

January 24, 1994

Reverend Paul Shanley
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Dear Paul:

I received your letter the other day and it was good to hear from you. You seem to be doing well, thank God.

First, let me respond to some of the questions you raised in your letter.

I can understand your not being at ease owing money regarding a lawyer. However, please put it at rest. If and when you ever win Megabucks, only then let the idea of a loan resurrect in your memory.

Regarding your idea of a safe house, it is an idea that I have been thinking about for some time. We even have a place in mind. However, we are not ready to move ahead. If and when we do, your thoughts and offer would be seriously considered. However, before that can happen your own situation needs to be resolved.

Regarding public charges, Paul, I am unaware of any further activity by the lawyers or the complainants. Be assured if and when they begin to make a move, you will be informed. My sense is that they wish to avoid publicity at this time, too.

The whole matter of involuntary laicization is still being discussed. My sense is that there is no strong consensus if and when such a process should be approved and applied to particular situations. I think that the discussions are confidential and so that is why no one knows much about them.

Regarding the room and board sent to St. Ann's in San Bernardino, as you know, it ended when you moved. I will bring to the attention of the Clergy Fund Board your need for a supplement to the current sick leave stipend. I will make a recommendation that your request be honored. It is readily understandable how difficult it is to live on \$900 a month.

It is wonderful how you maintain your sense of humor in the midst of your difficulties, Paul. I can understand why you are not too optimistic about gaining employment in light of your health and the current allegations. At the same time, maybe it would be helpful to do some activities. After all, we are meant to be productive people. Yet, at the same time, you should not expose yourself to stress. Do you have any thoughts about some form of activity you could be involved in?

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At this time, regarding your suggested move to Costa Rica or Mexico, I ask that you remain in California until we bring a resolve to your current situation. You are a brother priest, Paul, and both I and the Archdiocese want to be of help to you. So, let us continue walking this journey together.

Regarding your financial resources, I am also forwarding to the Clergy Fund the invoices and request for reimbursement of \$588 for your train fare, air fare and car rental at the time you were here for the assessment. Hopefully, you will receive the reimbursement within the next few weeks. If you don't, let me know.

You mentioned in your letter that you had received a copy of the assessment, Paul. Nothing can happen in your situation until you free your lawyer to share the evaluation with me. As you know, the assessment belongs to you and your lawyer and, therefore, my understanding is it is not discoverable. Once you release this information, I will then continue the process regarding your situation. Be assured that I will keep you informed.

Up to now, I have not been in contact with the Diocese of San Diego regarding your presence and your relationship to the Archdiocese as well as to the Diocese of San Diego. The one thing a couple complainants have asked about you is where are you and are you being supervised. So, I must act on this soon.

You continue to be in my prayers, Paul. Anything I can do to help you, let me know. May God grant you the grace to know His love and His strength during this time.

Sincerely,

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