

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

December 7, 1990

Philip A. Petit
[REDACTED]
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Dear Philip:

I regret that my first encounter with you must be through a letter rather than meeting with you personally. It must have been difficult for you to write to me for the first time and have to get immediately into financial matters. Beyond these obvious obstacles, I was happy to hear that you are beginning to make some plans for your future.

To help you achieve these personal goals, I would like to make the following proposals:

The Diocese of Manchester will continue to provide you the monthly stipend you have been receiving until such time as you are more self-sufficient. As you stated, however, this subsidy cannot continue indefinitely, and I would like to review the status of this stipend with you on a yearly basis.

Adhering to your request, the diocese will pay one-half of a health insurance policy for you in the State of California effective at whatever date you wish, assuming that our portion does not exceed what we are currently paying for you in the State of New Hampshire. Since we are in the process of renewing our New Hampshire contract, it would be necessary to make a decision in the near future. For bookkeeping purposes we will need the name of your insurance company.

I have looked through your file and find that the report you mentioned has already been removed and, I assume, disposed of according to the wishes you previously expressed to Bishop Gendron.


You seem now to be getting on with your life. I am sure it has not been easy for you. You will, I am sure, face many challenges but it is apparent you are ready to take them on. I wish you great success and God's blessings in all you do.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester

Philip A. Petit



27 November, 1990

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

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Dear Bishop O'Neil:

During the time that I have been away from active ministry in the diocese I have communicated with Bishop Gendron on a regular basis regarding my situation, on occasion meeting with him in person but most of the time by correspondence. It is in that context that I write to you, since you are now my Ordinary. I must first of all tell you that I feel apprehensive writing to someone whom I do not even know and who does not know me, yet who has considerable power to impact my future. I believed it would be a few years before Bishop Gendron would retire and therefore did not anticipate having to communicate with you quite so soon. I now regret that I did not meet with you before moving so far away.

I have been blessed in the nine months since I moved to San Francisco, but that is not to say that it has been an easy adjustment. In order to minimize my living expenses I share an apartment with a roommate, and I sold my car so I use public transportation. I am currently employed part-time as a secretary for an attorney in Oakland, but that is at an hourly rate without any benefits whatsoever. You can understand that the monthly stipend and health insurance from the diocese are very important, and I am grateful.

Over the years, many of the therapists I saw administered various aptitude tests, and the results most often indicated that I would function well and be relatively happy as a university professor. It was also recommended that I consider pursuing a career in law.

My long-term plan is to return to graduate school and pursue a doctorate degree, and then to teach at the university level. Toward this goal, I am currently enrolled in two graduate courses and hope to be enrolled next Fall in a full-time master's degree program at one of the state universities in the Bay area. By then I will have established California residency, so the tuition will be less. However, pursuing full-time studies would rule out full-time employment and therefore prolong my financial insecurity.

I realize that the financial assistance from the diocese will not continue indefinitely, however I certainly hope that it will not end anytime soon. It was just a year ago that I requested assistance from the diocese because of my deteriorating employment situation and resulting financial instability. I made this request on the advice of a canon lawyer, and based on the provisions of Canon 1350.1 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law. Bishop Gendron agreed to my request, but we never discussed how long this assistance might continue. It

would be imprudent of me to begin graduate studies without discussing with you my continued financial support from the diocese.

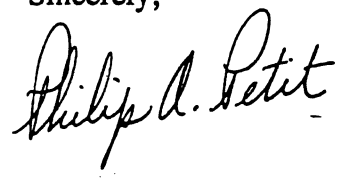
There is an issue which I never discussed with Bishop Gendron, but which I must raise with you at this time. While I was at the House of Affirmation, and subsequently at the Sexual Dependency Unit of the Golden Valley Health Center, several therapists asked on various occasions whether I had ever been the victim of sexual abuse. The basis of their questions is the fact that most perpetrators of sexual abuse are victims of sexual abuse. Though I related to them several sexual incidents when I was fifteen and sixteen years old involving a priest in my home parish, I minimized the impact those incidents had on me. It is now clear to me that those incidents were indeed sexual abuse, and that they were quite damaging since the priest was my confessor and therefore was well aware of my struggles and my pain around sexual orientation and activity. It is most tragic that I, as a priest, repeated the very same behavior pattern with boys under the age of eighteen. The fact that I repeated the behavior I learned from this priest is the reason I shall never be permitted to return to active ministry, and I believe that, in view of this, the financial support from the diocese during my transition to another career takes on added significance.

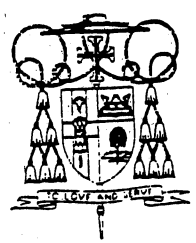
Another matter I want to address is my health insurance coverage through the diocese. I want to begin therapy around the issues of being both a sexual abuse perpetrator and victim, but Blue Cross-Blue Shield of New Hampshire will only cover services provided by a clinical social worker if s/he is licensed by the State of New Hampshire. I am asking that the diocese pay for half of the premium of a California health insurance plan. I am going to ask my employer to include me in his Blue Cross-Blue Shield group plan and pay for the other half of the premium. If this can be arranged I would be dropped from the diocesan plan, and I suspect that this would effect a net savings to the diocese while providing mental health coverage for me in California. If you are agreeable to this arrangement, I would like to make the change as soon after 1 January, 1991 as possible.

Finally, Bishop Gendron and I have an agreement that my psychological reports which I release to him would be restricted to his personal reading, and would be removed from diocesan files and destroyed one year after he receives them. In July of 1989 I forwarded to him a report from Dr. Philander, the psychiatrist who treated me in 1987 at Golden Valley Health Center. I expect that you will review my file, and probably read that particular letter since it addresses the inadvisability of my returning to active ministry. As part of your response to this current letter, I would appreciate your statement that the letter from Dr. Philander has been destroyed.

I understand that you are unfamiliar with my story, and perhaps at something of a disadvantage as well. I suspect that Bishop Gendron is a valuable resource for background information, and certainly permit you to confer openly and freely with him about me should you want to. I believe that Bishop Gendron is genuinely concerned for my well being. In closing I ask God's blessings on your work in New Hampshire, and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,





OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

January 17, 1991

Philip A. Petit

[Redacted address block]

Dear Phil:

In response to your letter of January 11, I would like to inform you that I have arranged for you to receive an additional check for \$103 each month beginning at the end of February. As I understand your letter, this will pay for one-half of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield program for California. I have arranged to have your coverage under our program cease as of the beginning of February.

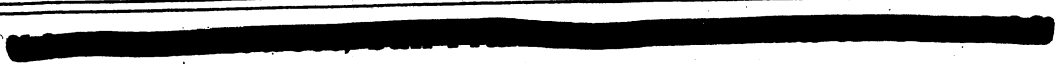
Please be in touch with me if there are any problems in this regard, and be assured of my prayerful best wishes.

Your friend in Christ,

+ Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester

Philip A. Petit



January 11, 1991

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

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Dear Bishop O'Neil:

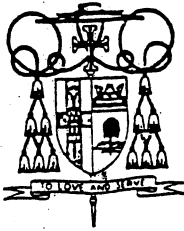
I have today received notice from the insurance broker that I have been accepted for coverage under the "Prudent Buyer" group plan offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of California. The effective date of my coverage is 1 February, 1991.

The agent indicated that a .05 error was made in quoting the premium, so the monthly cost is actually \$205.72. The agent also reminded me that the renewal date for the group is 1 March and that some premium increase is anticipated. As per our earlier agreement, the diocese will reimburse me for half of the monthly premium, the same amount being deducted from my wages. I do not anticipate any difficulties in changing health insurance coverage, but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am grateful for your cooperation in this matter and appreciate the continued financial support from the diocese during my extended period of transition. I will advise you should there be any further change in my situation, however I am hoping that our future communication will not be exclusively financial in nature. I have no plans to return to New Hampshire any time soon, but would be glad to meet with you should you be coming to the Bay area.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

February 11, 1992

Philip A. Petit
[REDACTED]
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Dear Phil:

Thank you for your February 7th letter indicating the need for an additional \$19.00 per month in your health insurance stipend.

I have asked the accounting department to make that adjustment.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Your friend in Christ,

Leo

Bishop of Manchester

*Nope it is not as sold out there
as it is here Phil.*

Philip A. Petit

February 7, 1992

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

As I mentioned in my most recent letter to you, I was anticipating an increase in the monthly premium for my health insurance. The renewal notice arrived recently, and as of 1 March, my monthly insurance premium will be \$243.67, an increase of about \$38.00 per month. My employer has agreed to increase his 50% share accordingly, and I will continue to be responsible for the remainder.

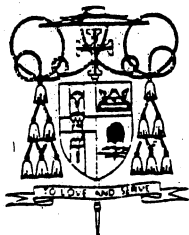
The Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Plan is referred to as a "managed care" program - a euphemism for limited coverage of services and higher deductibles (in my case \$500.00). However, after reviewing the choices available through my employer, it is still the best option for me. While it is not anywhere near as comprehensive as the diocesan plan, it is not anywhere near as expensive either.

I understand that the diocese is currently experiencing cash-flow difficulties, however I am requesting that you increase my monthly health insurance stipend in order to maintain a 50% share, as per our agreement of December, 1990. Were I responsible for the approximately \$19.00 per month increase (50% share, and more significant when added up for the year), it would create some financial constraint in my already frugal budget. I appreciate the on-going financial assistance which I receive from the diocese, and I look forward to the day when I will be financially self-sufficient and stable. Until then, I must depend on the monthly stipends.

I thank you for your consideration of my request, and wish you the continued blessings of health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

February 6, 1992

Philip A. Petit
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Dear Phil:

Thank you for your recent letter. It was good to hear from you and I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness in taking the time to write to me to explain your financial situation.

Phil, we shall be pleased to continue your present arrangements.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Your friend in Christ,

+ Leo

Bishop of Manchester

Philip A. Petit

January 31, 1992

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

I apologize that I have taken so long to respond to your letter, but I needed time to reflect and evaluate my financial situation before I could properly answer your question.

