

SAINT FRANCIS



RETREAT CENTER

1 July 1982

Dear David,

I received your letter the other day, and as usual, it was great to hear from you. I'm sorry I didn't get to answer it right away but we have been very busy here at the house and I've just been letting my mail stack up a bit.

I had completely forgotten that I said I would write you requesting recommendations both from your counselor and spiritual director and also from [REDACTED]. What I would like to do is do that with this letter.

I'm sure that you are in close touch with these people and this would just be a general disposition of theirs that we would be able to refer to.

David, the most important thing in the whole question is your personal health. I think the retreat movement is incidental compared to our life as friars. My personal feelings in this matter are that whatever would be best for you we would be very happy to do here at St. Francis Retreat. I have discussed this with [REDACTED] and he mentioned that we will go slow with it and I think that is a good way to approach it. The retreat house is very beautiful and can be very beautiful but it also can be a very hectic place if people do not pace themselves correctly or if they do get over involved. I know that from long experience of living in retreat communities or retreat houses. The reason I mention that we are increasing the amount of activity here is because that is a fact. Knowing that you will be able to deal with it much better before you get here than after.

In my last conversation with the Provincial he suggested that we do have our talk and I think it was a very good talk. I think we outlined our possibilities and our future here for the next couple of years rather well. We are dependent upon personnel, we need more and we have requested the provincial to meet that need. Just what he is going to do about it is have no idea. I know that [REDACTED] is concerned about you as a friar and wants to do what is best for you.

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I can only speak for myself as a member of the lay/religious community when I say that I have very little power or authority over others in the community. Most of our decisions are consensus, most of them arrived through some experience that we have had, so I don't think my mode of operation is to just make decisions and then hope that they work out OK. I do prefer a consensus style and we have been trying to operate under that principal. In your letter you mentioned it might be possible to have a temporary try here and I think that would be a good approach. I think you should talk to the counselor and spiritual director about that. Somehow from your counselor we would need some way to, in layman's terms, monitor your reactions to your medication. We're not doctors or nurses or psychologists or professional people. We are just living here. We do understand that if you should get an imbalance in your system someone should be able to deal with it promptly.

In closing, I want to say that my concern is for your personal well-being, your growth as a Franciscan friar and your personal happiness. If these could be accomplished here at St. Francis Retreat I would be happy to do whatever I could to go in that direction. We will keep this matter in our prayers and I think you can go ahead and cautiously pursue it since there is a changed Chapter coming up.

I'm sure we will be in touch in the future.

I hope you have a beautiful experience in Assisi. Brother Mo is still radiating from his month over there last year and says it is just a gorgeous place and loaded with Franciscan lore and feelings. I hope you can absorb much of this while you are in Europe. Above all, relax and have a good time.

Peace and every blessing,

*Brother Sean Carr, OFM
Director*

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July 6, 1982

[REDACTED]
Re: David Carriere, OFM

Dear [REDACTED]

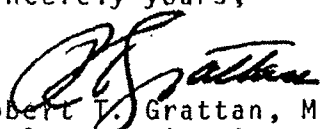
As you know, I have been seeing Fr. Carriere regularly since he returned to Santa Barbara nearly two years ago. In addition to receiving psychotherapy from me he has been stabilized on what appears to be an optimal dose of lithium. The latter, of course, is to prevent the dramatic mood shifts that marked his periods of psychological decompensation in the past.

Over the past two years, Fr. Carriere has gradually assumed increasing duties at the Mission and filled in for the ailing Chaplain at Saint Francis Hospital. From my understanding he has performed the tasks assigned him quite responsibly and satisfactorily.

Fr. Carriere wishes now to return to his previous work at the Saint Francis Retreat House. From a clinical standpoint I would clear him for this move. He recognized that it is imperative to not only take the lithium but have his blood levels and general condition monitored by a physician (preferably a psychiatrist).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,


Robert T. Grattan, M.D., F.A.P.A.
Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry
and Neurology

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cc: Sean Carr, OFM

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July 6, 1982

Rev.
Provincial
Franciscan Fathers of California

Dear

I am writing this in response to a request by Father David Carriere.

As you know, Dave and I have been meeting for the entire length of his stay in Santa Barbara. On one occasion I participated in a joint session with him, [REDACTED] and Doctor Grattan.

I think that the Old Mission has been an ideal place for David to recover from what newer approaches are discovering is a biochemical malfunction. Certainly the lithium carbonate treatment has been helping greatly.

I am most proud of the way that David has pursued the psychological and spiritual aspects of his illness. He has been courageous in looking at his weaknesses and doing something about them.

I have told him and you that San Juan Bautista would seem to be similarly ideal in that the pressure is low and the opportunity for quiet and for physical exercise is abundant. David is both dedicated to and practiced in their use. He would also be close to persons he can trust medically, psychologically and spiritually.

Until medicine better understands manic-depressive illness, David will probably need to be very careful about stressful situations. He understands this.

It has been a joy to be with David. I will miss him.

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted]

July 20, 82

Hi & greetings on the
road back, Mission stationing.
The sun's shining bright & I
look out on our garden top
roof - over the Galeto Valley.

I had forgot to write this
out sent it along with the
other letters from Prasad
& Sr. brother. But time ran
out & I left home.

I did want you (not the old
& new definition) to have this
at your meeting after the chapter.
(... Only "Union - Character"!!)
Type written here, so I hope you
can make out my writing.

I just filled up the bill from
our Prasad Eucharist, talk &
hours of Son & mission.... I'm
so grateful to The Province & You,
for this rich gift of coming here.
I feel I'm gaining a great deal -
not just in my old tourist - non
Places & experiences, but mainly

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growing spiritually, closer to Francis
& through him, closer to the Lord.

Just bumped into our official
Provincial Council of strong men
Dortch (& John) He said he'd
be glad to host deliberation this to you.

I've sent you enough epistles
already. I just wanted to sum-
marize how I see, believe & feel
things - in me & in our Province,
looking to the future for us.

① After almost 2 years of leaving
St. Francis Retreat (SFR) & not
returning to St. Barbara, I've
lost some of time, lot to be
healed of a painful wound -
Thanks mainly to Monard!!
and I've had time to think,
Pray, meditate & discern &
talk over mainly with, Bernard
& Dr. Patton, others friends
like you.... through all this
I've learned from the Post -
my goals & my very good ministry.
All I've shared with all these people
my dreams & directions for the future.

② After all this, and the recommendations I've received (and I could get around now if I wanted to flood you... like the very kind Welcome letter from the Chancellor of the Monterey Diocese, if I were to return to S.F.R.)
Especially, the deep spiritual peace I feel inside me...
I don't think all these could add up to the counter-Christ ^{signs} in regard to the future.

③ I have felt a few guilt pangs, knowing the big gap in the Province for men in Parishes. When you mentioned that to me, I went thru the Provincial Catalogue several times. I looked up a few Parishes where I might do well & be well.

The 1 & only possibility was Provo. That's why I took your word & Oscar's invitation to give a Lenten mission at our Parish there. Some great people, very responsive in the mission. Some very fine friends, but after discovering a few things, I know it would not be good for me to go there!

--- So back to my S.F.R. request.

2) So ... back to my request, I realize if they sent a friend there, if Godfrey were happy in a change, they could see a 2nd friend ^{like} me.

If Godfrey remains there, as originally planned, they really would not meet either here. But I believe my being a 2nd my being, my ministry will be a meaningful & prayerful help to our Province, to our Community of SFR & to the People of the Monterey Diocese, both temporal & spiritual speaking.

3) I'm glad I had the long talk with Sean & Tom at SFR a few weeks. They told me of changes there, like growing numbers!! (not a "crisis" yet - Thank God. I couldn't take that price)

Sean reminded me of your concern, not to go too fast! Although my report card has it Sean at it in this, I think I've come long way. I feel - if I keep my SFR goals of 4 years ago:

- to go slow, & not race ...
- to take my spiritual life my #1 priority.

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(29. Both Community & Personal :
Eucharist, spiritual writing, meditation,
all aiding my closer relation with the Lord.

Then, what I will be con come with
time & with discussion with John
& the Community - e.g. The Mini-
Mission idea (as in Progress). I think
I've some special gifts in this -
for reaching out to Providence must use.
This would also be "field work" - getting
the word out more about our retired Home.

If I keep to these Priorities
then the words of Jesus' letter would
be reality: "Above, the most important
thing... is your personal health" "HOMER"

© but to do the above, as both Dr.
Dutton & myself stress, I want to
continue my work with both my
Counsellor & Spiritual Director,
W to, Frank, Bob, we both still very
close by.

Dr. Dutton also stressed the
urgency Blood Tests. In my several
years, I've never missed 1 monthly
Blood test - which he says should
be monitored by a Paediatrician - I'm

sure for. Gerb Crone would
be happy to do this. We
love to know each other quite well.

⑦ Then, my request to be allowed
to go there - is a temporary one: 6 months.
Both Sam & I felt this was wise.
I'm very confident & positive about
those 6 months ... that they may continue.

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To wrap up, I've been taking
over long sites from the talks
on the Program here (expedited talks.)
But I'm getting long-winded again.

I sure hope this finds you
well, Louise, not too nervous
about the Chapter. I'll be
asking the Lord to guard &
guide you all in the Chapter.
- I had give a special "shout" to
~~the~~ people for me: I was very
disappointed we missed each other here.

PS - I repeat the wise words of
Sage of Spolito: "I'd love to score
with the angels, but I live with parking"
PSS - If some of the above works out, I'll
be glad to sit down & talk with you what I
feel like ... God keep you, Louise. Love
from the 4th of November - Dick

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PSSS.

Almost forgot, don't
write letter of recommen-
dation, about my possible
return to SFR - from
Memphis, dr. Lester & you

You're not going to
worry about it. But maybe
during chapter, you could
let her know from your
feelings briefly now, or
later you're talked
before on this matter.

Ciao!

David

October 3, 1982

David Carriere, O.F.M.
Old Mission
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Dear Dave:

Thanks for your recent letter and the post-card. My, aren't you becoming famous! First the "Song of Christmas" and now an Old Mission post-card. That is quite outstanding. It's a good picture. You always look so young. I told you that even my mother said, "What happened to you? David looks so young." Of course you are a lot younger than I, but you look even more than that.

Appreciated your assesment of possible people for guardian etc. We have the meeting coming up and we certainly are going to have to pray to the Holy Spirit because I really don't know how to best respond in that situation. It is really a tough one.

██████ got off amid a flood of tears, both from his side and especially from all his loving fans. I know he'll be great over there, but it will be a tough adjustment.

Thanks again David for your warm support, especiaally whenever I visit the Mission. Look forward to seeing you again soon.

Fraternally,

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October 11, 1982

David Carriere, O.F.M.
Old Mission
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Dear David:

Perhaps by now Berard has talked to you about our decision at the recent definitorium meeting. But I do wish to convey it personally by letter. We have discussed your request before and we did discuss it again. I'm afraid I have disappointing news. First of all, there is really a lack of clarity as to what is going to happen at San Juan. Presently Bill Sisk and Larry Gosselin are there, and Juan is still hoping to go there. We have not decided what to respond to Juan's request, pending further meetings both with the staff there and with Juan. We do hope to set some kind of direction at San Juan, and it is important that we meet with them and help to determine this. Nevertheless, it just does not seem that it would be necessary or best for you to be there.

Secondly, upon discussions with the ~~different~~ people involved--the doctor, etc., it is our feeling that it would be better for you at this time to remain at Mission Santa Barbara. You have done very well there, and we do just have fears that the situation at San Juan would create once again the tensions that you experienced before. It would surely not be to the same degree, since Barry is not present, but still it's a much more enclosed situation and a more tense kind of situation. I realize again that this is a difference of opinion from your own assessment of the situation. All I can say is we've given it a lot of thought and discussion and we all feel that it would not be a wise move. When I say David that we have given it a lot of thought, I mean a great deal of thought, because I know what a disappointment this is to you. Nevertheless, we are simply convinced that it would not be a situation that would work out well. The tensions are already there, and your coming into that situation just does not seem to be healthy.

Thirdly, our other consideration is that it just ~~does seem that that retreat~~ work would be the best thing for you at this time. It takes a lot of intense time and that might be a bit much. You do very well in your liturgy and in the various other presentations that you make, and particularly more and more in your relating to other people. We are very, very happy with the progress. However, a retreat is quite demanding, both in hours and in intensity, and it just does not feel

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like that's the best place for you at this time.

I know that you have said that you were not thinking of a whole retreat by yourself but of maybe helping of a retreat or doing shorter things, nevertheless, that is the nature of the work at a retreat house and it seems to us as we look over the demands of that particular position, that it would not be the best for you.

Once again, David, I know that this will be a painful and disappointing letter. I'm really sorry that we have to respond this way. Perhaps in a conversation with Berard, you can get a little more understanding. In any case, John Altman and I will be there on the fifth of November and we could also discuss it more at that time.

At the same time as not granting your request to move to San Juan, we do want to affirm your presence at Mission Santa Barbara. Our decision was based not only on the fact that San Juan did not seem to be the best place, but that Santa Barbara did. We are very impressed with the way that you have been able to fit in there, and the progress that you have made. The feeling was to go with the winner. I believe that Dr. Graton would support this viewpoint. So we do hope that you will continue to take advantage of the Mission and contribute in the way that you have thus far.

David, please be assured of my love, my support and my prayers during this time.

Your brother,

Dear [REDACTED]

April 18, 1982.

(invitation)

Howdy! Along with our class reunion, I wanted to add a little epistle for this 2nd Sunday of Easter. I wish you all the rich blessings of the Risen Lord. "Peace be with you,"...and with all our peace-less world. It was good to talk with you in Holy Week. Wish I could have been there with you in Vegas to celebrate Calvary and the Lord's Resurrection.

A few things about the future for me..... You mentioned on the phone that you didn't have the chance yet to sit down and talk to Sean yet about possible changes at San J.B. I wasn't sure, but it sounded like possible changes about the purpose, goals of SJB, not just personnel changes. If so, is there some question whether I would fit it there? And as we talked before, you mentioned Sean's question, if I should ever happen to return, would I be a constant "protestor?" I'm looking forward to the chance of having such a talk with Sean. I think he's got enough to worry about there. And I could give him peace of mind that I wouldn't be that protesting pain in the(now that my departed brother has departed.)

I didn't know if I was any problem to Sr. Maria on the team there. She's given me mixed feelings. I was very favorably impressed with her on our 1st chat! I saw a lot of goodness in her, but when I returned for Ernie Larkin's workshop, she was hard to figure out. Besides being very tired, she gave me the feeling that I scared her??? Oh Lordy! Then today, I found out there are pro and con feelings about her and her future there. What else is new?#@!?

You mentioned there is some "competition," in that other friars have expressed interest in going to SJB.

