



SAN DAMIANO  
RETREAT

Monday, August 26, 2002

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Dear ██████████ and Provincial Definitors,

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Spoke with ██████████  
they will let me  
know what I  
should do. J.*

Thank you for your prompt attention to my recent letter, and I appreciate your visit here to San Damiano on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> especially when your schedule has been so busy.

When we met you outlined a tentative plan to stay here yourself on the first few days of ██████████ time away and when Barry has his regular days off. You also mentioned that ██████████ would then follow by staying here for Elderhostel; and then ██████████ and Barry would work out the schedule for the following weeks.

I met with ██████████ and he gave me the schedule, which Barry had arranged. When I heard what was proposed for the balance of the time ██████████ was away in Rome I must admit I was astonished. No one will be in the Friary on the days I am away when Fr. Barry is off-site (for his days off and when he is ministering elsewhere); and I was asked to take a Monday and Tuesday off when no other coverage could be obtained late in October. What this schedule indicates is that my request for added "supervision" of Fr. Mario, has been seen as "protection" of me, and me personally. Nothing can be further from the truth.

The purpose of my letter, as a responsible administrator, was to alert you to the fact that I cannot both administer to the needs of the retreat house AND be asked to provide oversight and supervision of the Friars. When ██████████ and Barry are away, who will supervise Fr. Mario; and to whom will Fr. Mario be responsible and accountable? Fr. Emmanuel and Fr. Sebastian, though capable, cannot be responsible for supervising Fr. Mario, and indeed may need increased supervision themselves.

I realize you may not see this matter as weighty in light of the many other serious cases before you, but I must continue to ask for clarity for a situation I feel is tenuous at best; and I would feel irresponsible if I did not.

Peace and all Good be yours,

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