisor. Seems the rector may have made comment about vocation directors not having any need of speaking to anyone other than himself. Walter wondered what you are after and I couldn't tell him. Seems this came up with the planned visit of Wagn Burke since he never come, no problem arose. Walter then said I needn't speak to the rector, that he'd see you. So - for what it is worth there you have it.

About Providence - as soon as I read about it in the newsletter, I was tempted to offer to go. I didn't though, thinking it wasn't my place. So I accepted another commitment that I couldn't change - sorry. Hope it went well.

Marc Montminy has a sheet for you for names of people who might be interested in the overnight here at St. John's for potential sems. You have names and addresses, so if you fill it out and mail it directly to Paul Walsh, I'm sure he'll accomodate. As it soon though - The overnight is Mar. 24-25.

Peace - Jesus

Phil