

MEDICAL HISTORY

(both sides to be completed by applicant)

Recognizing that good health is essential for proper functioning in any vocation, we ask your full cooperation in preparing this health record. Please complete this MEDICAL HISTORY form before going to your physician for examination; he will use the history together with his physical findings in making an evaluation of your present health status. Return both forms.

Information on MEDICAL HISTORY and PHYSICAL EXAMINATION forms is strictly for your benefit and the use of the Franciscans of the Province of St. Barbara in considering your application and will not be released to anyone without your knowledge and written consent.

Return all information to: The Franciscans, Office of the Vocation Director
1500 34th Avenue, Oakland, California 94601
(415) 536-1266

Applicant's Address:

Name Thomas Thing
Home Address 769 Deland Court
City El Cajon State Ca Zip 92020
Telephone (714) 447-6609

Parent or legal guardian:

Name Robert H. Thing
Relationship Father
Address 769 Deland Ct. Ca. Azusa
City El Cajon State Ca Zip 92020
Telephone (714) 447-6609

Whom to notify in case of emergency if the above is unavailable:

Name Marie E. Thing
Relationship Mother
Address 769 Deland Court
City El Cajon State Ca Zip 92020
Telephone (714) 447-6609

Do you have a family doctor? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____

Approx. date of last visit: _____

Are you covered by medical or hospital insurance? ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is important that candidates have health insurance through family or individual policies.

Medical or Hospital Insurance Company:

Name Occidental
Address Retail Clerk Union 1222
City San Diego State Ca Zip _____
ID Number: _____ Group Number: _____
Coverage code: _____

Full name of person that policy is under:

Robert H. Thing

FAMILY HISTORY

Relation	Age	State of health	If dead, cause of death	Age of death
Father....	50	very good		
Mother....	44	very good		
Brothers and Sisters	20	very good		
	17	very good		
	13	very good		
	10	very good		

Indicate which blood relative (parent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent) have had the following and approximate age at time of illness:

	Relation	Age
✓ Apoplexy (stroke), high blood pressure, heart disease.....	Grandfather	67
Nervous breakdown or other mental illness.....		
Kidney trouble.....		
✓ Diabetes.....	Grandmother	79
Asthma, hives, eczema or hay fever.....		
Migraine (sick headache).....		
Epilepsy (or convulsions).....		
Tuberculosis (or other chronic lung disease).....		
✓ Cancer.....	Father, Grandmother	59
Ulcer (stomach or duodenum).....		
Deafness.....		
Blindness.....		
Anemia.....		
Goiter.....		
Allergy.....		
Arthritis.....		
Other.....		

MEDICAL HISTORY

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM CAREFULLY. THIS MEDICAL INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT IN YOUR CARE.
HAVE YOU EVER OR DO YOU NOW HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

YES AGE NO			(Check each item)	YES AGE NO			(Check each item)	YES AGE NO			(Check each item)								
1 HEAD				8 BONE AND JOINT				13 HAVE YOU EVER HAD AN UNFAVORABLE REACTION TO:											
			A. Headaches, frequent or severe				A. Swollen or painful joints				A. Penicillin								
			B. Dizziness or fainting spells				B. Arthritis: gout				B. Horse serum (e.g. tetanus antitoxin)								
			C. Severe head injury				C. Neck or back brace support				C. Procaine or novocain								
2 EYES							D. Bone or joint disability or deformity				D. Antibiotics (Name)								
			A. Worn glasses				E. Loss of arm, leg, finger or toe				E. Sulfa Drugs								
			B. Worn contact lens				F. Painful or "trick" shoulder or elbow				F. Other drugs								
			C. Worn artificial eye				G. "Trick" or locked knee	14 ADDITIONAL MEDICAL HISTORY Check each item Yes or No. If "Yes" please give dates and explain											
			D. Eye trouble				H. Foot trouble	A. Describe any serious illness, serious injury or major surgical operation other than those already noted? Date? NO											
3 E.N.T.							I. Osteomyelitis												
			A. Ear, nose or throat trouble				J. Paralysis (including poliomyelitis)												
			B. Difficulty in hearing				K. Other												
			C. Worn hearing aid	9 NERVOUS SYSTEM				B. Are you now under medical treatment? Provide details on separate sheet. NO											
			D. Ruptured or perforated ear drum				A. Convulsions or epilepsy												
			E. Chronic ringing ear or fungus infection				B. Difficulty in going to sleep												
			F. Chronic or frequent colds				C. Excessive moods of gloom or cheerfulness												
			G. Stuttered, stammered or lisped				D. Difficulty in concentration	C. Do you smoke cigarettes? <input type="checkbox"/> cigars <input type="checkbox"/> pipe <input type="checkbox"/> How many/day? NO											
			H. Severe tooth or gum trouble				E. Loss of memory or amnesia												
			I. Excessive bleeding after injury or tooth extraction				F. Illness due wholly or in part to nervousness												
			J. Sinusitis				G. Excessive sleepiness												
			K. Hay fever				H. Psychiatric treatment	15 DISABILITIES A. Do you have any physical disability which will require special arrangements? If so, explain: NO											
			L. Sore throats, frequent or severe	10 CHRONIC DISEASES															
			M. Tonsils or adenoids removed				A. Diabetes												
			N. Operation on nose				B. Nephritis, Nephrosis												
4 NECK							C. Tumor-growth-cyst	16 PREVENTIVE IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION											
			A. Thyroid gland underactive (low metabolism)				D. Chronic skin disease												
			B. Thyroid gland overactive (high metabolism)				E. Rheumatic fever												
			C. Enlarged nodular thyroid or goiter				F. Cancer												
5 HEART AND LUNGS							G. Other	17 TUBERCULOSIS CLEARANCE (see Physical Examination form regarding requirements)											
			A. Tuberculosis	11 INFECTIOUS DISEASES															
			B. Asthma				A. Infectious hepatitis												
			C. Shortness of breath				B. Infectious mononucleosis												
			D. Pain or pressure in chest				C. Malaria	A. Had tetanus antitoxin (horse serum) at time of injury? NO											
			E. Chronic cough				D. Venereal Disease												
			F. Palpitation or pounding heart				E. Mumps												
			G. Heart murmur				F. Whooping cough												
			H. Heart trouble				G. Chickenpox	B. Had tetanus Toxoid Series Date: (Date of last booster)											
			I. High blood pressure				H. Rubella (German measles)												
			J. Pneumonia—How often?				I. Measles (Red measles)												
			K. Other				J. Meningitis												
6 ABDOMEN							K. Scarlet fever	C. Had polio immunization? (Oral-Sabin) If yes, approx. year completed:											
			A. Abdominal pain	12 DO YOU REGULARLY TAKE ANY MEDICINE SUCH AS:															
			B. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum				L. Valley fever												
			C. Diarrhea, chronic or recurrent				M. Other												
			D. Gall bladder disease					D. Immunization to Rubella, Rubiola, or mumps?											
			E. Jaundice				A. Insulin?												
			F. Hernia (rupture)				B. Thyroid?												
			G. Appendicitis operation				C. Dilantin?												
			H. Hemorrhoids (piles) or rectal disease				D. Phenobarbital?	Have you had:											
			I. Frequent or painful urination, cystitis				E. Digitalis?												
			J. Kidney stone or blood in urine				F. Allergy injections?												
			K. Sugar or albumin (protein) in urine				G. Liver?												
			L. Ulcerative colitis				H. Iron?	A. Active tuberculosis: If yes, age											
			M. Other				I. Penicillin?												
							J. Tranquillizers?												
							K. Others												
Information on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that inaccuracies or omissions may jeopardize my health. Signature of applicant: <i>Thomas Shinn</i>				17 TUBERCULOSIS CLEARANCE (see Physical Examination form regarding requirements)				B. Anti-tuberculosis drugs: If yes, name of drug: Date started:											
												C. Close contact with anyone having tuberculosis at any time? If so explain:							
																D. BCG Vaccine? If so, when?			

5/29/78

Dear Tom,

The Admission Committee met today and reviewed your file. You have been accepted conditionally into the pre-novitiate formation program; the condition being that you follow through on the recommendations of the psychological report from Dr. Henchy.

It seems that there is a need for ongoing counseling for self-knowledge and growth in a few areas that you are aware of from your experience with the psychologist and your visit with him. This can be done in conjunction with Formation and with the assistance of your formation director in the Fall.

We would like you to take care of the neurological or psychoneurological recommendation this summer, so that the testing and results of such are completed prior to your coming to the Center. You can work this out with Fr. Mel Jurisich or Dr. Henchy in regard to who would administer this neurological test.

Thanks for your attention to this and for all your cooperation during the application process. It is good to have you with us and I trust all will go well for the summer. It would be good to mark your calendar now for the Orientation weekend which will be held up here for all the new men in formation. It will be on the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1-4). Further details will be sent to you regarding this weekend later on in the summer.

May the peace of Christ be with you as we look forward to sharing together in the Franciscan life.

Sincerely yours,

FRAF 00154

THOMAS THING

19 yrs old

Tested by Henchy, February 1978

Smiled thruout, but it became evident that his smile was a fixed one which had an inappropriate quality considering the situation.

Described by St. Anthony's as a somewhat lazy young man who was limited academically, but who was student body president; has leadership ability.

IQ: full scale - 104; verbal - 102; performance - 107; average range of intelligence; judgment is average; aware of essential facts in situations and not impeded by anxiety. Henchy picked up indications of possible brain impairment in spatial visual tests, so added tests and found some slight impairment in the left frontal temporal lobe. Signs: impaired verbal fluency and memory; also an aphasic sign, an expressive dysgraphia; he heard and said one thing, but he wrote another.

Under a lot of pressure which he finds hard to handle; excessively free-flowing fantasy life (56 responses on the Rorschach where 20 is normal); tries but not always able to organize these fantasies. Emotions and needs which are unavailable to him work on him a lot; the more mature delayed and available-to-him material is less than you would expect. Unorganized, primitive needs push him, causing a lot of stress, tension; results in a lot of psychological helplessness and inadequacy; feels he cannot help himself; so backs off from emotions; in ambiguous and/or emotional situations his sense of reality suffers he loses his way.

Does not feel very good about himself; low self-evaluation and very intro-punitive, blaming himself for whatever goes wrong; one defense is to try lose himself in a crowd...and it works for him. Has a lot of difficulty expressing his emotions; his emotional responses tend to be more uncontrolled than is good for him.

Paternal authority figures seen as powerful in contrast to his powerlessness; very concerned about what they think of him. Maternal figures seen as weaker, more like supplicants. Has strong identification with maternal figures in his life. He too feels like a supplicant; strong oral-dependent strain to his personality. A masochistic flavor to his helplessness; strongly identifies with Christ's suffering and manifests a strong need to suffer. Frightened of his own hostile and aggressive feelings; feels his impulses are dirty and destructive.; defense is denial and reaction formations; e.g. "I only have peaceful and loving feelings." "Others are the hurtful ones who have those feelings toward me."

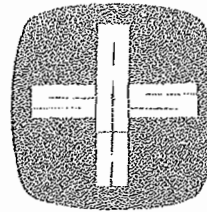
"It is important to note that Tom has a visionary orientation related to his identification with Christ. And, since he also has some difficulty with his reality sense, he may have experiences akin to visionaries."

Has a group-dependent, passive personality; likely to desire and need a lot of support from other people, and he will orient his behavior toward those who give him support; a follower, not a leader; very humble, submissive, docile, accommodating, shy. So Henchy wondered how he became student body president; he found the answer in one of Tom's responses: Tom did not want to be president; he accepted because others wanted him to.

Trustful and understanding to a fault; will forgive others anything but has the ego-strength to bounce back from disappointment. Sensitive, artistic, gentle; will think a lot before acting; very conservative and respecting of traditional ideas; placid and serene, which others probably find attractive.

Comments and conclusions: "Diagnosis of a borderline personality with passive-dependent features. His reality sense suffers in emotional situations. However, he has a good awareness of others and feels drawn to them. Thus, he should function very well in a communal religious setting. He would be excellent at helping other people. Altho he does not have the intellectual or scholastic orientation to go far in school, he would be a helpful and loving aide to those in the helping professions dealing with children. It would be important, however, to be aware of his visionary fervor. Some psychotherapy would be of use to Tom. In addition, a more complete neurological and/or psychoneurological assessment should be carried out. His brain dysfunction is minimal, but it should be determined that it is static."

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April 18, 1978

Letter of Recommendation for THOMAS THING

I have known Tom for the past four years mostly in the capacity of teacher and principal. I have not been his counselor nor spiritual director. However, I feel that I have had the chance to observe him in various situations and am qualified to make some recommendation to your Board of Admissions.

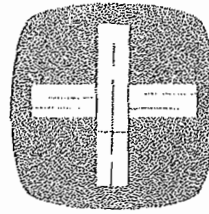
Tom's greatest quality is that he is a very warm person. He is friendly and will take the initiative to meet and greet other people. Once he gets to know you he is not afraid to share himself and be sensitive to you. As a matter of fact he will go out of his way to spend time with you. I have seen Tom's warmth in operation with many of the students. Many go to him to talk things over and he takes them under his wings. He does not brush them aside nor does he put them off. I believe that this sensitivity to others would be a great asset to someone aspiring to live the fraternal life.

Tom also has a strength of his convictions. As the student body president he has had to take many unpleasant stands but he has done so. This, I believe, has won him the respect of his fellow students. He has been a good leader and very responsible. If there is something happening, he will try to get the pieces together and if he can't, he will come to the faculty. This quality also has a negative side in that he can be stubborn. It is difficult for him to see other points of view and when he gets stubborn, it is very difficult to move him. His intellectual capacities are not that great and at times he just can't see the whole picture or understand it. This could prove to be a difficulty in community life.

From my observations it would seem that he has a deep faith. I would say that it was a simple faith and needed much growing up, but as far as the basic go, he is not in the questioning stage. How much he would be able to grasp the theological distinctions is another question? But he does pray and he is interested in religion.

Lastly, Tom wants to help people and he is not afraid to do so.

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Letter of Recommendation for THOMAS THING (Page 2)

He does not seem to be interested in gathering material wealth or goods. He has been involved in a lot of service oriented projects. He has helped Fr. Robert Van Handel with his boys' choir, and seems to do well with young children. I believe service will come easy to him, and people will respond to him.

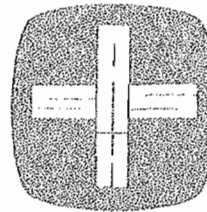
In conclusion, I would very much recommend Tom to your pre-novitiate program. I believe he will add a lot to the communities. He seems to have a real desire to learn more about the Franciscan life. He brings with him a certain amount of maturity and lots of enthusiasm. School will be difficult for him but he will work well with people. We could do worse.

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin A. Jursich, OFM

(Rev.) Melvin A. Jursich, OFM
Rector

st. anthony's seminary



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May 3rd, 1982

Dear [REDACTED],

for [REDACTED]
Tom Thing asked me to write a letter of recommendation. I am happy to do so.

I have known Tom and have been associated with him for a fair number of years. At Highland Park he was always pleasant, interested in the friars and most willing to share his talents.

Tom came to St. Anthony's a year ago when the character of High Park changed from pre to post novitiate. The willingness of the SAS community to accept him is another example of the regard many of us have for Tom. While at SAS Tom has been an uplift for the friars, cheerful and willing to share his many talents. Although almost a peer with them, Tom has been a good mentor to the students.

I do not believe studies are the number one priority in Tom's life but at my request -and his own good sense- he has been attending UCSB regularly and seems to enjoy classes. Tom has a simplicity (still a virtue?) about him and occasionally concepts have to be fairly well spelled out for him.

Tom will be a good addition to the friars. He brings with him a natural understanding of things Franciscan, has had a long relationship with us, is exceptionally talented in music and entertainment in general, friendly and not all that implous. He will bring to novitiate a lot of life and enthusiasm. He brings open youth, something I believe sorely needed in our formation program.

To be honest, I suppose that while I have no hesitancy regarding Tom I do hold a caution regarding our programs. I would not want to see Tom lose his ebullency. I feel Tom along with [REDACTED] will be a joy and strength to the novitiate and especially to the Novice Director.

I recommend Thomas Thing to the novitiate board.

Peace!

Berard W. Connolly
Berard W. Connolly, O.F.M.

c. Josef Prochnow, O.F.M.

I sign thee with the sign of the cross
and I confirm thee with the chrism of
salvation in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Thomas Thung

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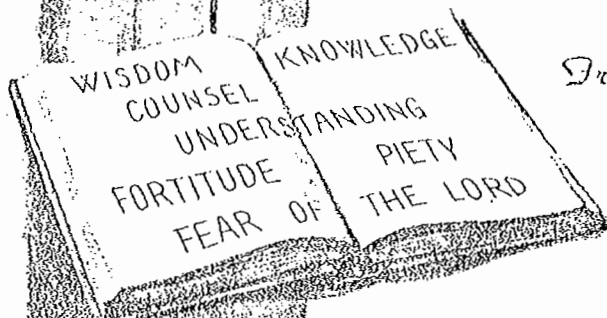
The Holy Sacrament of Confirmation

this 8th day of May in the year
of Our Lord and Savior 1973

Juan Arzube
Bishop

in Ss. Simon + Jude Church

Dr. Ronald Collety, O.F.M.