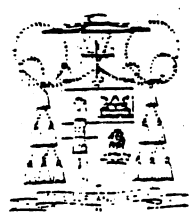
The monthly stipend from the diocese, which is 80% of what my salary would be, covers my rent and utilities but nothing else. What I earn working 20 hours a week covers all my other expenses such as food and clothing, as well as the tuition, fees, books and supplies, and transportation associated with my classes as a full-time graduate student. I resumed psychotherapy and also began seeing a chiropractor, and I am paying any fees not covered by my health insurance deductible and/or benefits. Quite honestly, I have little money left at the end of the month for any leisure activities - not that I have much leisure time!

You agreed that the diocese would pay 50% of my monthly health insurance premium, but in fact there have been some minor premium increases over the past year which I opted to cover rather than "nickel & dime" the diocese. However, the contract renewal date is 1 March and I suspect there will be a substantial increase in the monthly premium. At that time, I may request that you increase the diocesan amount in order to maintain 50%. In spite of any increase, the amount involved would be considerably less than the diocesan plan premium.

In view of the financial summary which I have provided, I am unable to relinquish or reduce the amount of financial assistance I receive from the diocese. Understanding that the diocese is experiencing cash-flow difficulties, I am all the more appreciative of your assurances that the diocese will honor the commitments Bishop Gendron made to me and which you affirmed with me. I wish you the best in '92, and God's continued blessing on your ministry.

Sincerely,

Phil Petit



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

January 9, 1992

Philip Petit
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Dear Philip:

Happy New Year! I hope you are well and that things are going well for you.

Last December, I wrote to you about the financial aid you were receiving from the diocese. It is my understanding that the diocese would help you with your continuing education. I of course intend to fulfill that commitment, but as you can readily understand, our diocese, like many families and individuals, is feeling the effects of the current recession. Some adjustments must now be made in all of our operating expenses. The monies available in the clergy fund are just about depleted.

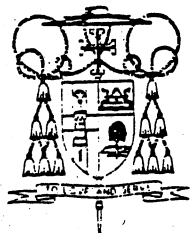
The intent of this letter, Philip, is simply to ascertain if our subsidy to you can be eliminated or in any way reduced. However, I want to state again, I will gladly honor any and all necessary commitments this diocese has made to you.

Wishing you success in all you do and hoping to hear from you in the near future, I am

Your friend in Christ,

+ *Leo E. O'Neil*

Bishop of Manchester



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

February 23, 1993

Philip A. Petit
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Dear Phil:

Thanks for your letter of January 27. I was pleased to hear that your studies have been proceeding so well, and I hope that your plans to finish the MA Degree in Social Psychology by the end of the summer will be realized.

I am sorry that your part-time employment has been terminated with the attendant health insurance problems that this causes you. I am certainly willing to assist you in this regard. If I understand the provisions of your second letter correctly, you are requesting a diocesan subsidy of \$126 per month to cover the cost of the individual medical insurance that you are taking out. I have authorized that the amount we are currently sending you be adjusted to \$126, which you will begin to receive with the next monthly check. I hope that this will be of assistance to you.

Obviously, at the time that you obtain full-time employment, I would like to discuss with you both the subsidy that we are currently providing you and the health care subsidy, given the continuing demands made upon our Diocesan Clergy Fund. I am grateful that you recognize this fact and would look forward to discussing this situation with you at the appropriate time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with me.


Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Your friend in Christ,

+ *Leo E. O'Neil*

Bishop of Manchester

Philip A. Petit



February 16, 1993

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

I write as a follow-up to my letter of 27 January, and once again there is good news and there is bad news. This time I will give you the bad news first.

Much to my surprise (shock!), my former employer refused to continue my medical coverage under his group plan, and did not even give me a reason. Luckily, I had already investigated the options for medical insurance available to me, and immediately applied for individual medical insurance. My application is still pending, but the broker is confident that my new coverage will begin as of 1 March, when my coverage through my former employer's group plan will terminate. Unfortunately, the broker informed me that my deductible amount (\$500.00) will begin anew and that nothing claimed during January or February will carry over, in spite of the fact that I will be covered by the same insurance company - Blue Cross of California. He also warned me that any regular services which I claimed under the group plan might be classified as "pre-existing conditions" and therefore be excluded under my individual plan. This means that my bi-monthly psychotherapy sessions and monthly chiropractic treatments will, in all likelihood, be excluded.

Now for the good news. The monthly premium for the comparable coverage for which I have applied will be \$126.00 rather than approximately \$250.00 under my former employer's group plan. I am therefore hopeful that you will adjust my monthly medical insurance reimbursement. I want you to know that I am aware that the diocese is under some financial constraint, and therefore appreciate all the more your willingness to continue my financial support. I thank you for considering my request and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit

PLEASE NOTE

If the Bishop sends this, he should
let Msgr. Christian know so that he
can inform the payroll department.

Monsignor won't do anything until he
finds out if the Bishop sent it.

Philip A. Petit

January 27, 1993

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
 Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
 153 Ash Street
 Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

I write to provide you with my annual update about my situation and progress, and as is often the case, there is some good news and some bad news. First for the good news!

Today I begin my final semester of classes at SFSU for the MA degree in social psychology, and intend to complete my thesis by the end of the summer. I will then devote my time and energies to securing full-time employment appropriate to my career objectives. I am considering pursuing a doctorate degree, but will defer that decision for at least a year. Incidentally, and at the risk of boasting, my current grade point average is 3.85 - otherwise referred to as "summa cum laude". Thank you! Now for the bad news.

The attorney I was working for is now spending most of his time in Boston, and therefore has "reorganized" his Oakland office. That means that I was laid-off on the 19th of this month. This creates an unanticipated financial strain on me, and makes the monthly diocesan stipend all the more essential as my sole dependable source of financial support. I have filed for unemployment compensation, but I must wait for eligibility determination sometime in February. Even the maximum benefit will be about half of what my take-home pay was.

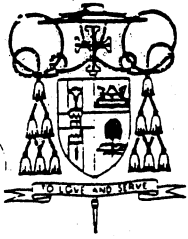
My current health insurance coverage will end as of the 28th of February, and this worries me the most. After investigating different options, I will ask my former employer to keep me on his plan until I can find a full-time position with health insurance or until the end of 1993, whichever comes first. Of course, I would have to reimburse him for the full premium amount, which would be about \$250 monthly. Based on my experiences with him, I expect him to agree with this plan.

I therefore ask you to consider increasing in the monthly health insurance reimbursement which I receive from the diocese. I believe that with that increased assistance I will be financially stable for the coming months. I will be meeting with my former employer during the week of February 8, and can provide you with the specific amount soon afterward. I am aware of the diocese's financial constraints, and appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

Petit, Phil

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MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

June 11, 1993

Philip A. Petit
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Dear Philip:

I have received your recent letter indicating your need to have an increase in your monthly health insurance reimbursement from the current \$126.00 to \$135.00. The finance department has been notified regarding the change.

Since the checks are run as a group, if the run has already been completed when we meet, you will be able to pick up your July checks at that time. Otherwise, the checks will have to be mailed.

Because of previous commitments, the only time that I have available the week of June 28 is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 29. I would be happy to see you at my residence at that time, if it is convenient for you.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Your friend in Christ,

Leo

Bishop of Manchester

Sorry, Phil my mail got ahead of me during confirmation season. Hope to see you on the 28th.

Philip A. Petit

3 June, 1993

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
 Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
 153 Ash Street
 Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0310

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

I was recently notified by Blue Cross of California that the monthly premium for my health insurance plan would increase \$9.00 as of the 1st of July. Therefore, I request a similar increase in my monthly health insurance reimbursement, from the current \$126.00 to \$135.00.

Aware of the diocese's current financial constraints, I debated whether I should even make this request. However, after reviewing my own financial situation - a \$50.00 increase in my monthly rent, a recent increase in local utility rates, and my unemployed status - I realized that I must make this request for a modest increase in financial assistance from the diocese.

I assume that you received my recent letter requesting a meeting with you during my upcoming visit to New Hampshire, but have as yet received no response. I hope that you will have time to meet with me so that we can discuss my continued financial support, as well as other issues of mutual concern. Anticipating that we will be able to meet, and if it is not too impractical, I would prefer to pick up my July checks at the time of our meeting rather than having them mailed to my home in California.

As I have stated before, I appreciate the continued financial support from the diocese. I thank you for your consideration, and look forward hearing from you concerning your response to my request and the date and time of our meeting.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit

*Received from commitments if time available,
 T. Neil June 29. 1993 at home*

Philip A. Petit



13 May, 1993

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0310

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

I will be in the Boston/New Hampshire area for about ten days beginning the last week of June. This will be my first trip to the area since I moved to California over three years ago.

In addition to visiting with family and friends, I think it would be appropriate for me to meet with my Ordinary. I expect that I will feel nervous and awkward since this will be the first time that I meet with someone other than Bishop Gendron. Though we were introduced during the clergy reception at St. Anselm College on the day you were welcomed to the diocese, I expect that you do not even remember what I look like. I hope that our meeting will provide us with an opportunity to get to know each other a little better, as well as to discuss my current situation and future aspirations.

I will be arriving late on Monday, 28 June and plan to take it easy on Tuesday so I can adjust to being back in the area. May I suggest meeting, as your schedule permits, sometime later in that week. The last day I could meet with you, however, would be Tuesday, 6 July.

I hope all is well with you, and look forward to speaking with you in person. Please let me know the date and time for our meeting.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit

Philip A. Petit

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17 June, 1993

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0310

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

I received your letter of 11 June, and I understand that it is sometimes necessary to delay correspondence when unanticipated matters arise.

As I had written in my previous letter to you, I will land in Boston and arrive in New Hampshire late the evening of 28 June, and will likely experience jet-lag for a day or so. However, in view of the constraints of your schedule, I will meet with you at your residence on Tuesday the 29th at 10:00 a.m. I make my apologies now for whatever condition I am in then!

I appreciate the increase in the amount of the diocese's reimbursement to me for health insurance. If it is not possible for me to pick up my July checks at the time of our meeting, I ask that they be mailed to me at my mother's home rather than mailed to California. Should that be necessary, her address is:

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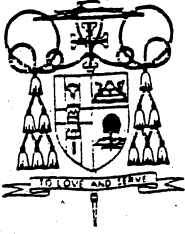
Again, I thank you for your continued support and I look forward to meeting with you on the 29th.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit

Phil Petit

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

January 10, 1995

Philip A. Petit
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Dear Philip:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate your sending me an update on your endeavors and I hope that all will go well with your thesis.

