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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

The Chancery Office

2030 EAST BURNSIDE, P. O. BOX 351
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*Office of
Auxiliary Bishop*

September 10, 1981

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOB MC QUARRY
FROM: FR. JOHN BROUILLARD
RE: HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PRIESTS ON LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The following priests have been granted an official leave of absence by the Archbishop. The effective dates are stated below:

Leo Remington	July 1, 1981
Phil Steigerwald	July 1, 1981
Tim Lulay	August 16, 1981

According to our Clergy Personnel Policies and Procedures manual, Chapter XIV, II, Number 2, "when a leave is granted, the Archdiocese will continue to pay the priest's health insurance premiums for a maximum of one year or until such time as the premiums are paid as part of other employment."

cc: Archbishop Power
Rev. Joseph Wood, O.S.B.

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October 5, 1981

First Interstate Bank of Oregon
P.O. Box 4061
Portland, OR 97208

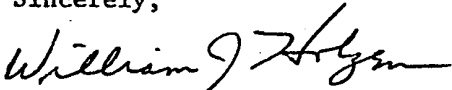
Re: Student Loan #912-5312701
Philip J. Steigerwald

Gentlemen:

We have been making the payments on the above named student loan. It is our policy to make payments on student loans as long as the former student remains in their ministry for the Archdiocese of Portland.

Rev. Philip J. Steigerwald has not remained in his ministry for the Archdiocese of Portland. We expect him to continue making payments on the balance of his student loan. We have sent him whatever payment cards we had to the address given below.

Sincerely,



William J. Holzem
Accounting Manager

cc: Rev. Philip Steigerwald
253 Watertown Street
Newton, MA 02158

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October 6, 1981

Rec'd 10/9

Archbishop Cornelius H. Power
Archdiocese of Portland
2838 East Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Archbishop Power:

I hope this letter finds you well, good
spirited and peaceful. I continue to
keep you and the Church of Oregon very
often in my prayers.

I feel very awkward about needing
to write this letter to you, but my
survival says I must, so here I
am. Archbishop, some weeks ago
I wrote you concerning my present

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financial situation and since needs.
I have just recently begun to work.
I am full time "unit secretary"
on an oncology / medical floor of
Massachusetts General Hospital, and a
part time at an Italian restaurant at
Harvard Square, Cambridge. Both jobs
together will just barely, literally
keep me alive, but I enjoy both and
am thankful to be working at all.

Bishop, it is already October
6th and I have not heard from
you in response to my letter of
explanation concerning finances. I
do most definitely believe you are
busy, but at this point, it leaves
me not even knowing whether I have
any money now to pay any bills or

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not. I explained also to you of the
delay in mail reaching Boston and
had asked you to please consider.
Therefore, my need to hear from
you soon. I just do not have any
idea where I stand at this point.

Please, please, please respond
very soon to my last letter. At
this point, I do not even know
with what I am to budget for
bus fare and sub-way fare for
this month of October. I need
desperately to hear from you.
I do not want you to feel pressured
or to feel I am pushing you, but
having heard nothing after my

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Last letter, I felt I must
write again.

Enjoying the outrageously
beautiful New England Fall, the
Lord continues to probe my heart
and being. Please continue to keep
me in your prayers.

Your brother
in the Lord,

Phil Steigensold

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Philip Steigerwald

S.. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

475 SATRE STREET
EUGENE, OREGON 97401
PHONE: 686-2345

October 16, 1978

Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power, D.D., J.C.D.
Archbishop of Portland, in Oregon
The Chancery
P.O. Box 351
Portland, Oregon, 97207

Dear Archbishop Power,

I would like to thank you for your excellent thoughts about the prayer of the priest at Rick Sirianni's ordination. I heard several people, priests and lay people comment favorably about your thoughts. Thank you.

There is, however, something I feel I must mention, something which greatly disappointed me. As you were thanking those who have helped Rick come to this great day of commitment, you mentioned the monks of Mount Angel who have contributed so much. I was very pleased to hear your thanks and praise for what they have done for Rick and countless others. However, your neglect to mention the House of Studies really disturbed me. Exactly one half of Rick's formal years of preparation for the priesthood were spent at the House. Exactly one half and you did not even mention that. It seemed a gross oversight on your part. I know you support the House and its very valuable work, so far four priests for this Archdiocese and one for Seattle. Having graduated from the House, I appreciate that support. But, Archbishop I think at times of ordinations that support is especially important. If I was still a student there, I'd really wonder why you only mention Mount Angel.