All I can do is to remind you and the defintorium of some strong recommendations going for me, after over 1½ years to think, pray, discern, share with doctor, counsellor, spiritual director, provincial, other friars.

a. You heard Armand's recommendation on the phone not too long ago.

b. Dr. Grattan would give you a similar strong recommendation if you asked him,
c.

When I talked with Dr. George Mc Lendon, my coun selor while at SJB., he was very happy and hopeful for my possible return there.

d. You saw the kind letter of WELCOME from Todd Brown, the new chancellor of the Monterey diocese, should I return to SJB.

e. When I had a long talk with Ernie Larkin, he already knew all about me (through a mutual friend) and about Barry. He felt the above recommendations, along with my prayer and deep inner peace, were all strong hints and signs that this may well be discerning the Lord's will for me, in returning to SJB. (He hopes so!)

---From my Provo Lenten mission, I learned two things. 1st, I was strongly reinforced outside and inside me, that my main gifts are in retreat ministry! 2nd, Provo had been my 2nd choice, in case SJB didn't work out. Some very good friars and people up there, but it is no longer a choice for me. I'll explain in "the flesh."

---I heard Sean may make R. Rohr's retreat. I was going to ask if I could go up on the bus for the last day, then come back with our guys here. Then I could see lots of friars, including Ray(!) and SEAN. Do you think I could talk to him then, or is that too early? I'd appreciate it if you could let me know.

Now I'll let you get back to the real "Heavies" of the Province headaches!
Take good care of [REDACTED]... In the past weeks, several people have praised YOU thru me, for the superb job you did on that weekend Peace Workshop. Right On

Yours Bro. in Christ + Service, Kne

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Hi



April. 8, 1982

Greetings! How the time flies.... It was just Christmas...then Ash Wednesday & Lent.... today, the day of the Lord's Supper... and Resurrection Sunday!

Before any more time flies by, and before your calendar books get jammed for June, WE wanted to send you a very special HIGH PRIORITY INVITATION! WE= 4 of our ol' faithful fading silver jubilee class. We attended our Regional Council at Malibu last month: John Peterson, Joe Prochnow, [redacted] (we squeezed him in) and me.

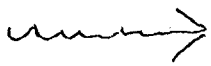
Since we couldn't all make our little class reunion last year, could you make it this summer, to close our anniversary???

There's no perfect date for everyone, unfortunately, but for [redacted] and all 4 of us at Malibu, the 1st of June would be the best time.

*** That's from Tuesday June 1st (around noon) till Friday, June 4 (around noon).

Hopefully, that wouldn't run into parish weekend work.

-This is right after the Memorial Day Weekend.



It was also agreed last year, if we had a get-together this year, we'd take up the invitation to return to the [redacted] Cabin at Crestline in the San Bernardino mountains. It was "Super Grade AA" last year..... It was thought to be a little south by our northerners, but once they got there, they said it was well worth it!

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SO... after the Holy Week rush Blahs and rest (hopefully), please check your calendar. Sure hope we can all make it. Could you please let me know by the end of April how it looks for you.

(You might mention, if you're flying in, if you would need a ride from the airport Tuesday late morning or when....)

As we did last year, we'll take care of the food when we get up there.

I'm doing fine down yonder here in ol' SB. A little warmer here than the Las Vegas Nuclear test sight last week, and especially Provo, where I gave a Lenten mini-mission at our parish.

Sure hope EACH of YOU is fine. Hope to hear from you SOON. and really hope to SEE & TOUCH you in June! \$%#&@!

Your Bro. in Christ,

- Dave

Thanks for the post offer.

Sure hope we can make it

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MY POSITIVE GOALS

June, 1980

Recently, both my doctor and my spiritual director asked me to be less negative (about some past deep hurts....) and to be more positive about my future. They asked me to write down my plans and dreams for my future ministry IF I would be allowed to stay here. SO, I did:

1. Starting with me, I want to continue (and do a better job) to read and reflect and become more deeply a man of prayer, a man of God.

Also, for my continued personal, emotional, and spiritual growth, I want to keep up with: My psychologist- twice a month and my spiritual director about each 6 weeks. (I'm lucky also for this growth to have a prayer house and a "Poustinia" close by.)

2. My Ministry Priority. Now that my weekend help at San Miguel is finished, I want to make my #1 ministry priority, being more available for retreats, Days of Recollection etc. here at home. I believe I have much to offer God's people here as part of the team.

3. Work With My Own Community. I want to try and do my part to help reconcile, mend hurts and build community, right here at home with our Franciscan-lay community. I want to be open to them all, and I expect the same un-prejudiced openness to me.

(The following I would drop if conditions improved:)

-- In this area, I sure hope we can do what was discussed and passed months ago in our community meetings: to try meeting with an outside facilitator- to help us: negatively, to face some problems and tensions we have here; and positively, to help us see our own (individual and communal) fantastic goodness and gifts and talents, to affirm us for ourselves and for reaching out to others in our ministry here.

-- Now that I'll be home more (after San Miguel) I think I can pitch in more with community work, especially the gardens and dishshift.

4. Spanish-Speaking Apostolate. I want to re-affirm one of the big reasons I wanted to come here (and was enthusiastically welcomed for), ministry with the Spanish-speaking of the area. I'd like to discuss this ministry with the directors here and to be available for work with them here and outside, when possible, with masses, days of recollection etc. in other parishes.

5. "Triduums" (weird name/0) One ministry I would like to experiment with is a new Triduum in parishes. (I already have 4 or 5 interested priests.) This would simply be 3 days (Sunday masses, Sunday through Tuesday evenings).

- The theme would be set with the pastor.

- The program would be Eucharists to begin and end with, an evening talk, sharing, a FCC film, sharing, prayer and refreshments. I'd like to try this since the priests were very enthusiastic about it...evaluate it, then continue or discontinue it.

I would also use these for "field work" for us here, bringing brochures and spreading the work about St. Francis Retreat and what we offer.

The above would be available in English and Spanish.

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6. Engaged Encounter. After being invited and urged to work with different diocesan groups and programs, after thinking them over and consultation with my confessor and psychologist and Barry, I said No. Then after ⁶⁻⁹other request from the diocesan leader couple and the chancellor of the diocese, I got the approval and encouragement to work with the Engaged Encounter Program- on a trial basis. I would do it just 2 or three times this year, then evaluate it.

7. Relationship with our Diocesan Priests

I want to continue my close ties with a growing number of diocesan priests, on an informal, individual basis, and in occasional meetings of two groups: The Spanish-speaking apostolate and the Priests' Spiritual life committee of the Priests' Senate.

These take little time, but they're important ministry for me. The priests really appreciate my interest.

I also want to be open to them who come to me for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spiritual direction, as a few have begun to do. This is an important ministry to me.

***Finally, to make sure I don't sink (in our mighty, muddy lake) and take on too much, I want to continue to make time to relax at home after work...duck-gazing, jogging, unwinding and also taking a day off as told me to do.



Santa Barbara - Ventura Division

Catholic Social Service

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION & CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM

Departments of the Catholic Welfare Bureau of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Inc.

Feb. 18, 1982

Dear Father David Carrier,

Thank you so much for such a beautiful and special mass. Personally, it was the most meaningful mass I have ever attended. I would like to share one evaluation statement with you, "Thank you very much for permitting growth, thus continued life, in the Church."

Sincerely,

Mary Solis

Mary Solis
Catholic Social Service

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CD-5. Just a nice thank-you stroke from a woman who had me celebrate & Eucharist for a small group of separated & divorced Catholics.

Dear [REDACTED]

Feb. 20, 1982

Greetings! Happy Pre-Mardi Gras and Lent.

Thanks very much for our talk and sharing. I sure appreciate your time, and especially YOU. We went for one hour. Long, but a little better than the "marathon" session with you at S.E. at the peak of my (in)famous crisis at SJB. I'm grateful you mentioned your talk with Sean and his fears about my "protests" if I should happen to return. After you mention our talk to Sean, I'd appreciate it if you could let me know. Then I'd like to have the chance to have a talk with him, when our paths cross. I can explain my trust in him and Tom and their decisions, a little different situation than my my first stay there, with my since "exited" brother.

I would even be happy to have the chance to go there, be assigned there on a temporary (or "trial") basis, so they could live with the David of 1982, not of 1980. I'm very confident I could work very well with the team there. It would be a new ball game, even though I'm aware things aren't perfect there. But in growing old, I've yet to see a perfect Franciscan community! !

One line of Christ in John's gospel has been echoing over and over inside me. "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

I feel I can keep growing myself in Christ's full (not fraction) life. And I believe I can be an instrument of his life to many others in retreat ministry, at SJB.

From my past there, I know it is very conducive to growing in my prayer life, (sacraments, prayer, meditation, quiet...being, not just doing. Through these, I can in turn share Christ's life with others, in retreats, Days of recollection, talks, limited field work, if desired....

In my time with Ernie Larkin at SJB a few weeks back, I was reminded of two special gifts I have that I can share with others there.

1. SJB, is a FC. Media Center, (thanks to Barry- and I thanked him many times for making this possible!!) I've worked with films for 8 years at Fresno, with our high schoolers and with University students; with adult ed. groups at Mt. Carmel-at meetings, days of Recollection, with the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

For example, I've used films on these occasions to show how our faith and Christ's full life includes both our personal and family life, and also the broader world around us of social gospel justice...e.g. how we are called to be peacemakers in Christ and Francis, in prayer and action... to assure that Christ's full life in his creation and creatures is not damaged or destroyed, but safeguarded and protected. (I might even use that "Commie" booklet, "Nuclear Pacifism!")

2. The other gift I used in my months at SJB, was music.

Arranging meditation music for liturgies (for our own community and for retreatants) meant a lot to people. They appreciated me doing this very much. (I'm not allowed to do this here, but I do it for the Sisters at the hospital. They like it very much!%) SJB has a very good collection of liturgical tapes. And I have a collection that I've made from borrowing records from library and friends and taping them, and some supplied by super sister, Charmaine.

Fr. Ernie Larkin and the group with me at SJB a few weeks ago were very grateful to me for the tape-song-prayers I arranged for each day's liturgies. That was at the request of Sr. Maria from the team there.

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Also, in the world of music, my piano playing is fun when I see it lighting people up, not just at liturgies, but at short sing-a-longs I had at SJB at the end of a few retreats and days of recollection. I saw a lot of life in people, especially with older and middle age groups.

Again, Fr. Ernie and the group thanked me "mucho" for playing the piano at our party and sing-a-long that Ernie wanted on our last night there....(I just interrupted this letter again for a fun Mardi Gras Institute party and sing-a-long, at Tom More's request. Those guys really belted out- good voices.)

March 3. Time's too short. This letter has been gathering dust, or Lenten ashes.... When you mentioned there might not be enough work for 2 full-time friars at SJB,, I mentioned different possibilities. I think these could be good reach-out and field work, to help in parishes and at the same time spread the news about our ministry at our retreat house.

The enclosed page gives "My Positive Goals," June, 1980 (when things were getting bad!) #5 ("Triduums") interested me and many priests that I talked to back then. I feel this has great potential, on a trial basis.

The rest of the page of my goals would still hold right now, if I were back in SJB. Ofcourse, I would want to use my gift of Spanish there. (Goal #4.) And our spirituality and spiritual direction as priests is still a high priority. (Goal#7) And I still PROFESS MY FAITH in my last goal sentence (about being, not doing,) "relaxing time...duck-gazing, jogging, unwinding and also taking a day off as told me to do!"

One item on my goal list, #6, I would not be interested in, at least in the start, Engaged Encounters, even though the chancellor had recommended me highly for this back then.

Also [redacted] stopped by and mentioned that he occasionally needs help at St. Clare's on weekends and more on a day during the week. If he remains working there (from Berkeley) and it wasn't interfering with our schedule at SJB, I'd be glad to give him a hand once and awhile, starting slow.

I mentioned I feel happy and at peace with myself and the Lord. The affirming encouragment from people like Dr. Grattan and Armand for moving ahead with the possibility of returning to SJB makes me feel very good too.

If you'd like some other positive backers for this, you can check with a few people I've had long talks with about my future:

- [redacted] AMEN to SJB!
- Gert Cryns, my close friend who saw things disintegrating at SJB and felt terrible for me. Another AMEN!
- Ernie Larkin O.Carm. He knew all about me ! (& about Barry) He thought that would be great to return to SJB, especially with the YES-recommendations, from my doctor and my counsellor/spiritual director.
- George McLendon, my counsellor at SJB, in Aptos. Had a short visit with him at my workshop with Ernie Larkin. He was so glad to see the "new David" and is hoping for my return there. (He thought having a backup 2nd choice was wise too, wise.

(Ronnie Reagan's pulling into town any hour now, but I'm afraid I can't get his endorsement. He knows what a ---*%&\$#@#!) I think he is.)

Last, but not least, The Sisters of St. Francis Hospital. Talk about enthusiastic affirmers of their (ass.) chaplain. What a delightful difference from Most Holy Rev. Sacred Mother of the Poor Clares (or wher ever the slight sickness resides, in the midst of fine community of holy, deeply spiritual women of Christ & Francis. Oops, a slight aside.):... I'm confidant Sr. Sylvanne (#1 in the hospital) and Sr. Mary William, the superior, and the others too would give me a top report card. I've really enjoying celebrating the Eucharist with them, and working pastoral care Sisters in our hospital ministry.

When I mentioned to you, if by some freak accident, SJB didn't work out, Provo would seem to offer many possibilitites. (And you mentioned one friar will be leaving there.) I talked to Donan about the possibility of giving a Lenten triduum up there towards the end of Lent. Donan was very responsive to this idea.... And as of today. Marcion saw the doctor. He's finally been feeling a little better. The doctor gave him permission to start back to wark gradually. (And I reinforced the "gradaally,") So I hope the Provo event can take place later on.

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And finally, you and I talked about the possibility of having a few-day class reunion (closing our 25th!) since last year's was so great, but some couldn't make it. Could this be back at your folks' place, or is there a better place?

Do you have any open dates in June (early, middle, end). Let me know, and I'll get the word out to the others.

Thanks a lot, [redacted] This was a longer epistle than the last.

Hope you're taking it EZ. Don't forget, under all the pressures and headaches, Long live MIGUEL RATON.....

MICKEY MOUSE!

*Con mucho cariño
en Cristo y Francisco,*

- Dave ofm

Dear [REDACTED]

Dec. 28, 1981

Happy Holy Innocents' Innocence. I guess you've been B-Z on the road. Hope you got to relax a little and celebrate a Blessed Christmas.

I'm sure you have plenty of "heavies" on your Definitorium meet agenda. Since time will be given to the retreat ministry, I wanted to add a few thoughts to my last letter. At that time, I explained my thinking and praying and talking it over with Dr. Grattan and Armand, about my future, come later in the summer.