An increase in your medical allowance has been authorized. You will start receiving \$168.30 with the January check.

Wishing you the best in the New Year, I am

Your friend in Christ,

+ Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester

Enclosure

Happy New Year Philip.

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Philip A. Petit

4 January, 1995

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop O'Neil:

It is my understanding that I must annually update the bishop regarding my employment/income status in order to justify continuing the financial assistance I receive from the diocese, and so this is my letter for 1995. In addition to that which is required, I have typically included update information of a more personal/professional nature, since one affects the other.

As you may recall, I lost my part-time job in January of 1993. I expected to complete my master's thesis that year, and therefore delayed my search for a full-time employment position until I had done so. My decision to delay was based primarily on the advice of my professor/mentor, who knows of several former students who never completed their master's thesis/degree because their work took priority over academics. I made ends meet during 1993 because of the financial assistance from the diocese and the unemployment compensation I received. Though my unemployment benefit ran out in January 1994, I was still reluctant to seek employment until I had completed my master's thesis/degree. In 1994 I drew upon my "retirement savings" to supplement the financial assistance from the diocese in order to stay current on bills and expenses. In October I did find an "on call/as needed/per-diem" position, but only had gross earnings of approximately \$1,600 during the whole of 1994.

Unfortunately, late in 1993 it became evident that my topic was unmanageable for a master's thesis. I formally changed my thesis topic in January 1994, and spent the year researching it and designing/revising a questionnaire in order to collect data. I distributed the questionnaire just last month, and while the initial response rate was good, I still must collect additional completed questionnaires before I can proceed with the data analysis. Barring unforeseen difficulties, I expect to complete my thesis this Spring and be granted the degree in May. Several professors who have taught me in class and/or supervised my thesis work are strongly encouraging me to apply for a doctoral program. Though not the most practical approach, I will not make any decision about that until after I complete the master's degree. In 1995 I hope to find consistent part-time employment in order to have a dependable earned income rather than continue to draw upon "retirement savings".

I enclose the unsigned December health insurance reimbursement check and ask that someone there sign it and return it to me at their earliest convenience. There must be some coincidence in this, since I had decided to request an increase in the amount of my health insurance reimbursement. The reimbursement amount was last increased in June of 1993, and though there were premium increases during 1994, I chose to cover them myself rather than ask for any further increase in the reimbursement from the diocese. However, I was recently informed that the monthly premiums for my health insurance coverage will increase to \$168.30, effective with the January 1995 payment. In view of my employment/income situation, I now must request the equivalent increase in the reimbursement amount from the diocese. I realize that this represents a significant increase in the reimbursement amount, but I also understand that the cost of my health insurance is considerably lower than that paid per priest on the diocesan plan. I am aware that the diocese continues to experience financial constraints, and therefore am all the more grateful for the financial assistance I receive. At this point, it remains my sole dependable source of income.

I believe that you keep abreast of news regarding the priests of the Diocese of Springfield, and though I am not sure how well you know Rev. Bob Arpin, I think I should let you know that he is in failing health from the complications of HIV/AIDS. In the past I would run into him from time-to-time, but I have not seen nor heard from him for several months now, and believe that he is confined to his home, if not bed-ridden.

From what I have heard and read, 1994 was a difficult year for you personally as well as for the diocese. As you can see from what I have written, it was no picnic for me either! Here's hoping that 1995 will be a little better and much easier for all of us! In closing, I thank you again for your support and encouragement, and for the financial assistance from the diocese. I look forward to receiving your response, and perhaps even a little news from you.

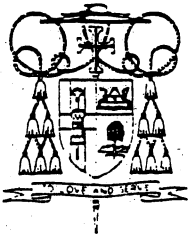
Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit

*PS - I am one of the few who continue to wish
"Merry Christmas"
throughout the whole season.*

Petit, Philip

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP
DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

MOST REVEREND LEO E. O'NEIL, D.D.

May 15, 1997

Philip A. Petit



Dear Philip:

In response to your letter of May 7, I am authorizing an increase in the medical insurance reimbursement provided to you by the diocese up to \$199.22 a month. I will authorize the finance department of the diocese to make the appropriate adjustments.

As soon as you have employment that covers your benefits package, I would once again remind you to notify me so that the diocese will then discontinue to cover those insurances.

In closing, please be assured of my prayers and best wishes.

Give my regards to your mother for a speedy recovery.

Your friend in Christ,

+ Leo E. O'Neil

Bishop of Manchester

Philip - these next two weeks are a wash out but if anything opens up I'll give you a call and see if we can get together. All the best LON

7 May, 1997

Most Reverend Leo E. O'Neil, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop O'Neil,

May is the annual open enrollment period for the medical insurance plan to which I subscribe, and this year I intend to switch both my health and dental companies. I request an increase in the medical insurance reimbursement that the diocese provides to me, from \$168.30 to \$199.22 a month. The changes that I indicate during this period will be effective as of 1 July, so the increased premium will be due and paid on 30 June.

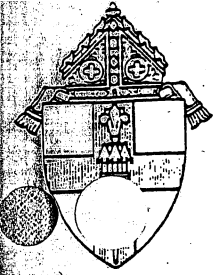
I intend to switch to the health insurance carrier with the lowest premium, so the increase will be \$2.21 a month. However, the dentist which I have been seeing for the past several years recently notified me that he is no longer a provider in any prepaid (capitated) plan. Therefore, I must enroll in a fee-for-service (indemnity) plan in order to continue going to him, and this change in dental insurance will cost an additional \$28.71 a month.

I appreciate the financial assistance that the diocese continues to provide to me, and have sought to keep the cost to a minimum. I will await your approval before notifying the plan of these changes, but must do so by 31 May. I am currently staying with my mother while she recuperates from spinal surgery, so I ask that you mail your response to me at her address listed below. Should you want to meet with me in person to discuss this, or any other matter, I will certainly make myself available at your convenience. I pray for your continued good health, and look forward to receiving your response in the near future.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Petit
Philip A. Petit

[REDACTED]



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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

February 27, 2001

Philip A. Petit
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Philip:

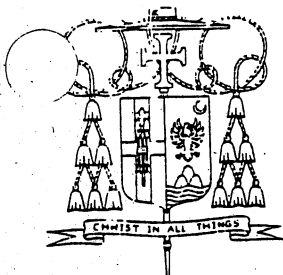
To date I have not received a response from you regarding the issues I outlined in my letter to you on January 30, 2001. I shall assume at this point that the absence of a reply from you is an acknowledgement of the end of your benefits as outlined in my letter. Please contact my office if you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter. Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes. I remain.

Cordially yours in the Lord.

Chancellor
Secretary for Administration

file/sab

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

FILE: 04/05/01

April 2, 2001

AUTHORIZED: Eja

Mr. Philip A. Petit
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Philip:

I hope that the remainder of your stay in New Hampshire was a pleasant one. I am keeping your mother in prayer as well as you and your family.

When we parted the other day I said that I would send you a note confirming the arrangement we agreed to, namely, that the diocese will continue to support you as it has in the past through December 30, 2001. It is my pleasure to confirm this, Philip.

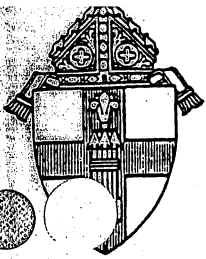
I found our conversation helpful in coming to understand you and your present situation. Your forthrightness and trust as well as your genuine spirit were truly appreciated by me during our conversation.

I pray that you continue to find in strength in God's love for you and that you experience success in finding the new position that you desire so that you can use the many skills you have.

I will continue to keep you in prayer, Philip, and ask that you remember me in yours.

Sincerely,

Bishop of Manchester



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January 30, 2001

Philip A. Petit
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Philip:

As you may be aware, at the beginning of each calendar year I review the files of priests who are no longer active in ministry and who receive some level of support from the Diocese of Manchester. I know that you are still receiving a monthly stipend of \$750.00. After discussing this matter with Bishop Christian, it is my intention to end this stipend in February 2001. He shared with me that he has every reason to believe that you have secured adequate employment in the market place.

If you would care to discuss this matter with me at anytime, please feel free to contact me so that we can schedule a mutually convenient time to talk by telephone. Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I remain,



Cordially yours in the Lord,

Edward J. Arsenault
Chancellor
Secretary for Administration

file/sab

Petit's Brother - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Philip A. Petit

22 February, 2001

Most Reverend John B. McCormack, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

PERSONAL / CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bishop McCormack,

I write to you in response to Rev. Edward J. Arsenault's letter dated January 30, 2001 (photocopy enclosed) informing me of his decision to terminate the monthly stipend that I receive from the diocese, effective immediately. I have always communicated exclusively with my Ordinary regarding the financial support that I receive from the diocese, and consider it essential in this instance. In this letter I review the history of my financial support from the diocese, disclose my current financial status, and request that you extend the period of my financial support.

Bishop Gendron granted my request for Sick Leave status from active ministry in the diocese in June of 1987 and wrote in his letter that I should request faculties in special circumstances, "for family or other reasons". During our meeting in late April of 1988 Bishop Gendron told me that he would like to return me to active ministry in the diocese at some future time. Bishop Gendron shared with me that he anticipated objections from some of my brother priests and that it would be easier for him to defend his decision to assign me to active ministry were I returning from a Leave of Absence rather than a Sick Leave. Bishop Gendron assured me that my being on Leave of Absence, rather than on Sick Leave, would not affect his offer to grant me faculties for special circumstances. Based on Bishop Gendron's statement and assurance I wrote a letter to him requesting a Leave of Absence, which Bishop Gendron granted in his letter dated May 17, 1988.

