

Brenda Landley

Dear [REDACTED]

And here I am back on The Prairie. México was just great and I enjoyed and benefited from Universal. I'd recommend it to anyone. I'm by no means proficient in Spanish but I have more confidence. The classes on Mexican culture were also very fine.

Unfortunately, I thought it best to return home two weeks early. My estómago was in complete revolucion - on two fronts. I was very careful but this year the rains came earlier and the raw sewerage is just part of most vegetables. Even the Mexicans are sick - including teachers at school. I did the usual things - all night! - but when my kidneys got a little bloody I said - Viejo, go home!

I am presuming your permission to use what tuition and board I did not use, hopefully for a tutor in Tucson or a week or so with folks in Guaymas. I've earmarked the money for that.

The doctor here is trying to stop the cramps. Today he sent me to the hospital for nasty tests!

I made some good friends in México. Had a great Japanese room mate who spoke no English. Is part of the Japanese "peace corps" going to Bolivia. I really like him - but then, I have that yen for Orientals! Had another good friend in Tracy - an Episcopal priest who happens to be a woman. She strengthens my hopes for non-misogynist Church.

Cuernavaca is a dirty and crowded city - was probably beautiful thirty years ago! I enjoyed riding the broken down buses and sitting in the Zocalo. I'd try my Spanish on just about anyone. Some looked confused by it but others gallantly engaged in a conversation with me. Visited the friars in Cuernavaca. They were most cordial and welcoming and they are a hard working group of men - a flourishing parish with enough meetings to make the best USA pastor content. If I had known they had such a beautiful friary I might have tried to stay with them. -- But then I wouldn't have drank Coronas with Tracy while talking "church" or gone for walks with Marta.

Spent two days in Mexico City. Really worthwhile. (A Mexican doctor had given me a "concrete pill" which worked for three days!) Visited the Cathedral several times (I could see it from my hotel window, right off the Zocalo.) Listened to the canons chanting lauds, accompanied by a little boys choir wearing red dresses and white knee socks! Rivera's murals are fascinating and a trip to the fine arts buildings was a reminder of what Latin Americans think of us politically. The friars' church is beautiful and the church of San Felipe de Jesus a point of prayer for whatever lies ahead for us and Mexican vocations.

Sunday morning I rode the Metro out to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Awesome! So different from Knock. Where Knock is "heavenly," Guadalupe is flesh and blood - thousands of warm bodies, cooking tortillas and vendors, lovers, families, old men crawling. I was overwhelmed at the sight of Juan Diego's La Morena. I am very Catholic no matter what I say; devotion to Mary is still within my heart. Crowded my way up the hill, poured water over my knees and

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head, envied the young lovers everywhere present, prayed as I believe a Mexican would pray - and promised to come back.

I had planned on going over to Spokane, through Provo and on to Tucson. But then the best of plans can change - and do. When I was away Donan drove the car from Longview to Toledo with the red indicator light on. He fried the engine. A local mechanic and parishioner is trying to fix it with some salvage parts. I believe those warning lights are called "idiot lights!" In any event I will be in Tucson before the first of September.

Thinking of you folks on retreat at Santa Barbara. I pray it is a good one - almost as fine as our first retreat in the Santa Cruz mountains. Also hope the simple professed time at SAS is worthwhile.

Our paths should cross once in awhile. I still may bury myself and become a character on the desert. Then I hope Josef will use me once in awhile to give pious talks on the missions for the FMU.

As we say, Joe - !Paz!

Benny

PS If I don't see you before Ireland, be sure to visit the West Coast - Livinus at the friary in Killarney, the Irish speaking Dingle peninsular, the Poor Clares at Ennis - a young and delightful group, and take a few days rest at Rosstownlough on the Bay of Donegal!

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

COPY

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Old Mission San Xavier
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August 20, 1989

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Welcome back from Mexico. I'm sorry that you had a difficult time there with your stomach and your health, and I trust that all of that has cleared up now. I'll be anxious to see you to hear your first-hand report. Certainly the letter which you wrote to me indicates that you had a lot of experiences and have met many fine and interesting people, but for me to get the full flavor I want to hear it from you: stories as only you can tell!

You know always that you have my concern and support. You've been so very kind to me over the years and I just want you to know that the feeling is very much reciprocated.

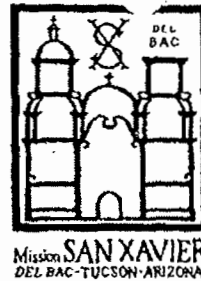
Things are going fairly well right now. I'm at the pastor's meeting in Danville, and they seem to be actively discussing many of the concerns which face the Province: ministerial placement, overextension, quality of preaching and Franciscan life, the future of parishes in the Province. All of this is really important. It is certainly music to my ears to hear the pastors themselves directly addressing the issues. I talked to Jim Goode who is busy trying to reconcile Stalings with Archbishop Hickey in Washington DC, and trying to negotiate between the Black Bishops and some of the clergy. Poor Jim has his hands full. I talked to Louie in Denver, and he seems to be doing fine. Of course, you know me-I gave him something to do.

I'll be going to Ireland in October. I'm sure we'll be in contact before then. I appreciate your suggestions. Just to go to the "old sod" will refresh my spirits.

This is just a short note, Berard, to say hi and thanks for your letter. I hope you get rid of those cramps fairly soon. I imagine it's pretty uncomfortable. I know that you will be a great addition down at San Xavier. If there is anything I can do, don't hesitate to ask.

Faternally,





Dear [REDACTED]

While I obviously do not share your enthusiasm for the general order, please know I wish you all good at the upcoming meeting in Ireland.

Have a great visit - it will be raining so spend moments looking out to the sea... admire the polished brass door knobs and name plates... light an electric "candle" to St. Anthony... be sure to visit the Poor Ladies in Ennis... check out the libraries... have a wee drink with Levinus... touch the stones knowing these friaries housed saints and martyrs and not a few villains.

Should you run into men from Ennis, Killarney, Galway and especially Rossnolaugh, my best to them.

Peace!

Benny

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

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October 10, 1989

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Thanks very much for your short note and for the feastday greetings. I just want you to know that I will be thinking of you as I go to the Emerald Isle, looking out at the beautiful green island and its sea, thinking how wonderful it would be to live a quiet, secluded life in the monasteries of Ireland, wandering the countryside, chatting with the people, being entertained by their hospitality and enjoying their good humor. At least, that has always been my experience of the Irish. I just want you to know how much I'm looking forward to it. I will certainly do my best to do you justice.

Thanks always for your support, Berry. You did a fine job on Westfriars, and I look forward very much to the future additions. This is a great contribution to the Province. This letter is a little rushed, but I just wanted to get it off to let you know that I was and will be thinking of you. Thanks especially for all your concern for my mother which I appreciate very much.

Faternally,



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February 6, 1990

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I hope this letter finds you well. I look forward to seeing you sometime in March.

This is just a short note to say that I'm enclosing my paper on the history and direction of authority in the Province. I hope that you will find it useful for the pages of WestFriars. Also, I want to thank you very much for sending me the note about the FMU and the request of Mike Guinan. I appreciate very much the way you're taking the FMU into your concern and moving it forward. This is a great help to the Province.

I look forward to seeing you at the next SFO Minister's meeting. Lupe has been sick the last couple of days with a migraine headache, so you might remember her in your prayers. I think she's doing very much better now. This happens periodically. Mel and the rest of us in the office seem to be getting along fairly well. We went to a health club the other day and I went swimming, and the chlorine was so bad that I lost my eyesight for four hours - couldn't believe it! We don't need a blind Provincial wandering around. Of course, some may consider the Provincial already blind, but those are the breaks!

Thanks for your support and prayers, Berard.

Faternally,



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February 20, 1990

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I just want to thank you very much for the letter which you sent to me about our pulling out of Sacaton. As I mentioned to you at the meeting yesterday, I could not agree more. It's a real heart-rending thing for me, not so much because I don't see that we probably have to do this, but because I do not understand why we keep leaving people like this and serving so many other types. It doesn't make all that much sense to me, but the friars will be moved, and only so quickly, and only in a certain direction, and I think that's the way it is. Perhaps we will see what we are doing in this situation, and that will make us that much more sensitive about pulling out of these poor places in the future. This, at least, would be my hope.

I'm going to pass on your eloquent letter to the definitorium, because I think it is very fine. Thanks for taking the time. Be good to yourself! I look forward to seeing you in the Southwest.

Faternally,



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Westfriars

Newsletter
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March 2, 1990

Dear Jubilarian,

Remember that morning! Peter Wallischeck reading the document ("M' goodness alive!"), Hugolinus Storff, smiling from ear to ear, under his beard, of course and those laughing Definitors: Seraphin, Theodore, Maximilian, Casimir and Turibus.... January 19, 1916 -- what a morning!

Ooops!...Sorry! It's just that because you and the Province are celebrating Jubilees together..... I forgot!

First, dear friend, I want to congratulate you on your jubilee be it Order or priesthood. You've been an example to me and I'm glad we've walked together this while.

As part of WESTFRIARS' desire to participate in the Province's 75th, I would like to do an article which will somehow express your thoughts and feelings as Our Mother in the West approaches jubilee.

If you could send me one or two paragraphs which are appropriate to your jubilee and the Province's. I'll try to make a collage, using your names) in one article which we can share with the Province through WESTFRIARS. If at all possible could you get this to me by the end of April.

Peace!





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March 8, 1990

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Phoenix.

Thanks very much for your letter of March 2nd. I appreciate the invitation to be part of a collage on the occasion of the Province's 75th anniversary, and my jubilee, which is occurring this year. It was all news to me, Mel brought it to my attention when he put all those years down. It's hard for me to believe.

At any rate, I don't know if I'll be able to get off one or two paragraphs for the jubilee. It's not that I couldn't do it, it's just that I think my ideas are pretty well in circulation, particularly after the last two articles which I sent to you. I will hopefully do something much longer on the Province's jubilee, and I think that might be an appropriate way in which I could express myself.

If you want to quote me, just say that I'm very, very happy to be a member of this Province, with such a fine history and tradition, and I'm grateful because I can take great life from exemplary witness of the friars who have gone before me.

Thanks for all your work, Berard.

Faternally,

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July 3, 1990

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I'm off to San Luis Rey, Santa Barbara, and then Steubenville, Ohio for a couple of weeks, and will be back about the 13th. of July, but before I left I wanted to pass on the enclosed sheets to you.

One of these is a poem written by Br. Tom Moore Page, CFX, reflecting of Isidro as he saw him carrying a wheelbarrow full of avocados. The other is the homily which David Temple gave at Isidro's funeral. I hope you can print these both in Westfriars, and solicit other selections from the friars. Thanks very much for all the effort you put into this.