My disappointment is real, but so is my sincere thanks for the support you do give to the valuable goodness and worthwhileness of the House of Studies.

Thanks again for the excellent homily about prayer.

Sincerely,

Philip Steigerwald
(Rev.) Philip J. Steigerwald

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October 20, 1981

Rev. Philip Steigerwald

Dear Father Steigerwald:

I am sorry that there has been such a mixup in our communication. I asked Bishop Waldschmidt to take care of this matter, and I am presuming that all is well now. If not, I would ask you to keep in touch with Bishop Waldschmidt.

It seems that the past couple months have been rather hectic ones for me as far as keeping schedules is concerned. I feel that I have been in the office most of the time, and yet I have had many outside engagements, some involving travel within and outside the Archdiocese, more than the usual amount.

We had a very hot summer. In August the temperatures reached 107 in Portland, and 114 in Medford, the highest recorded there. The building at the University of Portland where we held our priests' convention had an air conditioning system, but it was not operative during the convention. We literally sweltered in our own grease.

I see by your latest letter that you are unit secretary on the Oncology/medical floor of Massachusetts General Hospital. I am not familiar with the concept "unit secretary," but I suppose it entails some sort of record keeping, which must be a pretty important job in any hospital.

I will try to keep in touch.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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253 Waterdown Street
Newton, Mass. 02158
October 31, 1981

Bishop Paul Waldschmidt
The Chancery Office
2838 East Burnside Street
P.O. Box 351
Portland, Oregon 97207

Dear Bishop Waldschmidt:

How are you? I continue to remember you and the Church of Portland to the healing Lord Jesus. I hope you are well. As I begin this letter to you today, I want to thank you again for so warmly and attentively listening to me and receiving me into your office when I needed to speak to you of my leave of absence from active priestly ministry. That was a very difficult and painful thing for me to do. Your warmth helped me to be as honest as I wanted to be. Thank you.

Bishop, I received a letter from Archbishop Power who told me that I should be writing to you whenever I need to. I need to do so now.

As you can see, I have enclosed a copy of a letter concerning my student loan which was sent to the First Interstate Bank of Oregon.

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At this time, it about scares me to death. I am not presently sure how to interpret the statement that I "have" not remained in his ministry for the archdiocese of Portland. As you know, I am taking this year away from active priestly ministry in the archdiocese of Portland in order to carefully, prayerfully discern what the will of the Lord is for me. At this time, I have most definitely not made a decision to permanently leave priestly ministry and the archdiocese of Portland.

I am very aware of my just obligations concerning my student loan, however, I am totally unable to my those payments at this time. The cost of living in Massachusetts is the highest in the nation, second only to New York. I absolutely cannot make those payments now. I am, therefore, asking that the archdiocese please continue the payments until I can afford to make them myself.

I think that technically speaking I am on a leave of absence, but have not left the priesthood, and that is also why I am asking this of the archdiocese. Please seriously and prayerfully consider my request.

As you can see I am returning all information I have received regarding my student loan until I hear from you. I also have not yet at this time written the first interstate

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Bank of Oregon. I will wait until I hear
from you in this matter.

Thank you again for your support and
for your listening.

Very sincerely,

Philip J. Steigarswald

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Philip J. Steigensabel
253 Watertown Street
Newton, Massachusetts
02158



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Bishop Paul Waldschmidt
The Chancery Office
2838 East Burnside Street
P.O. Box 351
Portland, Oregon 97207

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November 13, 1978

Rev. Philip J. Steigerwald
St. Paul Rectory
475 Satre St.
Eugene, Oregon 97401

Dear Father Steigerwald:

I know that it will be of little consolation to you, but I do wish to assure you that it was a complete oversight on my part not to have mentioned the House of Studies in my remarks following the ordination Mass of Father Rick Sirianni. I had not prepared any notes ahead of time, and, if I had done so, I am sure that I would have included the House of Studies. I assure you that my failure to mention the House of Studies was completely unintentional and regrettable.