Because of several signs, I feel the Lord may just be calling me to continue the very good (not flawless!) retreat ministry I began at SJB, for both English and Spanish speaking people. And that came about only after many months of similar prayer, reflection and consultation with my counsellors here, with you, with Barry and the community who eventually said yes to me, and with the permission of you and the definitorium, enthusiastically welcomed me. I really don't think that it was God's will that all that be destroyed and ended. (Don't mean to "play God.")

That's all in the past. I'm living my Now, now and am very happy (even with a little extra load at the hospital during Marcian's recuperation.) I feel at peace with others, with life, with the Lord and with David C.

These are some positive signs I feel drawing me inside, to ask about the possibility of returning to SJB.

1. At our recent Social Concerns meeting there, I had a warm welcome feeling about being "home." The lay persons there made me feel good. (I know they were sad and felt bad at my leaving....) What a difference it was to experience a BIG absence.... enough said.

Godfrey was in good spirits with me. I know that after his being "on my side," then kind of turning against me towards the final crisis, I did give him reason to feel scarey about me then. I had been kind of ripped apart.

Sean was gone to another meeting. But he got back just in time to give me a ride to the bus in Salinas. We just had a brief talk. I complimented him and the community for the good job they were doing, from reports I had heard. (I told him the new Sister there seemed like a very fine person, from the brief chat we had.) I didn't say anything to him on asking about the possibility of returning there. I just hope he wouldn't vote against me, as I was towards the end of the crisis, instead of David today.

I think it was Godfrey who mentioned the community still has some old problems to iron out. But I feel, what community doesn't??? I'm not in search of the Franciscan Disneyland Utopia.

2. I've kept contact with a small number of diocesan priests in the Monterey diocese. In my stay at SJB, I really found some fine men there. I showed my appreciation of them and the ministry of their diocese, and they appreciated me very much. (Occasional preaching in their parishes, when not tied up with a retreat, would be enjoyable "field work" for me, for St. F. Retreat, if that seemed helpful.) One of my closest "fans" there was the chancellor, Msgr. Phil Maxwell. I sure appreciated his support and affirmation...another mini-sign? They are due for a new Bishop before long. That seems to be a hopeful sign for "new beginnings" in the diocese, according to my priest friends there.

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3. My spiritual director and psychologist are still close by SJB. That would make my ongoing work with them very simple.

4. The enclosed copy of my letter to John explains my deep interest in spiritual direction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I feel this could bear much fruit there, for both the retreatants and some priests of the area, which had just started to happen in my short stay.

5. As in my first stay at SJB I feel the peaceful setting would be very good for my physical, mental and spiritual health and growth.

From my previous letter, I asked if there might be any possibility of Juan and I going to SJB since he wants to enter retreat ministry. I just wanted to make it clear that this was no necessary "package." He has expressed his interest in this apostolate. He sees possibilities for SJB and other places like Malibu, if there were an opening. And because of personnel shortage, I realize he might be needed elsewhere. Because of my past background, SJB would still be my #1 priority.

At your visitation, you asked me if I had ruled parishes out. Although retreat work is my obvious conviction and priority, I would be open to hearing your ideas, suggestions, options for parish ministry. I understand the personnel problem there is getting serious.

** If you do stop by here on the way to SLR, & if you have some extra copies of your letter on Nuclear Pacifism, I could use 9 or 10. Been giving them to my "Peace friends" here. You're (in) FAMOUS!

Before any final decision is made about me, later on, I'm sure you'll be checking with Dr. Grattan and Armand. I'm confident I'll get a very good report card. I've come a long, long way!!! The Lord's been working overtime with me. My own family and my Franciscan family, especially very special brothers like you, Louie have given me so much strength, support and love. I'm very thank-FULL to you.

Sorry for being so long-winded.... Rex just saw me. He sends you his love.

And I send along my very best wishes for a SUPER- 1982 !

Your brother in Christ & Francis,

With lots of Luck & Love,

*Dimit
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Dear [redacted]

4/24



Greetings. Hope your mission to Spokane was a success. We missed you at our meeting with Sr. Bratten. I think it was a very good sharing & very helpful for me, with some cautions for me, but affirmations. Raymond will fill you in.

I wrote Louis L. about conferring dates & details about our table gathering. I'll let you know as soon as I hear from him.

Had a good talk with Ray this morning about the Basin Experience. He felt it would be a good experience, but he explained some conditions on my part - which made very good sense. I guess I'll need to wait for the definiton approval before



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Look to get on the list with P. Rock
the man in charge.

- Thanks for the warning about "soliciting
money" for my trip. I think it would be
better to say nothing.

Thanks again for your letter.

Thanks for **YOU**

With my prayers & thanks of LOVE

- Gene Carriere

April 14, 1981

Dear David

It is always good to hear from you. Thanks for the encouraging words. I also enjoy being with you, and your warmth.

I am not clear on what the Assisi experience will offer next year. It does sound as though it would be available, and good for you. Could you discuss that with Ray when you have the meeting with Grattan and Armand. I think that might be helpful. I would have to present it formally to the Definitorium. Ray could bring that request after discussing it with you.

As for the jubilee celebrations that sounds good. I would be a little caustious about announcing what you would be using gift money for. There is some upset over friars asking for money for their jubilee trips. It might sound that way if you announced what you were going to use the money for. I know that you would not be soliciting it for that purpose, but it might sound that way.

The Tahoe gathering sounds great. I do hope that no one would mind my horning in. Josef and I have been talking about taking some vacation time together, and that would work in well. It would be good to be with everyone.

Thanks for the encouraging my jogging. I am trying to remain faithful to it. I certainly need it. This is one Italian provincial who does succumb to American stress. So I need to keep myself in shape.

Thanks again for writing. Looking forward to our next meeting.

With love,

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Dear [REDACTED]

April 9, .981

Hi! Before I head out to greet our visitors, I wanted to drop you a line. 1st of all, thanks for coming to our Regional Council...thanks especially for the hugs and affirmation. You help me a lot! Thanks for being a very special, caring brother to me.

I had a few things to check with you, and some to ask permission for.

1st, You mentioned that since it was too late for me to make the Assisi experience this year, that I could put in my name for next year. May I go ahead and do that? An old lady, a good friend of mine from Phoenix is a close friend of Damian Isabele(?) and his successor next year. She's going to send me his address. I had been looking forward to the Assisi experience a lot, as I was pulling out of my sicknesses. Didn't think I'd make it to 25!

2nd, After talking with my brothers and sisters, I'd like to ask if it's OK to have 2 very simple celebrations for my "SILVER." They would just be a Eucharist and potluck: one with "the gang" my family in Willows at the end of May; and one in Fresno in the fall.

In connection with these, I'm sure some people will give money gifts. So I wanted to ask you if it would be allowed or appropriate to mention that 2/3 of their gifts would be for my anniversary trip next year, and 1/3 for our Franciscan Missions. ??

3rd About our "possible" class get-together, which would be great to have you, I was sure thankful that you offered your cabin. But in the meanwhile, I've heard only from [REDACTED]. He and Mike Dallmeier would like a get-together very much, and Louie would like to offer a cabin at Tahoe. He mentioned mid-July as good, which you said was a good month for you. So I'm going to see about other responses. Tentatively, I'll be asking [REDACTED] about July 11-13, or 14th. OK? Would be closer for you, at Tahoe.

Thanks very much for YOU, [REDACTED]

Keep up the jogging. Doesn't that help the pressures...a little bit???

(I'M sorry. I for got ITALIAN Provincials don't have pressures....)

*With my prayers & love,
Su Hermoso
Dimit*

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Dear [REDACTED]

March 27, 1981

Greetings. Before I call it a day, I wanted to drop you a line. Guess you've been BZ with your usual work plus last minute visiting with John before he heads back to ol' Rome. I'm so glad and grateful he's doing so much better.... Hope YOU are doing OK. Keeping up the jogging? Good.

I just wanted to let you know about the request I'm making after a few months of thinking, praying and discussing my future...with me, Dr. Grattan, Armand, Ray, Arturo and Juan. I considered different "dream" and real possibilities--as the enclosed papers show. (ps. also talked this over with Alan)

After all that, I've decided to ask if I could be assigned here for the coming year. I am happy and at peace here. I've come to appreciate the community more than last time here, and I'm glad to be a part of it. I like my "non-sacerdotal" work and my non-pressured priestly ministry, especially the Eucharist and my hospital ministry. Enjoy working with Marcián. Also enjoy my time to exercise. Feels invigorating: jogging and tennis.

You mentioned twice the idea of a meeting to discuss my request. I'm sorry for not writing sooner on this. I completely forgot about checking with you. We had to get a date, so we choose Thursday, April 23, 4pm. That's been cleared with Dr. Grattan, Armand and Ray. If you could make it, that be great. But knowing your busy schedule, if you can't Ray can fill you in.

Just got back from a good session with Dr. Grattan. He mentioned you were wondering about the Poor Clare's incident.

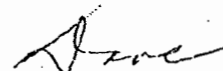
The only response I had received before the incident (?) was from the two Sister Sacristans who were always so grateful for my masses and homilies- the same very positive response from a couple of the laypersons who go there regularly. So when the message finally filtered down to me, I was a little shocked. Things were vague, something about the content of my homilies not always fitting for the Sisters-I think...(and I prepare my homilies prayerfully each night in chapel and write an outline.)

Talking to Fr. David later, he told me: Don't worry about what people say about you. And don't ever try to understand cloistered nuns. Just go on without the Poor Clares. So I'm going on...even though I do miss celebrating the Eucharist with my Poor Clare Sisters.... Just for fun, you might check with the Franciscan Sisters at the hospital. What a different reaction than from Mother Clare!!! I ain't perfect, but the problem is not all David.

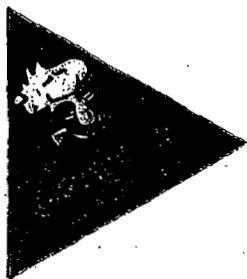
If you have any questions, don't be afraid to holler (not too loud!)
Please take good care of LOUIE.

Your brother in Christ & Francis

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David Carriere

March 15, 1981

*16 W. Mission St.
S.B. 93105*

Dear Dr. Grattan

I hope that life is treating you well.

I am writing regarding David Carriere. Father David Temple, the superior at the Old Mission, wrote me recently concerning David and suggested that I write you for your opinion of David's progress.

Father David Temple's concern, as well as my own, is that David still is not really in full touch with reality. When he ministers to people he strikes them as odd. It is very uncomfortable for many to assist at his liturgies, for example, when he says Mass at the Poor Clare convent.

Father David raised the question as to whether he will really achieve normalcy under the present program. Someone suggested a full-time care facility. But he wonders if even that would really be effective.

I am reminded of earlier conversations with you in which I raised some of these questions, would David ever be able to return to priestly ministry?

Our concern is that he is becoming more eager to find a full time ministry as time goes on. Although recently, I must admit, he is less anxious for a move than before.

I would welcome any suggestions you have. I hate to build David's expectations for a full time assignment in a retreat house or something similar, only to have to disappoint him later.

If it is too complex to respond by mail, you could call me collect, or perhaps we could arrange a meeting on my next visit to Santa Barbara.

Thank you for your assistance in this delicate matter.

Gratefully,

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December 16, 1980

Dear DAVID *Carr*

I hope that you are well. Mary Jean Sortors said she met you recently at the mission and that she was very impressed with you (you prayed over her, she said).

I don't know if Ray discussed with you your request for the Assisi experience.

I hope this is not a big disappointment. But, we did have a number of requests. And since your jubilee is another year away, it was decided that it would be better for you to wait until 1982, thus giving those who are overdue (such as Walter) a prior chance.

Perhaps we can discuss this further when I see you. Also so far, no one from the class has made application, maybe for 1982.-

I am not sure if you are aware, but they have cut way down on the number accepted, and only with careful screening. They do have other tours, but this experience is quite selective.

Do hope to see you over the holidays.

Be assured of my prayers and love,

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Dear [redacted]

Nov. 28.

Greetings! Welcome home. You're probably pooped. Relax.. even with that stack of mail on your desk.

Just two things I wanted to mention. 1st I wanted to let you know that my life here at ye ol' mission is coming along quite well. I still put the emphasis on "un-priestly_ goodies, as you recommended. I have added 1 priestly aspect, at [redacted] request, and WITH the OK of Fr. David and my doctor, I just started being available 2 days a week for St. Francis hospital, on Chris' days off. I like it! I gather there may be a change there, but I'm open to what-even happend, if I can help out a little (As you notice my typing is a little rusty#\$\$\$#!).... Dr. Grattan continues to be very happy with my progress. I've also had a few SUPER talks with Armand. I thank God so much for that very special person in my life, Armand.

Second, I was wandering sometime ago if anyone else in our class might be interested in making the "Assisi Experience," for our 25th anniversary next year. I hadn't written anyone because I thought we stEll had plenty of time.

I just found out yesterday they are cancelling the spring Assisi session, so there's just one*know, and that's almost filled up. SO...I wanted to ask if I could make the experience. (I never thought I'd make it to my 25th!)



Would you happen to know if another in our class might be able to make the "Assisi Experience?" I was thinking of the possibility of Marty Gates, Louie Ladenburger, John Peterson or Joe Prochnow (though his novice master work might rule that out.)

I'd appreciate your response So if I (and another?) got the permission , we could write right away Before it's filled up Could you tell me who to write to, also the dates of the "Experience" if you have them.

(Financially, I would have 1 Or 2 simple celebrations. That should help defray a lot of the expenses)

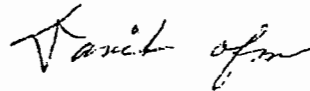
I've been remembering you in my masses and prayers. Remember me to the Lord too.

Hope you're taking good care of LOUIE!

with my prayers & love

(it's the damn typewriter...couldn't be me.....)

your brother in francis



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(Un-Holy State of the Union Address, 8/12)

*. Without repeating all the background, my doctor said: if stress can't be resolved in anyway at San Juan, then it might be better to leave for your health.

I thought and felt and prayed about this and agreed it would be best to leave. But my fear was a greater stress in leaving (e.g. losing touch with many in my community there, with other laity and priests I was getting to know and work with.

- I'd ask myself: what does the future hold? Can I tackle this and get better!!

***Suggestions from people I love (including me) how to win this struggle... and GROW, not shrink. (... & Pardon the TYPING)

1. Leaving will be rough, but it wasn't a Disneylandia situation (God can make up for your spectacular porch sunrises and moonrises.) Feel the loss, but don't let this be a sentimental, unreal, tear-jerker affair. It's a new BEGINNING.

2. In comparison with the suffering of others, I'm on EZ street: Linda (back & job), Michael (laid up in hospital), patients I visited in Hollister hospital, our friars and their people in ghettos in US, Peru, Mexico, Philippines...and the old friars I see here at the Old Mission, fantastic men, still getting around and working. How lucky I am. So don't sob for yourself.

3. Don't be scared by negative possibilities. Be positive in your attitudes!

4. Lord, help me take one day at a time. I don't want kittens over next week, next month. The past is past. It's the present that counts. Wise up & use it!