This is to Certify

That on this 12th day of May
in the year of our Lord 1948

Mr. Robert H. Ling
of San Diego, Calif.
and

Miss Marie Lulimay
of Phila., Pa.

WERE BY ME UNITED IN

MARRIAGE

at Essex

According to the ordinance of God and the Laws
of the State of Maryland

Witnessed

R. R. J. Spingill

Certificate of Marriage



Church of

St. Charles Borromeo
San Diego, California

This is to Certify

That Robert H. Thine
and Marie G. Sulimay

were lawfully Married

on the 28th day of March 1956

— According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church —

and in conformity with the laws of the State of
California, Rev. Donald J. Rooney
officiating, in the presence of Edward Gonzales
and Pearl Gonzales Witnesses, as appears
from the Marriage Register of this Church.

Dated April 16, 1956

Donald J. Rooney Asst.
Pastor

O'CONNOR'S - SAN DIEGO

Aug. 24/1913

Dear

This is Thomas Thing.
I have taken care of the
doctor you asked me to see.
The doctor said nothing was
wrong at all. The doctor
sent a full copy of his
report to Dr. Henchy in
Santa Barbara. So if you
want a copy you can get
it from Dr. Henchy.

Now that, that is taken
care of I would like to
know when I am suppose
to be at the house. I
wrote Mr. Angelo a long time
ago but got no answer. So
I am waiting to hear
from someone. Thank you.

Thomas Thing

Tom Thing

He has a number of good
qualities which would make him
a good prospect for the program.
Again I would recommend
ongoing counseling mentioned by

Yours

The S.A.S. recommendation
says it for me. Ordinarily -
I'd question the age - and
brain situation; but
in light of SAS. OK -
I'll go w/a yes!

Bede

TOM Thng

I see some possibility in
Tom from recommendations
but also feel qualified
YES as vote.

Needed ongoing
counseling & Brain Test
as recommended in psych
report.

His Essay did not say
much to me of realistic
self.

Still young & needs more
experiences to grow.
QUALIFIED YES,

5/19/78

Tom's essay doesn't say much
directly - indirectly it shows
his immaturity.

I too notice that the faculty
hasn't responded yet to the
brain scan suggestion.

Otherwise he seems to be a
good prospect for his age.

Tony Thing

All things considered,
I believe it would serve
Tony better to take some
time out.

at this time I vote
"no" — after a
couple of years — reply.

DECLARATION AND RELEASE

NOTE: To be signed by candidate (GG.CC.158:1C) on arrival and signature to be witnessed by two brothers of the order.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, the undersigned, being about to enter the Roman Catholic religious order known as the ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR (incorporated under the laws of the State of California as THE FRANCISCAN FATHERS OF CALIFORNIA, and hereinafter referred to as the "religious order"), do hereby attest and declare that I am entering said religious order voluntarily and of my own free will, and am not acting under force, coercion or undue influence of any kind.

That for good and sufficient consideration and in consideration of the benefits received and to be received as a candidate, postulant, novice or member of the said religious order, I am prepared to and hereby promise and agree to give without compensation all of my services freely and to perform any and all work required of me by my superior in said religious order; and that for myself and my heirs I do hereby waive and forever discharge any and all right or claim which I might otherwise have to any wages, compensation, remuneration, annuity, pension or reward for the time that I shall devote or for the services or work that I shall perform with or for said religious order during the time I remain in said order, and do hereby expressly release said religious order from any claim on account thereof.

I understand and agree that the provisions of the Rules and Discipline of said religious order, and the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of The Franciscan Fathers of California, a California corporation, now in force and as hereafter amended, and the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church, and the substantive law of the State of California relating to the subject matter hereof are incorporated herein, and are to govern the interpretation and determine the legal effect of this instrument.

I do further certify that I have read and fully understand the foregoing instrument and that I sign and execute the same voluntarily.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 1st day of September,
1982, at 11:30pm Three Rivers, Calif.
(city, state)

ACCEPTED and signature witnessed on behalf of said religious order

(Signature) Thomas Thring

(Witness) Samuel Cabot

(Witness) Allen Menting

(Superior) Josef Prochnow, OFM

Thomas Thing OFM.

Feb. 1983
Novitiate

Self Evaluation

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This year has been a great challenge for me. The two largest areas that I have found the most challenging are the areas of prayer and my lack of freedom.

I knew upon entering novitiate that I would find the aspect of prayer very challenging. My time at San Antonio comes to mind. During this desert experience I found myself helpless in the Lord. All of my energies were taken away. I found it very hard but I can say that I learned alot about myself and alot about my prayer life. As we have seen from the Myers-Briggs test, that I am a strong extrovert thus receiving my energy from external happenings. I feel I have done well in the other areas of prayer. I have experienced new ways of prayer and have made the old ways of prayer become more alive and fuller. I find

our quiet time in the morning a bit hard ⁽²⁾
so I try to split the time up between the morning
and the evening. I try and take at least one hour
of quiet time before bed. I still have a ways to
go in the area of prayer but I feel close well into
my journey.

My lack of freedom I feel that I have
adjusted to. The fact of not being able to do certain
things at certain times I found very constraining.
In the past few years I had been some-what
independent so it took me a while to adjust.

In being with and around the Friars for
a number of years I have experienced different
types of communities. I enjoy this community
because of our diverseness. In our diverseness
we struggle but I feel a community which
doesn't struggle isn't trying. I feel the
more we struggle the closer the community
will become. We have learned to stretch.

get through these struggles I have come to
enjoy this community and our experience thus
far. (3)

As I have said before I am an extrovert
so my energy is found from outside experiences.
I have found that my ministry is my source
of energy at this time. I have learned about
myself and learned about my ministry. In working
with the Black Community I have learned abt.
I am able to express my prayer life in a more
living and alive sort of way. I have come to love
my ministry and the people I work with. I am
excited for the future and the possibility of working
in the black community. I plan to attend classes
and to study the history of the Black Experience.
I have come a ways from when I entered yet
I have a ways to go.

Thomas King O.M.

POST-NOVITIATE COVENANT

In order to continue my growth in understanding the Franciscan life and vision, and in order to foster and contribute the charisms I have to offer my brothers in fraternity, I am entering this covenant with those who have charge of my on-going formation and with those brothers with whom I will be living in the coming year.

I have asked to live with the brothers at St. Paul of the Shipwreck Parish because I feel called to: I feel called at this time to work in the back community. Also to get a bit more experience under my belt.

My local formation director will be Fr. James Goode O.F.M.

In order to grow in my awareness of the Franciscan ideal, I intend to pursue the following area of Franciscan studies Franciscan spirituality.

In order to deepen my faith and be able to share it more fully, I intend to take the following course in theology There will be many at courses - I will be taking throughout the year. Fr. Jim has agreed to set up a program of studies for me. Francis has urged us to work for our support, so I hope to contribute to the support of my brothers by work full time in the parish thus receiving pay which will be turned into the mother house. Recognizing the need for a personal guide in my spiritual journey, I will ask undesired of this time to be my spiritual director.

Thanking the brothers of my new community ahead of time for receiving me and enriching me, I promise to join them in their prayer life and fraternal life to the best of my ability so that, together, we can work for the building up of God's kingdom.

Thomas King
(signature of new brother)

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On our part, we promise, through this covenant, to help our new brother in his quest with us to live the gospel life in our fraternity.

[Signature]
(signature of local minister)

For my part, I wish to acknowledge the ideals and goals which my brother has set for himself for the coming year, and I promise to help him realize them by giving him the special attention he needs and by arranging with others for those items I cannot personally fulfill.

[Signature]
(signature of local director of formation)

[Signature]
(signature of provincial director of post-novitiate formation)

TOM THING; End of Novitiate Report

If there's a song to sing, he'll sing it; if there's fun to be had, he'll be in the middle of it; if you want his opinion, he'll give it to you. Tom is up front and wide open and it doesn't take long to appreciate that about him. Tom's vocation is rooted in a deep, simple and direct faith and he has the energy and conviction to put what he believes into practice.

Tom has been with the friars since his first years in high school, so he is realistic about the Franciscan life. He is dedicated to sharing and to the life of community. He may not always be sensitive to others' feelings, but if he is aware of them, he makes the effort to be so. As frank as he is about his opinions, he has become more careful with expressing himself. The good part of this is that he has grown in being careful and considerate of others; the bad part is that he is more guarded about his own feelings and sometimes has trouble expressing his frustration and anger over something. We would advise his director to seek him out if he lapses into a quiet mood for long-- he will appreciate the help and open up with confidence. We would like to thank him for his openness and trust when we have approached him. Tom can be a good and loyal friend without sharing the depths of his feelings or experiences, but when he does go this deep, it sows the seeds of profound friendship. It also clears the way for substantial personal growth.

Tom gets his energy from being with others. He is expressive, expansive and energetic. He has grown in learning how to use these gifts in both his common prayer and his ministry. With regard to his regularity in prayer, he has come a long way in understanding its importance in the life of a religious. We would recommend that his director continue to build his appreciation for fraternal prayer. He already has a good sense of liturgical prayer with the laity, and he will be able to bring many talents and insights to his new ministry in that area.

His ministry this year was working with the Franciscan Brothers of the Cross at St. Paul's parish. The brothers really treasured his friendship and his contribution to their ministry to the school children. For his part, Tom has developed a deep appreciation for Black folks and their culture. This has enriched him as a person and as a religious and we are grateful for the ways he has shared that with us in our community. Everyone in our community is excited and enthusiastic about Tom's assignment next year at St. Paul of the Shipwreck. It is just far enough out of the standard formation system to give him the distance he needs from those structures; and it is dedicated to the Black People which is where he feels strongly called at this time.

Solitude and private prayer were the most difficult challenges for Tom this year in terms of his interior life. People, the city and action stimulate Tom. We have tried to help Tom deepen his appreciation for private prayer, and he has responded generously to our urgings. He still is not all that comfortable with the contemplative aspect of the Franciscan life, but he has definitely made the effort and grown in this area. He reads more reflectively and tries to read the Scriptures daily. We hope his director will continue to help him in this area.

Insofar as studies are a private matter, Tom will probably need direction and encouragement in this as well. Our opinion is that if studies are prompted by a felt need, by the needs of those to whom he ministers, he will be strongly motivated to put himself into them wholeheartedly.

In terms of manual labor, Tom is a hard worker who knows how to take initiative.

He works well either alone or with the group. The only thing that discourages him is if someone else doesn't carry his load. Fair play is important to Tom.

Tom is a night person and in his case, this is worth mentioning. Getting up for prayers was hard for Tom, but he has really made the effort to be a part of our morning schedule. Everyone in our community appreciates his effort: it's an aspect of the fundamental generosity that is characteristic of him. Tom can have a short temper, and mornings are not the time to engage him in controversy.

Tom is a humble man. When shortcomings are brought to his attention he does not respond with excuses or defensive behavior. When we asked him to be more regular about morning prayer, to watch his language and temper, or use his quiet time better, he responded with quiet good will and determination. His ego strenght is apparently strong enough to accept challenges well, and that is a big reason why he has grown so much this past year. And that is why we gladly recommend him for first vows.

CESSION OF ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSITION OF USUFRUCT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I Brother Thomas Thing O.F.M.
otherwise known as _____, now of San Luis Rey
_____ in the County of San Diego
and the State of Ca.

IN CONSIDERATION of the laws of the Roman Catholic Church concerning the administration of the property, its use and usufruct, of a member of a religious community acknowledged by said Roman Catholic Church (Codex Juris Can. 569,580),

First: Do hereby cede the administration of any and all property, whether real, personal or money which I now have or which may accrue to me therefrom, to James Paul Thing
now residing in the County of San Diego, State of Ca.
and I do hereby constitute and appoint him to be my attorney-in-fact for such administration giving unto him full power and authority to make all contracts and to do all other acts and things of every kind and nature whatsoever, necessary in and about said administration, including the sale and conveyance of real property, as effectually as I myself could do if personally present, and

Second: I do hereby ordain, declare and direct that all the use and usufruct of said property, to-wit: the interest, rents, income, securities, royalties, bonuses and all other benefits arising from or out of such property, shall be disposed of or expended by my said attorney-in-fact as he may see fit, according to his best judgment, and

Third: I hereby ratify and confirm all acts that my said attorney-in-fact may lawfully do in pursuance of the power herein conferred.

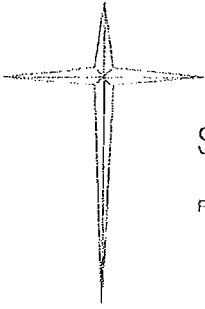
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 2nd
day of September, in the year of our Lord 1983.



(Signature) Brother Thomas Thing O.F.M.

NOTE: This instrument should be acknowledged before a Notary Public by the person executing the same.

Carol Juliet Board
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ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TELEPHONE 939-3826

January 22, 1987

Father [REDACTED], OFM
Minister Provincial
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA. 94601

RE: Brother Thomas Thing, OFM

Dear Father [REDACTED]:

This letter is written to you in praise of the work of one of your friars, Brother Thomas Thing, OFM.

Brother Tom is currently involved in his second year as Youth Minister for our parish, St. Stephen's in Walnut Creek. He has built a program for our youth that now has thirty-five youth participants; he has done this quickly in spite of the fact that St. Stephen's has not had an active Youth Ministry for some time. Though Brother Tom has a busy academic and community life he always finds time to care for the occasional youth who might need some counseling or one who does not yet feel a part of the group. Brother Tom has the gift of making each teen feel special.

His ministry is an active one. The program includes retreats, weekly meetings, community building activities, and fosters trusting relationships as well as an emotional support system for our high school teens. Brother Tom is a good role model and has shown our youth the fuller meaning of church. This program is resulting in a solid formation for our next generation of adult Catholics, and with God's grace this work will continue in years to come.

Brother Tom has been a blessing to the entire community, and we are grateful for his service to our parish.

Yours in Christ,

Paula Wayne
Paula Wayne
Director, R.C.I.A.

cc: Father Richard McManus, OFM

FRAF 00177

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

February 2, 1987

Brother Thomas Thing, OFM
1927 -7th Street
Berkeley, CA 94710

Dear Tom:

I received a letter recently a letter from Paula Wayne, Director of R.C.I.A. singing your praises about your work at St. Stephen's. It was very good of her to write and to say such very very nice things about you. I must admit I was proud to hear the wonderful things that she said. You have every right to be proud of yourself and the good work that you have done, and you certainly have my congratulations.

I know Tom that you are disappointed in the decision that we made about St. Anthony's. I do feel very badly about it but we tried to do the best that we could. It really was a very difficult decision and we just have to go with it. I do hope that you can do all that you can to support Gus as I know we are all very concerned about him. Garret was here and we had a long talk about the situation and Gus's reaction. Garret is trying to help as well as he can but does not really know what would do the trick, so anyway that you can help I would appreciate it.

Thank you again for the very great job you have done at St. Stephen's and all the support that I experienced from you as a friar.

gratefully,

1500 thirty-fourth Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Provincial Minister, (415) 536-3722
Provincial Office (415) 536-1266

FRAF 00178

April 21, 1987

"The Lord has done great things for me, great things"

Dear Fr. [REDACTED],

Peace!! After much prayer and consultation with my spiritual director and my formation director(s), I feel that I am ready to make my Solemn Vows to the Franciscan Friars.

The other day I was talking with Richard McManus and he pointed out that I have been with the Friars for half of my life. I entered St. Anthony's Seminary in 1974, when I was fourteen. I am now twenty-seven. I have to say that the years have been years of great growth, and many friendships with many Friars. I feel that I know the group that I am joining, and wish to commit myself for life to the Friars. I am requesting Solemn Vows for September of this year.

Thanks for your support and encouragement throughout the years.

Peace and all good,

your brother,

Thomas Thing O.F.M.
Thomas Thing, O.F.M.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

COPY

April 28, 1987

Thomas Thing, OFM
1920 - 7th Street
Berkeley, Ca 94710

Dear Tom:

I just received your letter regarding the appeal for solemn vows. I will be presenting the list to the definitorium in a week or so, and your name is on the list.

I am really happy that you have come to this decision, as I know it is something that you have thought about a great deal and prayed over, and I am sure that this is a mature decision on your part.

We are in the process of collecting the evaluations and as I said I will be presenting this to the definitorium, when we meet May 7, and then we will be letting you know.

Thank you again for writing Tom and we wish you all the best.

with fraternal affection,



1500 thirty-fourth Avenue
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FRAF 00180

SOLEMN VOW REQUEST

EVALUATION REPORT FORM

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Other:

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Leave of Absence: Dates/Comments:

FRAF 00181

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Tom has the desire and the ability to live the vowed life in an honest and healthy way. He continues to discover what the vows call and challenge him to do and the way to live them out well. He is open and accepting of challenge. For him, it seems, that solemn vows are not 'final' in the sense that he would have no more to learn after that about the vowed way of life.

Tom is sociable and relates well with people - of all kinds and sorts - from young children to old ladies. He has worked in Las Vegas and enjoyed working within the Black culture. He remains open to such involvement in the future. In cases of conflict he is usually able to work through differences and express himself; occasionally, when things cannot be worked out amicably, he is able yet to tolerate imperfect situations. Being a hard worker himself, he can tend to be somewhat judgmental of others who do not seem to carry their own weight. This can be a source of tension.