Please keep me in your prayers.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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ARCH 1001
FR. Steigerwald

December 7, 1981

Rev. Philip J. Steigerwald
253 Watertown Street
Newton, Massachusetts 02158

Dear Phil:

Your letter of October 31st arrived in early November, which was one of the busiest months of the year -- what with the Bishops' meeting in Washington and a number of other meetings which took me away from the office.

However, I did present the matter to Archbishop Power and he has resolved it. The Archdiocese will continue to pay on your loan. The Archbishop told me to tell you he was very sorry to have caused you concern. The decision was made in the business office according to their interpretation of the personnel manual.

I hope everything else is going along well with you and that you are really benefitting from your leave of absence. I noticed in today's paper that the weather there has not been the best -- we have had an enormous amount of rain -- but the temperature is still mild and spring-like.

May you have a very holy Advent and a joyous and happy Christmas.

Cordially in Christ,

Paul E. Waldschmidt, C.S.C.
Auxiliary Bishop

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INTER OFFICE ME

TO

Bp. P.E.W.

FROM ARCHBISHOP POWER

DATE

12-7-81

FOR YOUR INFORMATION X

UNITE WITH PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE
AND RETURN TO ME

READ AND RETURN

ANSWER OVER YOUR SIGNATURE

ANSWER FOR MY SIGNATURE

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION

TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK

MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR PARTY TO SEE ME:

DATE

TIME

MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR PARTY TO SEE YOU

TELEPHONE PARTY AND EXPLAIN

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OTHER: Explained Steigenswald's situation
to Bob McQ. We will continue to
pay this. Tell Phil I am sorry to have
caused him concern. The decision was made

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16 Symphony Rd.

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Boston, Massachusetts

02115

May 25, 1982

The Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
2838 East Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon
97207

Dear Archbishop Power:

Many months have passed since we last spoke. I have survived a quite severe New England Winter in Boston and Spring is again bringing wonderful new life to this beautiful city. John of the Cross I believe wrote of a sort of winter of the soul, the dark night. I have not so much experienced a dark night as I have a cold winter that is giving way now to a glorious spring in my being.

Last Spring with your blessing I left the Archdiocese of Portland to come to Boston on a leave of absence, a time of exploring the will of God concerning my priestly vocation. I appreciate your giving me that time to prayerfully reflect and discern the will and work of God. I would like to reflect now with you about where I find myself and how I discern the will of God at this time.

I would like to begin with a favorite passage by T. S. Eliot, a man who himself underwent a deeper conversion to Jesus in his own life.

"We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time"

- For: Quartets

I guess one never really ceases from exploration the moment of meeting the Truth face to face in heaven, but for me now this year of exploring the Lord's will in regard to my vocation is over. I think I have now arrived "where we started and know the place for the first time."

The passage I have quoted actually begins with "With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling". And so it is with the drawing of this love and the voice of this Calling who is God that I have come to a decision ~~about which I feel joyful, right, and at peace~~. If your brother in Jesus, Archbishop Power, I believe deeply that the ~~Lord does indeed call me to live the rest of my life~~ ~~as a priest ministering in the Church~~.

In the course of this year, there have been many events that leave me to conclude that indeed the Lord has given me gifts that He wishes me to use in service of the People of God in priestly ministry. This year I ~~have had a spiritual director priest who confirms this and concurs with me~~.

Archbishop, as sincerely as is possible, I believe it is

Jesus who wants me to serve as a priest. It has taken much work of the Spirit to convince me, but I do believe it.