RB:

5. "I love you very much. I want to help you help yourself!" (So stikk a pin in you and get with it.)

(His words of Scriptures: "Take up your cross and follow me.")

"Come to me all you that are laboring...& I will refresh you."

6. Don't sit around and mope. Keep busy. (e.g. Bro. Nevin in Sacto) (e.g.s of work at the mission)

JUDD:

7. Do you want to live? Do you want to be miserable? YOU decide. (What's so tragic about losing some sleep each night. It won't last forever.)

8. Laugh!! Don't lose your sense of humor. You can laugh if you see the BIGGER picture in the world around you, (not just you narrow minded runt face.)

(I can learn here from my first two sicknesses.)

9. ^{GEORGE:} Move a lot. Don't stand still. Jog, tennis(?), exercise in room, work!

10. Dance...with rhythm and feelings (might have to settle for alone. \$\$\$!) Express your gut feelings, in soft music or hep music.

- sacred: make up my words, prayers

- popular: Have fun. Kick back

*Make sounds (voice, piano, organ guitar!!)...Relaxx.

Does this help counteract the heavy----- side of my brain?

11. Everyone had/has had weird problems, like Paul & Francis.
So see see your companion, David, your ol' "crziness," Talk to yo your companion.
Sing, dance with him. Make him listen to you. Listen to him.

...Then you go through passagess with more and more positive potentialities.

...all the above shows that this is life, and life's a JOURNEY.

~~*Abd tge abive wukk geko ub creatuve wats si u dibt get til hycer a...~~
And the above will help in creative ways so I don't get too hyper-analytic as I did before, super-heavy.)

- Here too, try talking to yourself, just to relax, as a distraction, or in a more serious, sometimes prayerful way.

12. Read more : mixture of heavy *myths??, and light) My problem with reading- I'm so damn slow, and lots of distractions (like watching some TV)

Read, drink deeply of the SCRIPTURES, lives of saints--some fascinating,
Light can come to you in all this reading.

13. As you're looking ahead to Santa Barbara, don't have negative feelings (deader community and liturgies) There's still lots of great possibilities, if I gear my head in the right way.

14. Jim: Look at your stay at SB only as a temporary one, to prepare you for a fuller and richer God-life for yourself and others in your ministry. Like Francis, we're all pilgrims.

15. Don't every forget "God's Unconditional Love," (John Powell) That should help me avoid any sick work comparisons (friars, laith) and any sick gult trip.

16. Hang in there. We'll begin to sink only if we look at ourselves and take our eyes of our Loving Lord.

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MY AIMS:

1. In this very painful and hard-to-understand time in my life, I want to grow as a man of prayer and reflection, getting closer to the Lord.

2. To be open to the counselling I'll be part of, to listen and learn and speak up, not to run away from areas in my life that might be very painful to face.

3. To face my failings and blkness; to appreciate my strong points and vision and wisdom too.... and love.

4. To continue and grow in my my life as a man, a Franciscan, a priest, in an effective, sensitive and Gdd-loving way

Cher

Dear Louise,

Sincerely, I did want to say
thanks so very much for the gift
of our visit Saturday, - for the
gift of you. You really did give me
new hope & vision & encouragement
I think I listened to you & got
some good food to chew on in
regards what I'm about to do next
few months.

I do feel you listened to me
sincerely. But I'm sure - talk
to all the people you do, that's
not so E-Z.

As I said your Oregan, I promise
you mine. We both need the
Lute's good grow.

Received
at 9/23/80

Your Brother in Service



FRANCISCAN FRIARS
OLD MISSION
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MY GOALS & VISIONS

My goals and visions of my possible ministry at St. Francis Retreat are on a very gradual, not all-at-once basis. They are:

1. To take time regularly to keep developing my life of prayer and reflection and meditation, through reading and quiet time.
2. To read and reflect more in the areas of theology, especially: the scriptures, spirituality and the "theology of liberation," for my own deepening and growth and for ideas for future homilies, retreats, days of recollection.
3. To take time to get adjusted and to get to know the team better, the friars and lay persons.
4. To make ministry with the Spanish-speaking a priority. To accomplish this:
 - a) to articulate my own studies and experiences
 - b) to use resources such as from "NACC"
 - c) to get to know Sr. Gabriela, the Diocesan Director of the Office for Spanish speaking, and through her to tap the diocesan resources for this ministry.
 - d) through her, to get to know some of the clergy, sisters and laity involved in this ministry, to better work together, where possible and desirable.
5. To develop more contacts with the clergy and people of the diocese, by being available on a limited, trial basis for "mass supply" in parishes, with a preference for parishes with Spanish-speaking people.
6. In order to grow in my spiritual and psychological life, and to have an on-going evaluation of how I'm Doing & Being, I'd like to make use of the offer of Barry, his counselling background and experience...and also to continue seeing a psychiatrist on a monthly basis for this same purpose.
7. To Relaxxx by taking time off, by getting outdoors and working in the gardens (fitting the plans of Mr. Schwab) and jogging...away from the ol' San Andreas fault.

I've shared these ideas and dreams with both Dr. Grattan, my psychiatrist, and Armand Quiros my former counsellor. They both gave their approval and strong support to what I've written here.

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*Your Brother in the Land,
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November 3, 1979

David Carriere, O.F.M.
Old Mission
Santa Barbara, CA. 93105

Dear David,

Thank you for your note and your expression of concern.

I hope the day of recollection at Montecito went well. I also hope that David returns soon. I know he is missed. Now that the elections are over in Immaculate Conception Province, hopefully they will wrap things up rather quickly.

I understand your feelings about San Miguel. I did not intend to have you stationed there. Nevertheless, it will be a help if you can continue to cover the weekends until we find someone else. I am looking for someone on a permanent basis, but as you know, it would not be good to send someone young there, and we really don't at the moment have someone who could handle the job without being too cut off.

I just spent a couple of days in Los Gatos and San Antonio Mission with the students in formation and the novices, and did have some time off. So it hasn't really been long, but thank you for your concern.

Thanks again for writing, David. My best to you, and please keep me in your prayers.

Your brother,



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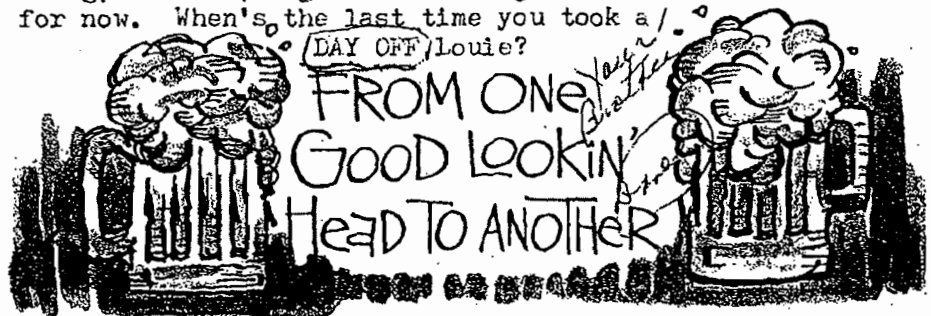
Dear [REDACTED]

Oct. 31

Happy Halloween! Before I call it a day, I wanted to drop you a line. Thanks so much for your prompt response to my letter, [REDACTED] I know you've got gobs of correspondence to keep up with.... Glad you got to see some of our class mates lately. I'd sure like to see [REDACTED] It's been a long time.

I'm "giving" the day of recollection for the community tomorrow at the Casa in Montecito. Thought Virgil was going to, but today, he told me some problem has come up, so I'll fill in. David usually does it, and does a great job. Miss him. Hope he gets back soon.

About San Miguel, when I first seriously considered San Juan, I didn't even know they needed help at SH. Now, obviously, I see the need there. I thought of that when I thought of my gifts and my needs in my future apostolate, and the provinces' needs. Obviously, there is a greater need at San Miguel. But as I mentioned before, I could never be stationed there. Not using my past sickness as a crutch, but I'd go LOONIE there! Some strange friars there.... I really can't come up with any suggestions of friars. There isn't much need for another except on weekends (and somewhat in CCD). If you still don't have a friar by the 1st of the year, I'd be glad to help out for a while from San Juan, presuming, that is, I get the OK to go there.... So that's it for now. When's the last time you took a /



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October 27, 1979

Dear David *Carr*

Thank you for your letter. I am happy you had such a good trip to Guaymas. I did hear from you friends from Fresno (they called for the phone number down there). They seemed very enthused. I am trying to find a time when I will be able to go there myself

Thank you for your careful presentation of your goals and desires for going to San Juan. It seems well developed. There would be the advantage for them of having someone who is bi-lingual, besides your other gifts.

I shall bring up your request to the Definitorium. Perhaps the most difficult part would be to find someone to cover San Miguel. If you have any suggestions for that please let me know.

I just had a nice talk with [REDACTED]. He called this morning. He sounded well. He has been helping on weekends at Three Rivers, since Bill Brand is here. Bill seems to be coming along well, but as you know it is a long up hill fight.

I was recently in the Northwest. Louis Ladenberger was asking about you. Mike D. did not show up. He is still his independent self. I was also in Pueblo for the parish jubilee. I had a nice visit with John Gini. It was good to see him. Other than the fact that he is very fat he seems to be doing well.

Well, my brother, take care of yourself. I will get back to you on the San Juan situation.

Your brother,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Oct. 23.

Greetings! Hope life is finding you well, and not too BZZ, with the worries and burdens of the holy Santa Barbara Provincia.

My friends, Wilfrid and Marie, and I had a short but full & fantastic visit in Guaymas. I almost didn't make it since I forgot all about the need for some special identification to cross the border. At the last minute, I found my baptism, or rather birth certificate in a box downstairs I brought from Sacramento. It was so good to see the friars there, especially Marty. He's a very special brother to me. We celebrated his and Wilfrid's birthday by a nice dinner and guitar music & singing at "Las Playitas." I had a special welcome and greeting. I hopped in bed at the friary the 1st night and got stung by a little scorpion. Damn thing sure stung and burned. But I survived.....

I had seen some poor areas there in my previous visits, but I saw some other areas I hadn't seen before. How do people do it? with large families? We sure build a lot of walls between the rich & poor. Driving back into Santa Barbara was a stark eye-opener.

When I talked to you in Oakland in early Sept., I mentioned the doctor has had me thinking about possible future ministry. I have been doing a lot of thinking and talking and praying about it. After crossing off other possibilities, I've narrowed it down to one. Even tho I'm sure there's more need in other places in the province, and even tho they have no big need of an other priest, I would like to ask you and the definitior-



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ium, at your upcoming Nov. meeting, for permission to join the retreat team at St. Francis Retreat.

Once from Castroville, and once from San Miguel, I've had long talks with the friars at San Juan. Barry and Shaun were both enthusiastic in wanting me to come. I got to appreciate the lay team there also. They all made me feel very much at home.

As my doctor and I had agreed some time ago, I would stay here till the end of the year. So that I'm asking would be for the 1st of the year.

The next page, [REDACTED] is the fruit of my thinking and praying, my goals & visions. If you have any questions or hesitations, please let me know. Dr. Grattan also offered to write you or talk to you by phone about any questions you might have.

Take care of [REDACTED]!

Your Brother in Jesus

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October 12, 1979

Fr. David Carriere, O.F.M.
Old Mission
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

Dear David,

Thank you for the card. I just did a needs-survey put out by the Plan For Franciscan Living Committee, and I was happy to find that my needs are really not all that high.

I hope you had a good St. Francis day. We really had a fine time at Danville, a very, very large turnout.

Enjoyed spending time with your mother at the Day of Recollection. They certainly were a very receptive audience. Yes, as you can imagine, my aunt was glowing. She certainly enjoyed introducing me to all of her friends, though I do notice that she always calls me her nephew, rather than her grand-nephew. Vanity never dies.

Sounds good, for your trip to Guaymas. That certainly is fine with me.

Thanks for your help at San Miguel. I know that they certainly need your bright fresh spirit there. At least as long as you are able to cover it, it is a breath of fresh air.

I just finished a nice phone call with Ray Tittle. He is very happy there at Stockton. He said that he had a much different impression of what the situation was than the way it is. He will be working there part of the time and also taking some courses in Berkeley. So, he seems very happy with the situation.

Thanks again for your support and your friendship, David. It means a lot to me. Take care of yourself.

Your brother,

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September 28, 1979

Fr. David Carriere, O.F.M.
Old Mission
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

Dear David:

I hope you are well.


While writing to the Diocese of Monterey recently, I asked them for faculties for you. I am not sure if those faculties were obtained before that. They were happy to grant those for your helping-out times at San Miguel.

I hope that things work out for you well on those weekends. Steve Wise will be doing his novitiate based here at St. Elizabeth's. He will be able to help out perhaps from time to time, so that it will not be too big a burden for you. Perhaps you can discuss that with him. He will be with the novices at Mission San Antonio for the month of October. This might give you a chance to get together and discuss the needs in that area.

Yesterday I gave a day of recollection at Our Lady's Home. Had a nice chance to visit with your mother. She was an attentive listener. As a matter of fact, none of the ladies booed, they were a very receptive audience. Actually, I enjoyed the day, they were a good group.

David, I do hope things are going well with you. I look forward to seeing you next time you are up this way, or I have a chance to come to Santa Barbara. I keep you in my prayers and hope you do the same for me.

Your brother,


Minister Provincial

OFM CARR 1
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August 15, 1979

Dear David *Camere*

It was so good to see you and be with you at Santa Barbara. I was particularly touched, pleased and encouraged by your very kind positive reinforcements. Thank you very much. You are a true brother and a friend.

I discussed the idea of your covering at San Miguel on weekends with the Definitorium. They were most happy with the idea. They feel that you will provide a most needed and good ministry there. There is the added advantage of your ability to speak Spanish. Some of [redacted] closest friends live in San Ardo (Lupe and family, etc.). There are really some wonderful people there and I am sure you will enjoy them as they will you.

Before seriously considering this or saying yes, would you please be sure to check with your doctor as to whether he thinks this will be good for you.

Also, as I said this would not necessarily last a long time. So, you needn't feel locked in. Also we can make arrangements either at the seminary or ~~in~~ this area to fill in some weekends when you could use the time for other things, or just for rest.

If you are still interested would you please contact Reggie at San Miguel. You could also call Lester here in Oakland, as he has been going down and could fill you in.

Again, thanks for your friendship, support, and prayers.

Your brother,

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Dear [REDACTED]

May 16, 79'

Greetings! I wanted to add a note to the enclosed letter. I hope the letter will fill you in on what's been happening to David....(Please excuse me for not writing in quite awhile!) We have had some contact via the phone.

Regarding the letter, naturally, I was very disappointed! in having both the job and the apartment fall through. Everything looked so ideal...And that's when my castle began to crumble. I don't always understand the Lord, or myself. (Sure he has some problems figuring me out too!)