Tom has some self-image problems that seem to center around his being overweight. He does take care to dress well, and is concerned about the way he looks. He would do well to continue to try to develop some skills in this area - weight control programs, exercise, stress management, etc. Tom certainly is not unaware of this, and sees it as a focus of concern. (Also, it would be beneficial at some point for him to delve further into understanding possible dynamics underlying the feelings, attitudes and behaviors around this issue.)

Tom is a talented young man; he loves music and has a good voice. He was a charter member of the Santa Barbara Boys Choir.


IMPRESSIONS:

Overall, Tom possess and demonstrates vital skills essential for living our way of life in a healthy and holy way. Tom is a community man. He has a sense of warmth and humor, a generous spirit, flexible, with ability to co-operate and tolerate; he recognizes what needs to be done and takes initiative to make good community happen. He values community life; he is not a loner. He is interested in continuing to develop his professional and personal skills to help people. He is a hard worker. His exuberance is contagious. He is able to learn from his mistakes, and move on without holding grudges. Tom knows what he is getting into, with life with the friars.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is the unanimous vote of the local community of 7th St. solemnly professed, as well as the whole Post Novitiate team, that THOMAS THING be admitted to solemn profession

COMMENTS:

Evaluators: 
Richard McManus
Vince Mesl
John Gutierrez
Patrick Groves

Report written by: Richard McManus
Date of report: 5/1/87

SOLENN VOW REQUEST

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Tom has the desire and the ability to live the vowed life in an honest and healthy way. He continues to discover what the vows call and challenge him to do and the way to live them out well. He is open and accepting of challenge. For him, it seems, that solemn vows are not 'final' in the sense that he would have no more to learn after that about the vowed way of life.

Tom is sociable and relates well with people - of all kinds and sorts - from young children to old ladies. He has worked in Las Vegas and enjoyed working within the Black culture. He remains open to such involvement in the future. In cases of conflict he is usually able to work through differences and express himself; occasionally, when things cannot be worked out amicably, he is able yet to tolerate imperfect situations. Being a hard worker himself, he can tend to be somewhat judgmental of others who do not seem to carry their own weight. This can be a source of tension.

Tom has some self-image problems that seem to center around his being overweight. He does take care to dress well, and is concerned about the way he looks. He would do well to continue to try to develop some skills in this area - weight control programs, exercise, stress management, etc. Tom certainly is not unaware of this, and sees it as a focus of concern. (Also, it would be beneficial at some point for him to delve further into understanding possible dynamics underlying the feelings, attitudes and behaviors around this issue.)

Tom is a talented young man; he loves music and has a good voice. He was a charter member of the Santa Barbara Boys Choir.

IMPRESSIONS:

Overall, Tom possess and demonstrates vital skills essential for living our way of life in a healthy and holy way. Tom is a community man. He has a sense of warmth and humor, a generous spirit, flexible, with ability to co-operate and tolerate; he recognizes what needs to be done and takes initiative to make good community happen. He values community life; he is not a loner. He is interested in continuing to develop his professional and personal skills to help people. He is a hard worker. His exuberance is contagious. He is able to learn from his mistakes, and move on without holding grudges. Tom knows what he is getting into, with life with the friars.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is the unanimous vote of the local community of 7th St. solemnly professed, as well as the whole Post Novitiate team, that THOMAS THING be admitted to solemn profession

COMMENTS:

Evaluators:

Richard McManus
Vince Mead
John Gutierrez
Patrick Groves

Report written by: Richard McManus

Date of report: 5/1/87

June 15, 1987

[REDACTED], OFM
1500 Thirty-Fourth Ave.
Oakland, CA 94601

Dear [REDACTED],

It is my understanding from talking with Richard McManus that my move to Danville has been approved. If this is correct, please notify Howard Hall to confirm the move.

You mentioned in your May 11th letter regarding Solem Vows that you would like to have a private interview with me. I will be at Mission San Luis Rey from June 19, through July 31. I will then be on retreat at Three Rivers until August 12th. I will then return to the Bay Area. If you would like to talk with me contact me at those places.

I pray that the Lord continues to bless you and work through you.

With affection,

Thomas
Thomas Thing, OFM

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

June 26, 1987

Thomas Thing, OFM
Old Mission San Luis Rey
4050 Mission Blvd.
San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Dear Tom:

Thanks for writing, I hope all is going well there at San Luis Rey. I am really sorry that we have not managed to get together, I do not know what has happened here. I do look forward to some interview, but do not know when. I will be coming down that way but not until August, and by then you will already be moving towards a retreat at Three Rivers, and on back to the bay area. I will be sometime at Three Rivers and it maybe while you are there, if so we can talk then, otherwise please try to contact me as soon as you return to the bay area. I would like to have a chance to talk before the actual time of solemn vows arrives, and it is getting close.

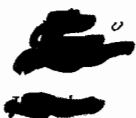
I am not exactly sure about how the arrangements have been made with your move to Danville. As a formation student Richard McManus negotiates for you but since you will be out of the initial formation when you actually move you will be solemnly professed.

I do understand that they have discussed it at Danville, however Howard is away and I cannot talk to him. I will write to him and if he approves, then we can go ahead and confirm the transfer.

It does sound like a good move and I know that the friars there are anxious to have you come.

Do have a good summer Tom and I hope it is an enjoyable one, not only for those who come there, but for you too. Look forward to seeing you sometime in August.

with fraternal affection,



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RENUNCIATION AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY
Before Solemn Profession

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF PROPERTY

I, Friar (name: religious and family) Brother Thomas Thing, O.F.M.,
formerly known as (name: baptismal and family) Thomas Thing,
the undersigned, a member of the Order of Friars Minor of the Province of Saint Barbara, pursuant to Canon 581 of the Code of Canon Law and Article 80, 1, of the General Constitutions of the Order of Friars Minor, do hereby, in view of and in dependence on my Solemn Profession, freely renounce and abdicate ownership of all property which I now actually possess, and also of whatever property may come to me after my Solemn Profession by paternal and/or maternal inheritance, and I hereby freely dispose of the aforesaid property in the following manner.

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

First: All the property which I now actually possess I hereby freely dispose of by giving it to:

Mr. Robert H. Thing
Mrs. Robert H. Thing

Second: I also freely dispose of whatever property may come to me after my Solemn Profession by paternal or maternal inheritance, and I hereby direct that such property shall be given to:

a) Michael Thing

and, in the event of his/her/their previous demise, to:

b) James Paul Thing

and, in the event of his/her/their previous demise, to:

Christopher Michael Haynes

IN CONFIRMATION of the above, I, Friar Thomas Thing, O.F.M.,
have set my hand to this Renunciation and Disposition this 5 day of September, in the year of Our Lord
Nineteen Hundred and eightyseven

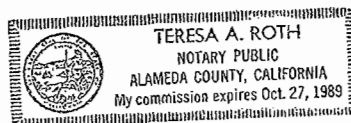
(Signed) Br. Thomas Thing, O.F.M.

Signed by the above-named Friar Br. Thomas Thing, O.F.M.,
in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names at his request, as witnesses thereto in the presence of the above-signed
Friar and of each other, this 5th day of September, 19 87, at St. Elizabeth's,
Oakland, CA 94612,
(City—State) (Priary)

(Witness) Carol E. Roth

(Witness) Ruth E. Roth

ATTEST:
Teresa A. Roth
Notary Public



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OATH BEFORE SOLEMN PROFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I, Br. Thomas Thing O.F.M., of the Order of Friars Minor of the Province of St. Barbara, attest and confirm that I know the nature and the meaning of the evangelical counsels and understand a perpetual vow with its consequent obligations.

In confirmation of the above I, Br. Thomas Thing O.F.M. have taken this oath this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and eighty seven.

Br. Thomas Thing, O.F.M.

Signed by the above named friar in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names at his request, and as witnesses thereto, in his presence and of each other, on this 5th day of September in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and eighty seven, at St. Elizabeths, in Oakland, CA.

Samuel L. H. Jr. Witness

Richard M. Williams Jr. Witness

RENUNCIATION

Before Solemn Profession

Place St. Elizabeth's Friary
Oakland, CA.

Date Sept. 5, 1987

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I, Frater-Brother (full name) Thomas Thing,
member of the Order of Friars Minor of the Province of St. Barbara, pursuant to Ecclesiastical Canons
(Can. 581), hereby freely renounce all right to any temporal goods whatever, and I dispose of the
goods which I actually possess, as also of all goods which I may obtain by parental inheritance, in the
manner described in my LAST WILL executed in a separate document.

In confirmation of the above, I, Frater-Brother (full name) Thomas Thing,
have to this Renunciation set my hand this 5th

day of September in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and eighty seven

Fr.-Bro. (full name) Br. Thomas Thing O. F. M.

Signed by the above-named Frater-Brother Thomas Thing

in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed
our names at his request, as witnesses thereto in the presence of the above-signed Frater-Brother

and of each other, this 5th
day of September, 1987, at St. Elizabeth's Friary

Samuel L. ... Witness
Address Huntington Beach, CA

Richard ... Witness
Address

NOTICE OF THE
PROFESSION OF SOLEMN VOWS
IN THE
ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

NAME OF THE PROFESSED

Religious Name Thomas Thing

Baptismal Name Thomas Thing

Family Name Thing

Status (lay-brother- intends to be ordained- priest)
Friar Minor

Place of birth San Diego, Calif

Date of birth May 22, 1959

Date of Profession September 6th 1987

Place of Profession St. Elizabeths Church
Oakland, CA.

Signature of professed Thomas Thing

Witnesses

Bernadette Connolly, Reg. Prov.
Richard McManus Jr.

Minister Provincial
(or Delegate)

~~Richard McManus Jr.~~ min. gen. of

This information is in accord with that which is entered in the
book of Profession.

R. McManus Jr.
Director of Post- Novitiate Formation

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

May 11, 1987

Thomas Thing, OFM
1920 - 7th Street
Berkeley, CA 94710

Dear Thomas: Peace and all good my brother!

I did receive your letter requesting to make solemn profession. I am sorry to have missed you on visitation, and we have not had an opportunity for a private interview. I would like to do that sometime in the not too distant future. Nevertheless, I do feel confident in acting on your petition at this time.

At our recent meeting we reviewed your request as presented by those responsible for your formation. I know it has been a long time coming. As you mentioned you have been with the friars almost since childhood. We are grateful that you have shared so much of your life with us, and also your growth. As with the growth of any of us, it has had its ups and downs. Most happily these last years have been mostly up, and therefore those in your own community and those responsible for your formation give you a whole hearted endorsement. We were very happy to receive that endorsement and it has been the pleasure of the definitorium to concur that endorsement.

I myself have had a long time to get to know you Tom, and to see you go through the various stages of growth in community living, and in the faith that you bring to franciscan life. You have many wonderful qualities and a real gift for community. I believe it is that gift that the friars want, especially to share by having you live with us in our fraternity. We appreciate the fact that you have made this decision to commit yourself to our way of life, and therefore are most happy to welcome you into the final commitment in the franciscan order. So I thank you for choosing to join us, and I look forward to the day of solemn profession when we will happily realize that profession in a solemn way. That will be a joyful moment.

In the meantime you will be making a retreat for solemn profession, and my prayers will be with you that it may be a time of grace for you, and an even greater deepening of your commitment to the franciscan way of life.

It is with happiness and joy that I write this letter, and May God's blessings be with you.

with warm fraternal affection,


Minister Provincial

1500 thirty-fourth Avenue
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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Jan. 17, 1989

He - Tim King

Fr. [REDACTED], OFM
Minister Provincial
1500 34th Ave
Oakland, CA, 94606

Dear [REDACTED],

Peace and all Good! I hope that this letter finds you healthy and some what rested from your most recent trip.

Back in September of 1988, we talked about the possibility of my future assignment. Many things have taken place since that time. At that time when we talked you were asking me to leave my position as Youth Minister at St. Stephen's, and at St. Mary's. The time has come to definitely move on from St. Stephen's. I have been part time Youth Minister there for the past 4 years and i feel that I have brought the Youth Group as far as I an able. It is time to step aside ant let a Young Adult who has been working with me for the last 2 years take charge of the program. I have told Monsignor Keavenny that I will not be returning to St. Stephen's.

As for St. Mary's I do not have the same feelings for moving on. This is my second year at St. Mary's and the program is still young and unfinished. I feel that it takes more than two years to establish a good and solid program. I feel to leave at this point would hurt the program and the Youth whom have come to trust me.

There are a few other reasons for wanting to stay here at St. Mary's. One reason is that I was asked back in September to be a member of the Board of Directors of CASA. CASA is a city sponsored drug and substance aduse education team. We sponsor Red Ribbon week, which is a national event. We help raise the awareness of parents and teens to the problems related to drugs and alcohol. We sponsor drug free/alcoholfree events. I find this work very rewarding.

I have also been asked by the Diocese of Oakland to sit on the steering comittee of a special project. The project is called The Youth And Youth Adult Evangelization Process. This is a study and program to look at the needs of youth in the Diocese. I feel very good about the ministry that I am involved in at the present time. I am requesting to remain in this ministry here at St. Mary's. The Pastor is not aware of the possibility of me not being here next year. For his sake and the sake of the parish I need an answer soon so that in the event of me not being here it will be necessary to find a replacement.

I have been contacted by Sr. Verlee at Sts. Simon & Jude about the possibility of teaching in the school this Sept. I need to respond to her.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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I am aware of the needs of the Province. I also find it challenging to be here at St. Mary's and in Walnut Creek. The people have been mostly challenging than supportive. But with the help of my brothers I have done well and feel good about my ministry. Robert Rodrigues has been most supportive. I hope to work with him in the near future. I hope to continue to live at San Damiano with the hope and need for personal changes.

, thank you for your support and ministry as Minister Provincial. Continue the difficult and challenging tasks as minister. Know that you and the Provincial staff are in my prayers. Please contact me as soon as you can for as you are aware the Pastor needs to replace me if needed.

Your Brother In Francis,

Thomas Thing O.F.M.
Thomas Thing, OFM.

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Thomas Thing, OFM
San Damiano Retreat
Box 767
Danville, Ca. 94526

February 7, 1989

Dear Tom:

Peace and all good!

I hope that you are doing well.

I would like to thank you for all the work you have done in Lafayette up to this time. I know that it is much appreciated.

Thanks also for the letter which you wrote to me. I brought it before the definitorium at the last meeting, and let me say that the lines which you indicate there for your future seem very acceptable to the definitorium. I think we would plan, then, that you continue to work in the diocesan parish and live with the fraternity at Danville for the coming year. I would like to note the definitorium is very anxious that after this year is past you move to work in a Franciscan parish so that you might support the friars, both in work and in fraternity together. I look forward to talking to you about these issues. Perhaps it will provide a good opportunity for us to get to know each other better.

Thanks very much for your patience, Tom. I wish you the best, both in your life and in your work. Please remember me in your prayers.

Fraternally,

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Thomas Thing OFM
ST. MARY'S CHURCH

February 15, 1990

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Fr. [REDACTED], OFM
Minister Provincial
1500 34th Ave.
Oakland, CA 94606

for - Tom Thing
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Dear [REDACTED],

I pray that this letter finds you well!

Last year in January 1989, I wrote to you requesting to remain in my present assignment. Permission was given for me to continue my ministry here at St. Mary's, Walnut Creek. I thank you for allowing this. With this permission you had requested that my next assignment be in a Franciscan Parish so that I might support the Friars, both in work and in fraternity. With this request in mind I write to you in regards to my future placement.

I am interested in both Parish Ministry and Teaching. Please allow me to share a few ideas that I have been thinking about.

Garret Edmunds had talked to me about the possibility of him being named as Pastor of St. Francis, Provo. He asked me if I would be interested in working with him at Provo. My answer was yes, but... I have one major consideration. Garret can be difficult to live and work with. I would not want to go to Provo with him if I did not have another Friar with whom I could relate and be supported. I then talked to Oscar Mendez with whom I have lived. I very much enjoy Oscar and respect him. I asked him if he would be interested in Provo. His answer was positive. He would be willing to go to Provo. Would it be possible that the three of us are sent? It is important for me to have a good and supporting community. I hope that this will be taken into consideration.

As I mentioned, I am also interested in Teaching both at Elementary and High School level. I would like to work on obtaining my Teaching Credential. Sr. Verlee principal at Sts. Simon & Jude, Huntington Beach has contacted me offering a teaching position in the school. She has mentioned that the Diocese Of Orange has an excellent Credential Program and would allow me to teach while obtaining a Credential. Would this be a possibility?

In closing, these are a few thoughts that have crossed my mind. Are there needs that I am not aware of? Are there other possibilities?

I hope to talk to the Pastor here at St. Mary's in the middle of March and tell him that I will not be returning in September 1990. I would like to give him reasons and share with him my future assignment. For my own peace of mind I would like to know where I will be next year. I hope you have time to respond

sometime soon. Thank You & God Bless. *Thomas Thing*

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (415)536-3722 Fax (415)536-3970

Tom Thing, OFM
San Damiano Retreat
Box 767
Danville, CA 94526

March 29, 1990

Dear Tom:

Peace and all good!