The funeral was very beautiful. Isidro had over 500 relatives in the area, 38 nieces and nephews, and a good number of people were able to come up to Santa Barbara. The front pews of the friars chapel were filled with his cousins. He has one remaining sister still alive, and quite a few of the nieces and nephews were there. The Franciscan Sisters, those located in Santa Ana, were in Chapter at a nearby place, and they came to celebrate the mass of the resurrection with us. The whole friar's chapel was filled. For myself, it was a very moving occasion to look out on the chapel and see so many representatives of the Franciscan family, the family of Isidro, and our own friars. I was particularly pleased because so many of our laic friars were present, ones who have worked so long and so hard for the good of our fraternity and of the Province. This was a real testament to Isidro, who labored with a great deal of simplicity, shrewdness, and patience throughout his life. In my closing remarks, I mentioned how close he was to the earth, and how he had such great trust in the natural virtues and powers imbedded in God's creation. I feel that he gave labor a tremendous dignity. We all enjoyed his humor, and were edified by his Franciscan life. I'm glad David was able to bring out so much of this in the funeral homily.

I hope everything's going well with you, Berard. Please remember me in your prayers.

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July 3, 1990

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Berry, I wonder if you could not help me out. [REDACTED] has written me, asking if I could not establish some oral witness "trail" as to his difficulties in the Order, particularly with respect to anger. [REDACTED] is having a difficult time now, and needs to apply to the Veteran's Administration. They refuse to take care of his difficulties unless he can prove some connection between his service in the Army and his burden of temper and anger over the many years he was in the Order. I wonder if you would have some memories going back that far, or if you ever noticed anything about [REDACTED] behavior which would indicate to you some substantial connection between his time in the Army and his difficulties with us. I would appreciate whatever help you can give.

Thanks very much, Berry. I would appreciate whatever help you can give.

Faternally,

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August 9, 1990

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Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I hope this letter finds you well, I look forward to seeing you at visitation time.

Berard, just a short note to thank you very much for the fine work you did on my paper on authority. I really appreciate the way it has been put out and my hope is it will provide something good for the Friars to reflect upon. May the Lord give you peace. Please be assured of my encouragement, friendship and love.

Fraternally,



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FRANCISCAN FRIARS, Province of St. Barbara Rt 11 Box 645, Tucson, AZ 85746 (602) 294-2624

December 1, 1990



Dear [REDACTED]

The FMU committee asked me to write Moises Huerta and Jorge Barbaste informing them that as of May 1, 1991, the FMU could no longer support their education here in the states.

Because of obvious fall-out I thought it best to first send a copy of the letter to you. I will wait until I hear from you before writing to Moises and Jorge.

The deficit budget is a serious matter for the committee and putting out \$26,562.00 for two students is pretty glaring - and that is only one year out of the many the FMU has been doing this.

Even apart from the funding, this situation has had a demoralizing effect on the FMU committee. There has been no cooperation from Moises. When asked about his plans, I am told he becomes abusive with the usual charges of "racism."

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Several missionaries attended the FMU meeting. One of them, a friar who is extremely loyal to the Province, said, "I cannot preach for the missions with money being spent that way." This morning, before writing you, I had to tell Camilius that FMU had no money to buy him a new outhouse.

Sorry to continue adding to your burden.

Peace.

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December 1, 1990

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Melises Huerta, OFM
1500 34th Ave
Oakland, CA 94601

Dear Melises,

At the recent meeting of the Franciscan Mission Union committee some considerable time was spent reviewing the budget in light of the Province's FMU guidelines.

The FMU committee cannot continue operating on a deficit budget. In reviewing the budget, the amount of \$26,562.00 for two students was bound to stand out.

It is the decision of the FMU committee that it cannot continue this expense and as of May, 1, 1991, it must discontinue paying for your on-going education.

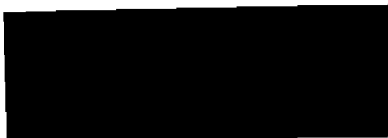
We know this will seriously effect your plans and we give you this five month notice so that you may contact your Provincial superiors and/or otherwise look for needed funds.

We do this reluctantly but in the face of deficit and the pressing needs of the Province's missions we must more exactly observe the guidelines approved for the Franciscan Missionary Union of the St. Barbara Province.

Sincerely,

Berard Connolly
for the FMU committee

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December 1, 1990

Jorge Barbaste, OFM
1500 34th Ave
Oakland, CA 94601

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Sincerely,

Berard Connolly
for the FMU committee



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December 11, 1990

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Happy Christmas. I look forward to seeing you at the Chapter.

Berard, thanks very much for your letter of December 1st. with the reference to the two students, [REDACTED] I will be pursuing other things with [REDACTED] so I think your letter came at an opportune time. Certainly I understand the difficulties with the FMU budgeting, and that will just have to be dealt with for the two students.

I do not know what will happen to [REDACTED] whether he will stay or not. Let me ask you a question: if [REDACTED] is the only student here, will you be able to pay for him or not? I have no idea about what the expenses would be. Also, if the FMU cannot afford full tuition, are they willing to put up some monies. I am not sure of the position of the committee in these two areas. I am not trying to put pressure on the committee to change its position, I simply want to ask what the lay of the land is in working with the students as I'm sure they will end up at my doorstep.

Thanks for all the hard work, Berard. May the Lord bless you.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED]

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Feb. 4, 1991

Dear Barry:

Peace and all good!

Thanks very much for sending me the information about the Franciscan Missionary Union. I think it's really a fine letter and I'm glad that you drew it up in that way. I look forward to the new membership on the committee and will be contacting Max in the near future. I appreciate all the work you've done. I really think you've brought some leadership to the group. Despite how you might evaluate your chairmanship, I'm grateful for it.

As much as I can see, the responses to the Chapter were really outstanding. It's very gratifying to me, and I want to thank you very much for the contribution you have made to that and to so much, especially for your work with Westfriars. May the Lord bless you. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Fraternally,



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May 7, 1991

Dear [REDACTED]

Whenever that day or night comes and someone goes through the file I have in my room they will probably pause, wonder, and say "What the hell!" at the file folder marked simply as "HAYMO."

Enclosed is a letter I wrote Hamer several years ago when I still fought windmills. I no longer have the heroism needed. Don Quixote, limping, leaving center stage, remains a hero. The eminent Dominican is a snake in the grass so be aware as you and he walk the USD campus in colloquy. However, if you can nudge him, or his carriage - Oh that glorious scene in "The Name of the Rose," - near the cliff overlooking the freeway. Windmills are for others; I only dream!

The other light reading comes from the Capuchin newsletter "re-caps." An extremely excellent newsletter. Even with Hamer jumping the gun the Capuchin Minister General fought for the evangelical life. The war is probably over by now, or soon will be, but what a gift it must be for Capuchin Brothers to have Flavio.


Hope the definitorium meeting went well. You look tired at the S/W regional. Have a good summer and enjoy the business at San Diego. Who knows, there may be a few good laughs during it all. If you do miss a session or two, just dial 1-900-369-1600.

Thanks for so very much.

Peace!

Benny

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Welcome home!

I hope the enclosed is OK. I liked it!

Copies went into the mail today, October 23,
by 1st Class mail so the folks should have them
in a day or two.

With the printers minimum I have probably
enough extra copies for every Poor Clare monastery
in the western world. I'll leave them off in
Oakland when I go there the first week in November.

I would like to send a copy to my favorite Poor
Ladies in Enis, Ireland.

Peace!





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October 28, 1991

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I hope this letter finds you well. I've just returned from England and two weeks with the Sisters in Abingdon and friends in Oxford. I really enjoyed it and got a good rest. It was certainly good for me and helped revive my spirit.

When I came back the job which you did on my talk on leadership was on my desk. Excellent! Thanks very much, Berry, I really appreciate it. If you could send me some other copies so that I could send it around to one or the other people who have asked for it, I would appreciate it. Of course, you know you're able to send it wherever you deem appropriate. I'm glad you like it. Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,



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November 20, 1991

Dear Berard,

Peace and all good! Happy Thanksgiving!

I know, Berard, the last few weeks have been very difficult for you. I want to thank you very much for coming to see me when you were up in the area and I am so glad you have talked with Richard McManus. Please be assured of my continued support and prayers. I will do all that I can to assist you in these difficult times.

Enclosed please find a copy of the address which I gave to the parishioners and to the friars when we closed the mission in Salem, Oregon, on November 16th. It was in many respects a heart-wrenching affair, but the people were very nice and we had a really fine reception. About 250 people came. I hope that the address can be printed in Westfriars. Thanks very much for your accomodation, Berard.

Fraternally,



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January 8, 1992

Dear Barry,

Peace and all good!

This is just a short note to thank you very much, Berard, first for doing that work at the cemetery at Watsonville. I found the pictures and the description very fine. We'll keep it on record in the Provincial Office, and also send the original to Tim Arthur for the archives in Santa Barbara. It is really fine work. This is a big help to me as I have been looking for those graves for many years.

Also, I want to thank you personally for the letter which you sent me from your friend, Bernadine Wall, the Poor Clare in Ireland. She was certainly generous in her comments on my pamphlet. It was nice of you to think of sending it. I don't know where she got my nickname "Buster." Did you help her on that?

God bless you, Barry. Please be assured of my prayers and support.

Fraternally,



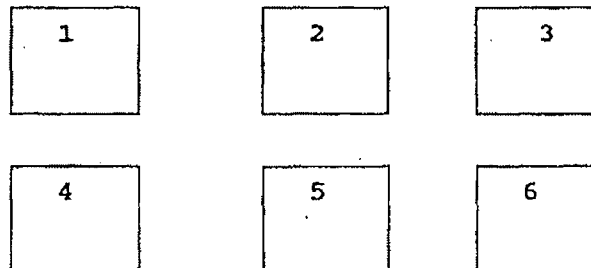
FRIARS AWAITING RESURRECTION NEAR WATSONVILLE
November 25, 1991

Six friars of Sacred Heart/St. Barbara Province are buried at the Pajaro Valley Cemetery across Hecker Road from the former St. Francis Orphanage "near Watsonville."

The cemetery is under control and direction of the Pajaro Valley Public Cemetery District, 66 Main, Watsonville, CA 95076, 722-0310. I found three of the cemeteries in this district and all are in excellent condition. Some graves and monuments were damaged in the recent earthquake but as far as I could see all damage has been repaired. I spent a half hour or so "talking cemeteries" with a caretaker. This area has a large Italian and Portuguese population and there are many larger mausoleums and tombs.