With my new doctor and medicine, I'm doing better. Don't have all the pep I had, but I'm feeling better and stronger little by little.

5 My doctor said I can begin thinking about work, but not about an apartment. He says 1 thing at a time. He thinks trying to do both at the same time was one reason why I couldn't cope this last time. ... I'm trying to be more patient...with myself, with others, and with life. It ain't always EZ.

I'm sure you're BZ getting ready for Assisi. My prayers follow you, John... Thanks again for YOU, for all your love and brotherly care.



Rec'd (in Miami) 5/29/79



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Redacted name

Long time, no write/or see. Now that Lent has past, I'm sending along my best wishes at this Easter time.

It wasn't till recently that I found out the meaning of the word "Lent." It refers to 40 days of special fasting and prayer and penance. But the word "LENT" means spring. When I first came here to Santa Barbara on Dec. 26, it was shivering, dark and dreary winter- both outside in cold nature, and inside David, my attitudes, my physical and mental health

I wrote many of you a few months back. Now I'd like to fill you in on how I'm doing. Yes, Lent has come and gone, and I'm excited that spring has sprung, outside, in the countless, colorful gardens here at the mission, ...and inside, inside David.... (*Please excuse the zerox. I wasn't going to sit down and type 20 or 25 copies!)

I got to see quite a few of you briefly when I was in Sacramento about a month ago, but I know I missed a lot of you. At any rate, I'm regarding my special nutrition program. I'm almost ready to wrap it up, but the effects of the program on me and my future goals linger on. Thank God. I found that I'm not allergic to any of the foods tested. BUT my cutting was down on sugar and sugar products will go on. (It's too bad that lots of people aren't catching on to the dangers of sugar.)

The other aspect of the program above is exercise: (A mortal sin of nutrition if you get lazy and don't exercise!) I jog on the lawns around the mission or down at the beach about twice a week. I also get out to the tennis court at least once a week.

[Redacted] has been my psychologist/counselor/ & friend here. I owe so much to him and wife, Lois. They're the ones who had me contact Kaslow and to take his nutrition program. It sure has paid off!!

About a month ago, Armand asked me a question...the same question my doctor in Sacramento had asked me back in late November. The question was: why don't you take time to get a place of your own and a job? You can still function as a priest on weekends, or whenever, depending on the job, but you would be on your own. The purpose of this suggestion was first to feel and experience what most people go through: paying bills, making your \$ stretch, cooking. 2nd, my other goal was to get more confidence in myself.

This would just be for a short time, 5 or 6 months. At the end of that time, [Redacted], my provincial superior, and I, and the Holy Spirit will have a secret huddle and decide about my future assignment. (Out of my critical questioning, about my future life, I've re-committed myself to being a Franciscan & a priest!)

In November, that plan I just explained petrified me. But now, I'm excited about trying it. Who knows? Maybe the Lord has something planned for me (like becoming a rich man, rolling in \$\$\$). I doubt it....)

So...Several weeks ago, I set out to look for a job and an apartment. My eyeballs got dizzy scanning classified ads in the paper. I also did a lot of phoning around, following up on the ads.

1st, I phoned and visited at least 12 places for an apartment. I knew that Santa Barbara real estate wouldn't come cheap. The place I preferred was a one-bedroom, kitchen, completely furnished apartment, surrounded by trees, lush landscape, and just some 50 yards from Oak Park. I paid my rent (The Province sent me \$ to get started) and I was about half moved in, when BANG, it was all over. I won't go into the gorry details, but I got on the wrong side of the manager...SO, as of now, I have no apartment. I'm continuing to live here at the mission.

2nd, I followed up on some job openings- went job hunting. Looked at all kinds of job possibilities including: worker with cancer patients, restaurant waiter, restaurant supply deliverer, biligual receptionist for 3 chiropractors, Bellman at a swanky hotel on the beach, and even a wine and beer bartender. Quite a variety! I'm glad I didn't take any of the above jobs.

This is when [redacted] said to me: Go down and apply for a "CETA" job. I did go down to check this out immediately, filling out 135 forms (just exaggerating.) I found out that I did qualify for these jobs. I applied right away for a job with the State of California Parks' Department. I interviewed the next day and was accepted, along with my jillions of forms. I was to report to work the following day. I was HIGH, because I wanted outdoor work, not "PP," Peoples' Problems.

Whoops, a snag, when I checked off "mental sickness" on a form for the state. They said that would be a problem. They would have to send my case to a Board in Sacramento...It would take some 2 to 3 weeks.... I'm still waiting.

So, back at the Mission farm, I'm feeling healthy and energetic, even though let down about the job and the apt.... [redacted] and I had decided before that I will remain in SB here (not SOB!) at least till Sept. 30th. Then we'll see about my future.

I've talked a lot about myself. I sure hope each one of you is doing well. Hope life is treating you OK. Thanks for your prayers. The Lord has been working overtime on and with me. I'm grateful to him for each one of you!

My last stroke of st crddy luck---I've lost my address book. Somehow, I hope to go through and old stack of mail and find most of the addresses I need....

God bless each one of you, and your families! Please keep me in your prayers, and I'll return the favor.

with my luv & prayers, *Your brother in France*

p.s. I will be getting ongoing counselling here with a Dr. Grattan. Just met him, and he's a fine man.

David

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CONFIDENTIAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PATIENT NAME David L. Carriere CASE NUMBER 55-9-04-011
ADDRESS 519 W. Alamar #14 PHONE 682-2795
CITY Santa Barbara STATE CA ZIP 93105
SS # 560-72-7984 BIRTHDATE 5-1-37 AGE 42 SEX M DX CODE
SPOUSE OR GUARDIAN None DEPENDENTS None

PRESENT EMPLOYER NAME none, except Fran- ADDRESS 1500-34th Ave. Oakland 9460
ciscan Fathers of California
OCCUPATION priest PREVIOUS EMPLOYER

(Spouse, other) EMPLOYER NAME ADDRESS
OCCUPATION PREVIOUS EMPLOYER

THIRD PARTY PAYOR (i.e. Health Insurance, Medi-Cal, Medi-care, VA, etc.)
Insurance Company none, self-insured, Fran- Certificate # Group #
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MEDI-CAL # ✓ no Referred for Medi-Cal Eligibility Yes No
MEDI-CARE # Veteran's Service Connected Benefits Yes No
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GROSS FAMILY MONTHLY INCOME NUMBER DEPENDENT ON INCOME
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OR Spouse \$ Minimum Monthly Payment \$
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ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

For the duration of treatment, I authorize Santa Barbara County Mental Health Services to receive payment of medical benefits for any and all health insurance plans for which I am covered. This includes Medi-Cal and Medi-Care.

Patient ✓ David Carriere Insured

Responsible Party Signature ✓ David L. Carriere Date July 26, 1979

Interviewed By Ellie Wilkes Date

Clinic PST

FAILURE TO SIGN DOES NOT ALLEVIATE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR SERVICES RENDERED

The Santa Barbara County Mental Health Services follows the California Department of Health's Uniform Method of Determining Ability to Pay for Community Mental Health Services. State Law requires your charges to be based upon your ability to pay but not in excess of actual cost. Your income and family size determine your ability to pay for your treatment. You will either pay the full cost of service or your annual charge whichever is lower. As long as your financial situation remains the same, you will never be obligated for more than your annual charge, even if the cost of your care is higher.
PLEASE CONTACT US IF: (1) YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY YOUR MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS; (2) YOUR INCOME GOES UP OR DOWN; (3) THERE ARE ANY CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE DEPENDENT ON YOUR INCOME.
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May 2, 1979

723-A Colina Lane
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93103

Dear :

Thank you for your letter of April 19th. I am sorry that I am so late in answering it, but as you can imagine, I have been on the road again.

I am very grateful to you for your observations on Dave Carriere's condition, and I am especially grateful to you for all the care and understanding that you have shown him. I know how much it has meant to him.

I am enclosing a check for \$300.00, as per your statement. It seems such a modest sum for such great benefits.

Thank you so much, Armand, for everything. I hope to see you or talk to you the next time I am in Santa Barbara, probably when I return from the General Chapter at the end of June.

With best wishes and fraternal regard,

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May 2, 1979

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David Carriere



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Feb. 22, 1979

Greetings! I wanted to say hi and to let you know how I'm doing down here in ol' Santa Barbara.

First, a little about the nutrition-response program I've been going through. The 2½ day fast started it off. It was rough, but not as bad as I had expected. For the first 10 days, I can have just 1 item of food at each meal, taken from a list of OK foods they gave me. I keep a chart and write down the food and any reaction I had to it. (e.g. do I feel good, energetic, tired out etc.) I'm working it out so I can sometimes eat an item prepared for the whole community, but other times, I have to fix something else. Some main "no-no's" on my diet include: milk and dairy products, sugars, gluten products (wheat, rye, barley, oats) and fresh fruits--groan! In the 3rd month of the program, you can test some of these items. I'm finally learning how to cook a little. Miracles are possible!

My general reaction to all the foods so far has been positive. They all seem to agree with me. Even though sometimes I feel I could eat a cow, I've been feeling healthy, alert, energetic, in good spirits, physically, emotionally, and psychologically.

Some other things they found out in the testing is...a vitamin shortage I have. They've given me pills to get some extra vitamin power in me. My thyroid was just a little low, which could be related to my low blood pressure. (Got another pill for this) Also, my digestion isn't so hot. (And yet another pill to pop! I'll be floating on pills soon.)

After my hair sample analysis comes back from Chicago, they'll be able to tell if my body's lacking in some important minerals... I'm off cigarettes too. I sure miss them sometimes, but I'm feeling and breathing better for it.... They stress the importance of exercise in this program. Between jogging and a little tennis, I'm keeping this up to.

So, in general, I'm finding out a lot about "Brother Body" and how to take better care of it.

Finally, I've been doing some thinking, dreaming and praying about my future. I've been talking this over with my counsellor here who's been very encouraging and supportive. I've just written about this to [redacted] my main superior. So I'll wait to hear from him, then I can tell you what's coming up for me. In the meanwhile, I ask for your prayers. With them, and the good Lord's grace and strength, I'm a lot more hopeful as I look to the future.

I hope this finds you well. God bless and take special care of you!

P.S. Thought you might enjoy this clipping. Love lit!

OFM CARR 1

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April 19, 1979

1500--34th Avenue
Oakland, California 94601

I would like to give you my perspective on what has happened to Father David Carriere and to pass on some related issues.

It is obvious that David has had a serious manic episode. There is good evidence that he was not faithful to Dr. Kaslow's regime. That is, he continued to smoke; he daily drank wine, however moderately; he violated his hypoglycemic diet. Dr. Kaslow believes that adherence to his program would have prevented David's episode. I realize that this is presently a minority opinion in traditional medical circles, but this is not to say that Dr. Kaslow's approach is without substantial merit.

I am delighted that Dr. Steward at the County Hospital prescribed lithium carbonate for David's illness. David and I had talked about this, and were we closer to Dr. Harvey Ross in Los Angeles, I would have had David go to him for this purpose. Lithium is a mineral and does not narcotize like some traditional medications. David is still not in complete touch with the magnitude of what he has been through. I think he cannot until he physically recovers from the incident. But the lithium offers good hope. Its potential for healing would be heightened if David would respect his hypoglycemia with the appropriate diet. Dr. Ross of Los Angeles puts it more strongly than that in his book on "Fighting Depression."

My own bias is still that David's problem is primarily biochemical and that whatever life problems he wants to work on are not so extraordinary. I have helped dozens of people through identical life issues without any drama. I wish that we could get people to treat persons with manic/depressive episodes (or schizophrenic or paranoid) with the same respect that we give to alcoholics. Alcoholism and these illnesses, it appears, have much more in common than we used to believe.

David will be moving under the total care of a local psychiatrist who will both monitor the lithium carbonate and provide verbal therapy. My own role will be supportive. I have been in touch both with Fr. Virgil and with the County Hospital staff regarding David's program after release.

If David were to accept this disability and work with the physical and verbal therapy, he could mold this into a powerful and needed ministry as Fr. Gavin has done with his alcoholism.

I think often of the burdens that you carry and pray you the strength to bear them.

Fraternally,

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(805) 682-4713

Dear [REDACTED]

Feb. 20,

Greetings...& welcome home from the Philippines. Hope the trip and visitation didn't get you all pooped out. Maybe you'll need some R&R at Tahoe soon?

I wanted to let you know how things are coming for me. I'm enclosing the 1st report from some 12 days ago. And this second page will bring you up to date.

First, a little about the nutrition-response program I've been going through. The 2 1/2 day fast started it off. It was rough, but not as bad as I had expected. For the first 10 days, I can have just 1 item of food at each meal, taken from a list they gave me. I keep a chart and write down the food and any reaction I had to it. (e.g. do I feel, good, energetic, tired out etc.) I'm working it out so I can sometimes eat an item prepared for the community, but other times, I have to prepare something else. For example, "no-no's" on my diet include: milk, sugars, gluten products (wheat, rye, barley, oats) and fresh fruits- groan! I'm finally learning to cook a little. I usually do it upstairs in the infirmary kitchen, when the men there have finished their meals.

My general reaction to all the foods so far has been positive. They all seem to agree with me. Even though sometimes I feel I could eat a cow, I've been feeling healthy, alert, energetic, in good spirits, physically, emotionally and psychologically.

Regarding the future, I've been thinking and dreaming about different possibilities. I wanted to explain the direction I feel drawn to, humanly, emotionally and spiritually. I just had a long talk with [REDACTED] about these ideas and he was very pleased and supportive. This is all tentative on other persons' ideas, especially you, Fr. Herb and the staff at St. Francis. I'm sure that you and they want to be certain I'm well and strong and rushing into anything too soon. See what you think.

1. First, I would remain here for one more month. I think the time here in a different kind of work- with floors, toilets and Mother Earth, has been very helpful therapy for me. I think I've received a lot from the community here, and have given a lot. (I've started following up on one of Armands' suggestions- to do some volunteer work here. So I'm playing the piano for some Eucharists and "song fests" at convalescent homes here.)

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2. I would like to return to Sacramento towards the end of March. Armand agrees partially with Dr. Kaldor back home, that I might learn something about healthy independence (& survival as ordinary people experience it) if I were on my own for a little while. He agrees with my decision not to make this a leave of absence, but just a tentative trial basis set-up.

Regarding a job, my 1st choice would be to try and get work at "Pava's" a small restaurant close to St. Francis. (If this sounds all right, I'd like to write soon to Julie, the owner and a good friend of mine to ask about openings for a waiter's job.) If this didn't work out, a few other possibilities would be in gardening-landscape or hospital work. Whatever, this would be till towards the end of the summer.

Regarding where to live, I'd like to stay at St. Francis for a week or 2 while I'm looking for a small apartment. Then I'd move out on my own.