I hope this letter finds you well. I want to thank you very much for coming in to see me before the definitorium meeting. I appreciate your honesty and all the options which you opened up.

I would like to report on the conversation at the definitorial level. We have not made an assignment yet, but our preference is certainly that you go into pastoral work, and that you probably do so at Provo, Utah. We have not yet made all the decisions with respect to this, and so I would ask you to keep this to yourself, at least for the next couple of weeks until the next definitorial meeting when the official assignments are made. I appreciate your patience in this matter. I did want to give you some feedback as to the pastoral work over against education on the primary level. We're definitely more inclined to the pastoral work.

Thanks very much for your cooperation, Tom. Please remember me in your prayers.

Fraternally,

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (415)536-3722 Fax (415)536-3970

August 10, 1990

Most Rev. William Weigand, DD
The Diocese of Salt Lake City
27 C Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

Dear Bishop Weigand:

I am writing on behalf of the Rev. [REDACTED] OFM, Provincial Minister of the Franciscan Friars, to request faculties of the Diocese for Father Garret Edmunds, OFM, who is being assigned to St. Francis Church, Provo, effective September 1, 1990.

Father Edmunds will work with Father Flavio during the month of September and will become pastor on October 1, 1990.

Father [REDACTED] also wishes to inform you that Brother Thomas Thing, OFM, is also being assigned to St. Francis to work with Father Edmunds as a pastoral associate.

I attest to the fact that Father Edmunds and Brother Thing are friars in good standing in the Province of St. Barbara, of which I am the Provincial Secretary.

The Friars of the Province continue to pray for you and the well-being of the Diocese.

Sincerely yours in St. Francis,

(Rev.) Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Secretary of the Province

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
27 C STREET
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84103



August 24, 1990

Brother Thomas Thing, OFM
Franciscan Friars
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Dear Thing:

This is to assure you that I am pleased to welcome you to Utah and the Diocese of Salt Lake City and to approve Father [REDACTED]'s appointment of you as pastoral associate of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Provo.

I believe you will quickly come to appreciate the people of Utah and especially of St. Francis of Assisi Parish. You will find ample outlet for your pastoral talents and zeal.

Be assured of my prayers, solidarity and esteem.

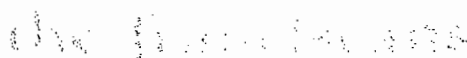
Fraternally in the Lord,

WILLIAM K. WEIGAND
Bishop of Salt Lake City

WKW/hm

cc: Very Rev. [REDACTED], OFM

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Tom V. [unclear]

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY JOB DESCRIPTION 92-93

Major Job Responsibility #1: Working as a resource person for those involved in Youth Ministry in parishes, schools and other Youth Ministry related institutions within the Diocese.

Major Job Responsibility #2: Maintaining our Shared Diocesan planning and evaluation process for Youth Ministry (i.e., to assess needs, set vision, plan strategies, evaluate on an ongoing basis). Implementing the Annual Diocesan Youth Commission Planning Day.

Major Job Responsibility #3: Continued maintenance and development of the Diocesan Youth Commission as the core leadership structure in achieving the Mission and Strategic Plan for service to leaders concerned with Catholic Youth Ministry.

Major Job Responsibility #4: Promoting and developing Deanery level Youth Ministry throughout the Diocese.

Major Job Responsibility #5: Facilitating the planning and implementation of the Annual Youth Conference.

Major Job Responsibility #6: Recruiting and supervising Camp Program Administrator/Director in the development camping and/or camp-like experiences for Catholic leadership development among youth.

Major Job Responsibility #7: Creating a functioning Youth Ministry structure throughout the Diocese that facilitates the networking and representation of youth and adults involved in Youth Ministry.

Major Job Responsibility #8: Working as a collaborative member on the Educational Services Directorate.

Major Job Responsibility #9: Participating in Regional and National Youth Ministry gatherings with other Directors to maintain ongoing communication and collaboration.

Major Job Responsibility #10: Developing and implementing strategies that Diocesan Youth Ministry Office could implement for the expansion of Youth Ministry into the areas of early adolescent and young adult ministry.

Major Job Responsibility #11: Affirming, advocating and developing cultural diversity among the many ethnic groups represented in our Diocese - particularly the Hispanic community.

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Tom Thayer

[REDACTED]

MEMORANDUM

Dependent
I
C.
for
T. M.

To: [REDACTED], O.F.M.
Minister Provincial

From: Br. Tom Thing, O.F.M

Date: December 23, 1992

In September of 1992, you and I met and talked about the possibility of me going to work for the Diocese of Salt Lake City as Director of Youth Ministry. At the time you were not in favor of me taking this full time position. You have some well founded concerns and I very much respect why you expressed these concerns. We ended the conversation with you asking me to make the decision. I listened to your concerns - I talked and prayed about my direction. I decided not to go to work for the Diocese as full time position as Director of Youth Ministry.

What I did decide was to give the Office of Youth Ministry one day a week to help the Diocese out until they could do a "proper search". I felt this was a compromise. The position addresses some of my own needs to continue to develop my own gifts and talents in the field of Youth Ministry. I have enjoyed my ministry with the Diocese and in Garret's opinion all has worked out well.

It is my understanding that my 3 year assignment in Provo will come to an end the summer of 1993. I can say that when I first arrived in Utah, I did not think I would make it past a year or so, but I have. I have come to enjoy the beauty of "Zion". With the addition of Pedro to the Community, fraternal life has become more fulfilling; I appreciate his humor and friendship.

In terms of my future assignment, I would be willing and would like to remain in Provo and develop my skills in the field of Youth Ministry. I would like to pursue the Directorship of Youth Ministry as a full time position working for the Diocese. I have talked with Garret about this and he is very supportive of the idea. I would continue to live in Provo and keep some presence in the parish.

I feel that this would be a good ministry opportunity for me. I would like to develop my skills in Youth Ministry and attend the National Training and Certificate Program offered in Denver next year. The Diocese would be willing to pay for this program. It consists of 4 weekends and individual projects throughout the year. This is a well-rounded program that lends itself to more of an administrative position.

Memorandum to: [REDACTED], O.F.M.
December 23, 1992

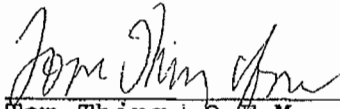
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I have learned much about myself and ministry here in Utah. Again, I enjoy my one day a week with the Diocese and would like to expand this to a full time position. The Diocese is in need of a response by the end of January, early February, 1993, so they can make their plans for a Director of Youth Ministry.

I ask that you consider this proposal and permit me to pursue this rewarding opportunity. I feel this would be good for the Province, Diocese, and those I minister to. Please let me know your response.

Peace and Good.

Respectfully submitted:



Tom Thing, O.F.M.

Tim [Signature]

JOB DESCRIPTION: COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
92-95

SUPERVISOR: DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DIRECTORATE: EDUCATION SERVICES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 1992

Major Job Responsibility #1: Working as a resource person for those involved in Youth Ministry in parishes, schools and other Youth Ministry related institutions within the Diocese.

Major Job Responsibility #2: Coordinating and developing the Diocesan Youth Commission as the core leadership structure in achieving the Mission and Strategic Plan for service to leaders concerned with Catholic Youth Ministry.

Major Job Responsibility #3: Maintaining the collaborative planning, monitoring and evaluation process for Diocesan Youth Ministry. Implementing the Annual Diocesan Youth Commission Planning Day.

Major Job Responsibility #4: Participating in Regional and National Youth Ministry gatherings with other Directors to maintain ongoing communication and collaboration.

Major Job Responsibility #5: Affirming, advocating and developing cultural diversity among the many ethnic groups represented in our Diocese - particularly the Hispanic community.

Major Job Responsibility #6: Assist in supervising the International Youth Rally Program Director.

Major Job Responsibility #7: Continue development and implementation of camping and/or camp-like experiences for Catholic leadership development among youth.

MISSION STATEMENT

Believing that Catholic young people of Utah are a vital part of the Faith Community and the Mission of the Universal Church, the Diocesan Youth Commission -- called by the Holy Spirit and in union with the Diocesan Bishop and Parish Pastors -- is committed to serving all leaders concerned with Catholic Youth Ministry by enabling them to provide ministry "to, with, by and for" all young people.



FILE

Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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Tom Thing, OFM
St. Francis Friary
172 N. 5th. St. West
Provo, Utah 84601

January 23, 1993

Dear Tom:

Peace and all good!

This is just a brief note to let you know that you have the permission of myself and the definitorium to make application to be Director of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Salt Lake City. What an exciting opportunity for you and for all of us! I believe it's a good step forward and it will make tremendous use of the expertise you have acquired. It is our understanding and expectation that you will continue to live in Provo and participate in local community life. From the information which you sent to Michael Doherty and he passed on to us, it is certainly is my understanding that the job will not take you substantially away from presence in the local community.

As you know from many of the letters which I've sent out, we are now instituting a new policy in the province with respect to a psychosexual review of all those involved in youth ministry. This would include yourself and I suppose since we are just instituting the policy, we have to begin someplace. So, sometime in the near future I will be asking you to have a psychosexual review done by a professional, in order to certify that you and the people and the friars will be well served in the work that you do. I'm sure you understand the circumstances which are occasioning these types of review. In the future, I think it will stand the friars in good stead to see that we go through this type of process. I will notify you on developments.

Congratulations, Tom. I wish you all the best. Be assured of my prayers and support, I count on yours.

Fraternally,

jhs

FRAF 00212

Tom Thang

*Does it have to go to search. Am already P.T.
who is the Director? Look at Policy.*

DRAFT :

JOB DESCRIPTION: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

SUPERVISOR: DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DIRECTORATE: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

DATE: MARCH 3, 1993

The Associate Director of Youth Ministry is responsible for carrying out the policies of the Bishop and works with the Director of Religious Education in developing and implementing programs designed to ensure that the social, catechetical, and developmental needs of youth in the Diocese are being addressed with the aim of achieving adult faith development.

Specific responsibilities include:

1. Serving as a resource for those involved in Youth Ministry in parishes, schools and other youth related institutions within the Diocese.
2. Working with the Diocesan Youth Commission to assess needs, plan strategies, and evaluate programs and activities designed to develop and support Youth Ministry leadership throughout the Diocese.
3. Developing youth leadership programs throughout the Diocese.
4. Planning and implementing activities that will bring the youth throughout the Diocese together for shared experiences. These activities include planning the annual Youth Conference, developing a youth retreat program, and supervising plans for the World Youth Day Rally and Hub City experience.
5. Developing and supervising summer camping for youth.
6. Supervising and supporting the diocesan scouting program.
7. Providing regular diocesan Youth Ministry representation to Parish Athletic Recreation Association (PARA).
8. Working collaboratively with catechetical leaders to evangelize and catechize the youth.

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need to evangelize - not catechize

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Job Description - Associate Director of Youth Ministry

9. Developing programs for Hispanic youth in conjunction with diocesan Hispanic leadership.
10. Working with state and local civic leaders to identify strategies to address youth related social problems, e.g., urban gangs, drugs, teenage pregnancy, AIDS awareness, etc.
11. Exploring and developing programs for broadening the vision and experiences of youth in social justice issues, e.g., planning speaker programs, coordinating out-reach programs to the poor, offering a third-world experience.
12. Participating in regional and national Youth Ministry gatherings to maintain ongoing communication and collaboration.



Saint Mary's Basilica

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Tom Shum

May 26, 1993

Dear Garret,

I want to thank you for your fine hospitality during my visit. It was a real joy to have you with you and "look out" for me.

On the way back, and today I got to thinking about the situation (or lack thereof).

I know that you are preoccupied, so I would prefer to address you as "a private citizen" rather than as a defendant.

As pastors, you and I are quite understandably concerned about the rightly so - an upgrading building - for the benefit of the parish. You are doing things also, that should have been taken care of, and are more important than buildings, there is no doubt about that.

Because (a) you've mentioned how valuable Tom is to the parish and (b) his own self-esteem as of the church's future, and because the trip obviously must be planned and executed, and I and recommend to you that he be given a full salary.

This obviously would mean that he would be paid for his services, and overall financial picture - a "fair" value for his services, and concrete.

So I hope that you will give him the salary he deserves for his services, and the school rental each month for the school.

Anyway, these are my thoughts.

Cheers, etc.

W. Shum

(62) 22-468

FRAF 00215



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Tom Thing, OFM
St. Francis Friary
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Mar. 8, 1994

Dear Tom:

Peace and all good!

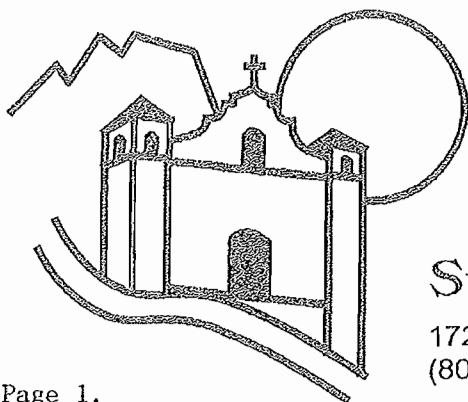
This is just a short note to thank you very much for your letter to me of Feb. 23, in which you lay out your plans for graduate studies. I appreciate very much the thoroughness with which you examined this question. I certainly will be willing to send the Graduate Studies committee a letter of recommendation when the need arises. Obviously we're in an interim situation right now. I will pass this letter on to the provincial definitorium at the March meeting, and then we will discuss it. I doubt whether there will be any difficulty. I do understand what you're after, and very much appreciate your perseverance.

You're a good man and a good friar, Tom. Please be assured of my prayers and support. I look forward to speaking with you after the definitorium meeting.

Fraternally,

, OFM
Provincial Minister

/jhs



Handwritten signature/initials
Tom Rouse

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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February 23, 1994

Dear [REDACTED],

I would like to bring you up to date on my Graduate Studies Program(s). For the past three weeks I have been contacting different Institutions on various Theological Programs. I went to Franciscan School of Theology(FST) and gathered information on the Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry. I went to Holy Names College to gather information on their Pastoral Counseling Masters. I gathered information for University of San Francisco and St. Mary's College. I then contacted Loyola Marymount Los Angeles and finally talked with Warren Rouse and [REDACTED]. They asked me if I had contacted University of San Diego. I then began to gather information on their Theological Programs.

After all this "gathering" I have narrowed the two best programs to the one at Loyola Marymount and University of San Diego. I think either program would equip me for the "tools" I am in need of. Both programs offer basic theological backgrounds covering methods of biblical, historical, systematic, and moral theology. Yet, the program at University of San Diego allows for a emphasis in the area of College Campus Ministry. This is a ministry that I am presently involved with and very much enjoy. In our last conversation we talked about Campus Ministry and you seemed to be positive about this being a future ministry possibility for me.

I would like to propose the program at U.of San Diego as the program that would best fit my own needs. In terms of cost I have contacted Fr. Ron Pachance at the University. He has assured me that he would be willing to provide 30-50% of the tuition costs through scholarships available to Religious. Loyola will offer a 25% discount. I realize that at Loyola the Province maintains a large scholarship fund.

After talking with Warren Rouse, he encouraged me to follow up with the University of San Diego Master of Arts in Practical Theology with the emphasis in Campus Ministry. He and I are friends. I would love to have him as my Guardian .

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Warren has always been kind, supportive and challenging. I think I would have a positive "community experience" at San Louis Rey. I talked with him about the community at Malibu both he and I shared some concerns. I'm not sure Malibu would be the best experience. In our past conversations I have expressed my need for positive community experiences.

In any case, I feel that University Of San Diego, residing at San Louis would provide both the educational and communal experience I am in need of.

I thank you for your thoughts and directions in these matters.

I have completed the Graduate Studies Application for the Province. I am waiting for the costs of tuition from University of San Diego before I send in the application to Mel. In our last conversation you mentioned that you would send the Graduate Board a letter explaining the situation. The application says it takes 9 months for a decision. We talked about the possibility of beginning a program this fall if not this summer. University of San Diego offers a summer program beginning in June 1994. I am interested in beginning during the summer. Is this going to be possible? What do I need to do next in terms of the provinces application process? When can I plan on my transfer?

I await your directions.

Thank you for your support and prayers and leadership this past year.

This has been the worst year I have had. I know that there is a future and have faith in our Lord that all will work out according to the will of God.

You are in my prayers,

Fraternally,

Thomas Thing

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Tom Thing, OFM
St. Francis Friary
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Provo, Utah 84601

April 4, 1994

Dear Tom:

Peace and all good!

I hope you have a very joyous Easter. Enclosed, please find a letter of obedience for you to move from Provo to be in residence at San Luis Rey to pursue studies at the University of San Diego. I believe that the studies issue has to be cleared yet with the graduate studies committee. They will be receiving a recommendation from the definitorium. The date of the transfer may be arranged as the summer develops and I will leave that at your discretion.

Tom, it has been a very difficult year for you. I know this, and I appreciate very much the initiative you're taking to move into studies and to make, once again, a great contribution to the province. I thank you for your perseverance, your faith, and your support for myself. Please, in turn, be assured of mine. May God bless you.