The large Mary, Help of Christians Church, staffed by Salesians, dominates the cemetery grounds. Masses in the church are in English, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish. Across the road from cemetery and church is the St. Francis Youth Center. Except for the lake, often spoken of by Father Roger, nothing is left of the former St. Francis Orphanage. I believe the Salesians ran a boys' boarding school for a number of years. Now the facility seems to be a youth recreation center. "The Penny Club" sponsors a great many youth oriented activities, especially for the children of migrant and farm workers. A whole fleet of parked buses serves for transportation. At the Youth Center office I met a young Salesian priest, whose name I do not know, who attended FST and was taught by Joe Chinnici. He was kindly registering Spanish speaking families for the Center.


Back to the cemetery. The friars are buried in Block 14, toward the back and to the north. Most of the graves in this area are either tombs or larger monuments. Nestled between a tomb and a newer low red brick wall are six grave markers of dark grey/black granite about two feet high, two rows of three:

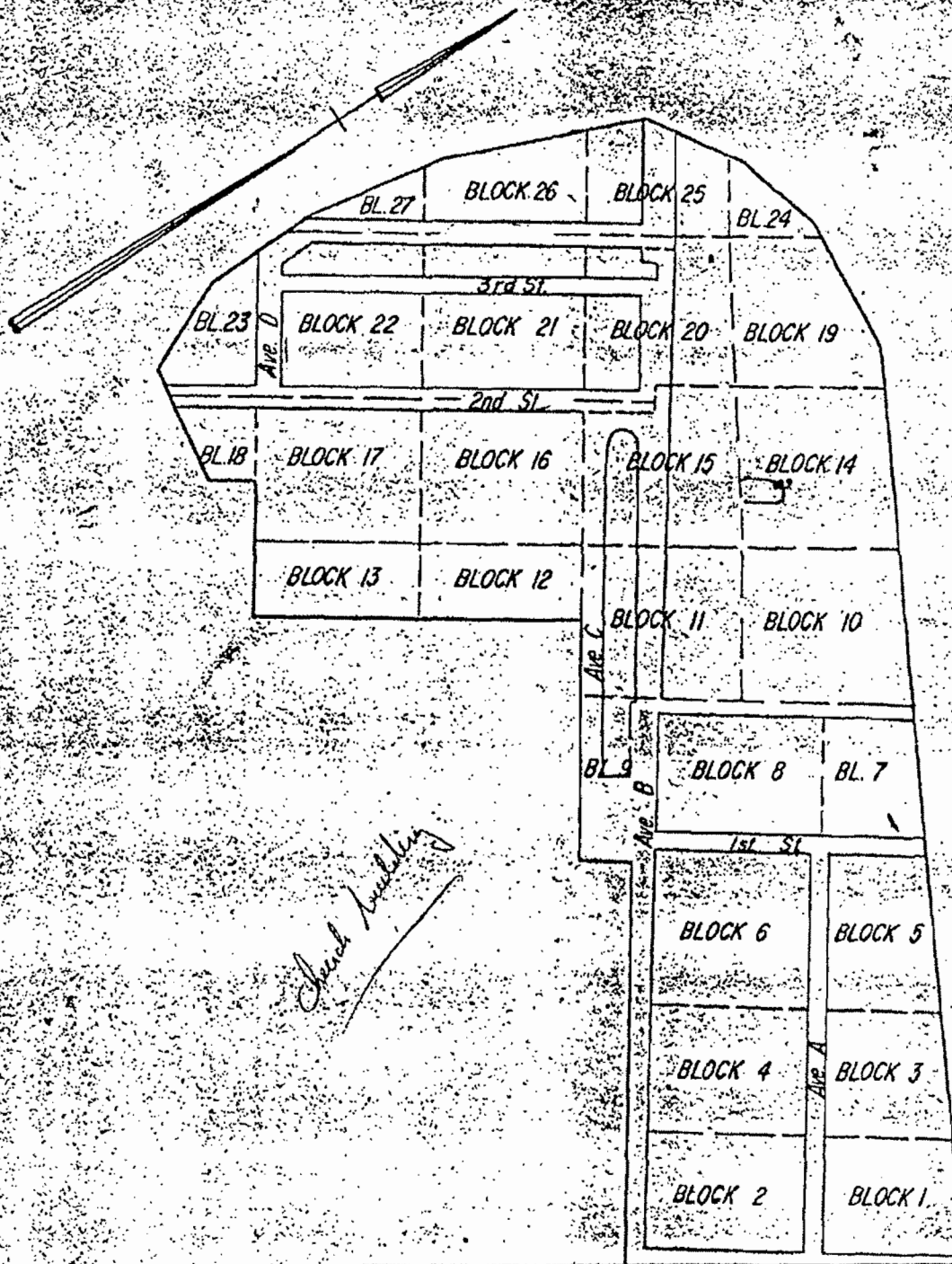


- #1 Rev. Herman Wirtz, OFM (November 6, 1905)
- #2 Rev. Gilbert Slater, OFM (December 8, 1906)
- #3 Rev. Quirinus Stuecker, OFM (September 22, 1914)
- #4 Bro. Aloisius Nauer, OFM (February 3, 1890)
- #5 Bro. Dominic Reed, OFM (August 25, 1903)
- #6 Bro. Dennis Oberbroeckling, OFM (October 5, 1918)

The whole plot looks rather nice. The grave markers are relatively new and appear to have been set in place at the same time. Brother Dennis is leaning a bit. There are several lilies growing. Looks like the plants are several years old.

Before leaving I look around from a grave view. The area is peaceful and rather beautiful. I said a prayer or two, and sang the Ultima. I lit a San Xavier del Bac candle in the church - which by now the pastor has probably blown out - and left. The friars rest near the orphanage where they lived. It's a nice spot. Without going into too much research, the cemetery office believes the plot is full.


-- berard connolly



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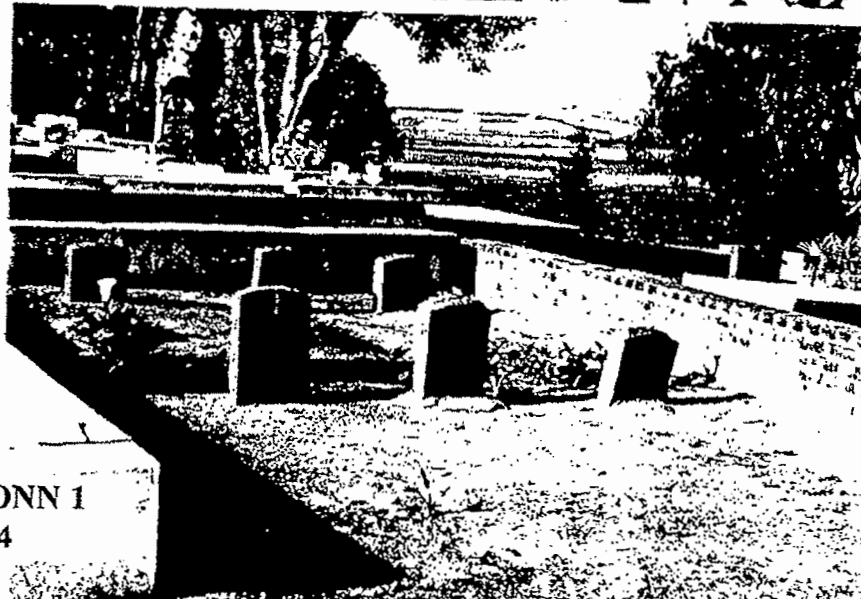
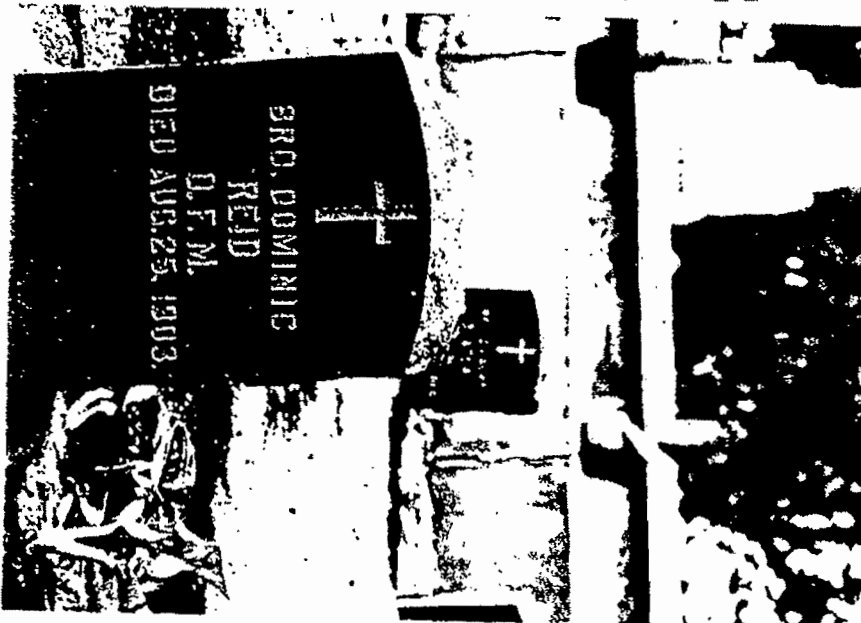
HECKER PASS ROAD

VALLEY CATHOLIC CEMETERY

*St. Francis
Orphanage site*

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Scale 1" = 100'



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Berard Connolly, OFM
San Xavier del Bac Mission
1950 W. San Xavier Road
Tucson, AZ 85746

February 11, 1992

Dear Berard,

Peace and all good!

Barry, I just want to thank you very much for putting so much effort and time into the publication of Franciscan Life. You did an outstanding job! I see that you got somewhat of a blurb all by yourself, and you also wrote a beautiful commentary at the end of the book. I really appreciated what you had to say. You have been one of the movers behind the communications in the Province for many, many years, especially with Westfriars. Now you have made a major contribution in terms of Franciscan Life. I think it is excellent, and it has received a great reception wherever I go.

May God bless you for your work on this project, Barry. Please be assured always of my prayers and support.

Fraternally,



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John
Berard C.

[REDACTED]

This cover letter was sent
with the booklet to all the
Federated Monasteries, PCC.

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May 14, 1992

To the Poor Ladies of the Federation

Dear Sisters,

On behalf of the St. Barbara Province I offer you this little tribute to our brother and father, Father David Temple. O.F.M. In fact, I am returning your memories of him but in a fawn colored booklet.

Because Father David was both my novice master a hundred years ago and my Minister Provincial, my happy memories coincide with those of the Poor Ladies.

To my dying day I will be grateful to Father David for enfleshing our Holy Father Francis in my life and heart, and for introducing all of us to the beautiful Lady Clare. How incomplete our Franciscan lives would be without Father David, "Classmates" classmate. Father David so intune with Francis, that more than others, he could speak with "Brother Dog." Who but Father David knew the mayor of Assisi's middle name!

Again, dear Sisters, thank you for all you did for Father David while he was among you. Always he spoke beautifully of the Poor Ladies.

And, please keep me in your good prayers.

May we always and everywhere be with the Lord.

