

August 5, 1994.

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Dear Lorne,

Greetings and Peace!

As requested by you, I am writing this letter to state the intentions of the cathedral parish and, as I understand them, the intentions of Mount Saint Agnes School earlier in the year.

After your visit here and your celebrating and preaching on three consecutive weekends, then an interview with the Bishop, (of sorts), a serious interview with Sister Judith Rollo, and your teaching a class, certain decisions were made concerning your future.

Before I continue I will state that it was the intention of Bishop Hennessy to clear all of this with your own diocesan Bishop. He was waiting to hear from your Bishop when the offer of employment was, for all intentional purposes, withdrawn.

After you taught a class, Sister Judith met with the Bishop and the two of them made a presentation to the Board of Directors of the school. The Board gave full approval for Sister Judith to send you an offer of a teaching position at the highschool. (You have such a letter, I believe.) I know for a fact that Sister Judith intended to employ you to teach religion and some psychology classes. Sister Judith was particularly concerned about your being hired as quickly as possible because she was relying on your "filling a need" as a psychology teacher. It was also the understanding that you would be "chaplain" for the school. As with any teacher, everyone here was hoping that this would be a long-time commitment.

From my discussions with both Bishop Brian and Sister Judith it is my understanding that the school was to pay you a full salary, based on your previous teaching experience. I have no idea what that salary would have been. When the Bishop made the proposal to the Board of Directors he insisted on a full salary even though you would be working part time for the school. It was also fact that you would be assisting me at St. Theresa's Cathedral on a part time basis. In concert with the school paying your entire salary, the cathedral parish would provide you room and board and some means of transportation. (The two of us would probably have shared the bike and car.)

The Bishop, Sister Judith and I were all very excited about the possibility and probability of you being here by September. We were always aware that we needed the approval of your Bishop and we also had to apply for a work permit from the Bermuda Government. We were always hopeful that both of these would happen rather easily.

The Bishop asked Sister Judith to withdraw any and all offers because there was the possibility, according to his understanding, that there could be charges of sexual impropriety laid against you. As stated in the letter from Sister Judith, "the Island is very small and prone to gossip." We could not handle any kind of rumours that we accepted you to the Island and then there be formal charges after the fact. The Bishop's comment to me was, "things need to be all cleared up in Canada before we could now offer a position to Father Lorne." *

I hope this letter expresses all that is necessary.

fraternally,
In the Risen Jesus.

Patrick McKelvie, C.R.

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