In December of 1988 I requested faculties to officiate at my sister's wedding, scheduled for July of 1989, but Bishop Gendron denied my request in a letter dated December 20, 1988. In his letter dated February 2, 1989, Bishop Gendron also denied my written request to con-

celebrate at Bishop Gerry's Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell. I wrote to Bishop Gendron several times during in the Spring of 1989 reminding him of his written statement and verbal assurance about granting "special circumstance" faculties to me. During one telephone conversation with Bishop Gendron, he informed me that I was unwelcome as a vested celebrant at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, 23 March that year. In his letter dated April 18, 1989, Bishop Gendron wrote: "Based on prayerful consideration of information that has been presented to Bishops on the national level, as well as the advice of our diocesan legal experts, I have changed my mind in this regard." During the ensuing six months I considered my options and realized that I had no way of returning to active ministry, so in October of 1989 I asked that Bishop Gendron return me to Sick Leave status. Bishop Gendron never did reply to that letter.

In January of 1990 I requested financial support from the diocese under canon 1350.1 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, to be calculated according to the diocese's Sick Leave policy. In his letter dated January 10, 1990, Bishop Gendron agreed to my proposal for financial support, and the late Bishop O'Neil renewed that agreement on a regular basis from November 1990 through May 1997. As I understand the criteria of canon 1350.1, I must demonstrate to my Ordinary that I am in need of *honestam sustentationem* in order to qualify for continued financial support from the diocese. Fr. Arsenault implies, based on Bishop Christian's belief that I have secured adequate employment in the market place, that I have no further need of financial support from the diocese. I now disclose my financial status, clearly demonstrating that I am still in need of diocesan financial support.

I earned \$28,945.29 in 2000 as an Administrative Assistant, my highest annual earned income ever, and I will not receive an increase this year. Adding the diocesan financial support to my take-home pay, my 2000 cash basis was \$31,454.13. The cost-of-living in California is arguably the highest in the nation, necessitating a frugal lifestyle given my cash basis. I economize on living expenses by sharing a modestly appointed rent-controlled apartment and by being abstemious when it comes to new clothing, eating-out, entertainment, and vacations. The following summarizes my current financial status, even with my best efforts to live within my means:

- my checking, savings, and money market accounts had a \$0.00 balance on 31 January
- I was able to save only \$2,000 during 2000, my contribution to a Roth IRA
- I was unable to make the January and February contributions (\$166.66/mo.) to my Roth IRA
- the ophthalmologist prescribed new lenses for me in early December but I have had to delay the purchase of new glasses until my cash flow improves
- I anticipate increased medical expenses in 2001 since there are fewer covered services and higher co-pays under the medical plan recently implemented by my employer.

The monthly stipend I receive from the diocese equaled 28.6% of my 2000 cash basis, and by terminating my diocesan financial support now you will leave me with no short-term alternative but to draw against my retirement savings in order to stay current with my living expenses. The late Msgr. Olkovikas urged newly ordained priests to save on a regular basis for their later years and warned us never to withdraw the money prior to retirement. Having to draw against my retirement now will be an unfortunate first for me.

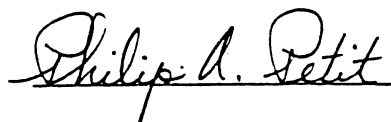
I would never have requested Leave of Absence rather than Sick Leave but for Bishop Gendron's statements and assurances regarding his future intentions for me in the diocese. Though my Ordinary "changed his mind", I have never changed mine about returning to active ministry in some capacity in the diocese. The same two criteria of canon 1350.1 that were true in 1990 remain so: my Ordinary's decision not to assign me to active ministry in the diocese and my need of financial support. In view of those facts, the financial support I receive from the diocese is a matter of justice, not charity.

I request that you continue the \$750.00 monthly stipend that I receive from the diocese. I, for my part, will seek a more lucrative employment situation in order to increase my earned income and decrease my need of financial support from the diocese. I will notify you immediately should I secure employment paying at least \$40,000 annually, an earned income that should provide me with approximately the same cash basis that I had in 2000. I will provide you with an updated report on my financial status in November should I not find employment at the \$40,000 level by then.

I was stunned by Fr. Arsenault's letter, as much by its tone as by its content, hence my delay in responding to you. Despite the less than positive opinions that those in the chancery may have of me, I am a presbyter of the diocese and expect to be treated fraternally. I would have preferred responding to Fr. Arsenault's inquiry regarding my financial status and employment rather than to a notification of his decision to terminate my financial support from the diocese, effective immediately. Fr. Arsenault and I have never even spoken, and it doesn't seem to me that he spent any time even trying to factually inform himself of my current situation.

It is unfortunate that my first communication with you as my Ordinary deals with the topic of financial support. I expect to visit New Hampshire sometime between now and the end of June and, if you would like, I will gladly make an appointment to meet with you while I'm there. I thank you in advance for your consideration of my request, and pray God continue to bless your episcopal ministry among the People of God in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

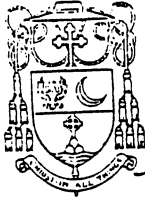


R - Public notice of homosexuality by police
 in 1980. Warned by Bp.
 E - Solicited in Dover - young man.
 C - Evaluated at Hof A. - 1984
 O - Therapy w/ Dr Desjardins (again)
 R - [redacted] Solicitation of young
 D - [redacted] - 1985
 S - Residency @ Hof A. - 1986
 - Leave of Absence ~~1986~~

L - Letter from ETA - end ? as
 F - of 2/2001. Call him if you like
 I -
 R -

L - Placed on sick leave - June 1987
 E - ^{limited faculties} Possible return to ministry mentioned
 T - April 1988
 T - Requested L of Absence - ^{promised limited faculties} May 1988
 F - By Gudrum changed mind about
 R - granting special faculties - April 89
 - Requested sick leave - no response.
 - Nov. 1990 - Requested adequate
 support - It was granted (\$7500)
 over

Most Reverend John B. McCormack



Financial Status

Earn \$28,945.29 - Adm. Cost. -

Dioc. Support \$9,000.

\$37,945.29

P.P. Addition = \$31,454.13 - Take Home

Support of \$2,508.84

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PHILIP PETIT
File Overview

CONFIDENTIAL

Sources: Confidential personnel file. There is no chancery personnel file for Fr. Petit, *Philip*

DOB: 1955 (derived from file data)

Ordained: June 1980

Treatment: Dr. Ernest Desjardins, Portsmouth, NH - outpatient
House of Affirmation, Hopedale, MA - evaluation and residential

Priests familiar with Fr. Petit:

Bishop Christian

Bishop Mulvec

Monsignor Burke

Monsignor Molan

Fathers Ham, Majka, Kerper, Thibeault and Quirk

Issues

Father Petit, shortly after his ordination as a priest, turned himself into the Manchester Police Department and identified himself as homosexual after an incident of theft related to a homosexual encounter at St. Theresa Rectory in Manchester. The notes from this incident indicate that Father Petit was a rigid man in the seminary and as a new priest. Bishop Mulvec informed Father Petit that if this activity did not cease, that he would be subject to suspension.

Father Petit was referred to Dr. Ernest Desjardins for outpatient care. He was later transferred subsequently to St. Joseph, Dover and later to Guardian Angel, Berlin; Our Lady of Mercy, Merrimack and Immaculate Conception, Portsmouth. He also resided at Saint Michael, Exeter for a time before his residential treatment at the House of Affirmation.

Another incident occurred in February 1984 wherein Father Petit presented himself as a homosexual to a 17 year old man in Dover. At that time he was sent to the House of Affirmation and after an evaluation there was referred for outpatient care with Dr. Desjardins.

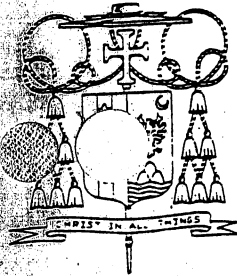
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[REDACTED] Father Petit was placed on "leave of absence" at the time and was assigned to the House of Affirmation in Hopedale for residential treatment in June 1986 following the resolution of his [REDACTED]. To my knowledge, he never returned to the Diocese of Manchester thereafter.

There is a series of correspondence between Father Petit and Bishop Gendron in 1986 and 1987 regarding an accusation of a breach of confidentiality around his psychiatric records. Father Petit claims that Msgr. Christian violated his confidentiality [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] He further insisted that his personnel records be destroyed and that the Diocese was more concerned with protecting itself from civil litigation than actually assisting him with his problems. Bishop Gendron refused to destroy any information in the files and remained committed to the confidentiality of Father Petit's issues.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
FILE: Confidential
AUTHORIZED: JA

October 22, 2001


Philip Petit
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Philip:

I recently met with Father Arsenault who reminded me that the agreement which you and I reached regarding assistance with your monthly sustenance was through December 31, 2001. I wanted to write to you now to determine whether your circumstances have stabilized economically and also to see how you are doing since your mother's death. I know that the loss of a parent is unlike any other challenge we deal with in life. You have been in my thoughts and prayer.

I would be grateful if you would write to me to let me know how you are and whether our agreement through December 2001 will be sufficient to help with your needs. Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,



Bishop of Manchester

January 16, 2002

Mr. Philip Petit
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear Philip:

I apologize for the delay in my response to your last letter regarding your financial situation. After reviewing the information that you sent to me, I am ready to extend your monthly support of \$750 for another six months, until June 30, 2002. I hope that this extension of financial support will be helpful as you make arrangements to seek new or additional employment or make an adjustment to your living situation.

I would be grateful if you keep in contact with me during this time. Please know that I pray for you often, Phil, and hope that you are doing well.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

John P. Coleman
Bishop of Manchester

*P.S. Thanks for your call
regarding Mr. Glibault!*



MEMORANDUM

TO: File (Father Philip Petit)

FROM: Allison Vachon, AGO Investigator *AV*

RE: Merrimack PD

DATE: September 26, 2002

On September 26, 2002 I received information from Lt. DOYLE of the Merrimack Police Department regarding Father PHILIP PETIT. I had inquired as to whether or not he Merrimack PD had any history of contacts with PETIT dating back to the 1980's. There is reference in the PETIT file to an incident involving "solicitation" that took place in Merrimack around 1983. DOYLE advised that he checked his department records and the Merrimack Police Department has no record of any contacts with PETIT during this or any other time period.