Berard

Brother Berard Connolly
Editor - WESTFRIARS

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July 2, 1992

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Dear Berard:

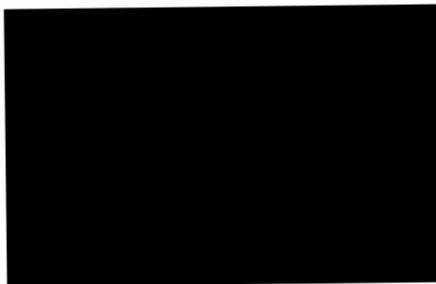
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Thanks very much, Berry. God bless you; you know you are in my prayers. I hope you got my card from Sicily.

Fraternally,



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August 4, 1992

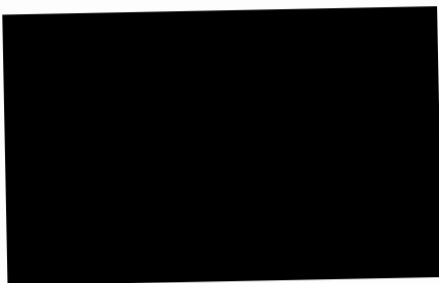
Dear Berard,

Peace and all Good.

Just a short note for doing the obituaries recently. I just received the one on Brice. This is a great gift to the Province, Barry, and I know that it probably takes a great amount of research for you. But it is a tremendous help. I will try to pass on to you the homily which I gave at Brice's funeral. It needs to be typed yet, and I have to include some concluding comments. But now I am trying to write out what I am saying just so that we will have some official word from the Provincial on the life of each friar. I really had hoped that the friars would respond to the request to write their memories for WESTFRIARS. I'm only grateful that you are willing to take up this task.

You are very good to the friars in the Province, Barry. God bless you.

Fraternally,



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San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

January 21, 1993

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Welcome home! I want to say on behalf of all the definitorium and myself how grateful we are to have you back in the province and to receive you into your new assignment at St. Francis Retreat, San Juan. I know that the last few months have been very difficult for you, but I know that they have been very rewarding for you and for all of us. We really are pleased to have you amongst us again. Please be assured of my continued support and prayers.

Enclosed please find an obedience to move from San Xavier to St. Francis Retreat, to be in residence, to help in the retreat house, to work you program, and to continue to do a great job on Westfriars. It's good for me to have you in the area.

God bless you. Please remember me in your prayers.

Fraternally,



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SAINT FRANCIS



RETREAT CENTER

Dear [REDACTED]

Two things --

In catching up with my life I realize 1993 is the 800th anniversary of St. Clare.

Do you think you will have the time or energy to write a "booklet" on St. Clare which WESTFRIARS could put out for August?

Also, enclosed is a letter I received the otherday from Tony Neumayer. Every so often I feel the need for something in my file which will tell the future that I wasn't a complete failure. Maybe it's pride or maybe it's called stacking the deck.

I was surprised and grateful for Tony's note. I guess I ran into him once in the past 20 years. I was at his wedding. Tony isn't a man of words or too much sentiment but it seems he is a friend. Another proof of the truth in the saying about those you do the least for are those who do the most for you.

Since coming back from Tucson I feel more settled in at San Juan. I felt much a part of this past weekend's retreat. Doing dishes for the 100+ retreatants while also being a part was a good feeling.

So, things are going OK -- until the next bomb, I guess.

Peace!

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Barthel Bernard Connelley OLM
% Provincial Office
1500 34th Ave.
Oakland, CA. 94601

1-22-93

Dear Bro,

I thought I'd better drop you a note, as Linda and I have moved back to Montana. I have switched careers and am now selling wood pellets for wood stoves. We've been back almost 2 years now and are getting comfortable. We had to leave Adam in Oregon as he wanted to go to College at Oregon State. He's going to Medical School and is wrestling on ~~the~~ the Varsity.

Greg did come with us and is now going to the University of Montana with a business major. He's involved in track and will try football next year. Kelly + Sarah are both in the 5th grade and are best of friends, both are in basketball now and are little spitfires. Linda is working at a bank part time and at home full time. So were pretty busy all the time.

I've heard of your problems, and pray that you will be ok through this. Our prayers are with you. I remember the times that as a teenager

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Third party privacy

my Dad left us and the terrible emotional time I had. You were there for me and you've been there for many young people. In these times, a life of religious service is not easy and there are very few people that choose that life. Don't be too hard on your self, Bro. There are a lot of people behind you and praying for you. Without you my life may have turned the wrong way. As we go along in life we all have problems + with the power of prayer and support of family + friends we get through the rough times. I talked with Fr. Barecci at St. Francis. He told me to send this letter to the Provincial office. Where ever your assigned, please, keep in touch with us. I'm only sorry that I didn't get in touch with you sooner than 4 years ago. As you get older I think you reflect more about the past and the people that helped you. Our Address is:

Tony + Linda Neumann

P.O. Box 1263

Leola Mt. [REDACTED] 59847

If you want to talk you can call me at
1-800-322-9980

Maybe some day our paths will cross and I do some

traveling and I'll buy you dinner. I'm not much good at writing letters, but I wanted to let you know that we care and support you.

If my grammar and punctuation is off, it's because I usually have a secretary type my letters so I'm rusty.

I'd better close for now and get this in the mail. I'm still at work so got to get busy. Write and let us know how you're doing.

Our prayers

Tony & Linda Henning



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San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Feb. 10, 1993

Dear Berard:

peace and all good!

Enclosed, please find a homily which my sister gave at the 25th. anniversary of the Franciscan School of Theology. I thought you might enjoy putting it in Westfriars. I think it's very good and quite stimulating for the guys, but it seemed to me it was good enough to make available to people. This celebration occurred while you were gone and was quite a big thing. Perhaps someone like Bill Cieslak would be willing to write it up for the fellows for Westfriars.

Keep up the good work.

Fraternally,



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January 21, 1993

(date)

To Berard Connolly, OFM

From [REDACTED]

After prayer and consultation, and considering the many needs of the people to whom we minister, I am formally requesting that you accept a change of assignment

from San Xavier, Tucson to St. Francis, San Juan Bautista

For the convenience of all concerned, I ask that this change of assignment become effective
immediately (date).

As a sign of your acceptance, please sign below and return to the Provincial Office.

Fraternally [REDACTED] (Provincial Minister)

N. B. Sign and mail back immediately upon receipt

To the Provincial Minister:

In accordance with the vows I have made to the Lord and to our Brotherhood, I accept this new assignment.

[Signature]
(signature)

[Date]
(date)

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Memo

To: Berard Connolly, OFM

From: [REDACTED]

Date: March 4, 1993

Re: Greyfriars Review

Enclosed please find a letter which I received from Regis Armstrong with respect to Greyfriars Review. I would hope that you could publish an advertisement of this review in the Westfriars with the following comment from me.

The Franciscan periodical, Greyfriars Review, comes with my highest recommendation. I believe it is the finest English Speaking journal that we have that deals with Franciscan spirituality, theology, and pastoral practice. I hope that as many of the individual houses that want to could order a subscription of Greyfriars review for their house libraries and that some of the articles could be discussed in house chapters and on days of recollection. Although many of the articles are highly technical, they certainly represent the best scholarship with is available to us and would more than reward a careful reading.

Thanks for doing this, Berard. I think it really will be of benefit to everyone. God bless you.

Fraternally,

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San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

March 3, 1993

Dear Berard:

peace and all good!

This is just a short note to thank you for writing me obituaries for Conrad and John. I really appreciate the fine work that you're doing. I think this is a tremendous contribution. I read both of them, and you really captured a lot of the spirit.

I will probably be coming down to San Juan next weekend and I look forward to seeing you. I've heard about some of the difficulties. Just let me say that my heart goes out to you and you have my own personal support and the support of the province. We will certainly do everything that is necessary.

God bless you, Berry. I'll see you soon.

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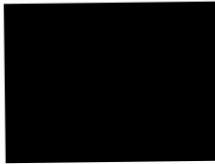
April 8, 1993

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Enclosed, please find a copy with an English translation of the memorandum on Article 3 of the General Constitutions, given to me at the president's meeting in Rome. I wonder if you could print the complete English version in Westfriars? I would appreciate it. Thanks very much.

Fraternally,



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San Juan Bautista, CA
95045

Nov. 9, 1993

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Enclosed, please find a copy of the homily which Archbishop John Quinn gave at the solemnities celebrated at St. Boniface Church. I hope that you can print it in Westfriars under his signature so that everyone can read it. It's very rare that we get a prelate of this stature to preach directly to us, and I think that we should take what he says directly to heart. Thanks very much for your attention to this, Barry.

Fraternally,



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Nov. 26, 1993

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I hope you have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Enclosed, please find an address which Mary Mazotti, the national Vice Minister of the Secular Franciscans gave at the annual meeting of the national fraternity. I would appreciate it very much if, sometime in the near future you would print this in Westfriars. Mary, as you know, used to be President of our SFO's in this province, and she's really been pushing cooperation for many years. I think the more attention we can give to the seculars in our own province publications the better off the fraternity will be, and we will be able to grow. Thanks very much for your attention to t his.

Fraternally,



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Mar. 7, 1994

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Enclosed, please find the recommendations from the General Curia's commission on the contemplative dimension of Franciscan life. In talking it over with the spiritual renewal committee and thinking about it myself, I think it would be good if we could put this into the kind of pamphlet that we put Bill Short's reflections into, and thus circulate it to many of the friars. This should not be done probably until September, after the fellows get settled in their new communities, but I want to give it to you in plenty of time and ask if you might be able to do this for me. You do such a great job on so much of this work.

Thanks very much for considering this, Berard. If there are any difficulties, please don't hesitate to ask.

Fraternally,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

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Berard, thanks very much for sending me a copy of the address which Paul Fericano gave to the friars group in Santa Barbara. I think it's really a fine statement, and it would do well for us to circulate it in Westfriars. So, please go ahead and print it, indicating that the friars are in conversation with Paul Fericano, and we are certainly trying to do everything we can to respond positively to the needs of the victims and the families, while also taking care of the friars.

Berard, I hope things are going well with you. I remember you in prayers frequently. You're a great friar and a good man, and I pray that the good Lord, especially during this season, blesses you in abundance.

Faternally,



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Westfriars

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Province of Saint Barbara
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San Juan Bautista, CA 95045-1070

April 16, 1994

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for the reminder about the Poor Ladies and the SFO in our communications.

WESTFRIARS has tried to include both. The Clares are easier than the SFO. My problem with SFO is that I was too well known among them, in the northwest and southwest. However, I do try to include them in WESTFRIARS.

I believe in the SFO and enjoyed my time among them. They are good people who often do what we friars talk about.