Two years ago I received your permission to live and work with the Dominicans in Los Angeles and then I returned to Portland. Now, after your prayers and blessing ~~I am asking to return to priestly service~~. I realize that it is possible this could appear as two separate events, giving an impression of instability and a sort of bouncing around. That is not at all how I see it. I see it as one, not two events. ~~I see it as one event, both of them in Los Angeles and both of them part of my journey to come to grips with questions of faith and stability.~~

This time has accomplished that. And ~~I am~~ ~~feel confident to live the priestly commitment~~ ~~and in the Church.~~

Archbishop, I would like to return to priestly ministry and am writing you to ask that I be re-assigned to whatever ministry ~~you, I, and the Personnel Board~~ ~~see~~ see as most appropriate. One of the things I have come clearly to see this year is that at least at this time in my life, and mindful of the needs of the Church, I have certain limitations and needs which would reflect the quality of service I can give the Church. In light of this ~~I need to~~ ~~ask you and the Personnel Board that I~~ ~~be reassigned within reasonable distance of the larger metropolitan area.~~

~~I am ready and eager to return to the Archdiocese and resume priestly ministry as soon as possible.~~

Of course before doing that there are some things I must do here. ~~I would need to give some time to my job~~; say goodbye to friends, and I would like to ~~make about a week's trip~~ ~~to my family home~~, a few hours away. This retreat is not just a want, but a need. After that I would leave for Oregon.

As for timing, I can accomplish these things if I return to Oregon by the end of June ready for assignment.

Archbishop, please do not think me presumptuous by projecting a date, the end of June. I do so only hoping it will be helpful to you and will allow me time I need to wrap things up in Boston. Also I do not mean to be presumptuous in wanting soon to return to active priesthood. But rather these are my playful conclusions and after this discernment, I write seeking your response as I would like to return and be reassigned.

I have recently been in touch with Father Mike Sprauer both as a personal friend and as a member of the Personnel Board. I told him I would be writing you and asked him if he would contact you to discuss this on my behalf. He will contact you soon.

I have not yet contacted Father Joe Wood as Personnel Director, but only because I have not ever done this before and it seemed the first person to be contacted was yourself. ~~Please feel free to share this letter with him and with Bishop Walker.~~

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Thank you for your time and concern. As I am eager for your response and eager to return to the active priesthood, I hope to hear from you very soon.

May the Spirit of God be with you and the Church of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Father Phil Steigerwald

June 17, 1982

Rev. Philip Steigerwald
16 Symphony Rd., #4
Boston, Massachusetts 02115

Dear Father Steigerwald:

I was very happy to receive a letter from you and was delighted to learn that you would like to return to Portland for an assignment. I will be out of the office for almost two weeks attending a special Bishops' Meeting in Collegeville, Minnesota, and will not be able actively to work on an assignment for you. However, I have provided Father Joe Wood with a copy of your letter - you stated that I could share your letter with him - and I have asked Father Wood and Father Sprauer to get together with the Personnel Board during my absence to see what could be worked out. I would hope that either Father Wood or Father Sprauer will be in touch with you sometime soon.

I liked your letter very much. You have stated that you wish to continue in priestly service in accordance with terms you accepted at the time of your ordination as Deacon and as priest. I am extremely happy that you have benefitted from your leave, and that it has enabled you to ascertain that your call to the priesthood has certainly been from God and that the doubts you have had over the past few years have been finally resolved.

You will be very welcome back in Portland.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ.

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON
THE CHANCERY OFFICE

2836 EAST BURNSIDE, P. O. BOX 351
PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

FROM: Archbishop Power

TO: Fr. Wood

DATE: June 17, 1982

RE:

Attached is a copy of a letter I recently received from Father Phil Steigerwald, which is self-explanatory. I am perfectly willing to try to find an assignment for Fr. Steigerwald, if possible by July 1. However, I am "just on my way out the door" on my way to Collegeville for the special Bishops' Meeting there which will cover most of the next two weeks. I would suggest that you talk to Father Mike Sprauer, with whom Fr. Steigerwald has spoken about returning to the Archdiocese, and with whom I have spoken about Fr. Steigerwald's return. Between the two of you, and perhaps with the help of the Personnel Board, you might be able to find a good assignment for Father Steigerwald while I am at Collegeville. Whatever assignment the Personnel Board agrees upon will be acceptable to me.

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Received 8-9-82
- LMC

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

703 'C' Street
Union City, California 94587
(415) 471-2609

August 3, 1982

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
Archbishop Cornelius M. Power
2838 East Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Archbishop Power:

Warm, sunny, summer greetings from Union City, California in the east Bay area of San Francisco. I hope your July vacation was a good one, although I am sorry that I missed you during that time.

