

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Rev. James McCarthy August 1, 1983
FROM: Bishop Daily
RE: Rev. Richard A. Buntel
Team Ministry - St. Joseph's, Malden

I write to follow-up my conversation with you on the telephone July 30, 11:30 A.M. concerning Father Buntel. Father Buntel spent a half hour with me 11:00 to 11:30 A.M., Saturday, July 30. Father Buntel denies that any problem, personal to him, is interfering with his priestly work; that he has spent time at Our Lady's Hall; that while there is concern about alcoholism he feels that there is not a problem there; that while there had been an involvement in drugs there has been nothing in over a year, etc. He is ready to receive an assignment - would like very much to proceed with re-assignment.

I indicated to him that, as priest and bishop, I merely wanted to let him know that I was concerned about him because the concerns were expressed; that I wanted to offer him whatever programs existed and to do whatever I could to be of assistance to him should, in fact, problems exist. I indicated I could not impose a program on him but I felt that I wanted to at least be of assistance where and whenever possible. He made no admission of any personal problem, felt that he was in good health and indicated that Father Walter McAndrews in Hudson had said to him recently that he never had seen him looking so well.

I write this for the record and as follow-up of our conversation.

TVD/mbg