WESTFRIARS plans on doing something on the Aptos Poor Ladies and I've asked Bob Brady about Most Holy Redeemer SFO fraternity in The City.

Angelo stopped in to see me yesterday and we had a fine visit. It's great being around a friar as enthusiastic as he, especially in formation work!

Have a very full house this weekend - Fort Ord Women, Marriage Encounter, Singles Retreat, Santa Clara U. students and a delightful group of Black students from Stanford. Can they pray!!

Peace!

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Memo

To: Berard Connolly, OFM

From: [REDACTED]

Date: June 27, 1994

Subject: Barbara Meiswinkle

The provincial just received this from the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco. Perhaps you would like to put it in your newspaper? She certainly was a good friend of the friars at St. Boniface, and she was also affiliated with the Order. Thanks for all the work you do for the province.

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September 13, 1994

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Dear Berard,

Peace and all good!

Enclosed please find a picture of Norbert which Coleman, a member of the Assumption Province has sent me most recently. Norbert looks pretty good. Do you think this might be a good snapshot for *Westfriars*? I hope so.

I'll be sending you a quite lengthy article -- an address which I gave at the Franciscan Federation. I hope it will be of some use to our friars. You might print it as a part of *Westfriars* or as a supplement. But I hope and trust it will provide some good reflection material.

Thanks so much for the work, Berard. God bless you.

Faternally,



enclosure: photograph

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September 14, 1994

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Dear Berard,

Joe asked that I send you the enclosed article with a note that it "be made available to all the friars through the *Westfriars*."

Sincerely,



enclosure

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September 27, 1994

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Dear Berard,

Peace and all good!

I want to thank you so very much for the letter which you were kind enough to write to me on September 17, the feast of the Holy Stigmata, and the feast of your transitus. I remember the day well, the discussions that went up to it, the desire to try to do it in the best way possible, the difficulties each of us experienced. My heart went out to you then. I have always considered you and still consider you to be one of my best friends in the Order.

I think I was very fortunate to be elected to the Provincial Definitorium in 1979 when you were elected. This enabled us to get to know each other and for me to translate your very insightful and pictorial feelings so that they could be communicated to those of us who are the more disembodied cognitive types. You have been a great blessing in my life.

Your letter was beautifully written and, I think, is a good description of a wonderful process that is taking place. I want to encourage you very much to respond in this way to the Holy Spirit Who is so obviously and evidently working in you, through you, in your faults, in your strengths, in your weaknesses and enabling you to give such great witness in the fraternity.

Sometime when I have a great deal of time and, really, the privilege to do justice to your letter, I would like to sit down and write perhaps, my own history of my events in the last two years. Your own responsiveness to the request of the province, your patience and sensitivity to me, your acceptance of this road of the Cross has been one of the strengths which has enabled me even to survive. I thank you so much for this letter and for your friendship, Berard. God bless you.

Fraternally,



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January 19, 1995

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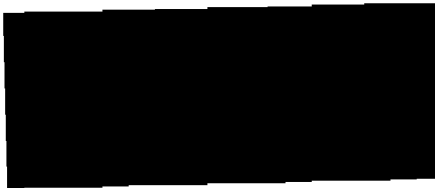
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Dear Barry,

Peace and all good!

Enclosed please find a message from Assisi which was sent to me as the result of the "Assisi 1994" meeting held on the Franciscan missionary charism. I would appreciate it very much if you could print this in *Westfriars*. Thanks a lot, Barry. God bless you.

Fraternally,



enclosure: Message from Assisi

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March 13, 1995

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Dear Barry,

Peace and all good.

Thanks very much for your letter to me of March 3, 1995, in which you inquire about the mailing list for *Westfriars*. Let me simply make the following brief comment.

It seems to me the list of people on the two pages that you sent me are fine. I see no difficulty, either, with Edith Eddy or with Mary Jean Sortors. These people generally are extremely supportive of us and in the long run I believe sharing with them some of the news that is contained in *Westfriars* will be of benefit to everyone. In that way they can support us in our difficulties with their prayers and rejoice in some of the good things that are being accomplished. I simply wouldn't worry about their impressions.

Because of these comments I would certainly prefer that you omit your comments in the last paragraph that *Westfriars* will concentrate on being a newsletter strictly for the friars in-house. I don't see any need for that at the present time. I think that if a particular issue comes up, you certainly have exercised great discretion in the past and will continue to do so in the future. I would keep them on the *Westfriars* mailing list. If you have difficulty with this, I'm certainly willing to discuss it. It is just my feedback at the present time. The *Way* really has a different purpose with a different audience. And in the long run, *Westfriars* and *Way* will be mutually beneficial and complementary.

Listen, you're doing a great job. I want to thank you for the wonderful work. You know part of the renewal in the province is due to the great communications that you've been working on for so many years. God bless you, Barry

Fraternally,



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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

September 5, 1995

Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P O Box 970
San Juan Bautista CA 95045

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Dear Berard,

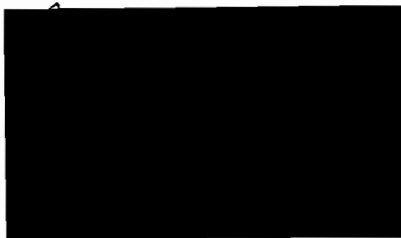
Peace and all good.

Enclosed please find the latest from the pen of yours truly. I hope there's something you can do with it. My idea was probably to put it into a pamphlet that could be made available for the FILM process. I don't know whether this is possible or whether you have the resources down there to do it. I've asked Imelda to translate it into Microsoft Word so that you can put it on your computer. If you can't do this, would it be possible for you to track down how it could be done? My only suggestion would be Paul Reczek of the Assumption Province. He has a lot of pamphlet-making abilities and you might be able to contact him and he would be able to give you some ideas. I realize it is quite lengthy and if you really don't have time and aren't able to do this project, let me know and we'll figure out something else. I could send them out in long form just as print outs. And that's possible too. We can talk about it, perhaps, on the phone, after you look over the material.

Thanks so much for attending to this project. Again, please feel free to give me your honest feedback. And if it's not possible, I understand that and we can always send out the thing from the office in hard copy over a period of time.

God bless you, Berard.

Fraternally,



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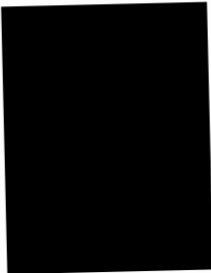
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Dear Barry,

Peace and all good.

This is the negative of that picture I sent you many months ago of our three generations of Scotus scholars. Perhaps sometime you will find a way to put it in *Westfriars*. I just thought I'd pass it on to you. Thanks very much.



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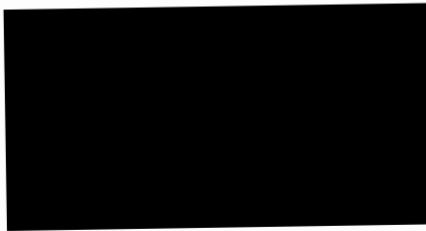
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Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P O Box 970
San Juan Bautista CA 95045

Dear Barry,

Here we are again! You can see those two wonderful, good-looking friars from the Philippines. Do with it what you wish. I'm sure that everybody will be well-inspired. They're really great men. Thanks.

Fraternally,



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Province of St. Barbara

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October 25, 1995

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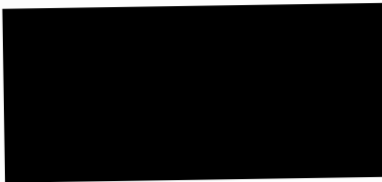
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Dear Berard,

Peace and all good.

Enclosed please find a set of pictures which I received from Timothy Noonan's niece. I believe these might be useful for *Westfriars*. At least I hope so. Thanks very much for your attention to this. You wrote a very nice obituary. God bless you.

Fraternally,



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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

December 6, 1995

Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P O Box 970
San Juan Bautista CA 95045

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Dear Berard,

Peace and all good. I hope you have a very joyous Advent. It was good to see you during the definitorium meeting. Enclosed please find the summer schedule for the Franciscan Institute. You might want to make a note of it for *Westfriars*. Thanks, Berard.

Fraternally,



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Notification of Next of Kin

CONNOLLY
Last name

BERARD
Christian (Religious)

WILLIAM
Middle

Birthrate: February 26, 1928

Birthplace San Francisco, CA

Social Security #

Drivers License #

State CA

Address of two (2) persons to notify in case of sickness/death

1)

2)

3)

4)

Do you belong to another Province? NO

Your Medical Doctor: Dr. Benedict Carota, MD

Your doctors address and phone: 901 Sunset Drive, Hollister, CA 95023 408-637-1655

Blood type:

Medical Allergies: take cumiden for heart

Your insurance Carrier RETA Diocese of Monterey

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Do you have special requests for your funeral service/arrangements?

My feelings about my funeral are fairly well known at the Provincial Office. My firm wish is that I have a CLOSED casket. (Or I will haunt you!) Should I die at St. Francis Retreat I would like a simple memorial mass (any place but St. Elizabeth's, Oakland!) If possible I would like Joe Chinnici to preach I would like to be cremated (unless my sister should say otherwise.)

For burial I have a few plans:

- A) Burial at the San Juan Bautista Cemetery. In many ways San Juan is home to me. I really began my religious life here and it may end it here.
- B) Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma. As I become older the soil of my birthplace becomes more real. I am a son of the City and County of San Francisco.
- C) A dream in my life was to be a missionary. I spent five years at San Xavier del Bac - counting money! Could my ashes be placed in the Old Indian Cemetery adjacent the Mission Church?
- D) Bury my ashes or body anyplace but Oakland.

As I have caused enough publicity for the friars in life, I request little or no notification of my death.

Are there any personal items you want given to your family?

Baseball Trophy to Mr. Tim Cronin, Spokane

Picture of Bl. Kateri Tekewitha to Gabriel Encinas, San Xavier del Bac

Metal thunderbird to Mr. Peter Nguyen, Alhambra, CA

Do you have insurance policies, pensions, veteran's benefits, etc.? Is so please list.

N/A

If you have a bank account by reason of ministry, who is the co-signer on the account?

WESTFRIARS

Richard McManus, OFM

Sensitive: I request the local superior to check my room and remove anything considered "sensitive." I ask him to do this before the arrival of the Archivist.

In my room are two RED folders. One marked for Joe Chinnici and the other for the local superior.

Signature of Friar

Date

Barack J. Connolly
July 20, 1992

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: STATEMENT OF PATIENT ADVOCATE OR OMBUDSMAN

If you are a patient in a skilled nursing facility, a patient advocate or ombudsman must sign the Statement of Witnesses above and must also sign the following declaration.)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that I am a patient advocate or ombudsman as designated by the State Department of Aging and am serving as a witness as required by subdivision (e) of Probate Code section 4701.