Memorandum

To: File (Philip Petit)
From: Detective Peter Favreau; Manchester, NH PD
Date: 09-09-02
Re: File breakdown



File Breakdown and Timeline

Priest: Fr. Philip Petit
DOB: 12-20-52
Ordained: 04-26-80

FILE:

- 06-15-72:** To whom it may concern from Rev. Roland Veillette, Pastor of St. John the Baptist in Suncook, NH as a letter of reference to enter the Seminary. He is of good character.
- 06-14-72:** Letter of recommendation for Petit from Joseph McDonald of St. Anselm's for Seminary.
- 09-19-72:** Letter to Petit's parents welcoming son Philip Petit as candidate for Priesthood into Diocese of Manchester.
- 03-18-74:** Letter to Msgr. Mulvee from Petit regarding retirement of Bishop Primeau. Maybe all of the Seminarians could attend the mass of the Chrism as a tribute to him.
- 03-21-74:** Letter to Petit from Msgr. Mulvee. You may attend mass of Chrism but not everyone else.
- 04-17-74:** Letter to "Father" from Petit listing his choices for places to study. Says he wants to go to France, has spoken to Patrick Dubreuil who went there and does not regret his choice. Second choice is Ottawa, and third is St. Marys etc. Wants Diocese to finance his studies.
- 07-15-74:** Letter to Msgr. Hansberry from Tom Bresnahan from Diocese regarding assignment of Petit for study of First Theology. Despite Petit's request for Louvain in France, no way. And since he doesn't want Baltimore, we'll send him to St. John's in Brighton.

- 07-24-74: Letter to Father Banks from Msgr. Thomas Hansberry of Diocese of Manchester saying that vocation committee has recommended Petit to St. John in Brighton.
- 07-24-74: Letter to Petit from Msgr. Hansberry informing him that he will attend St. John in Brighton.
- 07-24-74: Letter to Father Banks from Msgr. Hansberry requesting Petit's acceptance to St. John.
- 07-29-74: Letter to Msgr. Hansberry from Rev. Banks of St. John saying that Petit has been submitted to the board of Admissions.
- 04-16-75: Minutes of meeting authored by unknown person regarding Petit. Talks of summer assignment. Looking for place to send him.
- Minutes of meeting dated 5-20-75: Petit assigned to Our Lady of Mercy in Merrimack for the Summer.
- Minutes of meeting dated 6-9-75: Fr. Richard reports that Petit is doing well in Merrimack.
- Minutes of meeting dated 3-25-76: in faculty evaluation by Father Richard, says Petit could Do better with interpersonal relationships and could be more faithful to seminary Responsibilities.
- Minutes from 10-22-76: No reason Petit should not be called to candidacy.
- Minutes from 4-27-77: Petit wants to go for Master's degree next year. Remind him that he Will have to spend minimum of 6 months in parish after.
- Minutes from 9-29-77: Petit does not have time to work on religious education cause needs Time to study for Master's degree. Father Groleau feels should work on religious education First. Bishop Mulvee will send him to Jaffrey for further pastoral training with Father Smith.
- Minutes from 10-13-77: Father Smith briefed on Petit...should be a good fit. Marcel Martel And Petit have not yet written formal letter for Diaconate...would like to become Deacons in March.
- Minutes from 12-7-77: Petit afraid of Father Smith. Contract written up--they will meet Every Monday for an hour to discuss ministry.
- 04-16-75: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Rev. Banks giving yearly evaluation and grades for Petit at St. John's. He is not eligible for Admission to Candidacy at this time.
- 04-16-75: Note...unknown author from St. John's saying that Petit did well at school and although not eligible for candidacy, aptitude for priesthood favorable.
- 04-24-75: Letter to Petit from Rev. Ham (Asst. Chancellor). You will be assigned for the summer to Our Lady of Mercy in Merrimack with Father Richard.
- ???????: Undated note from unknown author to Fr. Ham saying that he spoke with Petit about rumor that Petit did not invited Marcel Martel to his ordination. Talked about team spirit and pompous attitude that Petit projects.

September 23, 2002

- ???????:** Undated questionnaire filled out by Petit (Deacon) and his supervisor--Father Lesmerises. Does not sound as if he loves the parish, but nothing of real note.
- 09-05-75:** Letter to Petit from Rev. Ham. Provides check for Seminary bill. Have a good year at St. John's.
- 09-12-75:** Documents regarding school loan from Diocese of Manchester for Petit in amount of \$4150.
- 09-14-75:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit saying that he is a member of St. John the Baptist in Suncook, NH. Currently studying at St. John's Seminary for priesthood. Please institute me in the lay-ministry reader.
- 09-15-75:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Rev. Banks of St. John's Seminary. The following students, Dennis Audet and Philip Petit are requesting that they be appointed as Lectors. They are Qualified and here are some letters of recommendation so that you can make your decision.
- 09-17-75:** Dimissorial Letter from Bishop Gendron to Banks saying that Philip Petit can be appointed Lector.
- 10-09-75:** Letter to Petit from Rev. George Ham...how are things at the Seminary? Give me your address and maybe we can plan a Christmas get together for all the seminarians and priests.
- 01-09-76:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit requesting that he be instituted in the ministry of acolyte in the Catholic Church.
- 01-12-76:** Evaluation of Petit done by Edward Hofler (Field Education Supervisor at Paulist Center in Boston). Nothing of note.
- 02-01-76:** Letter to Bishop (Gendron) from Petit. Congratulations on your first anniversary as Bishop. I have decided to delay my candidacy until the fall--although I am the only one in my class to do that, it is in my best interest.
- 02-04-76:** Letter to Petit from the Bishop (Gendron?) Thanks for your letter congratulating me on my first anniversary as Bishop.
- 03-01-76:** Memo from St. John's Seminary regarding Petit. He is continuing to prepare for priesthood. He has good academic abilities but some difficulty teaching because he is not forceful Enough. Must work on interpersonal relationships and could be more faithful to routine Seminary responsibilities. Aptitude for priesthood has been approved by majority vote of The faculty.
- 03-05-76:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Rev. Banks of St. John's Seminary. Petit and Dennis Audet have applied for Ministry of Acolyte. Evaluation included so that you can decide whether or not to accept them.
- 03-07-76:** Letter to "Paul" from Petit offering congratulations on "vocation" from Bishop.
- 03-10-76:** Letter to the Bishop (Gendron?) from Petit. Thanks for coming to visit us in Boston.
- 03-22-76:** Letter to "Paul" from Petit. Here is a copy of the letter I sent to Attny LaFlamme as you requested. Also included is a form Ham asked us to fill out about summer programs. Hope to see you soon.

- 03-26-76: Simissorial Letter from Bishop saying that Petit can be appointed Apocolyte.
- 03-29-76: Letter to Father Banks of St. John's Seminary from **Rev. Paul Groleau (Vocation director)**. Enjoyed our last visit at seminary and enclosed is letters on behalf of Dennis Audet and Petit To be installed as Apocolyte.
- 04-24-76: Letter to Rev. Paul Groleau from Petit. Good to see you and thanks for your support.
- 06-03-76: Letter to Petit from (Attny?) W. Jean LaFlamme. I reviewed your application for benefits from the Cote fund that provides for educating Priests. Can't help you this year.
- 06-06-76: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit. The weekend for seminarians in August will not work for me. I have to do vocation for the entire month. Here are some names of priests for the weekend. **Ed Mahoney, Frank Talbot, Dick Chagnon, Al Bolger, G. Dumont, and Gerry Croteau.** I'd like to receive candidacy at my home parish in Suncook if possible. Let me know.
- 06-15-76: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau (vocation director). Thanks for calling the other night and I'm happy to hear that you have a summer assignment. No local candidacy as you requested. That is only for special cases such as illness etc. I know you will be disappointed but you will Have to received candidacy from Seminary.
- 07-05-76: Letter to Msgr. Broderick from Paul Groleau. Thanks for taking time to reflect on Petit's involvement and effectiveness in your parish.
- 07-13-76: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit asking for info in locating assistance with paying for school.
- 07-14-76: Letter to Msgr. Hansberry of St. William's Rectory from Petit asking for summer employment.
- 07-15-76: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau concerning loans, grants etc. that may be available to pay for education.
- 07-25-76: Seminarian evaluation of Petit by Rev. Roger Fournier of Suncook, NH. Nothing of note.
- 07-29-76: Seminarian evaluation of Petit by Rev. Maurice Lagueux of Suncook, NH. Nothing of note.
- 07-30-76: Letter to Petit from Rev. Thomas Hansberry (Vicar General). Sorry, unable to find place for you on week-ends during the summer.
- 08-30-76: Evaluations of Petit from Rev. Kendrick, Rev. Boyle, and Rev. Tackney. Nothing of note.
- ??-??-76: Unsigned note regarding Petit from Vocation Department of Diocese of Manchester. Says he appears to have a lack of self-confidence which makes him gruff or sharp in his remarks. Afraid of deep relationships with others. **Seems to have had a problem with youth when he worked in Merrimack. Also had problems at the Paulist Center. Important to evaluate him this summer.**

- 09-27-76: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit. In third year of studies and ask to be admitted as candidate of Diocese of Manchester Diocese.
- 10-12-76: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Rev. Banks saying that Petit has fulfilled requirements for Admission to Candidacy.
- 10-12-76: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Rev. Banks saying that Petit has requested Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood. Enclosed are some letters of recommendation.
- 10-26-76: Dimissorial Letter from Bishop Gendron saying that Petit can be promoted to Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood.
- 10-31-76: Petit accepted for Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood.
- 11-02-76: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Rev. Banks advising that Petit was Admitted on Oct. 31.
- 02-27-77: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit. Talks about many things...nothing of note.
- 03-06-77: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit. Sorry I couldn't meet with you Friday. Don't want to be assigned to a Parish at this time, want to work on my Master's Degree. Nothing else of note.
- 03-16-77: Letter to Petit from Rev. Paul Groleau (vocation director). Thanks for your hospitality and request for scholarship etc. I have discussed diaconate ordination with others and the date for your ordination will be December 1977.
- 03-31-77: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau informing him that he will receive \$500 from grant.
- 05-10-77: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit informing him that he'll be at St. Gabriel's Parish in Brighton, MA for the summer. Spoke with Chris Bird (who is this?) when he visited and he had some issues. Tried to help.
- 05-31-77: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau. Thanks for the update and for your concern for Chris Bird.
- 06-08-77: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit. I'll be traveling to Europe this summer. Please write me a letter saying that I'm a member of the Diocese of Manchester so that I can stay at religious houses during my travels.
- 06-16-77: "To whom it may concern" letter from Bishop for Petit's travels. Bishop supports travel.
- 09-27-77: Letter to Paul Groleau from Bishop Mulvee. Petit appointment to Jaffrey parish is excellent idea. Will benefit him and Father Smith.
- 10-07-77: Letter to Petit from the Bishop advising appointment to St. Patrick's parish in Jaffrey.
- 10-26-77: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit and Marcel Martel asking for a different date for ordination.
- 11-17-77: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau saying that new date sounds good for ordination but need to speak with Fr. Ham to be sure Bishop's schedule will allow.
- 12-12-77: Letter to Fr. Banks from Paul Groleau saying that March date for ordination is fine.