Fraternally,

, OFM
Provincial Minister

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enclosure

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██████████, OFM
Provincial Minister
1500 34th Ave.
Oakland, CA 94601
April 11, 1994

Dear ██████,

Enclosed you will find my signed obedience at your request. I look forward to my transfer to San Luis Rey to pursue Graduate Studies. I thank you for all your support and efforts made on my behalf.
Have a well deserved sabbatical! Know that you are in my prayers.

Fraternally,

Thomas Thing, OFM
Thomas Thing, OFM

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To the Provincial Minister:

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

Thomas Ching O. F. M.
(signature)

April 11 1994
(date)



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Tom Thing, OFM
St. Francis Friary
172 N. 5th. St, West
Provo, Utah 84601

April 18, 1994

Dear Tom:

Peace and all good!

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a very joyous Easter.

Tom, this is just a short note to let you know that I have received the recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee that you pursue your application of studies at the University of San Diego. This had been previously approved by the definitorium, but we first wanted to consult the Graduate Studies Committee. I am very glad to say that they have given their go ahead and so now we can move forward.

Congratulations. I think this is a wonderful thing that you're doing, Tom. I know that it probably comes with some mixed motivations, but don't be afraid of that. This is often the way God works in our life. I very much appreciate your example and courage and the dedication you bring. I'm sure that you'll do well, and that it will open up many areas of ministry for you in the future.

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

Fraternally,

, OFM
Provincial Minister

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Province of St. Barbara

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April 13, 1994

Very Rev. [REDACTED], OFM
Minister Provincial
Province of St. Barbara
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Dear [REDACTED],

The Graduate Studies Committee of the Province met today in order to discuss Tom Thing's application for graduate studies at University of San Diego. I explained to the Committee the background regarding Tom's request. The Committee understands the situation and sees the process that was used as a way of exception.

The Committee had real questions about his ability to successfully complete a Master's program. Even if he did not, it would still be good for him to get some theological background, and he should be encouraged to do so.

The Committee does concur in the decision that has already been made and communicated to Tom.

Fraternally,

Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Acting Chair
Graduate Studies Committee

FRAF 00223

PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

Application for Graduate or Professional Studies

Instructions Kindly type all the information requested. When you have completed it, mail it to the Chairman of the Graduate Studies Committee. Keep a xerox copy for yourself.

1. Name Thomas Thing Phone (801) 374-5001/5004

Address 172 North 500 West, Provo, Utah. 84601

2. Current Ministry Pastoral Associate , St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Location Provo, Utah Years in Ministry 10

3. Describe the graduate or professional program you want, including its outcome (degree/credential/certificate/license/other).
A Master of Arts in Practical Theology is a 32 unit program. The program provides a theological foundation in methods of biblical, historical, systematic, and moral theology with special emphasis on the Roman Catholic tradition. This particular program allows for a area of concentration. I would like to specialize in the area of College Campus Ministry.

4. What are the benefits to the Province from the program?

I believe that all continuing education in this case a Master of Arts in Practical Theology, will bring great rewards to the Province. It will assure the continued successful ministry to a student population often neglected. I believe our province has a fine tradition of Campus Ministry. Granting me permission to receive a Masters will also bring a continued financial benefit to the Province.

5. What are the benefits to yourself from the program?

At this time in my life I feel a need for further education . Much of my past professional training was in the area of Youth Ministry. I need to now move beyond High School Youth Ministry and redirect my future ministry. After 10 years in ministry I feel and see the need to continue my educational process. I need to have a greater understanding of the Scriptures and our Catholic tradition. I believe this program provides "tools" necessary for my future ministerial assignments.

6. What is your preparation or competency for the program?

I think my need for "re-tooling" along with my desire could be seen as preparation. I feel I have a good sense of "Pastoral Ministry" from my 10 years in a Parish setting. I bring to this program much of the "practical" and many, many experiences we have in active ministry. In many ways I have many of the experiences but lack the educational background. I feel I need this program so that I might continue to be an affective Friar-Minister.

7. What is the name of the school you want to attend and where is it located? University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

8. Why did you choose this school?

I choose the school because of the Master in Arts in Practical Theology with an emphasis in Campus Ministry. This is one of the only programs in our Province boundary that offers this particular emphasis. Thus allowing me to reside at a local fraternity.

To be honest, I have also considered the community experience I might have at another University. I would reside at Mission San Luis Rey allowing me to have Warren Rouse as guardian. I know Warren would have a positive influence on me at this time in my life as a Friar.

9. Complete action on any request takes about nine (9) months. In view of this, when you do want to begin the program?

I wish to begin this program as soon as possible. Summer/Fall 1994

10. How long do you expect the program to last? 2 years full time student.

11. Kindly find out the cost per year of the program.

Tuition and fees \$ 10,000

Books \$ 800⁰⁰

Board and room \$ 5,000

Transportation \$ To Be Determined

Where do you expect to reside? I have contacted the guardian at

San Luis Rey. Warren Rouse would be excited to have me.

12. Name three persons whom you have requested to write letters recommending you for the program. The letters are to be sent directly to the Chairman of the Graduate Studies Committee.

(1) Warren Rouse

(2) [REDACTED]

(3) Garret Edmunds

For Committee Use Only:

Date received 3/30/94 / Date acknowledged _____ / Date sent

to committee 4/6/94 / Date of committee action _____ /

Date sent to Provincial _____ .



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April 6, 1994

Very Rev. Mel Jurisich, O.F.M.
Graduate Studies Committee
Province of St. Barbara
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

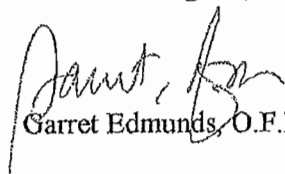
Dear Mel:

At his request, I am happy to write this letter of recommendation for Tom Thing, O.F.M. I believe that his hope to pursue graduate studies can benefit him, the Provincial community and the Church.

Tom already has a personality that enables him to generously and effectively minister to people. People appreciate him very much because of the concern and enthusiasm he brings to his ministry. A stronger background in theology and pastoral practice will strengthen what are already good ministerial skills. Tom will feel more confident about his own abilities, the quality of his ministry in the Church will improve and the life and outreach of the Province will be strengthened if Tom is successful in completing graduate studies.

Tom will need to make a special effort along the way if he is to be successful in graduate studies. I also believe he will need to be encouraged to recognize the need to be serious about applying himself to studies. With his own strong effort and the support of the Province, I believe Tom can be successful in his desire to get an advanced degree in Pastoral Theology. I therefore am happy to recommend him to the Graduate Studies Committee for positive consideration for the program he desires to pursue.

Peace and all good,


Garret Edmunds, O.F.M.



FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Saint Mary's Basilica

231 North Third Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2265

March 24, 1994

Graduate Studies Committee
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Dear Friars:

RE: BR. TOM THING

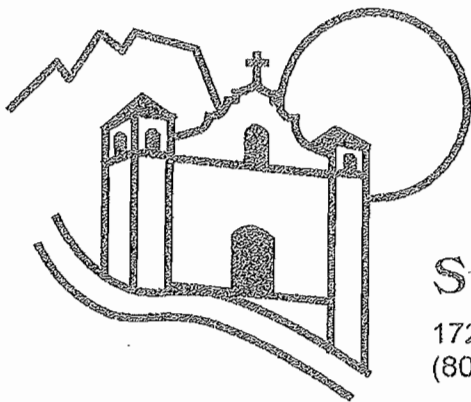
I recommend Br. Tom for graduate studies at USD, provided that he is accepted.

I believe that this will be a very beneficial experience for Br. Tom personally and for his future apostolates.

An added--and important--reason for this location is that he will have the benefit of a larger friar community.

If he is accepted, I will try to obtain donations toward his tuition.

(Rev.) Warren J. Rouse, O.F.M.



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April 26, 1994

Dear Mel,

Greetings from "the last of the dreaded P's." Just when we thought spring/summer was here, the snow returned! Last week it was in the 70's, today it's in the 40's. I am looking forward to the Southern Cal. weather!

I received a letter from [REDACTED] informing me that I have been accepted to pursue graduate studies on the recommendation from the Graduate Studies Board. Thank you for your efforts made on my behalf to the board. I feel that the program in Practical Studies best fits my needs and will also benefit the Province.

Last week I traveled to San Diego to meet with the Director of the Practical Theology program at University of San Diego. She was very encouraging and excited for me. We both agreed that it would be best if I eased myself back into studies. Therefor, I will enroll in the summer session beginning June 20, 1994. This will allow me to enroll in 6 units in the fall. We both felt this would be the best way to begin the program.

This leads me to the question of finances. What is the procedure for requesting/receiving the money budgeted for the program? Who do I contact?

As I mentioned, if all works out I hope to begin June 20th. I will need funds to do this. I have also submitted scholarship applications to USD. I am waiting for their response. They have promised some financial assistance.

Mel, I would appreciate if you could explain the process for receiving the money for graduate studies.

Once again, thank you for your support and friendship over the years. May you be blessed for the ministry that you provide to all us friars of this St. Barbara Province.

God Bless,

Thomas Thing
Thomas Thing, OFM

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Paul
An answer

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THOMAS THING
SEPT. 1994 TO AUG. 1995

Sheet1

ITEM	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG
HEALTH-DENTAL(\$32.55)	\$210.55	\$210.55	\$210.55	\$210.55	\$237.55	\$237.55	\$237.55	\$237.55	\$237.55	\$237.55	\$237.55	\$237.55
PERSONAL ALLOWANCE	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
TRANSPORTATION	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
ROOM & BOARD	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
VACATION				\$300.00								
RETREAT									\$150.00			
EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES												
TUITION:												
18 UNITS @ \$480 PER UNIT												
6 UNITS; FALL	\$2,880.00											
9 UNITS; WINTER				\$4,320.00								
3 UNITS; SUMMER									\$1,440.00			
BOOKS	\$125.00			\$125.00					\$125.00			
PARKING	\$45.00											
STUDENT FEES	\$25.00											
GRADUATE FEES	\$36.00											
TOTAL	\$3,846.55	\$735.55	\$735.55	\$5,480.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$2,477.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$762.55
LESS SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,440.00			\$2,160.00					\$720.00			
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$2,406.55	\$735.55	\$735.55	\$3,320.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$1,757.55	\$762.55	\$762.55	\$762.55
TOTAL FOR YEAR	\$2,406.55	\$3,141.55	\$3,877.10	\$7,197.65	\$7,960.20	\$8,722.75	\$9,485.30	\$10,247.85	\$12,005.40	\$12,767.95	\$13,530.50	\$14,293.05



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February 8, 1995

Tom Thing, OPM
Old Mission San Luis Rey
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San Luis Rey CA 92068

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Dear Tom,

Peace and good. I hope this letter finds you well.

This is just a short note, Tom, to thank you very much for bringing me up to date on your program and progress in graduate school. I'm very glad that it's working so well. Also, what a wonderful thing you've done in soliciting some monies. I'm glad everybody's being so generous.

Tom, I would like to let you know that the province has entered into a settlement with so that any civil complaints issued against the Province of St. Barbara in which your name was mentioned has now officially and formally ceased. This is good news. I don't see any fallout from the situation for yourself. Of course I know there are a lot of personal questions which still arise particularly as people have the wrong impression and the damage has been done socially and unfairly and unjustly to your good name. But I pray that over the course of time and with your new course of studies that this might be resolved. Be assured of my continued prayers and support. If there's anything I can do, don't hesitate to ask.

Fraternally,

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Tom Ehly
Old Mission

January 17, 1995

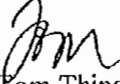


Just a note to keep you up dated on my progress with my graduate school at the University of San Diego. I have completed 13 units of the 36 units needed for the Master of Arts in Practical Theology. I have found the program both challenging and rewarding. I am receiving about one-half off the regular tuition fees. This is helping to keep the cost down. Each semester I need to apply for the various scholarships that are available to me as a Religious. The University has been very helpful thus far.

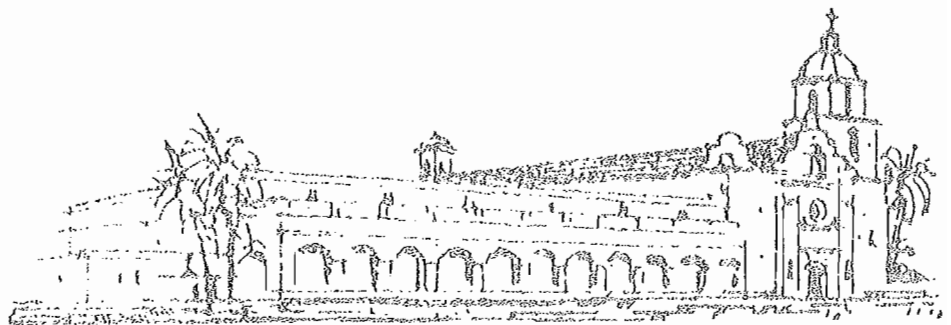
The enclosed letter was written to one of the donors thanking them for their contribution to my education. I would also once again thank you, for your efforts made on my behalf. I look forward to completing the program in the summer of 1996!

Once again, Thank You!

Peace and Good,


Tom Thing

THE FRANCISCANS
4050 Mission Avenue
San Luis Rey, California 92068
619 / 757-3651



FRAF 00231

January 17, 1995

Old Mission

Mr. & Mrs. James E. Spain, Jr.
900 W. Bay Ave.
Balboa, CA 92661

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Spain,

This letter is to introduce myself. My name is Brother Thomas Thing, O.F.M. I am a Franciscan Friar temporarily stationed at Old Mission San Luis Rey, near Oceanside, California.

I am here attending the University of San Diego. At present I am taking course work in the Practical Theology program. My aim is to merit a Master of Arts Degree. My long term goal is to be involved in Campus Ministry at the college level.

While being enrolled in U.S.D. I am working part time for Monsignor Clark at Church of the Nativity. I am developing classes for adults who are "Aspiring Catholics," coordinating Helping Hands, our Parish outreach program and mentoring a Youth Minister.

I am very interested to share these activities and goals with you, because in large part, you have made it possible for me to begin to accomplish these ends. Your donations to the U.S.D. has made it possible for me to dedicate the major portion of my time to both my studies and my ministry at The Church of the Nativity.

With sincerest good feelings, I extend to you both my thanks and gratitude for your generosity. Yours is such a thoughtful and creative gift, to help further the Kingdom of the Lord.

So, again, thank you so much. I hope one day to be able to thank you in person. Till then, May the Lord Bless You and Keep both, always.

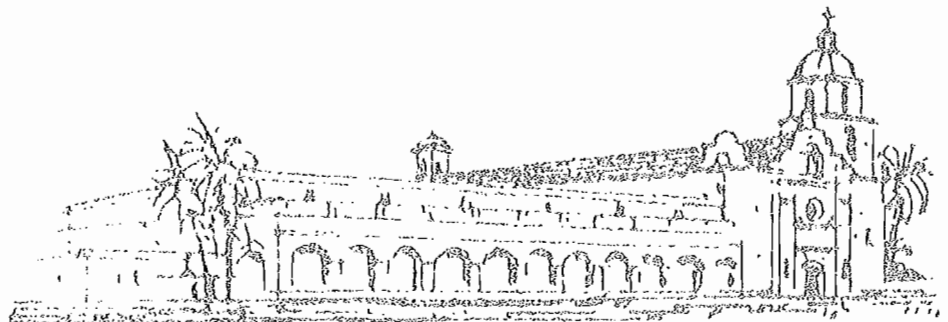
Br Thomas Thing

Br. Thomas Thing, O. F. M.

cc. John G. McNamara, U.S.D.

Very Rev. [REDACTED] O.F.M., Minister Provincial

THE FRANCISCANS
4050 Mission Avenue
San Luis Rey, California 92068
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University of San Diego

May 30, 1995

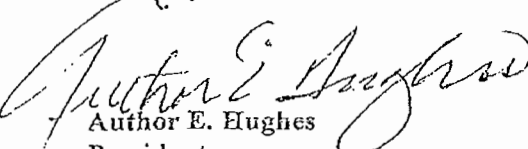
Brother Thomas Thing
Mission San Luis Rey
4070 Mission Ave.
Oceanside, CA 92057

Dear Brother Thing,

The University of San Diego is pleased to confirm your administrative appointment as Assistant Campus Minister, half-time, for the period beginning August 1, 1995, and ending July 31, 1996, at an annual salary rate of \$20,000, payable in 12 equal installments on the last working day of each month, beginning in August, 1995. The University will pay its share of your employee benefits as noted on the attached page.

We look forward to your association with the University of San Diego.

Sincerely,


Author E. Hughes
President



University of San Diego

Employee Benefits

Date May 30, 19 95

Name Thomas Thing

According to current information, the University of San Diego's share of employee benefits either by law or by USD policy is as follows:

Social Security - Effective 1/1/95	<u>1530</u>
(OASDI - 6.2% of first \$61,200	
Medicare - 1.45% of salary)	
Health and Dental Insurance	<u>2160</u>
Long Term Disability	<u>82</u>
Life Insurance, Accidental Death	<u>91</u>
and Dismemberment	
Retirement (See NOTE below)	<u>-0-</u>
Worker's Compensation Insurance	<u>426</u>
State Unemployment Insurance	<u>70</u>
	<u>4359</u>
TOTAL: \$	<u>4359</u>

Salary: \$ 20,000

Benefits: 4,359

Total: \$ 24,359

NOTE: Social Security and other rates are subject to change. The above figures may not be accurate for the entire period of this appointment.