I returned from Boston on June 30 and then discovering I had arrived during your vacation time, I made an appointment with Bishop Waldschmidt.

Thank you very much for your warm letter welcoming me back to Oregon. I appreciated it more than I can adequately tell you. It arrived the day before I left Boston.

While I am sure that Bishop Waldschmidt has filled you in about our meeting, I would like to do so also myself.

After making the decision to return to the active priesthood, I have given much thought and

prayer to the wisdom of that return being to minister in the Archdiocese of Portland.

As likely you are aware, since I left Oregon last year, many rumors have been spread about me both by lay people and sadly, also by a number of our own priests. The rumors seem to have basically been about things I have supposedly done and said both before and after leaving. That very much saddened, hurt, and angered me.

Bishop Waldschmidt and I discussed the rumors and I was able to clarify them so he could know personally from me their untruth in fact.

Praying very hard about this, Archbishop, I truly believe that it is not wise and not prudent for me to return to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Portland. I believe I can best serve the gospel of Jesus when I do not have to expend, likely much energy dealing with what people falsely have come

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to believe about me because of the gossip
takes, unlovingly, unchristianly told both
by priests and by people alike.

If I were not returning to the priesthood,
I would remain in Boston whose beauty and
whose sons and daughters have captured my
heart. However, to return actively to the priest-
hood must mean for me the Church on the
west coast.

For many years I have continued to
hear very good things of the life and faith
of the Church of Oakland. This year has also
confirmed for me how energized I become
by the hustle bustle life of a nearby
major metropolis. Given the size then of the
Diocese of Oakland and the vibrance of
this Church, I am choosing to closely
look at and consider seeking to minister
here.

Since returning to the west coast, I have a few weeks ago spent five days in Oakland with a priest who himself formerly worked in Massachusetts. At that time I was offered the possibility of spending a few more weeks in this diocese in Our Lady of the Rosary parish in Union City, helping out on weekends while the pastor is on vacation. I accepted and am using the week days to meet more people of the diocese in order to continue to get a feel for the Church here.

After spending some time visiting my family in British Columbia, I arrived in Union City this past weekend.

Yesterday I contacted the Chancery here in order to make an appointment with Bishop Cummins.

And Bishop, please continue to pray for me

especially during these next few weeks as I try to make a decision.

If I do decide to pursue the Diocese of Oakland, I am sure that Bishop Cummins will be in touch with you. At the end of this time here, I too would like to meet personally with you either way and look forward to seeing you again.

As I have already said, thank you for welcoming graciously me back to Oregon. I am hoping that you will agree with my decision not to return ministerially to the Archdiocese of Portland, and understand the reason for my decision.

I shall be in touch.

Gratefully,

Philip J. Steigemeier

Our Lady of the Rosary Church

703 'C' Street
Union City, California 94587
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August 3, 1982

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
Bishop Paul Waldschmidt
2838 East Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear Bishop Waldschmidt:

It was good recently to visit you in Portland and to be warmly welcomed. While I do miss the splendor of Boston, it is good to be back again in the west.

I arrived in Union City, California this past weekend after visiting with my family in Prince George, British Columbia. Already I have begun to meet more priests of the Diocese of Oakland in order to further get a feel for the Church here. I have also yesterday made contact with the Chancery for an appointment with Bishop John Cummins. As I explained to you, I intend to spend my weekdays here exploring the Diocese and will be helping out on weekends in this parish of Our Lady of the Rosary.

At the end of a few weeks here, if I feel able to then make a decision in favor of asking to work in the Diocese of Oakland with the hope of incardination, I

will do so and will appropriately be in touch with you and Archbishop Power.

Bishop, as this time is obviously very important, please pray with me to continue to listen well to the Spirit in my life. I continue too to pray for the Church of Oregon.

Before I go now, I need to ask you about a letter I received from Blue Cross of Oregon. I received a letter of "notice of termination of group benefits". As I am seeking to return to the priesthood, I am hoping the letter may be the result of an oversight on the part of the business office of the Chancery. The letter is postmarked July 13, 1982 and a request of new payment to prevent lapse of coverage was requested to be made within ten days. Because I was with my family during that time, I unfortunately did not receive the letter in time.