Regarding priestly work, This depends on the OK of the team at St. Francis, but if possible, I'd like to be available for some daily masses (fitting with my work schedule), as when someone has a day off etc, so no one need to binate. Also I'd like to help out in the summer, especially when someone is on vacatloh. I've come to appreciate the Eucharist more deeply, for what I draw from it for myself, and for what I can share with others when I am celebrant. I've been taking some public masses here recently and I feel good in overcoming the uncomfortable nervousness I had experienced during my low-low time! Like last year, I believe this 2nd crisis has again helped me a lot to grow spiritually.

As to finances, I would be responsible for my expenses, and would not expect anything from St. Francis.

And as to time, I'd like to use these months as a trial period- for me and the team there to evaluate how this is working. Towards the end of the summer, I would want to come to a decision between you, Herb, the team and myself.

If possible, I hope I could continue in my parish ministry there and move back there. (I realize that Arturo will be returning to work there after his ordination, with the Spanish-speaking, But I hope I could still be of service there.) Using my music in the rest-home apostolates in the parish is an area that I never got into before, and I would like to do that.

If my continuing at St. Francis isn't judged to be a wise decision, then I'd be interested in getting to know and talk over different possible alternatives in the province. I'm open to this too.

(A little side thought, as I look to the possibility of Sacramento in the future, the fact that we'll have a new bishop this summer is hopeful to me. Hope The Holy Spirit and Jean Jadot are on their toes!)

██████████ I'd like to know how you feel about this. If you'd like me to think of other alternatives, please let me know. I'm not sure when you'll be down here. I know you'll be here for the pastor's meeting. I'm looking forward to talking with you then. ██████████ wants to talk to you also.

Thanks very much, ██████████
Paulant *Sincerely, Don*

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Saint Simon Stock Priory

2191 VALENTINE AVENUE
BRONX, NEW YORK 10457

Dear [redacted]

→ It's getting cold!

I got this on the 5th. in the midst of a
stock of papers I've been working on.
I'm sending it on to SLL. Hope it's a
Profitable Definitive meet.

I hope I get to see you when I'm home.
But if I miss you, my very best wishes
for a blessed Christmas.

Your brother in Christ
David

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destroyed by earthquake, careful restoration
has kept the facade looking exactly as in
Spanish times.



CMT-140

It's with love from
Old Mission
Santa Barbara
Ca 93105



Dear [redacted] Dec 23

1979

post card

before I take it a day,
I just wanted to drop
you a line to let you
know I'm feeling better
& stronger, slowly but surely
I'm working on a letter to
give you a better idea of
what's been happening to me.
I'll send it in a few days.

EL CAMINO REAL
SAN DIEGO
LOS ANGELES
SAN FRANCISCO

[redacted]
1500-34th Ave
Oakland
Ca 94601

Thanks so much for
everything John's!
God bless you always David

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Hi [redacted] Dave Carrere
6/78 Paulas
Motto
Cards

I just wanted to say thanks very much for the chance to start with me. (Excuse my incorrect language a few times.)

2 things I forgot to mention:

- 1) my part-time work on Campus would bring in some income & help with car expense.

P.S. Hope your arrival is great day for total! PLACE STAMP HERE
2) I talked with Logel & DeCoffrey about the 6 St. per next year. Since it looks like Logel will be the only price there I'll be glad to help out for guest-visits & be available at times for counseling. Del has offered the same. Thank you - & wish.

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**YOU THINK YOU'VE
GOT PROBLEMS!**

the other day I bought
a "LIVING BRA" and
I don't know what to

FEED IT !!

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**OFM CARR 1
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January 27, 1979

Fr. David Carriere, O.F.M.
Old Mission
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

Dear David,

Thanks for your nice card. It was really good to hear from you and to know that you are feeling better and stronger.


I saw Fr. David Temple the other day and he certainly had many good things to say about you.

I will be waiting for your letter when you get time to send it. I look forward to seeing you when I am at Mission Santa Barbara, but that probably will not be until March since I have to go to the Philippines the week after next, and I am back east this coming week.

Be assured of my prayers, David. I am so happy to know that things are getting better. I am sure you know that many friars throughout the Province are concerned about you and ask about you, and I know they pray for you, too.

Best wishes and my own prayers.

Fraternally,



OFM CARR 1

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Dear [REDACTED]

It's hard to find the right words,
but I wanted to say Thank you so very much
for everything - The Province taking care of my
high hospital + Doctor Billa + for the generous

Know that you are
a very special person

- May all the blessings of Christmas be yours

Check you sent me. I'm sorry that I
added on to the money problems in the Province.
The Parish here, + my Franciscan brothers
+ sisters have been so good to me.

God bless + guard you always, John
With my love + prayers.
David

December 5, 1978

Fr. David Carriere, O.F.M.
St. Francis Friary
1112 - 26th Street
Sacramento, Calif. 95816

Dear Dave,

Thanks for your note which I found on my return to Oakland last night. I am happy to hear that you are better and I know many other friars will be too, since many of them asked me about you in Santa Barbara and Phoenix where I was last week.

This is just to assure you about our phone conversation several weeks ago. I am giving you permission to live outside of the friary and to get a job. Be sure to pay the withholding tax and the social security, by the way.

This is not properly speaking a leave of absence because that has to go through the definitorium and only lasts six months. At the present time I don't think that is necessary. I can and do give you permission to live outside the friary for reasons of health. If a formal leave of absence is necessary later on, we can take care of that, but for the time being I think this is sufficient. It will give you enough time and space to do what you are interested in doing, to be on your own.

I want to assure you of our concern and prayers for you. You know that, Dave, but I just want to say it anyway.

Enclosed is a check to help you get started, and if there are other needs please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you when you come down here or when I get up to Sacramento.

Fraternally,


OFM CARR 1
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May 13, 1978

BRUCE T. KALDOR, M.D.
87 Scripps Drive, Suite 318
Sacramento, California 95825

Dear Doctor Kaldor,

Thank you for your letter of May 4th
with regard to Fr. David Carriere.

I am very grateful to you for all the
help that you have given to David. I
know that he has much confidence in
you, and has done so very well during
these last months because of that.

I am especially grateful for your
observations about his present plans
to continue at Newman Center as
interim chaplain. I feel reassured
about this because of your comments.

Again, our deep thanks to you, Doctor,
for all that you have done for David.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Minister Provincial

BRUCE T. KALDOR, M.D.
PSYCHIATRY

87 SCRIPPS DRIVE, SUITE 318
SACRAMENTO, CA. 95825
TELEPHONE (916) 929-2352

May 4, 1978

1500 - 34th Avenue
Oakland, Calif. 98601

RE: DAVID CARRIERE

Dear

Upon Father Carriere's request I am writing you this letter to provide information regarding his present condition and recommendations for future activities.

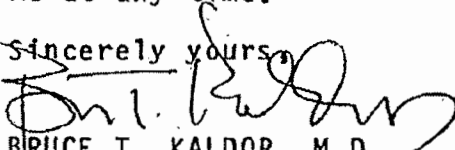
As you recall, David was admitted to American River Hospital on November 25, 1977 for evaluation and treatment of a severe depressive illness. Following his discharge he was involved in the partial hospitalization program at American River Hospital and also has been seen in individual psychotherapy at my office and has been administered psychotherapeutic drugs. In my opinion, he has had an excellent response to treatment and has worked very hard at resolving many of the conflicts and difficulties that precipitated his illness.

I believe that his plan to continue at the Newman Center as an interim chaplain but not as the director is appropriate and realistic. He has done a good deal of "soul searching" during his course of treatment and I believe he is able to appraise his current situation and make decisions regarding his future in a satisfactory manner.

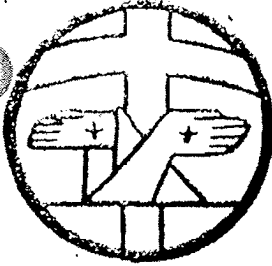
David is a bright and sensitive man who has been able to gain a good deal of personal growth through his crisis. We are presently in a termination phase of the therapy because of his progress and restoration of functioning. Although we may not be involved directly in therapy in the future I will be available should the need arise. The prognosis for continued emotional stability is excellent.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely yours,


BRUCE T. KALDOR, M.D.

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NEWMAN CENTER

5900 Newman Ct. Sacramento Cal. 95819

Greetings.

April 30, 1978

I wanted to put down on paper my ideas and feelings about the possibility of continuing at the Newman Center. I've given lots of time and thought and prayer before making this decision to apply. And I've done a lot of talking with many people: Fr. Michel, the past director, Sr. Pat and Bro. Angelo of the present staff, my Franchisman brothers, especially [redacted] my Provincial/Superior, our Bishop and our personnel board here and Doctor Bruce Kaldor, my psychiatrist.

[redacted] and the Newman staff have been glad to see my happiness and growth through the "dark winter" of my breakdown. They want me to take my time and not rush back into anything, for my own well being. This is why I've felt good in not being pressured into anything. They also know that for my own peace and stability, I would like to know fairly soon about my future, so I'm not dangling in mid-air.

[redacted] and the staff would like to hear the views of my psychiatrist, since he has been with me through "thick and thin," mainly thick!

This is what I've asked: to continue at the Center as an interim chaplain, not as Director. I see three different possibilities regarding the Center's director and chaplain.

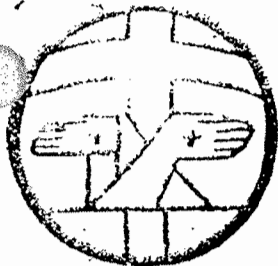
1. Having some unqualified and inexperienced priest there, who would be very hard to work with. I would not want to be part of the staff in this case.

2. Having Sr. Pat become director. I've let the Bishop and many know that this is my high recommendation. I think with her 7½ years of experience at the center, with her growing capabilities and talents, she would be the best qualified as director. I also think this would be the recommendation of the majority (not all) of the people from the Newman community. I think the people would see this as a sign that the church isn't just mouthing pious poetry about the important place of women in the church's ministry. I thought the booklet, "As One who Serves," put it well: "It is essential for the life and mission of the Church that priests encourage women in responding to the call to assume more influential and responsible positions of leadership and service in the Church and society." (p. 35)

I think some priests would find it hard to work with a woman as director. Because of my past experience here at Newman (and previously for many years in Fresno) I think I could work well with Sr. Pat. We have learned a lot from each other, through common feelings and outlooks, and sometimes through disagreements and different viewpoints.

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NEWMAN CENTER

5900 Newman Ct. Sacramento Cal. 95819

I would like to help out as a chaplain this summer. And during this time, Sr. Pat could talk with those interested in the chaplain position. This would give her and the community time to "try out" each other, before making a final decision. If a diocesan priest were assigned now as a permanent chaplain, I'd like to work with him this summer, and fill in when he would not be available, (for vacation etc.)

3. The final option I see is to appoint a diocesan priest as Director. If the present staff would find such a man open and qualified for the position, then I'd also like to fill in when needed this summer. (I would continue living at St. Francis parish and helping out there also.) I think this would give me and the director a chance to get to know each other. Then, after the summer, I would like to see if it's possible for me to be a second chaplain, ~~if~~ that meets the approval of the staff and the Newman community. (I agree with Fr. Bland and Fr. O'Reilly that some of the work that has been done by us priests at Newman, could be done by others. But I believe the center definitely needs two priests. And since I don't think the diocese would provide two, I would then be interested in that position.)

This tentative (not final) arrangement for me is what and our Board of Definitors want for me.

My main reasons for wanting to continue in my Newman Ministry are:

- My 4 years of previous part-time work in Fresno, at the University and the city college.
- My broadening experience and growth through my "sabbatical" a few years ago, completing the Master's Degree program in Religious Education for Campus Ministry at Fordham University.
- My psychological, spiritual and emotional growth through my recent breakdown. In these past few months, I've experienced so many times when God has touched and helped people through my sharing with them my pains and joys and faith. I'm excited about the chance to continue this with the Newman family.

Thanks for listening!

(and please excuse the typing, first time for me in ages.)

Sincerely,

David Carriere OFM

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enc
by John
5/12

FRANCISCAN FRIARS
ST. FRANCIS CHURCH
1112 - 26TH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIF. 95816

Dear [redacted]

May 7.

Greetings. Mel + I are leaving
in the morning for the + rappiste
Place in Viro. I'm looking
forward to spending a few quiet
days, to relax + think + Pray + BE.

I wanted to send you a letter
that I sent to Dr. Kaldor. I
explained to him about my continued
interest in Newman, but also
about what you said - to stay
here at St. Francis this summer,
+ not to make any definite decision
till the end of the summer.

I'd like to touch with you.
You should have received Dr. Kaldor's
letter by now.

Don't forget about my aunt's case
if you can get away for a little
well earned R+R!

Thank you John. Your brother,

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ans phone 1/22/78:
Wait for a while
re Home Affirmation,
& get doctor's advice.

Dear [redacted]

Jan 7.

I guess it's been a very hard time for you, with the definiton meeting & now a farewell of our friends.

I wanted to let you know how things are coming. Since I don't want to return to the hospital, Dr Kaldor suggested that I try the out-patient ^{Program}. So I'm going there Mon-Fri. I'm learning to take buses. I get my exercise & jogging in that way.

It's been a painful process for me, sharing with others in this Program about my personal feelings & my present confusion. They have made me into our past upbringing & how we all

the future. That's where I'm torn
I want to resign or I'm not, even
though I can't function as a Priest
now, sacramentally.

I feel my depression isn't so
bad now, but I'm still uncertain
about the future - decisions I need to make.

Spiritually, I still attend Mass
almost daily, but I know my faith
is feeble. I have a lot of conscience
to go through, a lot of growing & venturing
to do.

I don't feel I can get out on my
own yet, but I find it better & better
here at St. Francis, & I think I've
made things better for the friars here.

Paul was talking about a program
for clergy & religious, the "House of
Affirmation" in Montrose (south of S.F.)
I've been reading some of their papers
& books. But it sounds so
familiar to me. It seems similar



to the Programs that some of our friends
have gone to with drinking problems.
They have professional staff & they
work to build a supportive community
to work out problems and grow in the
human, psychological, emotional
& spiritual realms. Do you know
anything about this Program?

It's afraid it probably has a big
waiting list of people who want to
join the Program?

I hope you can understand this
jumble of ideas - not very messy
handwriting. I think I need to pour
in obedience as a friend. As professional
what do you think would be best?

Thank you, John for all your
help & concern. I hope you're
getting a little breathing time in
your hectic life. Maybe it's time
to get away to Lake Tahoe!

Please

Your brother,

Steve
Carrivon

Aug. 20, 1977

Rev. David Carriere, O.F.M.
2709 "G" St.
Sacramento, Calif. 95816

Dear Dave,

I was touched by your beautiful letter which did what the card signified--some sharing and some caring. It was very thoughtful of you and I appreciate your sensitivity.

We will certainly all miss Pierre. His death was a special loss to me because of our deep friendship that goes back so many years. But I am grateful to God for that friendship.