You must enroll in health, dental, life and retirement plans in the Human Resources Office, Maher Hall 127.

If you find a zero on the Retirement line, but think you may be eligible for this benefit, please check with Human Resources.



Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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

Thomas Thing, O.F.M.
Old Mission
4050 Mission Ave.
San Luis Rey, California 92068

COPY

December 5, 1995

Dear Tom

Peace and good. Thank you very much for your faxed letter of December 4, 1995, in which you petition for a leave of absence beginning January 1, 1996.

I very much appreciated our meeting at San Luis Rey; indeed, our meetings over the past two years which have given me a chance to know you better. Thank you for your honesty and grappling with some very difficult issues and your own kindness and openness to me during this entire process. You are a good man, Tom, and this has come through for the friars and for so many others. I want to assure you of my continued prayers and support.

I think the request you are making is a truthful one, even if it is very difficult. I do hope that it leads to a further and deeper commitment to our way of life. In anticipation of your request, I have consulted with the definitorium and they also want to express their support for you as a friar and as one trying to do the best.

I would like to indicate to you some of the procedures which we usually follow in these circumstances:

1. Upon consideration, I will grant you a leave of absence with permission to live outside of cloister until July, 1996, at which time we need to have a formal evaluation as to your status and future plans.
2. Larry Dolan may serve as your contact friar, with whom you should have at least a monthly meeting, face to face, to report on your progress in discernment of vocation and status with the friars.
3. Your employer should be informed of your change in position, and eventually your possible change in status.
4. Enclosed please find the usual form for your situation. I would appreciate it if you could fill this out in Warren's presence and one other witness and then forward it to me.

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Tom Thing, 2

5. It is not customary for us to provide a car during this period, and so I would ask you to make other arrangements. Please let me know if you wish us to carry health insurance during this time, or if you wish us to reimburse you for your car insurance. Also, do you want me to continue to pay for therapy?

I think it is good that you have outlined such a program of work and therapy, Tom. I would encourage you to set some very specific goals which will help you to make a decision during this period. Perhaps I can help you to determine this. I will be glad to meet at any time with you and/or your therapist to help in the discernment. I know it will be a difficult time, and I urge you to take your time, be patient with yourself, and try to discover God's will within your own heart. The change in circumstances should help to establish some clarity.

Please stay in touch, and be assured of my continued prayers and support.

Fraternally

cc. Warren Rouse, OFM

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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

September 26, 1995

Tom Thing, OFM
Old Mission San Luis Rey
4050 Mission Blvd
San Luis Rey CA 92068

COPY

Dear Tom,

Peace and all good.

First let me thank you with this letter for your honesty in speaking with me when we were together at San Luis Rey. I know that that was a very difficult meeting for you and I very much appreciate your willingness to come, your openness and your responsiveness to my concerns. It's not easy, certainly, to pursue some of these matters, neither for yourself nor for me. But I always appreciate the respect and kindness with which you receive me. God bless you for this, Tom.

Throughout this whole process, please be assured of my prayers and support. I will continue to try to help in any way that I can.

Coming out of our conversation, Tom, it seems to me the most appropriate questions which you could pose at this time and which may be helpful for you in the therapy sessions would be the following:

1. What type of pattern of relationship have I set up in my life that would lead me to such a situation. Here, Tom, I am thinking of your relationship with the friars, with the very generous benefactor in San Francisco and with your brother. Clearly these people have been very generous toward you and you feel that you yourself can receive their generosity. Yet generosity demands appropriate and responsible stewardship in turn. And certainly with respect to the donor in San Francisco, her own financial situation did not seem to lend itself to excessive generosity to you. And yet you continued to take advantage of her in what I would call "an inappropriate and manipulative way." More important than the financial situation involved which can be addressed, is the underlying pattern of relationship and your own feeling of freedom to receive from people.
2. What impact did my own financial overspending make on the local community of friars, even though I am bringing in a salary. Here, Tom, I am trying to address the reaction of so many people to having to assume in some way the

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Thomas Thing, OFM
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debts which you have incurred. Even if you are making a substantial salary and contributing that to the local house, the fact that that money is no longer coming in, and is no longer available for the friars in the house to use for very basic needs (As you know the house does not have much.) has a severe impact on the community. I wonder sometimes if you are fully aware of the depth of this.

3. Most significantly, I would ask the question of the friars whether or not our system of community relationships, financial responsibility and emphasis on personal relationships between the Guardian and the friar is really helping you to grow to be a free and mature person as you are meant to be. This question, of course, tries to address the whole issue of the vocation. I do believe you are a good man and have a great deal to offer to the Church and to the fraternity should you decide to stay. But I also realize that our system which is passive and dependent by nature may not provide the best environment in which your own vocation can flourish. I think this underlying question may lay at the root of all sorts of difficulties which we have experienced in the past.

These, it seems to me, Tom, are the key areas. We know the financial implications and facts involved. And I presume that Warren and Bede have talked with you about how those will be addressed. I've tried to help you in any way that I can. Let's use this opportunity, both of us, to grow, to try to discern God's will, to do what we believe is best for yourself and for the fraternity. This is my only aim. I certainly want to protect your vocation as much as possible and to ensure that you respond in the best way to the movement of the Holy Spirit in yourself for others. You have a great deal to give, Tom. Let's move forward in the best way. I look forward, then, to meeting with you and with your therapist when I come down to San Diego in the future.

God bless you, Tom.

Fraternally,

*for
T. King*

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS

4055 Mission Ave. San Francisco, CA 94112



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Date: 10/02/95

To: FR. [REDACTED]

From: FR. WARREN KOUSL, O.F.M.

Memo

RE: BAL. TOLL TRF. C. 11/95

TOTAL DUE 6,700.00

PROVO 2,000.00

FRANCISCAN COUNCIL 4,000.00

TAN LURE FLY 6,700.00

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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, Friar Thomas Thing, hereby appoint:
(insert your name)

Name Friar Gus Krumm, O.F.M.

Address 20444 Magnolia St. Huntington Beach, CA

Work Telephone (714) 962-3333 Home Telephone (714) 963-2746

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: _____

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 your 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: J.J.

Other or additional statements of medical treatment desires and limitations: _____

(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 Friar Ben Innes, O.F.M.

Address 4050 Mission Blvd. San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Work Telephone (760) 757-3651 Home Telephone ()

Second Alternate Agent: Name Friar Ed Dunn, O.F.M.

Address 4050 Mission Blvd. San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Work Telephone (760) 757-3651 Home Telephone ()

6. USE OF COPIES

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

DATE AND SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

(You must date and sign this power of attorney)

I sign my name to this Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care at San Diego, CA
(City) (State)

on 1/26/98, Thomas Thing ofm
(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. If 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 or 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 Mary C. Bruer
Print name Mary C. Bruer
Date 1/13/98

Residence Address 1305 Vista Sierra Drive, El Cajon, CA 92019

Second Witness: Signature Marie B. Thing
Print name Marie B. Thing
Date 1/13/98

Residence Address 12437 Royal Rd, El Cajon, CA 92021

(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: Mary C. Bruer

*The 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 U.S. 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 a 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 stamped 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.

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 (c) of Probate Code Section 4701.

Signature: _____

Address: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC

(Acknowledgment 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 page 3 and the Statement of Patient Advocate or Ombudsman above)

State of California)

)ss.

County of _____)

On 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), and 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.

WITNESS 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.

DIRECTIVE TO PHYSICIANS

Directive made this 20 day of January, 19 98. I, Friar Thomas Thong, O.F.M., residing in the County of San Diego, State of California, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make known my desire that my life shall not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth below and do hereby declare:

1. If at any time I should have an incurable injury, disease, or illness certified to be a terminal condition by two physicians, and where the application of life-sustaining procedures would serve only to artificially prolong the moment of my death and where my physician determines that my death is imminent whether or not life-sustaining procedures are utilized, I direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally.

2. If at any time I am in a persistent vegetative state or chronic coma and two physicians, one of whom is my attending physician, certify that my state is unlikely to reverse, I direct that all artificial nutrition and hydration, as well as other life-sustaining procedures, be withheld or withdrawn.

3. In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of such life-sustaining procedures, it is my intention that this directive shall be honored by my family and physician(s) as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences from such refusal.

4. I have been diagnosed and notified at least 14 days ago as having a terminal condition by _____, M.D. whose address is _____ and whose telephone number is _____. I understand that if I have not filled in the physician's name and address, it shall be presumed that I did not have a terminal condition when I made out this directive.

5. I understand the full import of this directive and I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this directive.

Executed this 20 day of January, 19 98, at (city, county, state) San Diego, CA.

Signed: Thomas Thong

We declare that the principal is personally known to us and we believe him to be of sound mind.

Mary C. Kuen
Witness

Marie B. Thong
Witness

1/13/98
Date
1/13/98
Date

(California)

A PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe that every person is created by God as an individual of value and dignity. My basic worth and value as a person is inherent in the relationship of love that God has for me and not in my usefulness in society.

I believe that God has endowed me as His creature with the responsibility and privilege of sharing with God in the dominion over my earthly existence. I believe in the sanctity of human life which is to be celebrated in the spirit of creative living because it does have worth, meaning, and purpose. Therefore, I am responsible to use all ordinary means to preserve my life.

I further believe, however, that every human life is given dignity in dying, as well as in living. Therefore, I am free to refuse artificial and heroic measures to prolong my dying. I affirm my human right which allows me to die my own death within limits of social, legal and spiritual factors.

I believe I have the right to die with dignity -- respected, cared for, loved and inspired by hope. I consider as unjust the continuation of artificial and mechanical life support systems through expensive medical and technological means when there is no reasonable expectation for my recovery of meaningful personal life.

In order to avoid the useless prolongation of my dying and the suffering of my loved ones, I, Friar Thomas Thing, have executed the following Living Will/Directive to Physicians.

Signed: Thomas Thing for

Dated: 1/20/98

(California)

TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

It is my firm conviction that my life as a Friar has meaning and value in any circumstance that occurs if I become disabled, incapacitated, or incompetent. My decision to join the Order of Friars Minor was a free choice and is one that has been constantly reaffirmed over time by my free choice to live this life. For this reason I have chosen to appoint a member of the Order of Friars Minor as my attorney in fact to make health care decisions for me in the event that I am unable to make those decisions myself. My attorney in fact may consult with my family and friends about my health care, and I encourage such consultation, but I expect my family and friends to honor my desires as expressed by my attorney in fact. This desire in no way manifests a lack of love for my family or friends; rather, it is an expression of confidence in my attorney in fact to act in accord with my known desires.

Accepting death with responsibility and human dignity is in keeping with the Creator's plan. Talking about sickness and death can be difficult, but it is part of our responsibility ourselves and to the people we love. For this reason I Thomas Theng, O.F.M., have executed the following Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions.

Signed: Thomas Theng ofm

Date: 1/20/98

LOCAL AND PROVINCE INFORMATION

NAME (Type or print) Thomas Thing
 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 571-31-7344 DRIVER'S LICENSE N8034836
 DOCTOR'S NAME Kaiser TELEPHONE _____

Address of person to be notified in case of accident, illness or death:

NAME Robert H. Thing RELATIONSHIP Parent
 STREET P.O. Box 5 CITY Campo STATE CA ZIP 92006
 TELEPHONE (619) 478-5937 (Use other side for additional persons if you wish.)

N.B. This card is to be filled out and kept on hand in the local friary.
 The copy in the Provincial Office should be updated when needed.

DATE FILLED OUT 10/1/87

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NOTE: Information on page 1 of this form is for publication in the Schematizmus Totius Ordinis. That on pages 2 and 3 is for internal office use by the Order.

01. Family name: (surname/Last name)	Ihlinq
02. Religious name: (From novitiate)	Ihomas
03. Baptismal name: (given legal name)	Ihomas
04. Any other name: (omit if none)	
05. Mother's name: (given & maiden name)	Mariel G. Isa Sulimay
06. Father's name: (given name)	Robert H. Ihlinq

07. Country of birth: U n i t e d _ S t a t e s _ _ _ _ _

08. City/place of birth: S a n _ D i e g o _ C A _ _ _ _ _

09. Diocese of birth: S a n _ D i e g o _ C A _ _ _ _ _

10. Date of birth: 22 10 51 59
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

11. Country of citizenship: U n i t e d _ S t a t e s _ _ _ _ _

12. Country where living now: U n i t e d _ S t a t e s _ _ _ _ _

13. Reception to novitiate: (Use digits 0-9)	09 29 day	09 29 mon	82 yr
14. First profession date: (Use digits 0-9)	04 day	09 mon	83 yr
15. Solemn profession date: (Use digits 0-9)	06 day	09 mon	87 yr
16. Entity of reception: (Use Province/Vice-province code list)	P8	13	
17. Entity of membership: (Use Province/Vice-province code list)	P8	13	
18. Entity where living now: (Use Prov/Vice-pr/Genl House code list)	P8	13	

19. Permanent Diaconate: |_day_| |_mon_| |_yF_|
(Use digits 0-9)

20. Priesthood ordination: |_day_| |_mon_| |_yF_|
(Use digits 0-9)

21. Episcopal ordination: |_day_| |_mon_| |_yF_|
(Use digits 0-9)

'a' grid use: Cook/Guardian/Definitior/Teacher/Gardener/Provincial/Tailor/guide/
Pastor/Porter/Infirmary/Secretary/Professor/Writer/Missionary/
Vicar Provincial/Custos/Visitator General/Librarian/Sacristan/Etc.
'b' grid use: If Position/Work title in 'a' grid is unclear, use 'b' grid to
describe it.

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27. English
(List 1st Language)

(Facility scale: 0 = low, 5 = med, 9 = high)

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Explanatory Remarks

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Nurse/Photographer/Tailor/Writer/Cook/Sculptor/Gardener/Preacher/Actor/Etc.

'b' grid use: Give speciality training details, sources, titles, licenses, dates received.

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AND GENERAL-HOUSE CODELIST

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PROVINCE OF ST. BARBARA

Exclaustration/Leave of Absence Document

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In the spirit of fraternity and obedience which I have vowed, I, _____, have requested and accepted from the Provincial Minister of the Province of St. Barbara, according to the laws of the Church and the Order, permission to reside outside of a religious house/to take a leave of absence for ^{seven months} ~~one year~~ beginning Jan. 1, 1996.

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I assume responsibility for any civil and pastoral obligations, for any debts, expenses and other obligations, incurred by me during my leave of absence, and I discharge the Province from any and all liability for such debts, obligations, etc.

I acknowledge that I have in my possession all of my personal property and personal effects, and I hereby release and discharge the Province from any and all liability for any such items.

I understand that if I do not have the usual arrangement for processing my income through the Provincial Office, I am required by law to pay income tax.

I agree to be solely responsible for the filing of all federal, state, and local tax forms and to pay such taxes.

The terms of this agreement are in the nature of a true contract. I have read and fully understand the provisions thereof.

In witness of this, I have signed this agreement on this _____ day of _____, 19____, at _____

Friar's Signature _____

Witness _____

Witness _____

Province of St. Barbara, Order of Friars Minor

By _____
Provincial Minister

(October, 1988)

Penning

Old Mission

December 4, 1995
Feast of St. Barbara

Dear

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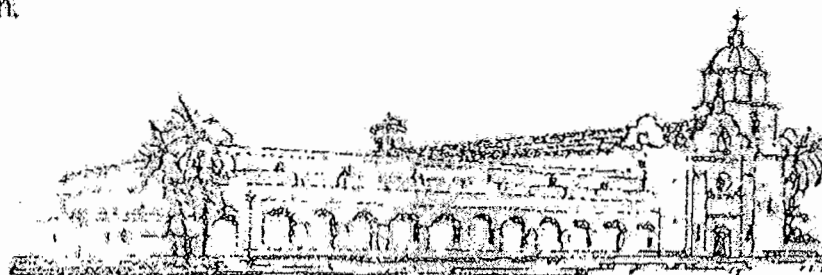
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Berard Connolly, Richard

McMianus, John Gutierrez, John Peterson (as a missionary from the Philippines), Gus Krumm, Garret Edmunds, Pedro Umana, Robert Rodrigues, and Rufino Zaragoza. More recently in my present community, Rusty Shaughnessy. This is of course a partial list of the Friars who have shared their examples with me both in formation and as Friar-friends. I am blessed to count these men as important persons to me and my formation.

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Old Mission

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For over two years I have been involved in ongoing therapy. I have learned much about myself, my family, my own sexuality and my relationship to the Friars and my relationship to God. This has been a real growth-filled opportunity with struggles, pains and joys.

It is from these past few years of reflection and discernment that I have come to request a leave of absence from the Friars beginning January 1, 1996. I feel I need to place myself outside the community at this time to grow more in my self-understanding and my relationship to and with the Friars. I hope to have the sense of independence that will help me to learn more about personal responsibility.