Was the termination of Blue Cross coverage an oversight? If it was not, is it possible for the Archdiocese of Portland to continue my coverage through Blue Cross until I do in fact do whatever is necessary to do to officially begin ministry.

in this or another diocese? I am mildly
anxious about this and would greatly appreciate knowing about this. Thank you.

I shall be in touch. Take care.

Respectfully,

Philip J. Steigensold

August 13, 1982

The Reverend Philip Steigerwald
Our Lady of the Rosary Church
703 C Street
Union City, California 94587

Dear Phil:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation this morning, I am enclosing an application form for Blue Cross. Please complete the information and return the form to me as soon as you can conveniently do so. We will submit your application for resumed coverage, beginning September 1, 1982. Such coverage, as mentioned, will continue until you receive an assignment in another diocese. At that time, your new employer would henceforth assume that responsibility.

It was good talking to you on the telephone, and I am happy that I had a chance to see you, if only briefly, when you were in Portland. You look terrific. Stay that way.

If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) John Brouillard
Administrative Assistant

JB:mfr

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September 29, 1982

Most Rev. John Cummins
Bishop of Oakland
2900 Lakeshore Ave.
Oakland, California 94610

Dear Bishop Cummins:

A couple weeks ago Father Philip Steigerwald, a priest of the Archdiocese of Portland, visited me to let me know that he had been temporarily assigned to Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Union City, California, and that he was very pleased to be in the active pastoral ministry once again. I understand that Bishop Paul E. Waldschmidt has talked to you about Father Steigerwald, and perhaps you also have been able to talk to Father Steigerwald himself. I assume, therefore, that you know a little bit of his history.

Briefly, however, I feel that you should know that Father Steigerwald took approximately one year off from his assignment here in the Archdiocese of Portland so that he could "sort things out." He has known, I suppose, for quite awhile that he has an homosexual orientation. He needed some time away from the pastoral ministry to reflect upon this discovery and to decide what to do about it, and whether this condition was compatible with the priestly life.

He spent most of the period of his leave in the Boston area, where he received counseling and spiritual advice from a priest and from other resource people. Before returning to Portland during the summer, he wrote to me from Boston to say that he was convinced that his paramount desire is to continue as a priest in pastoral ministry. Feeling that he could do so wholeheartedly better in new surroundings than in the Archdiocese of Portland, he asked permission to seek pastoral work in some other diocese on the west coast. He heard many good things about the Diocese of Oakland, and therefore made some contact with a priest in your diocese to see whether he might have some chance of being assigned to a parish. This led to some substitute work at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Union City, and eventually to a temporary assignment as associate pastor, I believe.

Father Steigerwald is a very sincere young priest. He is personable, warm and friendly in his relationships with people, and effective in the parish ministry. He has always been honest with himself and with his superiors.

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Most Rev. John Cummins
September 29, 1982.

I am deeply grateful to you for placing your trust in him. He probably already has selected a strong spiritual counselor, but if he has not already done so I would suggest that you or the Personnel Director, or even perhaps the pastor, urge him to put himself under the direction of some priest as soon as possible. You will find him very sincere and serious about his priesthood.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

2900 LAKESHORE AVENUE • OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 94610 • 415/893-4711

September 24, 1982

Rec'd 9/29

Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power
Diocese of Portland
P.O. Box 351
Portland, OR 97207

Your Excellency:

A priest from your diocese, Father Philip Steigerwald, has made application to work in the Diocese of Oakland, and perhaps even ultimately to be incardinated here. He has done so in communication with Bishop Waldschmidt, and our own Ordinary Bishop John Cummins has been in consultation with Bishop Waldschmidt also.

It is our understanding that you are authorizing him to seek another diocese. Is this a correct understanding? If so, are there any conditions that you are placing on it. We are prepared to offer him an assignment but naturally would want to do so only with your explicit authorization.

