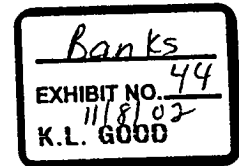




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Dear Doctor Stephens:

Thank you for the copy of the Discharge Summary for the Reverend John J. Geoghan.

I am a bit disappointed and disturbed by the report. When I met with Father Riley, Father Gill, and Doctor Swords, I was assured that it would be all right to reassign Father Geoghan to pastoral ministry and that he would not present a risk for the parishioners whom he would serve. It was on the basis of that assurance that I went forward with his assignment.

The written report does not convey what I heard at that meeting. Further, it seems to suggest that the decision concerning his reassignment was based on one meeting with me rather than on the three months of observation at the Retreat. Then the report concludes with a diagnosis of "Atypical pedophilia, in remission" which, by itself and without explanation, is not a firm basis for the decision to reassign.

If it is possible, I would appreciate a letter from you, Dr. Swords or Father Gill which would express the assurance I was given orally about Father Geoghan's reassignment.

Thank you for your kind attention and for the care given Father Geoghan.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Banks  
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