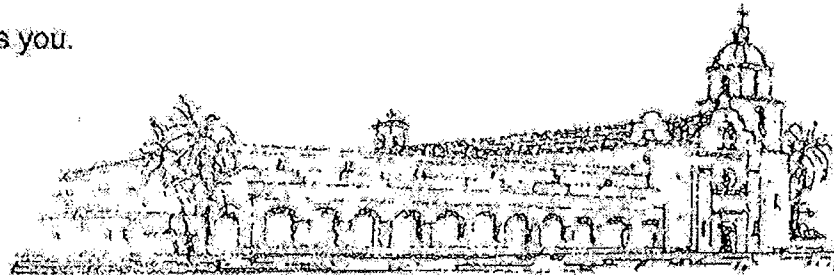
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as I mentioned at visitation, my hope and wish is to return to the Friars in the future. At this time I honestly hope and pray that God will lead and guide me back to embrace the lifestyle of the Friars with greater enthusiasm and understanding. That I may once again wholeheartedly profess my life as a Friar, following more closely the life of Francis and Christ.

May the Lord Bless you.

Thomas Thing
Thomas Thing

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[Note: Top redaction conforms with Judge Lichtman's order. Other redactions were requested by the Franciscans but disallowed (see next page).]

[REDACTED]
Provincial Minister
1500 34th Ave.
Oakland, CA 94601

January 1, 1996

A blessed and Happy New Year. Thank you for your support and concern over my request for a leave of absence. Thank you for granting my request. [REDACTED]

In response to your letter dated December 5, 1995, I have already contacted Larry Dolan as my contact friar to report my progress in discernment. He and I will meet in January when Larry will be at San Luis Rey. I have contacted my employer and informed them of my present status and change in taxes. I have faxed you the form that was signed in the presence of Warren and another friar.

[REDACTED] However, I am not clear if you are offering to pay/reimburse me for car insurance. At this time I am still researching the various insurance possibilities.

→ [Please let me know your response to the car insurance question or if I have misunderstood your financial offerings. I will be out of town this coming week (Jan 2-6) at a conference in New Mexico. My new address is 1502 Via Las Cumbres #123, San Diego, CA 92111, phone number (619) 260-2763.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May the Holy Spirit be with you and each friar at the January convocation.

Faternally,

Thomas Thing
Thomas Thing

[REDACTED]

have
He will contact you.

(2) health insurance
(3) reimbursement basis for car - insurance for six months.

JK

FRAF 00255

January 1, 1996

A blessed and Happy New Year. Thank you for your support and concern over my request for a leave of absence. Thank you for granting my request. I feel that the leave of absence will provide some clarity to concerns and questions that I am asking.

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Lastly, in response to the financial concerns. I am requesting that you continue to pay for my therapy and carry my health insurance. However, I am not clear if you are offering to pay/reimburse me for car insurance. At this time I am still researching the various insurance possibilities.

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Fraternally,

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I would agree to:

- ① therapy
- ② health insurance
- ③ reimbursement for car insurance for wife together.

Prayer
He will contact
you.

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In witness of this, I have signed this agreement on this 12 day of December, 1995, at OLD MISSION SAN LUIS RGY

Friars Signature Thomas Thiny

Witness Warren Johnson

Witness [Redacted] OFM

Province of St. Barbara, Order of Friars Minor

By _____
Provincial Minister

(October, 1988)

file
P. Rouse

MEMORANDUM

TO: Provincial Office.
RE: Financial agreements: Br. Tom Thing, O.F.M.
FROM: Fr. Warren Rouse, O.F.M.
DATE: December 12, 1995

The following agreements are for modification and/or approval:

1. Br. Tom will continue with the Province health and auto insurance plans. *no*
The Provincial Office will bill him directly, effective January 1, 1996. He will reimburse the Mission each month for the dental insurance.
2. Br. Tom will purchase a 1986 Toyota from the Franciscan Friars at San Luis Rey @ low Blue Book value. The car will be registered in his name before January 1, 1996. He will pay \$200.00 monthly directly to the friars at San Luis Rey for the balance of payments.
3. Br. Tom will keep his entire December salary to pay for his 2nd semester tuition at USD.
4. Br. Tom's address will be: 1502 Via Las Cumbres, #1502, San Diego 92111. (619) 260-2763.
5. Br. Tom accepts "the usual arrangement for processing my income through the Provincial Office."

if my previous letter.

we will
reconsider
letter for 6 months

Old Mission

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May the Lord Bless you.

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Province of St. Barbara

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July 30, 1996

Bro. Tom Thing, OFM
1502 Via Los Cumbres, #123
San Diego, CA 92111

Dear Tom,

Peace and all good.

I hope everything is going well and that you're time at the University of San Diego has been very fruitful for you. I'm sure it's been profitable to the students whom you serve. Please be assured of my prayers and support.

It's my understanding that you have, in my absence, contacted Fr. [REDACTED] to ask for an extension of your leave. I would appreciate very much if you could send me a written request in this area and also an evaluation of work you have done up to the present time. I will be at San Luis Rey in September for Provincial Council meetings, from the evening of September 8th to noon on September 15th. Would it be possible for us to get together sometime during that week and have an oral evaluation and then make a decision at that time? I'm very open to this suggestion and would simply like to follow up in the best way possible.

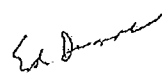
God bless you, Tom.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED], OFM
Provincial Minister

[REDACTED]/mr

FRAF 00260



August 14, 1996
Feast of the Assumption

Dear

Greetings from Immaculate Heart Hermitage, Camaldolese Monks. I am here with Rufino for 5 days of prayer, solitude and reflection. We join the monks for prayer and spend the rest of the day in quiet reflection. Rufino and I gather in the evening for about an hour to share our thoughts from the day. I have enjoyed the time thus far.

Thank you for your letter dated July 30th. I wrote to you while you were out of the office. responded to my correspondence on July 25th and informed me that he was responding on your behalf. I'm not sure if you had the opportunity to read the letter I sent to you June 20th. Some of the following information was contained in the letter dated June 20th. Forgive me if I am repeating myself.

I would like to take a few moments to bring you up to date on my status. As of now, I have completed my course work for the Masters in Practical Theology here at the University of San Diego. I have just completed my summer school classes. I will take my written comprehensive exams in January 1997. I continue to serve on the staff of the University Ministry team. (Campus Ministry) I enjoy the ministry here at USD to Young Adults.

I continue to meet weekly with my therapist Dian Greenwood. Thank you for your continued financial support in meeting this expense. The therapy continues to go well. With each session I learn more about myself and those who play a role in my life. I meet with _____ as my contact friar monthly. He has been a good support and challenge. I enjoy visiting my friars at San Luis Rey and Huntington Bea. I also continue my regular visits with various friar friends, Rufino, Gus, Garret, Bob Rodrigues and others.

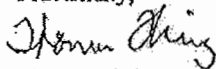
With the help of Dian Greenwood and others, I continue to discern the will of God, my own personal hope and dreams, and the life of the friars. Honestly, I am not sure if I am ready to return to the friar community at this time. Although at this point in my leave I do not foresee leaving the friars on a permanent basis. I feel I need more time outside the community to honestly examine the issues I face. In some ways, this has been a difficult time. Yet, the change in circumstances has helped. I am trying to be patient with myself and with God.

Here on retreat at Big Sur, I am using the book Praying Even When the Door Seems Closed by John M. Lozano. There is a section in the book about discernment. Lozano writes, "Discerning the will of God does not mean trying to find out what God has decided, but deciding in God." This is my prayer!

FRAF 00261

I am formally asking that you extend my leave of absence with permission to live outside of cloister until January 1997 so that I might benefit from a full year. I will call the provincial office in a week or so to set up an appointment with you while you are at San Luis Rey September 8th through the 15th.

May Mary our Mother continue to Bless you and your efforts on behalf of the Province.
Fraternally,



Thomas Thinz

cc.

FRAF 00262



Province of St. Barbara

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August 19, 1996

Ms. Esther Nissenson
Human Resources
The University of San Diego
Alcala Park
San Diego, CA

Dear Ms. Nissenson:

This is to inform you that Thomas Thing, OFM, will no longer be covered by the insurance program provided by the St. Barbara Province (Franciscan Friars of California).

Please put him on the health insurance program provided by the University of San Diego for its employees.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Secretary of the Province

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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

September 26, 1996

Bro. Tom Thing, OFM
1502 Via Los Cuimbres, #123
San Diego, CA 92111

Dear Tom,

Peace and all good.

I would like to thank you very much for coming up to San Luis Rey and speaking so extensively with me about your present situation. I'm glad your leave of absence has been so fruitful. Certainly, you were able to articulate a lot of things much more clearly than in the past and I am grateful that the Franciscan vocation is still deeply rooted in your heart. With this letter, I would like formally to extend your leave of absence for another six months and, thereby, to meet your request.

During this six months, I would encourage you to set some explicit goals and to stay in contact with your counselor, your spiritual director and close members of the fraternity. I think this always helps in discernment.

Tom, I know you've asked me for a more explicit letter than simply this formal permission, but let me think about that and work on it in the next couple of weeks. I certainly will get back to you with some of my concerns and areas which you might address during the six months.

God bless you. Keep up the good work, preach the Gospel, do well.

Fraternally,

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December 19, 1996

Tom Thing, OFM
1502 Via Las Cumbres #123
San Diego, CA 92111

Dear Tom,

Peace and all good.

Thanks so much for your letter to me of December 12th. I'll try to respond to your questions which you asked.

Since your leave of absence expires in January, and since you intend to return to the fraternity at that time, yes, I would very much appreciate it if you could come to the Chapter in January. I guess I was a little bit confused when I spoke to you last, and was unclear as to exactly when your leave of absence ended. Since it does end in January, I think it would be good for you to come to the Chapter. There's no reason, then, at the Chapter why you can't participate in the voting process as that would be an official end. If you have other plans or do intend to try to extend your leave of absence even though it would require an appeal to our General Curia, then please let me know and there will be no requirement to attend the Chapter.

If you do want to be excused, a leave of absence and a further application for that would be sufficient.

God bless you, Tom. I hope you have a very joyous Christmas.

Faternally,

, OFM
Provincial Minister

/mr

December 12, 1996

Dear, brown paper.

[REDACTED], OFM
Provincial Minister
1500 34th Ave.
Oakland, CA 94601-3092

Dear [REDACTED]:

I pray that this note finds you well. I'm sure that you are looking forward a to well deserved rest following the Chapter.

I myself am keeping busy with various social justice projects for our students here at the University of San Diego. We begin our winter break in a week. During this time I will be preparing for my comprehensive exams which I will take the in January. I will glad when they are turned in...and passed!

I am writing to follow up with a question that came up in our last conversation at San Luis Rey, September 12, 1996. During our time together you said that there was no reason for me to attend the Chapter in January because I had not participated in the voting process and have been leave. I would appreciate some clarification on this matter. Am I or Am I not to be at Chapter? If not, am I to contact the Visitor General and asked to be excused? I would appreciate some clarification on this matter. Thank you for your attention to this question.

Have a Blessed and Grace filled Christmas Season.

Pace e Bene,

Tom

Tom Thing



Province of St. Barbara

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To: Tom Thing, OFM
From: Finian McGinn, OFM
RE: Discussion of the Definitorium, March 1997

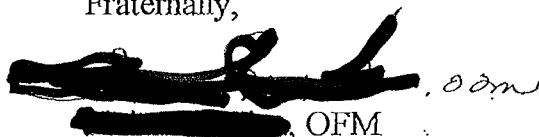
March 24, 1997

Dear Tom,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and enjoying a well deserved break from your work at USD. I want to tell you that the definitorium at its March meeting was so happy that you have officially returned from your leave. Is it possible for you to come up here soon and we can discuss the rest of the procedure? I will be asking you to begin to reside once again at San Luis Rey and begin to experience community life once again. (I think that Ben and Tony G. will be a great asset to your community there.) Perhaps we can set up a time-line and some type of description of your life and ministry as friar/graduate student and campus chaplain.

If you can, please try to give me a call after the week after Easter. (I'll be in Guatemala from the 2nd to the 6th of April.)

Fraternally,


OFM

Prov. Min.

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May 5, 1997

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Thomas Thing, OFM
1502 Via Las Cumbres #123
San Diego, CA 92111

Dear Tom,

Welcome back from your leave! I am happy your time away has been beneficial for you.

You probably saw in the last Definitorium report that a "task force" is being formed to explore the Pastoral Care of Vocations. We would like you to be a part of this *ad hoc* committee. The Definitorium feels you would have much to offer because of your experience with young adults and creative ideas.

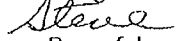
The issue of vocations is of great importance and we see this as an opportunity to look afresh at different models. The task is to look at the areas of: recruitment, province involvement, and the "nuts and bolts:" of process. We hope to move beyond evaluation of the past to forming a plan for the future that can be brought before the Definitorium and Province.

To begin our work, our initial meeting will be on August 25, 1997, at St. Elizabeth's in Oakland. We will meet from 10:00am until 4:00pm. I will send you an agenda and material to review later in the summer. I hope you will accept this invitation.

I hope you enjoy your study of Spanish in Guatemala this June. It is wonderful you are doing this. Best of luck!

Many thanks for your generous spirit.

All peace and good.


Stephen Barnufsky, OFM
Vicar Provincial

SB/mr



University of San Diego

Office of University Ministry

Tuesday, April 29, 1997

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for taking time out to visit with me at Malibu during the Regional Council. It was good to be with the Brothers. After you left to go off to Rome, Ponchie and I were asked to serve as coordinators for the Southern Cal. Region. I think this will be a good sign for the Brothers to see that I am back from my leave. I look forward to serving the Southern Cal. Brothers!

I would like to follow up with the conversation we had in regards to my future plans. As we agreed, I will move into Mission San Luis Rey in the beginning of June 1997. I will then venture off to Guatemala to visit the Brothers and to begin a study program of Spanish. I have talked with Elmer Young in Guatemala about setting up a tutor for me for the month of June. I will study Spanish five days a week for four hours a day. I have contacted Anthony Garibaldi about Continuing Education funds. When I complete the Spanish program at the end of June, I will return to San Luis Rey. I would like to take about ten days of vacation to the Bay-Area to visit family and friends. At the beginning of August as we discussed, I will be given permission to spend five nights a week at the University of San Diego and two nights a week in residence at Mission San Luis Rey. I will continue the ministry here at the University as Associate University Minister, renewable each April until otherwise informed.

We also spent some time discussing the future Friar presence in the San Diego area. I look forward to joining Ed Dunn in the ministry being proposed. When this Friary is established, I will take up my residence with Ed. I would like to continue ministry here at the University and support Ed and others in this new and exciting venture for the whole of the Province.

In the near future I will send you a reflection on my formal year away from the Friars. I know that the year was fruitful and gave needed time and space from the fraternity. I am glad and excited to be back, counted once again, as a Friar of the Santa Barbara Province.

May the Lord continue to Bless you and give you comfort!

Thomas Thing, O.F.M.



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November 24, 1997.

Bro. Tom Thing, OFM
1502 Via Las Cumbres, #123
San Diego, CA 92111


Dear Tom,

May the Lord give you peace.

This is to inform you, Tom, that at its most recent meeting the Definitorium discussed your request for permission to make the Assisi Experience. We have granted your request. I hope the experience is pleasant for you. I feel it's good for you to make such a an experience as you come back from a leave of absence. Hopefully, it will re-ignite the initial desire that you had when you first entered the Brotherhood.

Tom, thanks for serving on the Promotion of Vocations Committee and thanks for working with Ed Dunn. I certainly appreciate it. Be assured of my prayers that the experience be both joyful and prayerful.

Fraternally,

, OFM
Provincial Minister

FMcG/mr

FRAF 00270

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To: Tom Thing, OFM'
Casa San Diego, National City.
From: Finian
RE: purchase of truck


August 4, 1998

Tom,

As per our phone conversation, you are to send us a copy of the registration. I will send you \$2,000 gift and 4,800 loan for the purchase. You will purchase the truck and change the registration and let us know immediately so that we can insure the truck.

It was good speaking with you today.

Take care. Thanks again.

, OFM
Min. Prov.

FRAF 00271



Province of St. Barbara

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April 13, 1994

Very Rev. [REDACTED], OFM
Minister Provincial
Province of St. Barbara
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Dear [REDACTED],

The Graduate Studies Committee of the Province met today in order to discuss Tom Thing's application for graduate studies at University of San Diego. I explained to the Committee the background regarding Tom's request. The Committee understands the situation and sees the process that was used as a way of exception.

The Committee had real questions about his ability to successfully complete a Master's program. Even if he did not, it would still be good for him to get some theological background, and he should be encouraged to do so.

The Committee does concur in the decision that has already been made and communicated to Tom.

Fraternally,

Melvin A. Jurisich, OFM
Acting Chair
Graduate Studies Committee

PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

Application for Graduate or Professional Studies

Instructions Kindly type all the information requested. When you have completed it, mail it to the Chairman of the Graduate Studies Committee. Keep a xerox copy for yourself.

1. Name Thomas Thing Phone (801) 374-5001/5004

Address 172 North 500 West, Provo, Utah. 84601

2. Current Ministry Pastoral Associate, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Location Provo, Utah Years in Ministry 10

3. Describe the graduate or professional program you want, including its outcome (degree/credential/certificate/license/other).

A Master of Arts in Practical Theology is a 32 unit program. The program provides a theological foundation in methods of biblical, historical, systematic, and moral theology with special emphasis on the Roman Catholic tradition. This particular program allows for a area of concentration. I would like to specialize in the area of College Campus Ministry.