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- 01-10-78: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau regarding meeting...nothing of note.
- 01-23-78: Note regarding interview of Petit by Fr. Smith of Jaffrey. Smith feels that Petit doesn't understand people's needs and wants everything planned before moving. Always comes up with excuses for not doing something. ***There is a handwritten note on this memo from someone that says "I spoke with Phil and said "Dam it Phil-do something. Don't wait until everything is laid out for you. Phil took it very well".**
- 01-25-78: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit asking to be ordained as diaconate.
- 02-07-78: Memo regarding Petit by unknown author. Says that he met with Petit who said that he'd met with the E&A board at St. John's--things not looking good. Said Petit was dis-intergrated, not academic enough, and negative with his peers. Had trouble with preaching--too long. There is a handwritten comment at the end of the memo that says the writer met with Petit and told him to be more tolerant and flexible. Signed "PM".
- 02-14-78: Memo by unknown author about Petit. Says he seems to have a lack of self confidence. Also seems to have a personality problem that prevents him from translating his ideal into ministry. Suggest a parish assignment until May 1979. Suggest therapy in the Fall. "Is Phil called to Religious Life?"
- Further memo from same date saying Phil called to attend faculty meeting. Reason for his attendance is the amount of negative votes he has receive thus far. Questioning his strong will and inflexible character, and his emotional response to trying situations.
- Writer met with Fr. Banks who said that the faculty would probably not recommend Petit for ordination. Fr. Banks agreed with this. **His reaction to situations is not normal. Pattern of behavior that could be harmful to church. Banks has serious reservations as to whether Petit is called to orders. Not enough reason yet to drop him completely. One year more of working in a parish before consider him for diaconate.**
- Fr. Banks said therapy not a bad idea. Fr. Walter Edyvean disagrees and says that Petit may be clashing with others due to personality.**
- 02-18-78: Letter to Paul Groleau from Bob B. (Banks?) Says that Marcel Martel was recommended for diaconate by all voting faculty. Petit was not recommended. He is too negative and rigid in expectations of others. Too emotional as well.
- 02-21-78: Memo from unknown author regarding Petit. Says not recommended for Diaconate.
- 02-27-78: Memo regarding Petit from "PM" saying that he met with Petit in Keene. Petit does not feel that he is supporting him. Petit wants more supervision at parish in Jaffrey.
- 02-28-78: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau. Says board met with the Bishop and it was decided that your ordination to Diaconate will be postponed. Sorry.
- 04-04-78: Memo concerning Petit from unknown author. Says met with Petit and Fr. Smith. Spoke with Petit about eating habits. Petit said will not eat according to schedule. Some argument and does Petit want to continue to work toward being a priest.
- 03-09-78: Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau. Send info about school bills as education is ending.

- 03-14-78: Memo by unknown author (PEL?) regarding Petit. Petit having problems getting along. No longer wants to preach. Petit's eating habits are not good. Trouble working with Fr. Dick.
- 03-17-78: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit regarding school loans.
- 03-23-78: Letter to Fr. Banks from Bishop (Gendron) commending him on difficult decision to postpone Petit's ordination.
- 03-27-78: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Fr. Banks. Thanks for your letter, it was a tough decision.
- 05-11-78: End of the fourth year evaluation by unknown author....concerned his suitability for priesthood. Still having problems but decision by board was to keep him in program (6 to 4 vote).
- 06-28-78: Letter to Msgr. Nolan from Paul Groleau advising that Petit will be assigned to Sacred Heart parish in Lebanon to work with Nolan.
- Letter to Rev. Richard Smith from Paul Groleau advising that Petit will leave Jaffrey and go to Sacred Heart in Lebanon.
- 06-29-78: Letter to Rev. Fernand Pichette of Sacred Heart from Paul Groleau thanking him for support of Petit.
- 08-07-78: Letter to Paul Groleau from Petit thanking him for his efforts.
- 10-26-78: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Fr. Nolan. Enclosed is a copy of letter to Groleau regarding Petit. Hope Paul will follow through on my suggestions.
- 10-23-78: Letter to Groleau from Fr. Nolan. Nolan is to supervise Petit. Very concerned about the way Petit's problem is being handled. Need to bring this to a head. Need to tell him exactly why he is being held up. He is rough around the edges but my gut feeling is that he should progress. Need to be fair and need a professional opinion. Suggest he be sent to Priest/Psychiatrist, Father James Gill.
- 10-31-78: Letter to Msgr. Nolan from Bishop Gendron. Thanks for your letter and hopefully we can work through his problems for ordination.
- 10-31-78: Letter to Msgr. Nolan from Bishop...thank you for your work with Petit and hopefully we can help Phil work through his problems and be ordained.
- 11-02-78: Letter to Msgr. Nolan from Paul Groleau. Going to meet with Petit on November 6 to clear the air.
- 11-17-78: Letter "To whom it may concern" from Rev. Ray Hannah of New Guinea. Wrote letter at the request of Father Pichette of Sacred Heart to give impression of Petit with whom he works. Nothing of note.
- 12-08-78: Evaluation of Petit from parish team at Sacred Heart. Did ok but failed to initiate ministry. Not a real good communicator. Not a great leader. Very defensive and feels like he has all the answers. **Petit does not seem comfortable with teens.**

- 12-15-78:** Letter to Petit from Bishop informing Petit that he will be ordained a deacon.
- 12-20-78:** Letter to Petit from Paul Groleau congratulating him on upcoming ordination.
- 02-01-79:** Diocese news letter advising that Petit will be ordained a deacon at home parish in Suncook, NH by Bishop Gendron.
- 02-18-79:** Petit ordained as priest.
- 02-23-79:** Petit assigned to St. John the Baptist in Manchester to serve under the pastor, Fr. Lesmerises.
- 12-01-79:** Request to Bishop Gendron from Petit to be ordained as priest.
- 12-20-79:** Letter to Daniel Cloutier from Rev. Ham on behalf of Bishop Gendron. Thanks for evaluation of Petit, he will be ordained as priest on April 26 at St. Joseph's in Manchester.
- 12-20-79:** Letter to Rev. Patrick Dubreuil from Rev. Ham thanking him for evaluation and informing him of Petit's upcoming ordination as priest.
- 04-26-80:** Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron ordaining him as priest.
- 06-04-80:** Letter to Msgr. Lesmerises from Bishop Gendron saying that Rev. Patrick Dubreuil will be leaving as Associate Pastor of St. John the Baptist for studies. He will be replaced by Rev. Roger Fortier. Petit will be leaving as well to be assigned to St. Theresa in Manchester.
- 06-04-80:** Letter to Father Chalifour from Bishop Gendron informing him that Petit will be assigned with him to St. Theresa.
- 01-30-81:** Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron informing him that he will be appointed to St. Joseph's parish in Dover on March 2 to serve under the pastor, Fr. Griffin. Letter to Fr. Chalifour as well to tell him that Petit is leaving.
- 03-06-81:** Letter to Petit from Bishop ?? . Talks of conversation between Himself, Mulvee, Father Ham and Petit that took place on November 1, 1980. Mulvee received the info from the Police and Don't be mad at them. Very concerned with circumstances surrounding the entire episode. The person involved, the use of the rectory, the surprising manner in which you went to the police and your reaction in general to what we all consider an extremely flagrant and serious incident. The potential for grave scandal cannot be minimized.
- We are satisfied with your statement that this is an isolated incident. The whole matter has been discussed with Doctor Ernest Desjardins. You can return to pastoral functioning in the diocese under following conditions. Make an appointment within the week to speak with Dr. Desjardins to begin long-term psychotherapy—with the understanding that you will be expected to develop the necessary impulse control to lead a celibate and chaste life. Second, you must refrain from all sexual advances and/or contacts with any males or females in the parish you serve, and refrain from visiting those places where you know temptations can be encountered easily. Violation of condition two will result in suspension. Must have regular contact with other priests in the diocese and be part of priest support group. Meet monthly with Fr. Ham. Also, must meet with a spiritual director.

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We are all behind you and will do our best to support you as you work through your problems.

- ???????:** Undated, unsigned memo regarding conversation with Petit—probably written by the Bishop. Talks about going over the letter with Petit, discussing his homosexuality and ability to live a Proper lifestyle. Petit says he can do this and will follow all of the guidelines that were set for him. Petit says he worked in the seminary with his spiritual director and it was felt that he was ready for priesthood.
- 06-22-81:** Letter to Petit from the Bishop—wants to summarize the meeting for clarity. Reminder that any recurrence of activities that we discussed which take place in your or any rectory will result in suspension. Any such activity anywhere is a serious failure to live up to the demands of celibacy. You need to do long-term therapy—with either Dr. Desjardins or Dr. Ouellette. Meet with Fr. Ham as well on a regular basis as he will supervise you.
- 05-27-82:** Letter to Petit from Bishop (Gendron?) to inform him that he will be appointed Associate Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin on June 15.
- 06-01-82:** Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron advising of new assignment to Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin. Work with Pastor Bisson. Based on what told by Dr. Desjardins, every reason to believe that you will be able to control your problem. Happy you have made progress. Don't forget the conditions imposed on you.
- 07-24-82:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Dr. Desjardins—regarding Petit's progress. Been seeing him a year and progress is adequate to good. He is dealing better with other priests and people, and less anger etc. Still demonstrates homosexual orientation—but no experiences in rectory or anywhere else. There have been situations where Fr. Petit behaved in a mildly seductive fashion with males, but no sexual encounter took place. Petit has experienced strong homosexual orientation since age of 10. He has been homosexually active up until 1 ½ years ago. Estimate that we are about half way through psychotherapy process. Need another year of intense and third year for weekly.
- Want to speak on Petit's behalf about his relocation to Berlin. This will cause problems and may cause him to terminate therapy. Need to consider giving him more time off or something.
- 04-09-83:** Memo regarding personal conversation with Petit. Talks about problems he is having in the parish with the current pastor (does not name parish/or pastor). Says he needs to work this out. Petit said he will try but if doesn't work he wants to perhaps take a year off for reflection to see if he wants to continue in a parish setting.
- 06-01-83:** Letter to Petit from Bishop (Gendron?) You will be appointed Associated Pastor of Mercy Parish in Merrimack effective June 15, 1983. You will work with Pastor Robert Carty and Fr. Rocco Memolo.
- 02-02-84:** Letter to Rev. Christian from Richard Gilmartin—director of the House of Affirmation Inc. (Int'l Therapeutic Center for Clergy and Religious). Please write us and tell us of your particular concerns regarding Petit so that we can treat him properly.