Thank you so much, Dave, for your kindness and brotherly concern.

Fraternally,



OFM CARR 1
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arriv. in person

DAVID CARRIER

Dear [redacted]

Dec 16

Welcome back. I guess you've been keeping busy on the road travelling.

I just wanted to say thanks so very much for coming to see me in the hospital. I may have been a little foggy & you I bet had a bit strange when you came. But you appreciate your labour and care.

**A JOY
TO BE
SHARED
BY ALL
PEOPLES**

I'm glad to be out of the hospital. But the doctor said I'm finding the adjustment a little hard. It will take...

I'm sorry about financial cost. This hospital, medication etc.

it will be a big medical cost. And then I'm sure I'll be able to get...

I've been going slow out of the Centre. Michel, Paul, Brigitte, the friends people know here. I just so much I had to see. I think of all that - I care. Then I realize - I alone can't.

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Dear [redacted]

I thought you might like getting a Christmas Card in hot ol' August. The words below made me think of Pierre. What a beautiful man & Franciscan. It was hard for me to realize that he's gone, after seeing him in great spirits at Belwood City.

I'm sure his death has been a big burden to you. I felt you were both so good for each other in your work - your rough decision-making times, your worries & Puzzles, your humor & caring.

I just wanted to ask Christ's special strength for you, John, at this sad loss - for you & all of us.

**for sharing
caring
singing
the joy of love
born to the world**

Shalom
With my love & Prayers.
- Dave

November 21, 1975

Rev. David Carriere, O.F.M.
St. Simon Stock Priory
2191 Valentine Ave.
Bronx, N.Y. 10457

Dear David,

It was good to hear from you in your letter of November 15 which was awaiting me as I arrived back in Oakland. From all that we hear you are lucky to still have a New York City left there. I hope that things will ease up a bit and somehow they will get enough to keep things afloat.

The report on your classes is certainly encouraging, and I think you are in a place where you really can have great contacts with some genuine leaders. Your routine seems to be a busy one, and I am really glad that the Carmelites have been so hospitable and that you really feel at home. I can certainly understand that even under the very best of conditions you would still miss the team at Mt. Carmel and your friends in Fresno, as well as the members of the province. I think it is great that you have a chance to be home for Christmas. Your mother will certainly be more than anxious to see you and have you home with the family at that time. By all means, plan on that.

I am glad that you are not forgetting your union involvement and that you are able to be in contact with some of the UFW people from time to time. Things seem to be going fairly well and I hope that there will be a real breakthrough soon.

With every best wish for a truly happy Thanksgiving, I am,

Fraternally in Christ and St.
Francis,


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FORDHAM

Dear [REDACTED]

Nov. 15

Greetings from the "Big (almost bankrupt) Apple". I stopped by at Holy Cross the other night for the liturgy and dinner and saw the provincial. [REDACTED] said he had seen you at a meeting about a month ago. I thought I'd let you know that I'm alive and well. A few weeks I wrote a little piece for Westfriars, explaining about my program here at Fordham, and my thanks to the province for giving me the chance to make use of this "sabbatical." I'm appreciating it more as time goes on. My classes and prof's are fine- subjects and people. I'm especially grateful to Peter Ellis. He's made St. Paul come to life for me. Our campus ministry group has different speakers come in and share with us each Monday night. I'm finding that very enriching, meeting, listening and discussing with people from many different fields and apostolates. Henri Nouwen will be here next week for our group.

Even tho the area I'm living in is a mess- dirty, noisy, high-rise apartments dwarfing us, millions of kids running around, still the people have been very good to me. The Carmelite community have made me feel very much at home. I offer daily masses here- for my room and board. On Sundays, I say 1 Or 2 masses in Spanish at another parish, also with lots of Puerto Ricans. And that helps on my expenses- and helps me to get to a concert or play once and a while. Say the first ballet in my life last week.

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Met some UFW organizers at campus last week. They had just been to Fresno recently to join Caesar and his march. Some of us are going to a fund-raiser for them next week. They knew Leroy Chatfield, my cousin, and were telling me that he had gotten roughed up a little some time back by some enthusiastic Teamsters.

Homesickness gets to me at times. I miss the ol' team at Mt. Carmel, and my friends in Fresno. Being so far away also helps me appreciate our province and confères better. I've never written so many letters in my life, or received so many. I keep in touch with mom, writing her and calling her about every 3 weeks. I had no plans to come home for a break at Christmas, but Mom mentioned my "homesickness" to an aunt and uncle, who sent me plane fare. I didn't even think about checking with you on permission for that. I hope that's OK.

I hope this finds you well, and getting a chance to catch your breath too once and awhile. Thanks again for your help and encouragment so I could come here for this program. I'm grateful to the Lord for this special gift- and grace.

My best regards to my confreres.

Happy Thanksgiving.

peace

*Your brother in Jesus,
David*

April 26, 1975

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Dear Fr. David:

Next August the directors of peace and justice are sponsoring a conference in Washington. Your name was suggested as a participant from our province. This might be helpful to you in your future Newman work. Since you will probably be in the New York area at that time, it might be easy for you to get down for these days. Would you let me know if you are able and would like to attend?

All best wishes and regards to the community,

Fraternally,

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our lady of mount carmel church

816 POTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706
PHONE: (209) 264-2587

Dear [REDACTED]

I wanted to thank you for your invitation to the ODM Conference on Peace & Justice. My summer session at Fortnow will end on Aug 8. So that will work out fine.

I would very much like to attend since I'll be back there. I'm also on the Campus Ministry Peace & Justice Committee for our Region, so I hope I can learn from the conference, so I can share with our Campus Ministry Persons.

Thanks again for everything!
Love. Hope you're feeling well & getting some rest!
Peace in heaven &

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

816 FOTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706

Dear [REDACTED]

June 14, 1975

I just wanted to drop you a line- on my last day at Mt. Carmel. I'll be attending a little meeting of friars at Tivoli NY, then I'll go right to summer school.

I will be living with the Carmelites at St. Simon Stock church in the Bronx, at least for the summer. There are a few other possibilities for the fall. The church is just 15 minutes from campus.

With the farewell gift money I received, I'm able to pay all my transportation back east. I'll also buy a typewriter, some clothes and a camera to replace mine that I lost recently. Enclosed is an offering for provincial office expenses.

Thanks very much for all your help and encouragement and support, [REDACTED] I'm very grateful to you. I'll keep in touch.
Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Francis,

December 13, 1974

Rev. David Carriere, O.F.M.
816 Pottle Ave.
Fresno, Calif. 93706

Dear Father David,

Many thanks for your letter of December 10th. It was good to hear from you and to know that you have made progress in seeking admittance to the Fordham Graduate Program in Religious Education. I am sending a letter to Fr. Charles and certainly hope it will be of some help to you in the application. Your experience and your success on the campus certainly should count for a great deal in this.

Fr. Finian Kerwin has been away from the province on visitation for some weeks, and possibly that is why you have not had an answer yet. I hope he will send the answer soon.

With every best wish and greetings to the friars, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,



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December 13, 1974

Rev. Charles Forsythe, O.S.B.
Graduate Institute of Religious Education
Fordham University
Bronx, N.Y. 10458

Reverend and Dear Father,

Fr. David Carriere has asked me to write to you in regard to his future work in the campus ministry. I want to assure you that he does have permission to go into this work when he finishes his studies at Fordham, and we are very happy at the prospect of him being admitted to the Fordham Graduate Program in Religious Education. He has done splendid work on the campus, and I am sure that his experience will be of great value to him and to others in the future.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Minister Provincial

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

816 POTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706
PHONE: (208) 264-2587

Dear [REDACTED]

Dec. 10, 1974

Welcome home from your busy travels. Hope you've had a chance to recuperate a little. I imagine you've got a lot to catch up on.

I just wanted to let you know about my progress in seeking admittance to the Fordham Graduate Program in Religious Education. I've sent in my application for admission, and also for the scholarship, plus the recommendation letters. I haven't got the final OK yet, but I did get a preliminary letter from Vince Novak SJ, the director. He was very encouraging and said it looks like no problem. Registration is the end of June.

I also wrote to [REDACTED] the provincial back there about a community to live in. Have not got an answer yet.

Fr. Charles, the campus ministry director of this program asked if you could send him a letter as my provincial. Merely let him know that I have permission to go into campusministry work when I finish at Fordham.

That's where things stand as of now. If you have any questions, please let me know. I really appreciate your support & encouragement, Alan.

In Francis,

-Please send the letter to
Fr. Charles Forsythe OSB
Graduate Institute of Relig. Ed.
Fordham University, Bronx, NY 10458

*David
Carrion of*

OFM CARR 1

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Sept. 9, 1974

Dear Father David,

Greetings! Your letter of Sept. 3rd was awaiting me when I got back from a meeting with the new community in Las Vegas. They are getting off to a good start with a few days of indoctrination and settling on the various tasks. I think Eddie really misses the community of Delano.

I will really be looking forward to your visit to Oakland. I will be here on Monday, Sept. 16th if that is a good day for you. It seems that the weeks are getting filled with the Fall meetings etc. and it is good to have some eyes here in Oakland.

It was good to know that your Summer trip was so rewarding. You can really cover a lot of territory on a trip like that.

This week we are having a meeting at San Miguel with the friars who are starting our new type of retreat house that is people living apart from the retreat houses and serving the houses from their own central house or houses. We have a lot of planning to do, but it looks as though the men are for the idea.

With every best wish and regards to the community.

Fraternally in St. Francis

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our lady of mount carmel church

816 POTTLE AVENUE
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Dear [REDACTED]

Aug 31

Now that summer is about over,
I wanted to drop you a line &
ask when I could stop by & see
you. In the spring, I wrote
down my thoughts on my future
work on those forms that were
sent to everyone. I'd like
to discuss these with you
when you have some time.
If you could let me know a
few possible weekday dates,
I'll take a day off & come
up to see you.

I appreciate this very much.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

David

Monday
Sept. 16

May 14, 1974

Dear David:

Many thanks for your letter of May 12th. I really appreciate your writing in regard to your plans for the coming year. From what you have set down, I can see that you would be able to really get into the Newman work and at the same time give a hand with the parish. We will have to make every effort to get a friar on the team who will be able to work in well with all that is being done there. One possibility would be Bill Brand who is being ordained this month. He does not know much Spanish, but is willing to learn.

Glad that you had the chance to attend the ministry meeting in Santa Barbara. Things have been really opening up in that field.

All best wishes and regards to the Friars. Have a good vacation.

Fraternally, in Francis,

OUR lady of mount carmel church

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Dear [REDACTED]

May 12, 1974

Since we didn't have regular "visitation" this year, I wanted to write you and explain a little about what I wrote on my "personel sheet."

Some time ago, all of us here at Mt. Carmel met to discuss our future. It was decided that during March we should give it a lot of thought. When April came, we did meet and each one expressed what his tentative plans were: [REDACTED] to remain, Den to remain for the time being, Ray to look around for another parish, and I explained that I'd like to continue here for one last year in Fresno. (I've been here 7 years now.)

I talked it over with the team, that I'd like to continue as now, part time in the parish and part time on the 2 college campuses. The Bishop and the Newman Center have given a little help this past year (\$100 a month) to help out in car and gas bills. The Bishop wants me to see him about my plans. The Newman Center has already asked if I could continue this next year, since they'll have only 1 priest. The details will have to wait till we see about Ray's replacement here at Mt. Carmel. But [REDACTED] asked me for a tentative idea of my schedule for this coming year. I'd like to work 2 full days on campus, continuing what I've done this year, (speaking at classes, counselling, 1-1 and in small groups, working with campus ministry ecumenical team on projects such as speakers, discussions, films and once-and-awhile over night retreats for faculty and students, and continuing to stress my work with Chicano students right on campus, since they don't feel excited about the Newman center.)

Then, so [REDACTED] wouldn't have all the burden, I would be sharing the work of the parish, working with the parish high-school and college groups as I have done, working with our twice-a-week team meetings, a day on door duty, regular help with the sacraments on weekends and on the weekdays when I'm not working on campus. If we do get a 3rd priest, once and while I could help on weekend masses at the Newman center and help with overnight retreats.

Come next June, I don't have any exact plans yet, but I would like to see about getting into full-time campus ministry somewhere in the province. I've talked to Fr. Geoffrey about doing this work, and possibly also helping in a college formation house.

I attended the national campus ministry meeting in Santa Barbara right after Easter and got a great deal from our sessions with 2 great Jesuits, Jim Gill and John Gallen. I also found out there about a free scholarship offer for a Masters Degree in Religious Education. Haven't given that much thought as of now. But I think I have done and can continue to do a lot of good with people in this campus ministry. I'd appreciate any suggestions you might have.

Thanks very much, [REDACTED] And thanks also for your OK for my vacation plans this summer. I hope you can get a break and relax too.

Peace.

Peace & the Reigning!

Fr. Francis

OFM CARR 1

0195

Francis

March 20, 1974

Dear Father David:

Greetings! It was good to get your letter of March 18. I can see that you really plan ahead. And I think that you have a great idea about your vacation this coming Summer. That deal on Greyhound is about the best you can get, -outside of hitchhiking.

The chance to visit friends and relatives will make the trip really worthwhile.

By all means plan to take the trip, -and I hope you are able to do some reading etc. on the bus. I am able to get in quite a bit whenever I have to hit the road.

We had a fine celebration for Gabriel McCarthy on Sunday. The people entered into the St. Patrick's Day theme, -and it was something to see the Mexican people dancing Irish dances. The parish in San Jose seems to be coming along very well. Both Reynaldo and Anthony were there. And when I got back this morning the rescript for Anthony arrived. He will be glad with this.

I really enjoyed the time at San Damiano and appreciated your homily and liturgy very much.

All the best...regards to the friars,

Fraternally,

our lady of mount carmel church

816 POTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706
PHONE: (209) 264-2587

Dear [REDACTED]

March 18, 1974

I wanted to write you about this coming summer. We've discussed our summer plans here for vacation and summer sessions/ I got the teams' OK, and I'd like to ask your permission.

What I'd like to do is to take the "ameripass" (30 days of travel on Greyhound throughout the US & Canada for \$165. (wast up, or rather will go from the former fare- \$149.)

Board & room wise, it will be very inexpensive since my tentative plans take me to places where I know friends, relatives and priests.

I would like to see and enjoy many places in our country. And I also want to take my camera to take pictures, and to borrow a tiny tape-recorder to tape conversations with people I meet along the way on topics that I can use later on in sermons, campus talks, personal counselling etc.

Anyway.... (Just interrupted this at 12:50am to see William Blatty, the "Exorcist's" talk on TV)

Thanks for being with us to Danville. Your presence and interest helps us all.