Signature: _____ Address: _____
Print Name: _____
Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC

knowledge before a notary public is not required if you have elected to have two qualified witnesses sign above. If you are a patient in a skilled nursing facility, you must have a patient advocate or ombudsman sign the Statement of Witnesses on e 3 and the Statement of Patient Advocate or Ombudsman above)

State of California)

)ss.

County of _____)

this _____ day of _____, in the year _____,

before me, _____
(here insert name and title of the officer)

personally appeared _____
(here insert name of principal)

personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I HAVE PLACED my hand and official seal.

(Signature of Notary Public)

NOTARY SEAL

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YOUR AGENT MAY NEED THIS DOCUMENT IMMEDIATELY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. YOU SHOULD KEEP THE COMPLETED ORIGINAL AND GIVE PHOTOCOPIES OF THE COMPLETED ORIGINAL TO (1) YOUR AGENT AND ALTERNATE AGENTS, (2) YOUR PERSONAL PHYSICIAN, AND (3) MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY AND ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE CALLED IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY. THE LAW PERMITS THAT PHOTOCOPIES OF THE COMPLETED DOCUMENT CAN BE RELIED UPON AS THOUGH THEY WERE ORIGINALS.

California Medical Association
DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE DECISIONS
(California Probate Code Sections 4600-4753)

WARNING TO PERSON EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT

This is an important legal document. Before executing this document, you should know these important facts:

This document gives the person you designate as your agent (the attorney-in-fact) the power to make health care decisions for you. Your agent must act consistently with your desires as stated in this document or otherwise made known.

Except as you otherwise specify in this document, this document gives your agent power to consent to your doctor not giving treatment or stopping treatment necessary to keep you alive.

Notwithstanding this document, you have the right to make medical and other health care decisions for yourself so long as you can give informed consent with respect to the particular decision. In addition, no treatment may be given to you over your objection, and health care necessary to keep you alive may not be stopped or withheld if you object at the time.

This document gives your agent authority to consent, to refuse to consent, or to withdraw consent to any care, treatment, service, or procedure to maintain, diagnose, or treat a physical or mental condition. This power is subject to any statement of your desires and any limitations that you include in this document. You may

state in this document any types of treatment that you do not desire. In addition, a court can take away the power of your agent to make health care decisions for you if your agent (1) authorizes anything that is illegal, (2) acts contrary to your known desires or (3) where your desires are not known, does anything that is clearly contrary to your best interests.

This power will exist for an indefinite period of time unless you limit its duration in this document.

You have the right to revoke the authority of your agent by notifying your agent or your treating doctor, hospital, or other health care provider orally or in writing of the revocation.

Your agent has the right to examine your medical records and to consent to their disclosure unless you limit this right in this document.

Unless you otherwise specify in this document, this document gives your agent the power after you die to (1) authorize an autopsy, (2) donate your body or parts thereof for transplant or therapeutic or educational or scientific purposes, and (3) direct the disposition of your remains.

If there is anything in this document that you do not understand, you should ask a lawyer to explain it to you.

1. CREATION OF DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE

By this document I intend to create a durable power of attorney by appointing the person designated below to make health care decisions for me as allowed by Sections 4600 to 4753, inclusive, of the California Probate Code. This power of attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent incapacity. I hereby revoke any prior durable power of attorney for health care. I am a California resident who is at least 18 years old, of sound mind, and acting of my own free will.

2. APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH CARE AGENT

(Fill in below the name, address and telephone number of the person you wish to make health care decisions for you if you become incapacitated. You should make sure that this person agrees to accept this responsibility. The following may not serve as your agent: (1) your treating health care provider; (2) an operator of a community care facility or residential care facility for the elderly; or (3) an employee of your treating health care provider, a community care facility, or a residential care facility for the elderly, unless that employee is related to you by blood, marriage or adoption, or unless you are also an employee of the same treating provider or facility. If you are a conservatee under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (the law governing involuntary commitment to a mental health facility) and you wish to appoint your conservator as your agent, you must consult a lawyer, who must sign and attach a special declaration for this document to be valid.)

I, BERARD W. CONNOLLY, hereby appoint:
(insert your name)

Name

Address

Work Telephone

Home Telephone

as my agent (attorney-in-fact) to make health care decisions for me as authorized in this document. I understand that this power of attorney will be effective for an indefinite period of time unless I revoke it or limit its duration below.

(Optional) This power of attorney shall expire on the following date: OFM CONN 1

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3. AUTHORITY OF AGENT

If I become incapable of giving informed consent to health care decisions, I grant my agent full power and authority to make those decisions for me, subject to any statements of desires or limitations set forth below. Unless I have limited my agent's authority in this document, that authority shall include the right to consent, refuse consent, or withdraw consent to any medical care, treatment, service, or procedure; to receive and to consent to the release of medical information; to authorize an autopsy to determine the cause of my death; to make a gift of all or part of my body; and to direct the disposition of my remains, subject to any instructions I have given in a written contract for funeral services, my will or by some other method. I understand that, by law, my agent may not consent to any of the following: commitment to a mental health treatment facility, convulsive treatment, psychosurgery, sterilization or abortion.

4. MEDICAL TREATMENT DESIRES AND LIMITATIONS (OPTIONAL)

Your agent must make health care decisions that are consistent with your known desires. You may, but are not required to, state your desires about the kinds of medical care you do or do not want to receive, including your desires concerning life support if you are seriously ill. If you do not want your agent to have the authority to make certain decisions, you must write a statement to that effect in the space provided below; otherwise, your agent will have the broad powers to make health care decisions for you that are outlined in paragraph 3 above. In either case, it is important that you discuss your health care desires with the person you appoint as your agent and with your doctor(s).

Following is a general statement about withholding and removal of life-sustaining treatment. If the statement accurately reflects our desires, you may initial it. If you wish to add to it or to write your own statement instead, you may do so in the space provided.)

I do not want efforts made to prolong my life and I do not want life-sustaining treatment to be provided or continued: (1) if I am in an irreversible coma or persistent vegetative state; or (2) if I am terminally ill and the use of life-sustaining procedures would serve only to artificially delay the moment of my death; or (3) under any other circumstances where the burdens of the treatment outweigh the expected benefits. In making decisions about life-sustaining treatment under provision (3) above, I want my agent to consider the relief of suffering and the quality of my life, as well as the extent of the possible prolongation of my life.

If this statement reflects your desires, initial here: PS

Other or additional statements of medical treatment desires and limitations:

I conside amputation an extraordinary means

You may attach additional pages if you need more space to complete your statements. Each additional page must be dated and signed at the same time you date and sign this document.)

5. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE AGENTS (OPTIONAL)

You may appoint alternate agents to make health care decisions for you in case the person you appointed in Paragraph 2 is unable or unwilling to do so.)

If the person named as my agent in Paragraph 2 is not available or willing to make health care decisions for me as authorized in this document, I appoint the following persons to do so, listed in the order they should be asked:

First Alternate Agent: Name _____

Address _____

Work Telephone _____

Home Telephone _____

Second Alternate Agent: Name _____

Address _____

Work Telephone _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____

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I hereby authorize that photocopies of this document can be relied upon by my agent and others as though they were originals.

DAT. AND SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

(You must date and sign this power of attorney)

Sign my name to this Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care at SAN JUAN BAPTISTA CA
 (City) (State)
April 3, 1998 Gerald W. Connolly
 (Date) (Signature of Principal)

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

This power of attorney will not be valid for making health care decisions unless it is either (1) signed by two qualified adult witnesses who are present when you sign or acknowledge your signature or (2) acknowledged before a notary public in California. You elect to use witnesses rather than a notary public, the law provides that none of the following may be used as witnesses: (1) the persons you have appointed as your agent and alternate agents; (2) your health care provider or an employee of your health care provider; or (3) an operator or employee of an operator of a community care facility or residential care facility for the elderly. Additionally, at least one of the witnesses cannot be related to you by blood, marriage or adoption, or be named in your will.

SPECIAL RULES FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS: If you are a patient in a skilled nursing facility, you must have a patient advocate or ombudsman sign both the statement of witnesses below and the declaration on the following page. You must also have a second qualified witness sign below or have this document acknowledged before a notary public.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that the person who signed or acknowledged this document is personally known to me to be the principal, or that the identity of the principal was proved to me by convincing evidence;* that the principal signed and acknowledged this durable power of attorney in my presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud, or undue influence; that I am not the person appointed as attorney in fact by this document; and that I am not the principal's health care provider, an employee of the principal's health care provider, the operator of a community care facility or a residential care facility for the elderly, nor an employee of an operator of a community care facility or residential care facility for the elderly.

First Witness: Signature Angelo F. Cardinalli, O.F.M.

Print name Angelo F. CARDINALLI, O.F.M.

Date 7/22/98

Residence Address P.O. Box 970, San Juan Baptista, CA 95045

Second Witness: Signature Patricia May Perez

Print name PATRICIA MAY PEREZ

Date 7/22/98

Residence Address 1200B CRESTVIEW RD. - HOLLISTER, CA 95023

(AT LEAST ONE OF THE ABOVE WITNESSES MUST ALSO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of California that I am not related to the principal by blood, marriage, or adoption, and, to the best of my knowledge I am not entitled to any part of the estate of the principal upon the death of the principal under a will now existing or by operation of law.

Signature: _____

* Law allows one or more of the following forms of identification as convincing evidence of identity: a California driver's license or identification card or passport that is current or has been issued within five years, or any of the following if the document is current or has been issued within five years, contains photograph and description of the person named on it, is signed by the person, and bears a serial or other identifying number: a foreign passport that has been issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service; a driver's license issued by another state or by an authorized Canadian or Mexican agency; or an identification card issued by another state or by any branch of the U.S. armed forces. If the principal is a patient in a skilled nursing facility, a patient advocate or ombudsman may rely on the representations of family members or the administrator or staff of the facility as convincing evidence of identity if the patient advocate or ombudsman believes that the representations provide a reasonable basis for determining the identity of the principal.



Province of St. Barbara

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February 1, 1996

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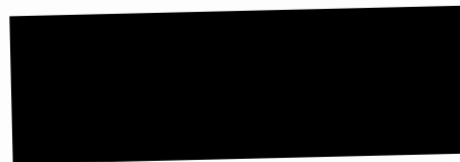
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Dear Berry,

Peace and all good!

What an outstanding job you did on Father Justin Moncrief's obituary. I want to thank you for this. It was spoken from the heart and I found it very moving. May God bless you, Berry, for your work. Just a note of congratulation and gratitude.

Fraternally,



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Province of St. Barbara

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May 21, 1996

Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P.O. Box 970
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

Peace and all good.

Enclosed, please find the "Letter of the Conference of the Franciscan Family on the Occaasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi". I would appreciate it if, in your good time, you might either copy this or make it available to the friars through some of your publications. God bless you, Berard. Thanks so much.