- 02-02-84: Letter to Petit from Richard Gilmartin advising him of admission date to House of Affirmation—February 28 to March 2, 1984.
- 02-02-84: Memo to file from Christian regarding Petit. On January 31, received a call from [REDACTED] about her son. [REDACTED] was sailing with Petit on Northwood Lake and [REDACTED] revealed to him that he was homosexual. Very concerned and wants something done. [REDACTED] and husband met with Petit and he admitted homosexual but denied solicitation. Christian is concerned about a recurring pattern. Same thing happened in Dover two years ago and a similar incident happened at St. Jean the Baptist several months ago. Petit claims he did this because wants to be accepted even if homosexual.
- We need to placate parents so they don't think nothing is being done. Can't send you to Desjardins because if the parents pressed the issue and found out that Petit had done this while under care of psychiatrist, could charge us with collusion. Plus, need a second opinion. Will send him to House of Affirmation February 28 to March 2, 1984.**
- 02-22-84: Letter to Dr. Gilmartin from Christian providing information about Petit for treatment as requested. Petit was ordained in Spring of 1980 and is 31 years old. Shortly after ordination, while on temporary assignment in Manchester, he picked up a young man and brought him to the rectory where they engaged in homosexual behavior. **Event became known to the Diocese through a confidential contact from the Police department where Petit had gone to report that he'd been robbed by this same young man.**
- There have been several recurring similar sorts of behavior which cause concern. Told young man in Dover three years ago that he was homosexual. Boy told parents and Petit transferred out. About nine months ago, report from parent in Manchester that Petit approached young man and discussed homosexuality. This past summer, Petit again approached a young man in his Merrimack parish and spoke of homosexuality. Parents concerned and interpreted as solicitation. In at least two of these occasions, young man was a minor. **Primary concern of the Diocese is his ability to live a celibate life.** Necessary for him to receive further independent counseling.
- 04-04-84: Letter to Mary Ann Fay of House of Affirmation from Bishop of Manchester. Happy about your report on Petit and that you recommend he can return to therapy with Dr. Desjardins.
- 08-31-84: Letter to Petit from Bishop (Gendron?) saying that per Petit's conversation with Fr. Christian, Petit will be assigned as Assoc. Pastor at St. Aloysius of Nashua effective September 5, 1984.
- 10-09-84: Letter to Petit from Bishop (Gendron) saying that Fr. Peter Dumont will take his place in Nashua and Petit will return to his duties at our lady of Mercy in Merrimack October 24, 1984.
- 05-18-85: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Father Robert Carty saying that he sat down with Petit to discuss his problem relating with people. We agree that he needs to be transferred for the good of the parish. Maybe he should look into other than parish work.
- 05-22-85: Letter to Father Robert Carty of Our Lady of Mercy in Merrimack from Bishop (Gendron?). Says that in response to your letter and the mutual agreement you arrived with Petit, I will reassign Petit in June. Bishop will be meeting with Petit in near future.

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06-12-85: You will be appointed Temporary Assoc. Pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Plaistow effective June 20, 1985. You will serve in this capacity until your appointment as Chaplain at Portsmouth Hospital.

12-23-85: Confidential memo regarding Petit written by Christian. States that the information contained comes from conversations with Msgr. Molan, Vicar General and Fr. Christian, Chancellor.

On October 5, Petit stopped to offer a ride to [REDACTED] a young man in his late teens/early 20's (definitely 18 yoa). Petit revealed to [REDACTED] that he was a homosexual, but never identified himself as a priest. Young man asked to let out of the car and Petit allowed him out. Week and a half later, young man was admitted as patient at Portsmouth hospital. In course of his rounds, Petit stopped to see him and did not recognize him, but the young man recognized Petit. Young man [REDACTED] told his mother and Portsmouth PD did an investigation. Detective Demo questioned Petit and Petit obtained services of Attorney Tony McManus. Young man [REDACTED] claimed that Petit attempted to touch him sexually. Petit denied and turned down plea.

Dr. Desjardins believes the present instance was simply a "slip" and that Petit is doing quite well.

01-24-86: Confidential memo regarding Petit written by Christian. At request of Bishop Gendron, I told Petit that based on [REDACTED] he must be relieved of ministerial responsibilities at this time. Petit disappointed but said that he understood. Asked to leave Immaculate Conception Parish temporarily and although angry, said will go to St. Michael's in Exeter.

On January 25, 1986, Christian spoke with Father William Quirk, the pastor of Immaculate Conception in Portsmouth. He will advise Portsmouth Hospital of Petit's relocation.

On January 27, Christian spoke with Dr. Desjardins, told of current situation and asked about possible in-patient care.

On January 31, Christian spoke with Dr. Gilmartin at House of Affirmation and he indicated a real concern for Petit's depressive attitude—inquired about possible in-patient care.

On February 5, Fr. Paul Bouchard (Asst. Chancellor) called Dr. Gilmartin and asked that Petit be put on waiting list.

On February 13, Miss Murphy from House of Affirmation called Fr. Bouchard to indicate that there was an opening at House in Florida as of March 12. Petit made it clear that he was hesitant to commit to March 12 date.

February 20, Fr. Bouchard called Miss Murphy at House to inform her that we did not want to reserve date of March 12, cause legal problems might be resolved by then. Please keep him on the list.

02-05-86: Letter to Petit from Bishop confirming agreement that you are on temporary leave of absence while legal matter resolved. You will live at St. Michael's in Exeter.

03-06-86: Confidential memo from Christian regarding Petit. [REDACTED]

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- 07-03-86: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Dr. Martha Campbell of Affirmation House. Petit arrived at House on June 26th to begin therapy. Please send me any information you have that might help Petit's treatment.
- ???????: Undated letter to Martha Campbell from Bishop of Manchester. I have three concerns about Petit. Homosexual, harsh when dealing with people, and his questions about priesthood and his choice of vocation. Original incident with boy in rectory and several accusations of solicitation. I believe that Petit has found it difficult to maintain a celibate lifestyle and his lack of celibacy has been a serious problem to him and Diocese. He also questions whether or not he should remain in parish ministry and/or as a priest at all.
- 08-28-86: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit. Progress report as required from Affirmation House. I have a concern about my reports....I signed off believing that you would have access and no one else. It appears that others on your staff have had access. Please give me your assurance that from now on, just you.
- 09-08-86: Letter to Petit from Bishop of Manchester (Gendron). Received your letter about concern for confidentiality. I share your concern and no breach that I know of. Your request is unreasonable...I must consult with my staff.
- 09-22-86: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Martha Campbell of House of Affirmation. Because you cannot honor Petit's request for confidentiality, we will no longer send you any reports. We can meet to discuss if you want.
- [REDACTED]
- 10-17-86: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Richard McNamara of Wiggin & Nourie. Writing at the request of Philip Petit. [REDACTED]
- 10-24-86: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Philip Petit thanking him for honesty during their conversation. My future as a priest is far from resolved, but I hope you have a better understanding of why I am so hurt, angry etc. List of requests:
- That all documents etc prepared by Dr. Desjardins be removed from diocesan files and destroyed; all written notes regarding Dr. Desjardins be destroyed. From now on, all documents etc from House of Affirmation are for you alone and you can discuss with staff in general my progress, but not verbatim.
- 10-24-86: Letter to Attorney McNamara of Wiggin and Nourie from the Bishop of Manchester (Gendron?) thanking him for letter [REDACTED]
- 10-28-86: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Philip Petit asking for an increase of monthly stipend to \$500 [REDACTED]
- 12-02-86: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Philip Petit asking for response to two letters--first was that asking for confidentiality demands and second was for monthly stipend increase.
- 12-03-86: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron responding to Petit's requests. Excuse the delay. I agree to your requests regarding destroying documents except for one dated July 24, 1982. This

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document was written after the situation in Dover and indicates that Dr. Desjardins believed the incident to be isolated. **Want to keep this for legal protection in case we're ever questioned about your reassignments.** Agree to other terms, all documents have been destroyed. Will keep others for one year, then destroy. Also, will increase stipend by \$50/month.

- 01-16-87:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit responding to above letter dated 12-3-86. Now I know that you are more concerned with potential legal problems than you are about me. My attorney says no reason to believe there will ever be action against the church because of me—would have happened by now. Dr. Desjardins will keep copies of everything and if there is a lawsuit, it will be easier for him to defend a subpoena for the info than you. So, please destroy everything.
- 02-19-87:** Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron saying I do care about you, but I also care about and must protect the diocese. The document in question shows that we provided psychological care for you and that our decision to reassign you was based very much on this report. I will stand by my decision.
- 04-16-87:** Letter to Kay Hall of Golden Valley Health Center from Bishop (Gendron?) saying that the Diocese will guarantee any payment for his treatment at Golden Valley.
- 05-18-87:** Letter to Bishop Joseph from Petit saying that he will be returning to NH on May 23. For therapeutic reasons Petit cannot live with his parents or family. Maybe I'll stay with Tim Thibeault of St. Joseph's in Salem or at St. Anselm's.
- 06-15-87:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit requesting leave of absence for health reasons. Plans to continue in psychotherapy with Craig Evans ACSW who was formerly employed by the House of Affirmation.
- 06-23-87:** Letter to Petit from Bishop saying that his request for one year leave for health reasons will be granted. During this time, you will have no priestly faculties.
- 06-24-87:** Memo to Father Paul Bouchard to Monsignor Christian regarding temporary housing secured for Petit during his leave/therapy. Will be leaving in Cambridge at Sacred Heart Parish with Father John O'Donnell. Address: 49 6th St. Cambridge, MA (617) 547-0399.
- 07-31-87:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit advising that will have temporary housing in Cambridge. Having problems with insurance.
- 08-31-87:** Letter to Petit from Bishop (Gendron?) talking about temporary housing in Cambridge. Nothing else of note.
- 09-25-87:** Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit thanking him with help in paying counseling bills. Also, after my year off, I would like to continue my education, hopefully in something that will assist the Diocese. If this is not possible, perhaps something similar to priesthood like teaching or counseling.
- 10-08-87:** Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron advising that he should make an appointment to discuss future.