4. What are the benefits to the Province from the program?

I believe that all continuing education in this case a Master of Arts in Practical Theology, will bring great rewards to the Province. It will assure the continued successful ministry to a student population often neglected. I believe our province has a fine tradition of Campus Ministry. Granting me permission to receive a Masters will also bring a continued financial benefit to the Province.

5. What are the benefits to yourself from the program?

At this time in my life I feel a need for further education. Much of my past professional training was in the area of Youth Ministry. I need to now move beyond High School Youth Ministry and redirect my future ministry. After 10 years in ministry I feel and see the need to continue my educational process. I need to have a greater understanding of the Scriptures and our Catholic tradition. I believe this program provides "tools" necessary for my future ministerial assignments.

6. What is your preparation or competency for the program?

I think my need for "re-tooling" along with my desire could be seen as preparation. I feel I have a good sense of "Pastoral Ministry" from my 10 years in a Parish setting. I bring to this program much of the "practical" and many, many experiences we have in active ministry. In many ways I have many of the experiences but lack the educational background. I feel I need this program so that I might continue to be an affective Friar-Minister.

7. What is the name of the school you want to attend and where is it located? University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

8. Why did you choose this school?

I choose the school because of the Master in Arts in Practical Theology with an emphasis in Campus Ministry. This is one of the only programs in our Province boundary that offers this particular emphasis. Thus allowing me to reside at a local fraternity.

To be honest, I have also considered the community experience I might have at another University. I would reside at Mission San Luis Rey allowing me to have Warren Rouse as guardian. I know Warren would have a positive influence on me at this time in my life as a Friar.

9. Complete action on any request takes about nine (9) months. In view of this, when do you want to begin the program?

I wish to begin this program as soon as possible. Summer/Fall 1994

10. How long do you expect the program to last? 2 years full time student.

11. Kindly find out the cost per year of the program.

Tuition and fees \$ 10,000

Books \$ 800⁰⁰

Board and room \$ 5,000

Transportation \$ To Be Determined

Where do you expect to reside? I have contacted the guardian at

San Luis Rey. Warren Rouse would be excited to have me.

12. Name three persons whom you have requested to write letters recommending you for the program. The letters are to be sent directly to the Chairman of the Graduate Studies Committee.

(1) Warren Rouse

(2) [REDACTED]

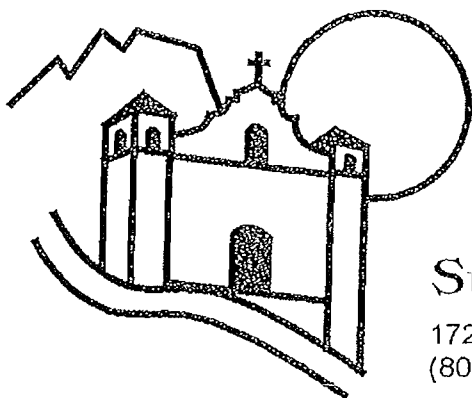
(3) Garret Edmunds

For Committee Use Only:

Date received 3/30/94 / Date acknowledged _____ / Date sent

to committee 4/6/94 / Date of committee action _____ /

Date sent to Provincial _____ .



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

172 North 500 West ■ Provo, UT 84601-2617
(801) 374-5001 ■ FAX: (801) 375-4751

April 6, 1994

Very Rev. Mel Jurisich, O.F.M.
Graduate Studies Committee
Province of St. Barbara
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

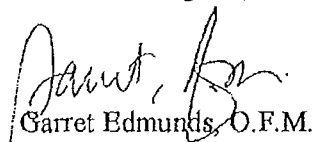
Dear Mel:

At his request, I am happy to write this letter of recommendation for Tom Thing, O.F.M. I believe that his hope to pursue graduate studies can benefit him, the Provincial community and the Church.

Tom already has a personality that enables him to generously and effectively minister to people. People appreciate him very much because of the concern and enthusiasm he brings to his ministry. A stronger background in theology and pastoral practice will strengthen what are already good ministerial skills. Tom will feel more confident about his own abilities, the quality of his ministry in the Church will improve and the life and outreach of the Province will be strengthened if Tom is successful in completing graduate studies.

Tom will need to make a special effort along the way if he is to be successful in graduate studies. I also believe he will need to be encouraged to recognize the need to be serious about applying himself to studies. With his own strong effort and the support of the Province, I believe Tom can be successful in his desire to get an advanced degree in Pastoral Theology. I therefore am happy to recommend him to the Graduate Studies Committee for positive consideration for the program he desires to pursue.

Peace and all good,


Garret Edmunds, O.F.M.



FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Saint Mary's Basilica

231 North Third Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2265

March 24, 1994

Graduate Studies Committee
1500 34th Avenue
Oakland, CA 94601

Dear Friars:

RE: BR. TOM THING

I recommend Br. Tom for graduate studies at USD, provided that he is accepted.

I believe that this will be a very beneficial experience for Br. Tom personally and for his future apostolates.

An added--and important--reason for this location is that he will have the benefit of a larger friar community.

If he is accepted, I will try to obtain donations toward his tuition.

(Rev.) Warren J. Rouse, O.F.M.

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Proposed Budget for Tom Thing

June 1, 1994 to August 30, 1994

Item	June	July	August	Total
Health Insurance	255.00	255.00	255.00	765.00
Personal Allowance	75.00	75.00	75.00	225.00
Transportation	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
Room and Board	300.00	300.00	300.00	900.00
Total for 3 month period				2,340.00
Other:				
Books	125.00			
Parking	25.00			
Student Fee	25.00			
Total Other	175.00			175.00
Sub Total				2,515.00
Tuition:				
7 units @ \$455 per unit	3,185.00			
Less scholarship	1,593.00			
plus Graduate Fee	14.00			
Total*	1,606.00			1,606.00
Grand Total				4,121.00

*Payable to: Franciscans, 172 North 500 West, Provo, Utah 84601



Province of St. Barbara

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Tom Thing, OFM
1502 Via Las Cumbres #123
San Diego, CA

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June 25, 1996

Dear Tom,


I hope this letter finds you well. It's good to hear from you.
Congratulations on getting your Masters!

Thanks for your letter of June 20. Joe is out of the province until the middle of July so I'm answering this in his behalf.

I spoke to the provincial today about the request of extending your leave of absence. He will take it up with the Definitorium at the meeting in July and let you know shortly. I'm glad to see that you are struggling with your issues. I had to go thru the same thing and I was even older than you.

Take care. Keep in touch.

Fraternally,

 OFM
Vic. Prov.

June 20, 1996

Dear

I pray that this letter finds you and all the brothers well. I was saddened to hear of the health problems of the Visitor General. I have heard great things about him. Know that he is in my prayers and thoughts.

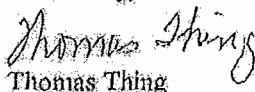
I would like to take a few moments to bring you up to date on my status. As of now, I have two credits to complete my course work for the Masters in Practical Theology here at the University of San Diego. Presently I am enrolled in summer school classes. I will complete the two credits by July 31, 1996. I will wait until January to take my written comprehensive exams.

I continue to meet weekly with my therapist Dian Greenwood. Thank you for your continued financial support in meeting this expense. The therapy continues to go well. With each session I learn more about myself and those who play a role in my life. I meet with _____ as my contact friar monthly. He has been a good support and challenge. I enjoy visiting the friars at _____ on Beach as well. I also continue my regular visits with various friar friends, Rufino, Gus, Garret, _____, Bob Rodrigues and others. I am sorry to hear that the situation in Provo has reached such a sad state. Garret and _____ are good friars. I continue to lend support and comfort to the both of them. I know that this has been difficult on them and on you.

With the help of _____, Dian Greenwood and others, I continue to discern the will of God, my own personal hope and dreams, and the life of the friars. Honestly, I am not sure if I am ready to return to the friar community at this time. Although at this point in my leave I do not foresee leaving the friars on a permanent basis, I feel I need more time outside the community to honestly examine the issues I face. In some ways, this has been a difficult time. Yet, the change in circumstances has helped. I am trying to be patient with myself and with God. I am formally asking that you extend my leave of absence with permission to live outside of cloister until January 1997 so that I might benefit from a full year.

I will be out of town from July 2-18 at the Frank J. Lewis Institute an orientation program for College Campus Ministers. After and before this time I can be reached at (619) 260-2763.

May the Lord continue to Bless your efforts on behalf of the Province.
Fraternally,


Thomas Thing

cc.

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Province of St. Barbara

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COPY

July 24, 2000

Tom Thing, OFM, Guardian
Casa San Diego
630 East 2nd Street
National City, CA 91950

Dear Tom,

The English Speaking Conference is sponsoring an inter-provincial workshop for Guardians. This workshop has been designed by the Ongoing Formation Directors of the Conference and was well received by the Guardians when it was first held.

The Guardians workshop will be held this year at Mercy Center in St. Louis, MO. It will be from Monday evening, October 23, through Thursday noon, October 26, 2000. I would really appreciate it if you would give serious consideration to attending this workshop. I believe that it may make your time as guardian a little easier on you.

Please contact Anthony Garibaldi in Sacramento at (916) 443-8084, ext. 107 for details and the funds necessary for travel and fees.

Thank you for all you do for the friars.

Fraternally,

[redacted], OFM
Provincial Minister

[redacted]/mr

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MAY
4-21-03

To: Mel Jurisch, OFM, Minister Provincial **From:** Thomas Thing, OFM
Fax: 510-538-3970 **Pages:** 1
Phone: 510-538-3722 **Date:** 04/17/03
Re: Travel Permission

☐ Urgent ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☒ Please Reply ☐ Please Recycle

• I am requesting permission to travel to Santiago, Chile to attend a family friends wedding. The wedding is July 4, 2003. I would like to leave on June 29, 2003 and return on July 14, 2003. I have been invited to be part of the ceremony.

I need to make the reservations as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration. Have a Holy and Blessed Easter.

Thomas Thing *for*

Thomas Thing, OFM

816 Venice Court

San Diego, CA 92109

Phone #: 619-807-6883

Fax # at office: 619-234-1619

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FAXED
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Dr. Kevin McGovern

FAX: 1-503-643-3798

Re: final evaluation of Brother Tom Thing, OFM

February 2, 2001

Dear Dr. McGovern,

I hope this fax finds you well.

I returned from New York and a meeting with the superiors. I would like to see how we have progressed on this case. Tom was to get in contact with you and return to Portland for the final evaluation of his return to work status.

I will be in the Provincial Office on Monday - all day.

Sincerely,

FRAF 00282

TELEPHONE (503) 634-7327

KENNETH L. SIMMONS
POLYGRAPH EXAMINER
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8305 S.E. MONTEREY
PORTLAND, OREGON 97166

FAX (503) 638-4951

REPORT OF POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION
February 5, 2001

Sent Via fax to 503-643-3798 and by regular mail to:

Dr. Kevin McGovern
1225 NW Murray Road
Suite 214
Portland, OR 97225

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Thomas Thing
Test conducted 2-5-2001

ISSUE:

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PRE-TEST INTERVIEW:

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RELEVANT QUESTIONS USED ON POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION:

R1. Are you concealing any sexual contact you've had with a student at USD?
Answer - No

R2. Have you ever had a sexual relationship with a student at USD?
Answer - No

RESULTS AND OPINIONS:

Based on evaluations of the polygraph charts, it is my opinion that Mr. Thing is not answering questions R1 and R2 truthfully. Questions other than those listed were used on the test to evaluate responses, but no decision as to truth or deception is made on those questions.

FRAF 00284

KEVIN B. McGOVERN, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychologist

1225 N.W. Murray Road, Suite 214

Portland, OR 97229

Telephone: (503) 644-6600

Fax: (503) 643-3798

February 23, 2001

RE: T. Thing

Dear

As you requested, I have reviewed the results of Thomas Thing's psychological assessment including the polygraph examination. I would like to make the following recommendations:

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4. Until these matters have been thoroughly reviewed and resolved, a final decision cannot be made regarding his future occupational status at the University of San Diego or another educational institution.

If additional information is needed regarding his assessment, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kevin B. McGovern, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist

KBM: jmi

FRAF 00285

KEVIN B. MCGOVERN, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

*Mel, Please —
Same for me for*

MCA.

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*Def. Meet in Phx
Mar. 2001*

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Kevin B. McGovern, Ph. D.
Licensed Psychologist
KBM: jm

FRAF 00286

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To: Doctor Kevin McGovern
From:
RE: T. Thing
Feb. 22, 2001

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Dear Doctor McGovern,

I spoke with Fr. Keller as you suggested. I need a recommendation from you as to whether he should continue working in his present assignment at the university. I have a meeting with my board and will present it to them when they meet during the next week.

Thank you for your advice in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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

November 13, 2000

Bro. Tom Thing, OFM
Casa San Diego
630 East 2nd Street
National City, CA 91950

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Thank you, Tom, for all you do for the Province. Be assured of my prayers.

Faternally,


, OFM
Provincial Minister

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[REDACTED] OFM
Minister Provincial, Province of St. Barbara
1500 34th Ave.
Oakland, CA 94601-3092

Dear [REDACTED],

A month ago Paul Lee was assigned to our community here at Casa San Diego. We are happy that he is here with us to share in our fraternal life. As you are aware, our financial situation is not good. Therefore, I need to raise the issue of finances with you concerning Paul Lee. Unfortunately, we are not in the position to cover the costs associated with Paul's arrival to our community.

There are a number of financial concerns: health insurance, spending money, car insurance, gas and car maintenance, and food. Paul has been able to contribute some funds to the house by Mass stipends unfortunately, in no way will this cover all his costs. He asked Mel Jurisich for some intentions and was given a \$250.00 check with the intentions. He has almost completed the 50 mass intentions given to him by Mel. He has also brought a few cash donations to the house totaling about \$150.00. These are one-time donations. I need your assistance in this matter. [REDACTED], thank you for your care and concern for me, our community, and thank you for your ministry to all the brothers of the Province.

Fraternally

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Thomas Thing, OFM
11/10/00



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Provincial Minister

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Designed by
Corilla Bounarens, RSM



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calls us to
act in harmony
and interdependence
with all Creation.

4-21-01

Thanks for finding the time to meet with McHovnan & myself. I feel the meeting was very helpful, setting direction to my time of rest, reflection & prayer.

I see the time differently than before. I feel much better about taking the time away from USO & ministry.

I will do my best to use the time well. I will write you soon with some thoughts I have about staying in San Diego and looking at alternative living situations.

Peace,

Tom Thurg



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San Diego de Alcalá

April 24, 2001

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Dear :

Again, thanks for taking the time to meet with Dr. McGovern and myself. I found the meeting very helpful and productive. I think the issues that the three of us discussed for therapy will be helpful for me and for the Friars. I will do my best to meet your concerns and those of the province along with dealing with my personal concerns such as family, through the program that Dr. McGovern is in the process of outlining. I am meeting this next week with Dian Greenwood the therapist I was seeing for a few years ago. She is going to be in the area next week for vacation. As of now, she will not be in San Diego during the summer so we are looking at different options.

As I mentioned to you in the presence of Dr. McGovern and then later in our private conversation, I feel need to live elsewhere, other than Casa San Diego. I have talked with not one, but three spiritual directors outlining my thoughts and feelings. All three have encouraged me to look for alternative housing in order to get the space and perspective needed. As you are aware, I would like to remain in the San Diego area to be close to my mother and family. When we meet last week, I shared with you the few living options/possibilities that make the most sense for me. I am in the process of examining a few options, none of which are firmed up. In the middle of June I would move out of Casa San Diego and move to a USD off campus apartment for 6 weeks. There may be a cost associated with this. Students are not on campus at this time. This option is still being negotiated with the director of housing. In Mid August I would move into an extra room of a family friend who rents a three-bedroom home. I would need to pay rent (\$300-\$400 per month). I would remain here in this home until the end of my sabbatical. Another option that I mentioned to you and am still considering is the Augustinian offer to provide housing for a limited period. I went and visited the housing possibilities, that John Keller has offered, but feel that they would not give me the needed space I feel I need at this time. As I mentioned, I am still pursuing options. I will update you, as these options become clearer.

Another matter that we need to discuss is financial. Do I need to purpose some sort of a budget? At this point, I do not know the cost associated with my housing and/or sabbatical. I do know however, that I would like to purchase a laptop computer. Is there any funding available for such a purchase? There is no money available through our local community. We are struggling to pay our bills. We do not have a computer that I can use. Until now, I have relied on the University to provide me with one. This will no longer be the case. I would need about \$1500.00 for the computer.

I would appreciate your thoughts and comments on this and the above mentioned concerns.

Fraternally,

Tom Thing
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to: Dr Kevin B. McGovern
From:
RE: Brother Tom Thing, OFM
June 10th 2001

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I will send Tom a copy of this so that he, too, can try to get in contact with you.

Thank you so very much for all you do.

Sincerely,

cc: Tom Thing, OFM

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9/4/01

Dear

It was good to meet with you at
San Damians in August. To learn your
perspective on the situation was
helpful for me in my work with
Tom.

Please don't hesitate to call or
write if you have further questions
or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dian Greenwood

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