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ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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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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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,

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