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- 01-04-88: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit informing him that he's working for Houghton Mifflin Publishing as a freelancer. Helps with stability and Health Insurance. Petit doesn't want to alter his situation with the Diocese....still on leave.
- 01-11-88: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron saying he is glad to hear that Petit's "freelancing" has led to full-time with Houghton-Mifflin Publishing Company.
- 05-15-88: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit requesting 1 year leave of absence, continued auto insurance and the deletion of all psychological reports from his file. I need to find myself.
- 05-17-88: Letter to Petit from Bishop (Gendron?) stating that he will grant his one year leave of absence request. You may stay on the Diocesan auto insurance. I assure you as well that I have removed all of your psychological reports from the House of Affirmation.
- 12-15-88: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit asking that he be granted the faculties necessary to conduct the marriage of his sister.
- 12-20-88: Letter to Petit from Bishop (?) responding to Petit's request for the faculties for marriage of his sister. Bishop says no, sorry.
- 01-20-89: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit. Since no legal action has come against the Diocese, please remove and destroy all of my psychological reports. I have been unassigned for three years and that is the statute of limitation for civil suits in New Hampshire. This and the fact that **no legal action has been taken or is pending against the diocese with regard to my behavior should make you comfortable in removing these documents. This will close a very painful chapter in my relationship with you and the diocese.**
- 01-23-89: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit saying he is disappointed with Bishop's decision about officiating the marriage of his sister. **Why did you address me as Mr. instead of Rev. in that letter? Does this mean something? I am also concerned about the reason you gave, "all the circumstances which have resulted in your leave of absence".** [REDACTED]
- 01-26-89: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit asking if he can attend the farewell liturgy at the cathedral on Sunday for Bishop Joseph.
- 01-30-89: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron regarding above. Says all psychological reports have been removed and destroyed. I will respond to your other concerns at a later time.
- 02-02-89: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron. Will not grant you the faculties needed to attend the farewell mass give the present circumstances of your leave. I will respond to other matters later.
- 02-28-89: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron saying that he wants to discuss matters of concern personally. Please make an appointment.

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04-18-89: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron to document contents of their meeting. Very please with the wonderful progress you made in control of your addiction. Full year of sobriety is wonderful. I have changed my mind regarding the possibility that you be granted proper faculties for one-time events and regarding your return to ministry here. This is at the advice of Bishops on the national level and legal experts. Granting the one-time faculties would not seem proper because it might be interpreted as not taking seriously the quite public problems of this nature. Also, because the problems are so well-known, not wise to return you to priestly ministry. I am willing to be of assistance to you in locating another Bishop who might be willing to offer you priestly ministry.

04-26-89: Thanks for meeting with me on April 10. I wish you would have told me that you wanted an evaluation from Golden Valley about my ability to do ministry. We could have talked about it. This made me think about other issues, namely the confidentiality, use, and purging of my psych reports.

05-02-89: Happy to comply with psych report conditions. I will destroy the document within one year.

[REDACTED]

07-28-89: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit saying that he was disappointed with Dr. Philander's letter concerning his return to ministry. I thought he felt I would be good as a counselor and said that he would write to you in order to positively influence my future in ordained ministry. I feel betrayed. I discussed the letter with Steve Scruton. He was not surprised by the tone, stating that **Dr. Henry Ouellette** is of the opinion that Golden Valley no longer practices advocacy on behalf of clergy and alumni. **Dr. Ouellette** now recommends another treatment center rather than Golden Valley. I remind you that Philander's letter is subject to our confidentiality agreement.

08-22-89: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron saying that the evaluation is not helpful to you in pursuing ministry in the church. Dr. Philander is not convinced your problem won't resurface

and does not recommend you for duties as a parish priest. Based on this evaluation, I won't speak with other Bishops on your behalf. **If another you got another psych evaluation from someone competent in sexual addiction that came to a different conclusion, then we could discuss this matter again in the future.**

10-20-89: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit asking that Bishop return him to status of "absent on sick leave". Petit is still doing temporary work with no benefits. I don't think its appropriate for me to continue to live at St. Mary's rectory. In order for me to move out to an apartment in Boston, very expensive. You have made it clear that I will not return to ministry or function within the Diocese of Manchester and you will not help me contact another bishop because of the likelihood that my mental health problems will resurface. This means, therefore, that my absence from active ministry is no longer a matter of choice but rather is mandated by health concerns. Returning me to sick leave status will provide me with more monthly stipend and help relieve my financial burden. Also, this will provide me with Diocese health care.

01-05-90: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit saying that he has heard no response to above letter and has sought the advice of a canon lawyer. I repeat my request for financial assistance citing canon 1350.1 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

01-10-90: Letter to Petit from Bishop Gendron saying that he will assist Petit financially to the plan he proposed. I will up the stipend accordingly and continue this assistance during your transition. When you locate permanent employment, let me know.

02-02-90: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit saying he received his first check and may be moving to another part of the country to seek better employment opportunities.

03-12-90: Letter to Bishop Gendron from Petit saying he will be moving to the San Francisco area for employment.

11-27-90: Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit lising 1952 Grove St. San Francisco address. I've never met you but since you are Bishop, I will speak with you about my future (Gendron retired). I plan to return to school for my doctorate and eventually become a college professor. Please continue my stipend.

Another issue. When I was at Sex Unit of Golden Valley, I spoke with counselors about my being a victim of sexual abuse as a child. Relayed to them that there were several incidents when I was fifteen and sixteen, that took place in my home parish. I minimized them at the time, but now I realize that they were quite damaging. **It is most tragic that I, as a priest, repeated the very same behavior patter with boys under the age of eighteen. This abuse from a priest is causing me not to be able to return to my duties as a priest, so continue my stipend. Also, I need support with health insurance to continue therapy as both a victim and perpetrator.**

12-07-90: Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil saying he regrets his first encounter with Petit is in writing and not in person. I will continue to provide stipend and will review yearly. The Diocese will pay half of a health insurance policy for you . The report you asked about is already removed and I believe has been disposed of.

12-28-90: Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit confirming health insurance information.

01-09-92: Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil asking if it is possible to reduce stipend due to recession.

- 01-31-92:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit complaining that stipend is not enough.
- 02-06-92:** Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil. Thanks for your letter complaining about your stipend.
- 02-07-92:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit asking for increase in stipend.
- 01-30-01:** Letter to Petit from Fr. Ed Arsenault saying that he has reviewed Petit's file and it seems Petit has employment and will no longer need monthly stipend. This will end in February 2001.
- 02-11-92:** Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil saying that the adjustment to the stipend for insurance will be done.
- 01-27-93:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit....I need even more money because I got laid off from work.
- 02-16-93:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit. Need more money.
- 02-23-93:** Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil saying we will continue to help and will increase your stipend.
- 05-13-93:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit saying that Petit will be coming to New Hampshire and wants to see Bishop.
- 06-03-93:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit saying Petit needs more money.
- 06-11-93:** Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil saying you can have the money.
- 01-04-95:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit asking for money again.
- 01-10-95:** Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil...we will increase your stipend.
- 05-07-97:** Letter to Bishop O'Neil from Petit asking for more money for medical insurance.
- 05-15-97:** Letter to Petit from Bishop O'Neil...we will increase your stipend.
- 02-22-01:** Letter to Bishop McCormack from Petit about Arsenault's letter. Petit is very upset, explains his need for Sick Leave status and the need for further assistance. Difficult cost of living in California. I will keep looking for work and I'll let you know when I find a better paying job so that you can cancel my stipend.
- 02-27-01:** Letter to Petit from Fr. Arsenault saying that since I haven't heard from you, no more stipend.
- 04-02-01:** Letter to Petit from Bishop McCormack. Nice to see you when you were in NH. We will continue to support you through the stipend as we discussed through December 30, 2001.
- 10-22-01:** Letter to Petit from Bishop (McCormack) with copies to Bishop Christian and Rev. Arsenault. Bishop met with Arsenault recently to discuss an agreement which you and I reached regarding assistance with your monthly sustenance. Have your economic circumstances stabilized?

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- 11-20-01:** Letter to Bishop McCormack from Philip Petit who is living [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Petit says he still needs financial assistance while he looks for a higher paying job. Currently working for a psychiatrist at San Francisco VA who has temporary NASA contract.
- 11-28-01:** Letter to Bishop McCormack from Father Arsenault suggesting that he offer Petit \$350/month. Arsenault believes that Petit receives plenty and should consider his living conditions if he cannot afford them.
- 01-16-02:** Letter to Petit from Bishop McCormack. I will extend your \$750/month stipend for another six months.
- 02-20-02:** Interview of [REDACTED] by Michael Bahan of AGO [REDACTED] called the AG's office regarding a sexual assault committed against him by Petit in 1981-82. During the 80's [REDACTED] was an altar boy in Manchester and Petit was friends with his parents. Petit brought [REDACTED] Suncook to watch movies and sleep over (house belonged to Petit's parents but parents not home). [REDACTED] was to sleep on couch downstairs but Petit joined him later in night. [REDACTED] woke up in the middle of the night with Petit groping him. Went and sat at table the rest of the night--14 -16 yoa. That was the last time he ever spoke with Petit.
- 04-09-02:** Memo to file by Paul Brodeur regarding material received from Atty. Abramson. Material named six new cases against diocese [REDACTED]