Peace

Sincerely,
F. J. Smith OFM

OFM CARR 1
0197

Dear [redacted]

May 31

This was our little "ecumenical"
"Please-not-war" service last night.
I'm over here on the coast with
my room relaxing for a few days.
I feel strange, tho I still get tired
easy. Learning to relax from - honest!
From Division's report, sounded like
you had a nice visit together.
Your ideas about the future of Inuro
sound much more hopeful to me
& to all of us.
I would so mention one thing you
might bring up at the definitonism
met if you have time.

Do you think the Province could have
a "Institute" or "seminar" (2 or 3 days) on
Parishes in our Province. I think it
would be great to get together, perhaps have
a couple of speakers, & then discuss different
aspects of Parishes: theology of the Parish,
Sacramental life, goals (where are we going),
possible changes etc. - evaluations &
new experiments.

I think a meeting like this would
be very profitable for a lot of guys & for
the Province as a whole.

Hope this finds you OK.
Thanks for everything, Mon

OFM CARR 1

0198

De France,

June 1, 1972

Dear Dave: *Carrere*

Greetings! It was good to hear from you after your scare with hepatitis. We were really concerned, and hoping that you would really get the chance to slow down. I hope that the heat there in Fresno will not be too much for you this Summer. It might be good to stay out of it for a while.

The visit with [redacted] and [redacted] was really good for me. They are surely coming to grips with the real problems, -and I am sure that you are going to be successful in the right sense.

Your suggestion about the meeting of the pastors and associates is a good one. In fact we had thought of having a meeting during this session of the institute. Things just did not work out that way. But I think it could certainly be planned for next Fall. During the INstitute might be a good time for such a meeting, since a number of parish men will be there already. And we might be able to get the right personnel for the talks etc.

All best wishes and looking forward to seeing you when you get up this way.

Regards to the community.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

July 20, 1971

Dear Father David:

Greetings! I am glad to give permission for the trip to Edmondton. That is great country and you should have a welcome change from the heat of the Fresno area. The trip from Edmondton to Vancouver should be a beautiful one.

Will be seeing you at the chapter. Regards to the friars,

Fraternally,

OFM CARR 1
0201

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

816 POTTLE AVENUE
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July 30, 1970

Reverend [REDACTED]

Dear Father -

So very often I feel the urge to write and tell you how I feel about my work with our Franciscan Fathers here in Fresno - actually, I am telling you again because I have said it before. I have never been so happy - and that's "unique" because I really loved my years as a teacher. But this new, beautiful happiness is like every committed person's dream - and stems from working with Father Timian and Father David - the greatest experience of my life. They are beautifully dedicated men - and I never cease to marvel at the life and enthusiasm of the involvements here. I have worked with and for many priests and have been, for the most part, very, very happy in my work - but this is different! These men are the greatest - and I thank you and the Order for them. Most of my work is with Father David - a tremendous person, an extremely great priest, a fine, dedicated man. Father Timian makes all of this possible in the way he handles the parish. My pinnacle thanks - I hope I can prove to be a real part of it all. Sincerely,

UFM CARR 1
0202

Carriere

July 20, 1970

Dear Father David,

At the recent meeting of those who are promoting the St. Francis Week in Santa Clara it was suggested that we try to get you and perhaps see if you have any of your young people there in Fresno who would be interested in this week. We feel it can be a real boost to all of us, and we would like to get representatives from all the areas. If you can attend and if you could bring some of the Third Order members there in the area please get word to Fr. Brendan Mitchell at St. Boniface as soon as possible.

With every best wish and greetings to the friars, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,



OFM CARR 1

0203

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

816 POTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706

Dear [REDACTED]

I meant to include this with [REDACTED] letter to you, but never got around to it.

Don't bother about answering since you said you would bring this up at the definitorium meeting.

Just to sum up and add to the list of the growing demands on us, we have the Chicano groups in the parish, Edison High school's request for [REDACTED] teaching, the Cursillos, more nuns' groups are asking for us an confessors and for conferences. Also Easton is coming alive - the people there are asking for more help in classes & discussion groups.

Finally, if it's still just impossible to get a priest here, the 3 of us here would like to ask about a brother or cleric. Perhaps a novice or student would be interested next semester to attend FSC part time. He could help us out in several areas including adult education in different areas of the parish, plus youth work including possible "Search" weekends for youth.

Thanks a lot for your concern.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Louis
Carrere*

OFM CARR 1
0204

November 11, 1969

Dear Father David,

Just a line to thank you for your letter which came in this morning. I know you did not expect an answer but I do appreciate hearing from you. I have put the request on the agenda and feel certain that we will make every effort to get someone for you. I appreciate the dedication of both yourself and [REDACTED] and I know that we certainly want to cooperate with you in every way possible. Please give my best regards to all the friars.

With every best wish for a truly blessed Christmas season, I am

Fraternal, in St. Francis,

[REDACTED]

July 15, 1969

Dear Father David:

I have just received your letter of July 14th, -and am happy to give permission for your trip to Mazatlan. It should be a great help to you in understanding the people, and getting acquainted with some of their customs. The weather should be a bit better by September.

It was surely good to learn about the parish meeting, and its good results. Communication is such an important thing in this time of change. And I know you are really trying with this there at Mt. Carmel.

All best wishes and regards to the friars,

Fraternally in St. Francis,

OFM CARR 1

0206

our lady of mount carmel church

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Dear [REDACTED]

July 14, 1969

I wanted to write you about my vacation.
I plan to take it from Sept. 1-17.

I also wanted to ask permission if I could
go with the Gomez family here in the parish to Maz-
atlan, Mexico for 9 days of my vacation. I've
never been south of Mexicali and I would like to
see Mexico & its people..

Holding down the fort here. We had a very
profitable parish meeting here last week with about
40 of our people. Got to clear up a lot of misun-
derstandings and open up better communication.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Smith

OFM CARR 1
0207

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

816 POTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706

Dear 

I guess this Monday, post-Pentecost depression blues is prompting me to write you this note.... but the year ahead scares me. With the growing demands of the parish (here & in Easton) and with a CCD program minus sisters as of now, the prospect of the 2 of us (with some help from Fr. Carlos) is a little discouraging.

This is why I wanted to ask, that if there will be anyone available (if the Serra Hi men are freed) and if there's anyone -- anywhere who would like to do parish work and would like to live with our community, could you keep us in mind?

I know it's impossible to please everyone, but I feel all of us could function and "communion" better if we weren't spread so thin in our work here.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

J. Saint Carriere ofm

OFM CARR 1
0208

December 10, 1968

Dear Father David,

Many thanks for your letter and the copy of the talk that you gave at the court house. I surely appreciate the fact that you are able to talk this over with Bishop Manning. I think it is a great help for him and surely for the friars. It was good to hear from you and I hope that I will be seeing you before too long. It seems that when I get to Fresno you are either gone or very, very busy, but I do know that you are really into the apostolate there.

With every best wish for a truly blessed Christmas and regards to all the friars, I am

Fraternally in St. Fran.^{cis},



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

816 POTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706

Dear 

Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

I just wanted to drop you a copy of my
speech I gave this month at the Court House,
on the war & draft, the day before the Bishop's
statement. Talked to Bishop Manning Wednesday.
He said he received 2 letters from people who got
nervous because I was recounting myself with
"dirty, long-haired nits."

Advice for now: God bless you!

Love,
D

OFM CARR 1
0210

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

811 POTTLE AVENUE :: FRESNO, CALIFORNIA
PHONE AD 3-8909

Dear [REDACTED]

March 29, 1968

It's after midnight, but I wanted to get a short note off to you. A few weeks ago, I mentioned to you again my concern about the war. You told me to check about a meeting coming up in Berkely. I attended the meeting last Tuesday night. It was a very profitable sessions with GTU's Dean Wagener, [REDACTED] Fr. Coleman SJ. Bruce Nelson and McAfee Brown. O

Over the past several months, I have done a lot reading on the topic. I have also discussed it with lay people and clergy. I realize that any hasty, decision would be stupid. I hope I have decided right that I will take part in the Fresno Peace Ceremony this Wednesday, April 3. I will take part in the religious ceremony and I will accept a draft card from one of the 10 men handing them in.

I have given a lot of thought to this. I'm sure many won't agree with my action, & I respect others' opinions. I do hope my action may start some people thinking more about other possibilities to our present policy of dragging on the killing of war, about our whole militarism-centered (society) society. I believe I must speak out on this.

I am seeing Bishop Manning Monday morning and will explain my stand.

If you have any advice, please let me know.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Fr. Louis Carrere OFM

OFM CARR 1

0211

April 11, 1968

Dear Father David: *Carrere*

Your letter of March 29th, was forwarded to me when I was on visitation and so I did not receive it until it was too late to get in touch with you regarding the ceremony on April 3rd. I certainly appreciate your interest in this very important matter and am glad that you were able to talk with Bishop Manning.

I hope to be down your way after Easter for a meeting in Delano with the Migrant Ministry. I will be happy to see you and the friars at that time.

With every best wish for a truly Blessed Easter, I am,

Fraternally in St. Francis,



May 7, 1968

Dear Father David:

I want to thank you for your letter of April 27th, which was forwarded to me down South. I certainly do appreciate your report on the situation there in Fresno and assure you that everything that you mention is of real importance to us in making the decision for the coming year. We will surely do our very best. I believe that your opportunities there in Fresno are tremendous and surely we do want to make the most of them. Please say a prayer that we will have a very successful Definitorium meeting and also second session of the Chapter.

With every best wish and greetings to the friars, I am,

Fraternally in St. Francis,



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

816 POTTLE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706

Dear [REDACTED]

April 27, 1968

I'm sorry to bother you right in the middle of a lot work at the Chapter. I enjoyed my 2 days in Phoenix. I felt the fellows at Sacred Heart have some fine things going, but they must work closer together, not just in their separate areas.

I would like very much to have a team project here in Fresno. In the last few weeks, a lot of new possibilities have opened up, including a summer program in cooperation with two nearby Protestant Churches. Also, St. Alphensus has proposed a joint parish plan with us here in West Fresno, covering things like CCD, adult classes and community projects. This is why I would like to ask again if it's possible to get another pastor here. Although Fr. Luis is not at all opposed to these ideas, he seems to just ^{let} things ride.

I'm sure you have a lot of requests to try and fill and want be able to make do everything. But if it's at all possible, I think we'd make good progress and reach our people more with good, creative leadership.

Thanks very much, Father, I promise my prayers for a successful Chapter.

Sincerely,

Fr. David Carrive OFM

OFM CARR 1

0214

December 9, 1967

Dear Father David: *J. Amine*

Many thanks for the report on your Chapter discussion.

I will be happy to refer these to the Definitorium
at our meeting the week of December 18th.

It was good to see you at the Institute. Please
give my best regards to all the ~~members~~.

With every best wish, I am,

Fraternally in St. Francis,



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

811 POTTLE AVENUE :: FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93706

PHONE 264-2587

Dear 

Here is a report from this chapter's discussion.

1. Prayer.

a. We come together for morning prayers, Lauds and meditation each morning before the 1st parish mass.

b. We just obtained the Liturgical Press "Compline" booklets. So we say this with the people after the 5:30 evening mass.

c. We have not arranged for monthly days of recollection yet. We hope to get away to 3 Rivers for this soon.

2. Penance.

We discussed what would be a meaningful penance for Advent. We felt that meatless Fridays was not much of a significant event.

We have decided that since our supply of beer and pop is almost gone, we will not order any, doing without these.

3. Representatives for Spring Chapter.

We felt that all "leaders" of our houses (pastors, high school principals etc.) should be there since it would probably be difficult to implement suggestions and recommendations if these were not present. Ofcourse, all apostolates and a cross section of age groups of the Fathers and Brothers should also be present.

That's if for now.

Sincerely,

A. David Carrere 87/11

OFM CARR 1

0216

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

Post Office Box 2147
SALEM, OREGON 97308

May 12, 1967

Dear Father Terrence,

If it is possible, I'd like to ask when you want me in Fresno. I want to find out if I'll be able to make my planned retreat (June 11-17) or not. Also, my mom & a friend want to come up & visit some people & places & then drive me back to Fresno. So if I could find out the date I'm due in Fresno, I could let them know.

Thanks very much, Father

Sincerely

F. J. Laurion Carrero OFM

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May 12, 1967

Dear Father Laurian:

Father Guardian has your Obedience and he will tell you that we would like to have you in Fresno no later than June 24th. This should give you a chance to do the things you mentioned in your little note to me. In case you want longer time than that before going to Fresno, in case you would even like to take your vacation you would have to clear this first with Father Luis himself. He may need you down there by the 24th.

Knowing that you will like your new assignment which is a very challenging one, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.

May 13, 1967

Dear Father Laurence:

Father Martial passed on your letter to me with the two generous checks. We are indeed very grateful to you for sending these at this particular time because with all the expenses connected with our Summer school programs, we do run short of money quickly.

We are grateful to your good Brother for remembering you and he surely will have a special place in our prayers. We also are indebted to the Community for sending on their surplus.

Thanking you for all the fine cooperation you always gave me while I was Provincial, and with every best wish to you and the Father and Brothers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.

FRANCISCAN FATHERS
3215 Army Street
SAN FRANCISCO 10, CALIF.

May 12-1967

Dear Fr. Martial:

The enclosed is a donation for the Province.
\$500 is surplus from one house fund and the other \$500 was
left to me in the will of my late brother George.

With kindest regards.

Fraternally

Fr. Lawrence

OFM CARR 1
0220

Franciscan Fathers

203 EAST WASHINGTON STREET
STOCKTON 2, CALIFORNIA

Dear Father Provincial,

Sunday, April 16, 1966

I would like to ask permission to make the Better World Movement Retreat at St. Clare's in Santa Cruz, May 3-11.

I also wanted to ask permission about going to Mexicali. [REDACTED] said it was OK on his part and told me to write you. In my few days down there last year, I learnt a lot helping at San Antonio Church and visiting the people. And this year I would like to spend about 6 days of my vacation there.

Sincerely,

Father Laurion Carrine OFM

OFM CARR 1

0221

April 24, 1966

Dear Father Laurian:

You may make the retreat at St. Clares as requested.

As long as your Superiors can spare you. I would not object to your spending some of your vacation days at Mexicali.

Sincerely Yours in St. Francis,

OFM CARR 1

0222

June 1, 1966

Dear Father Laurian:

Father Guardian has your Obedience and he will tell you just when you are to leave for your new assignment. I am sure that you have already made some contact with Father John Francis so that you know what is to be expected of you in your Summer school work this year.

While I imagine you might regret leaving parish work, I am sure you realize that high school work is very challenging and can also be very rewarding. After all you are dealing with young people in their most impressive years.

Thanking you for all your cooperation, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.

June 1, 1965

Dear Father Laurian:

By now you know that you have been assigned to remain just where you are. Congratulations. This is an important post because it is connected with our house of formation.

You will be an assistant to [REDACTED] and do in the parish and elsewhere whatever he asks of you. I know that you will do it well.

Asking God to bless you in your priestly career, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Francis,

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.

OFM CARR 1

0224