Fraternally,



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Province of St. Barbara

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1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

August 21, 1996

Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P.O. Box 970
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

Peace and good.

Just a short note to thank you so very much for your reflections on Father Raynor Harrington. Once again, you've done an outstanding job. I do appreciate your handling of so many of the obituaries for the friars. You're a great writer, you have a wonderful feel for history and a real sense of what it means to be a Friar Minor. This comes through very clearly in the letters which you write with respect the others. I could not do better myself and would hope to do as well. God bless you for this ministry, Berard.

Fraternally,



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Province of St. Barbara

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January 2, 1997
(dictated 12/20/96)

Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P.O. Box 970
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

Peace and all good. I hope you had a joyous Christmas.

I would appreciate very much if you could publish this letter from the General in the next Westfriars. I may get out a little late, but I don't think it's that significant that you have to worry about it. At any rate, the request is, that it's sent to all the brothers in the area, so I hope you can pass it on to all the brothers in this Province.

Thanks so much, Berard.

Faternally,

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Enclosure
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Province of St. Barbara

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The name of the Maltese Provincial is Fr. Bernard Bartolo, OFM. Address of the Provincial Offices/Friary is:

Franciscan Friars
291 St. Paul Street
Valletta, VLT 07
Malta

Thanks for your note. Glad all went well.

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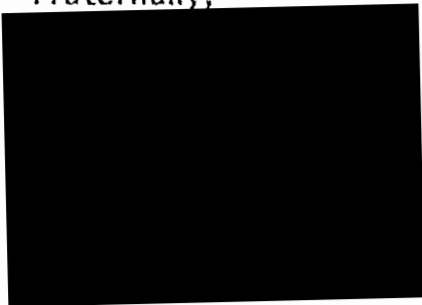
Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P.O. Box 970
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

This is to inform you that, at its most recent meeting, the Definitorium has appointed you as Vicar of St. Francis Retreat Center, along with Richard McManus as Guardian.

Be assured of our prayers for you and for the members of your community.

Fraternally,





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Province of St. Barbara

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June 9, 1997

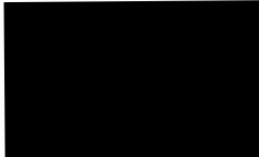
Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
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San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

Thanks for sending me your response to Sister Lisa Ann. How wonderful that people are concerned about the multicultural issue in their religious community.

Thanks for being my advocate and for taking such good care of my fans.

Your brother,



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NEWSLETTER

Westfriars

(408) 623-4234
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Another for
Sent Gooder
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Gerry

Franciscan Province of St. Barbara
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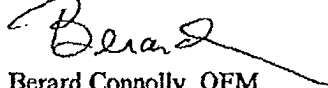
June 5th, 1997

Thank you for your interest in Father Finian's pamphlet: Toward "Multiculturalizing" a Religious Community.

Enclosed is the booklet. And, Sister, there is no charge involved. We are happy to be a part of the important challenge of our being sisters and brothers together. Also, many years ago I gave a talk at St. Callistus School and was impressed by staff and students!

Father Finian has a long history in the field of multicultural education chiefly in the San Joaquin Valley. He is fluent in Spanish and Hmong and presently learning Vietnamese to better share with our Vietnamese Brothers and their families. Father was elected Minister Provincial last January.

Peace!



Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM,
Editor

Saint Callistus Convent
2541 North Forest Avenue
Santa Ana, Ca 92706

COPY

June 1, 1996

To the Publication Department,

I recently was made aware of [REDACTED] 1996 pamphlet:
Toward "Multiculturalizing" a Religious Community. I, very much
interested in ordering it. Please send it to me as soon as possible. I will
send the payment including postage etc. after you've billed me. If you
prefer payment beforehand, please contact me by phone or leave a
message and I will send the payment.

Thank you very much!

Sister Lisa Ann Martinez, O.P.

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October 29, 1997

Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P.O. Box 970
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

Thank you for your note of October 23rd. Thanks also for keeping the Province informed about the occurrences in Assisi. I certainly appreciate what you are doing. It's interesting, Berard, now many other groups are asking me for that book. I may have to go into the fourth and fifth printing sometime.

On a serious note, thank you for your concern regarding Gary. Yesterday, we received word that he is on the mend and it looks as if he will shortly enjoy a complete recovery. Certainly, he will be seeing a therapist for a period of time, but I think things are working out for him. I appreciate also, Berard, the fact that you visited David. Please keep him in your prayers.

Be assured of my prayers and looking forward to seeing you at the celebration for [REDACTED]

Fraternally,
[REDACTED]

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Third party privacy



October 23, 1997

Dear [REDACTED]

Please let me know as time goes on if there is anything I can say or write to Gary S.

I spent three months in a mental institution so may have a bit of an insiders view.

Visited with David the other day. My heart goes out to the poor kid. His eyes continue to haunt me.

Peace!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernard", is written below the word "Peace!".

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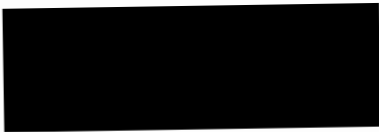
December 1, 1997

Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
P.O. Box 970
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

Enclosed is a letter from Erwin Schoenstine to his sister describing the kidnapping of Fr. Des Hartford. I thought you might want to put this in "Westfriars".

Thanks,



Enc.



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November 9, 1997

Dear Vicki and Family,

Peace & Every Blessing

No doubt you have heard of the kidnapping of Fr. Des Hartford, our "Bishop." He was released this morning a little after one A.M. I would like to explain for you all that happened but it is very complicated.

Des was kidnapped October 27th in Kalanbagan area, a Christian area, not in Marawi. The kidnapers were a group of Muslims, M.N.F.L. rebel returnees. Through the efforts of the Bishop Capalla and the National Unification Board they had returned to the fold and were promised large sums by the government for income generating projects--millions of pesos. But during the last three years many of the returnees did not receive anything from the government. Finally in desperation they kidnapped Des demanding the money promised to them.

Our Muslim friends helped us very much, one in particular, Aleem Elias going back and forth between the rebels and the authorities. Des was personally treated well by the captors and moved from place to place in the mountains for his safety. There were at least four armed groups trying to get hold of Des. Politicians also got involved looking for political leverage for the coming elections next year. There were hundreds of phone calls back and forth, people traveling from Davao to Iligan to Manila and back. Meetings held in Capayan de Oro, Kalanbagan, and in secret hideaways. False reports even on TV that he had been released, especially since Saturday, 1st of November. He was to be released to one group when the governor of Lanao stepped in and demanded that he be released to him, etc.

I was in Manila when Des was picked up. When I got back on October 1st, we set up three centers of communication: Nilo, the Vicar General, stayed in Marawi; Sr. Angie and Bamanito in Kalanbagan at the base of the road to the mountain site; and I in Corpus Christ parish in Iligan City. Day and night meetings, communications, demands, and visitors. The last three nights Fr. Des got no sleep because they were moving him from place to place, even sleeping once in the open field, trying to avoid the armed groups after him. Finally he was released this morning. I heard of it at 2:30 A.M. and proceeded to Linamon where we met the caravan that came down from the mountains. Des is O.K. and has been taken to Capayan de Oro for rest.

Thanks for your letter of October 7th, Vicki. Surprised to hear of you climbing the cliff along the coast when a few years ago you needed a "lift" to go up and down the stairs. Great improvement. I'm fine. More information when I get some time. I'll try to write a Christmas letter next week if I can.

Regards to all.

With love,

Erwin.

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ST. FRANCIS RETREAT

Dear [REDACTED]

Sorry I did not make the Guardians/Vicars meeting. Legs aren't working too well – I began physical therapy yesterday – and San Damiano is a rough place to navigate.

My good friend Bunny Fontana wrote the enclosed about Albie. Thought maybe you'd like to hear it was a good move. I have a lot of respect for Bunny's advice when it comes to the O'dham.

Peace!

We miss having Mike at San Xavier, but Father Alberic was a God-sent replacement. For someone who has never been in the region before and who has never worked with Indians, much less O'dham, he has acclimated with incredible speed and actually seems to be enjoying himself immensely. He is very well liked by all the board members of the Patronato, by the crew working on the church, by employees of the mission, and, so far as an outsider can judge, by his fellow friars. It appears he is also making great strides with the Wa: k community.

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March 12, 1998

Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
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San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

I see by the list that Mel puts out that this is your 50th year in the Order. Please accept my congratulations, Berard.

As you recuperate at San Juan Bautista, I'm sure you have a lot of time to think about those 50 years. I would like to thank you for all you have done for the Order and for the Province. You have certainly been an important friar in the Province of St. Barbara. Thank you very, very much, for all you have done and for all you continue to do.

Please be assured of my prayers as your celebrate these 50 years.

Fraternally,



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Fax to Br. Berard Conolly, OFM

From: [REDACTED]

April 7, 1998

Berard,

As per our phone conversation:

Guadalupe Church, Santa Paula, California

1974 Duncan (John) MacDonell, OFM – this was concomitant with giving up San Roque in Santa Barbara.

Others who worked there: Raul Vera, Roberto Pegueros, Joseph Zermeno, Pedro Umana, Joaquin Moreno, Rene Juarez.

Those who helped out there on weekends: Ray Tintle, Andrés Rivero and the friars of Old Mission Santa Barbara.

Bishop Curry, at the Misa de despedida on the 29th of March – thanked the friars for the 25 years of work there. He praised the work of Fr. Rene for getting the people ready for the transition. The new pastor is Fr. Nelson Trinidad, a salvadoreño who works in the Archdiocesan tribunal.

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April 27, 1998

Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat Center
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San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

Dear Berard,

I just got back from the UCLAF meeting of all the provincials of Latin America, from Tijuana to Chile. The meeting was held in Guatemala. The Minister General was there and two General Definitors, the Vicar General and the friar in charge of Peace and Justice and Ecology. It was a very fine meeting.

While I was there I got a chance to see members of our Province. I visited with Martin Ibarra. In fact, Martin and two other friars from Guatemala and an indigenous woman from Quiche, gave a talk to the assembled provincials about their work in the area of the CPR, the *pueblo in resistentia* in the mountains of Caba. Martin is very happy. The friars of the Province of Guadalupe are very happy to have him there. It certainly has been a good experience for him.

I also heard so many wonderful comments about Elmer. Elmer helps every pastor and every religious house in the area of Guatemala City. If their plumbing is broken, if they need hot water, if they need new electrical systems, Elmer is there to help them. The friars speak very highly of Elmer and the work he has done in Guatemala.

I also met the Provincial of the Province of St. Francis Solano in Peru. He also speaks very highly of Gerard Saunders. In fact, he told me that recently he became aware of the fact that there is a little *aldea* named San Gerado after Gerard. It seems there is a very small community at a distance from Terra

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Blanca and the only way to get to it is by boat. Gerard has been visiting these people and, in thanksgiving for his visits, these people have named their village San Gerardo. What a tribute to Gerard Saunders.

