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The Most Rev. R. H. Mulkearns,
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Dear Bishop Mulkearns,

I think your suggestion of sending Garry to the Servants of the Paraclete for rehabilitation is excellent. Seeing me on a monthly visit has not been sufficient - that is most evident; & some type of hospitalization is obviously indicated. Speaking generally, I have long been convinced that some such facility is needed here in Australia. So last year, with the help & blessing of the Archbishop (of Melbourne) I went to England & America to have a look at Houses of Affirmation, to use the American term. I wrote a report when I returned, which you might like to have a look at, so I shall enclose it with this letter.

At the Archbishop's request, I wrote to the Servants just before their Chapter, inviting them to consider opening a place here in Victoria. I shall enclose the reply from their General. During this year I have approached a number of influential people & groups (v.g. the Serra Society) & I have been assured of interest, prayer & support.

At the moment we are held up by lack of a suitable property on which to make a start. I am prepared to work in such an institution in any capacity where I can be of use, either as therapist, spiritual director or consultant.

The Archbishop has invited one of the Servants to visit Australia to advise us, as soon as we are ready to make a start. The Director in Gloucestershire, Fr. Benedict Livingstone, has invited me to go to England, to live in with them for 2 or 3 months to see at first-hand how they work. In return I would introduce them to the theories & techniques of Viktor Frankl.

Please keep this project in your prayer. I believe that the sooner we can get it going, the better. Perhaps in the beginning, we should aim at a simple House of Hospitality, like Galilee in Sydney? Already there is a similar project operating in Auckland, N. Z., which I went over to have a look at in May this year.

My sincere regards, & asking your blessing,

I remain yours Sincerely in the Lord,
H. Watson, O.F.M.