From the other part of the world, the Minister General mentioned the fine work that John Summers has been doing as president of the Thailand Project, and publicly expressed his gratitude toward our province in supplying friars who volunteered to accompany John Summers in Thailand during this time of transition.

I left Guatemala very satisfied and quite proud of the way the brothers of the Province of Saint Barbara have been working in the missionary field.

Faternally,

[REDACTED]

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ST. FRANCIS RETREAT

September 19, 1998

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your phone cal last night.

I'm not sure if this has to be done with formality but I remember doing it before.

I ask to resign the office of Vicar of St. Francis Retreat community. Going to the Serra Wing should be reason enough!

I did what a vicar can do and caring for the few friars here has been a rewarding experience. They are good guys.

Fraternally,

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October 1, 1998

Bro. Berard Connolly, OFM
Old Mission Santa Barbara
2201 Laguna St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Berard,

At its most recent meeting at San Luis Rey, the Definitorium officially assigned you to Old Mission Santa Barbara with the responsibility of continuing to publish Westfriars and sending out friar obituaries and working on other communication projects of the Province.

Berard, please know how grateful I am for all you do for the Province. You are a wonderful story-teller and how blessed we are to have you. Be assured of my prayers.

Fraternally,



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As a friar or lay manager or supervisor at Santa Barbara, I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Province's "No Harassment" Policy. I understand that the organization can be held responsible for any acts of harassment that I commit, condone, or tolerate. I also understand that I can be sued personally for any such acts.

I understand that if I know of, or have reason to know of any act of harassment or of the existence of a hostile, intimidating, or offensive work environment at this organization and I fail to report it to higher management, both the organization and I can be placed in jeopardy.

Therefore, I will immediately report any act of harassment and will take whatever action is necessary to correct the situation.

I have participated in the training program provided by the Province on preventing harassment. I have received and I understand the Province's organization's "No Harassment" Policy and agree to abide by it.

Bernard J. Connelley
Signature

11/5/98
Date



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September 10th, 1998

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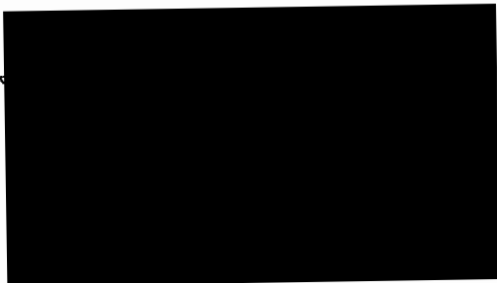
May the Lord give you peace!

I just finished talking with Br. Berard Connolly, OFM. He is ready to move to the Old Mission. He will be speaking with you shortly.

I spoke with him about the items you and I talked about, viz. that I want Berard to continue to be in charge of Westfriars and the obituaries for the men in the province. In order to do that he will need an office.

I was thinking – I don't want to micro-manage your house, but – he could probably take the provincial's room and the provincial/vicar, etc. could stay in the room Noel occupied once it is cleaned. That's something you'll decide. However, Berard will need room for the computer and printer he will bring with him.

Thanks to you and to the members of your community for the fine hospitality you showed on the occasion of Noel's funeral. It was exemplary! You're a good Guardian.



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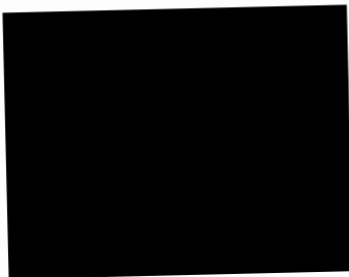
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Woman says Marycliff cleric abused her

Cannette White
writer

Spokane woman is suing a Franciscan priest and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Spokane, claiming the cleric sexually abused her and other students at the now-defunct Marycliff High School.

██████████ the former student, said in a lawsuit filed in Spokane County Superior Court that she was sexually abused, harassed and molested by Brother Berard Connelly at Marycliff High School, which she attended for 20 years ago.

Efforts to reach Hatcher and Connelly, who is a member of the order and now lives in Phoenix, Ariz., were unsuccessful Wednesday.

A former student sues the Diocese of Spokane, claiming sexual abuse.

Marycliff High School, an all-girls school, closed in 1979.

Connelly served as a teacher and Franciscan brother in charge of student affairs when ██████████ attended the school and St. Ann's parish from 1968 to 1973, says the complaint, which was filed Tuesday.

"Connelly continuously sexually abused, har-

assed and intimidated plaintiff and other students on parish premises and during parish-related activities and outings," the lawsuit states.

Parents and students complained about the teacher's behavior to his supervisors, but the complaints weren't properly investigated or reported, according to Hatcher's complaint.

"Defendants covered up and concealed Connelly's acts of sex abuse and harassment and complaints regarding his behavior," the lawsuit states.

In addition to Connelly, defendants in the suit include the Catholic Diocese of Spokane, the Catholic Bishop of Spokane, the Franciscan Friars, province of Santa Barbara, Calif., and the

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The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, WA
December 3, 1992

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Church suit

There has been some investigation into it," Dunphy said, in reference to Hatcher's allegations. "Our superiors have talked to him about this. We are aware in general of the accusations."

He also attributes problems with relationships and the breakup of her marriage to the abuse, which led her to seek counseling.

Bishop Skylesad, who was not head of the diocese when the abuse allegedly occurred, said he will offer counseling to any victims.

Ann's said Larry Dunphy, of St. Francis order, is still in the cases we are aware of."

The Rev. Larry Dunphy, (the complaints) never reached the diocesan level. The only thing we can do is investigate the as far as I know," he said.

"It came for us as kind of like a bolt out of the blue," he said.

Spokane, said he was surprised to hear about the claims.

the Most Rev. William Skylesad, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Spokane, said he was surprised to hear about the claims.

the mass in going about the nation's biomedical research," said Patricia King, a Georgetown University professor and a member of the advisory committee.

Participants said the courage of Clark of Des Moines, Wash., and his wife, Una Loy, helped surgeons and scientists develop live-saving techniques in use today.

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LOTTERY NUMBERS:

Wednesday's winning "Triple Choice" lottery numbers: 902.
Winning Washington Lotto numbers: 6-26-31-36-38-47.
No winner. New jackpot: \$7 million.
Wednesday's winning Washington Keno numbers are: 1, 6, 7, 11, 21, 22, 29, 31, 32, 35, 37, 38, 49, 53, 56, 61, 63, 68, 72, 77.
Winning Powerball game numbers: 1-4-26-35-42.
Winning Powerball number: 28.
One winner (in Indiana).

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RETREAT CENTER

May 12, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response of an earlier letter from you asking me to do certain things for my mental and physical health. I am sorry for the delay: it did take awhile to find the "support group."

1) I have a Spiritual Director with whom I believe I am open and I celebrate the sacramental gift of reconciliation. I see him once a month. Father Bartholomew Welsh, Mission San Antonio, is my director.

2) Weekly I spend an hour with Dr. Wendy Sinclair-Brown, Ph.D. I find her professional, inciteful and caring. I am honest with her and have confidence in her abilities as a psychologist. Dr. Sinclair-Brown works with Dr. Dennis St. Peter, MD, a psychiatrist. I am seeing Dr. St. Peter once a month when he monitors the medication prescribed for me, Prozac and Valporic Acid

3) Monday evening, May 10, I attended my first SLAA support group in Pacific Grove. I told Dr. Sinclair-Brown about the meeting. She is not all that sure I need this particular group as she questions the intensity of the "addiction" in my life. I will return for several Wednesday meetings, keeping in touch with Dr. Sinclair-Brown. The SLAA group may be what I need or it may at least be a springboard to other support groups. These types of groups aren't that easy to find but now I have an in and will take it from here. I think I am looking for an "Aloness Group," if such exists!

4) My physical health is monitored by Dr. Benedict Carota, MD, Hollister.

5) I believe the greatest help is Fr. Richard McManus to whom I confide and in whom I have the greatest confidence. I am very open in sharing with him.

Thanks, [REDACTED] for your often heroic support.

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Brother Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Retreat
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February 10, 1993

Dear Berard

Peace. I hope you are doing well; I'm glad to hear that you are enjoying the retreats. You're good at it, and that makes a lot of sense. I am really glad you can help at San Juan and continue to do Westfriars.

I have heard from the Institute of Living and would ask you to abide by the following regulations while living and working at San Juan Bautista:

(1) You are to continue weekly outpatient therapy with a therapist recommended and contacted by Dr. Les Lothstein. You should make arrangements for this as soon as possible by contacting Dr. Lothstein if he has not already contacted you.

(2) A support group is also necessary: this should be worked out between yourself and your therapist. I think this needs to be as supportive and professional as possible, at times confrontive. The members of the support group should be ones dealing with their own sexual history and in recovery from it. I think it would be best to consult with Tom West as to which type of group would be most appropriate, and I presume we will be talking about this in the future to see that we take the best possible steps now.

(3) You must have a regular spiritual director; I would suggest meetings initially twice monthly, and then possibly monthly.

(4) Your monitor will be Fr. Richard McManus, with whom you should meet in an official capacity at least twice monthly to discuss your progress and continued addressing of the issues.

(5) You may have no contact with minors, either in a pastoral or personal capacity. Any departure from this should be discussed immediately with your therapist and Fr. Richard.

I would appreciate the details of your response to these requirements (numbers 1, 2, 3) as soon as possible.

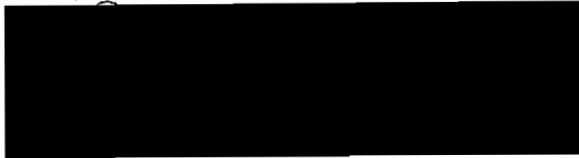
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Thanks for your cooperation, Berard. These restrictions are quite standard, and I know from our talks that you see them as important also. What I am happy about is your return to the province and the great contribution you have made and will continue to make.

God bless you. Please be assured of my continued support and prayers.

Fraternally



cc. Fr. Richard McManus, OFM

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Brother Berard Connolly

1. Information contained in newspaper article as to his activities in Spokane; lawsuit settled in February 1994.
2. Entered into aftercare based on recommendations from Institute of Living, Hartford (confer letters of February 10, 1993 and March 12, 1993.) This course of therapy requirements ended.
3. Now considered to be doing well and in proper assignment. In self-monitoring program which is sufficient.

Based on Berard's assessment at Hartford, his progress in therapy, his current assignment in internal ministry and interaction with adults at St. Francis Retreat, his continuing vigilance in self-monitoring, and no evidence of an ongoing problem for many years, his course of therapy ended. His self-monitoring is good and considered sufficient. Battles mostly with physical and psychological health.

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