May I ask you kindly for your comments on the above and any instructions that you would have for Bishop Cummins or for me concerning Father Steigerwald.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend George E. Crespin
Chancellor

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September 29, 1982

Most Rev. John Cummins
Bishop of Oakland
2900 Lakeshore Ave.
Oakland, California 94610

Dear Bishop Cummins:

A couple weeks ago Father Philip Steigerwald, a priest of the Archdiocese of Portland, visited me to let me know that he had been temporarily assigned to Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Union City, California, and that he was very pleased to be in the active pastoral ministry once again. I understand that Bishop Paul E. Waldschmidt has talked to you about Father Steigerwald, and perhaps you also have been able to talk to Father Steigerwald himself. I assume, therefore, that you know a little bit of his history.

Briefly, however, I feel that you should know that Father Steigerwald took approximately one year off from his assignment here in the Archdiocese of Portland so that he could "sort things out." He has known, I suppose, for quite awhile that he has an homosexual orientation. He needed some time away from the pastoral ministry to reflect upon this discovery and to decide what to do about it, and whether this condition was compatible with the priestly life.

He spent most of the period of his leave in the Boston area, where he received counseling and spiritual advice from a priest and from other resource people. Before returning to Portland during the summer, he wrote to me from Boston to say that he was convinced that his paramount desire is to continue as a priest in pastoral ministry. Feeling that he could do so wholeheartedly better in new surroundings than in the Archdiocese of Portland, he asked permission to seek pastoral work in some other diocese on the west coast. He heard many good things about the Diocese of Oakland, and therefore made some contact with a priest in your diocese to see whether he might have some chance of being assigned to a parish. This led to some substitute work at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Union City, and eventually to a temporary assignment as associate pastor, I believe.

Father Steigerwald is a very sincere young priest. He is personable, warm and friendly in his relationships with people, and effective in the parish ministry. He has always been honest with himself and with his superiors.

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Most Rev. John Cummins
September 29, 1982.

I am deeply grateful to you for placing your trust in him. - He probably already has selected a strong spiritual counselor, but if he has not already done so I would suggest that you or the Personnel Director, or even perhaps the pastor, urge him to put himself under the direction of some priest as soon as possible. You will find him very sincere and serious about his priesthood.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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September 30, 1982

Very Rev. George E. Crespín
Chancellor, Diocese of Oakland
2900 Lakeshore Ave.
Oakland, California 94610

Dear Father Crespín:

Two great minds run in the same channel! Only yesterday I wrote to Bishop Cummins about Father Philip Steigerwald, just a few hours before your letter arrived in Portland. I enclose a photocopy of that letter.

When I talked to Father Steigerwald on September 14, we did not discuss excommunication/incardination. I would therefore say that this matter perhaps should be left for a later time when it will be more clear to you and to him what course should be followed. In the meantime I hope that if incardination into the Diocese of Oakland should eventually be considered his service to the Diocese would be calculated from his first assignment. However, this must be determined according to your policy in such matters.

I personally am deeply grateful to you and Bishop Cummins for your willingness to give this young priest an opportunity to serve the people in your Diocese. He was involved in no scandal in the Archdiocese of Portland, and I feel sure that he will serve the people of Union City and the people of any other parish to which he may be assigned in an effective and satisfactory way.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

enc s. (copy of Fr. Steigerwald's personal record form enclosed)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

2838 EAST BURNSIDE, P.O. BOX 351
PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

OFFICE OF
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

October 5, 1982

The Reverend George E. Crespín
Chancellor
Diocese of Oakland
2900 Lakeshore Avenue
Oakland, California 94610

Dear Father Crespín:

Father Philip Steigerwald, a priest of the Archdiocese of Portland, has been granted permission by Archbishop Power to leave the Archdiocese and to seek priestly assignment in the Diocese of Oakland. It is my understanding that Father Steigerwald is presently working as an associate pastor in Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Union City, California. Furthermore, I understand that if his pastoral ministry is acceptable, Father Steigerwald may eventually request incardination into your diocese.

We have a medical-hospital program and a pension plan for priests of the Archdiocese. We would be happy to continue coverage for Father Steigerwald under both the above programs with reimbursement to whatever extent the Diocese of Oakland allows to the Archdiocese of Portland. If you prefer, however, you could enroll Father Steigerwald under your own medical-hospital and pension program, and we would remove such coverage by the Archdiocese.

We are most appreciative of your willingness to accept Father Steigerwald into the Diocese of Oakland, and we want you to know that we are happy to cooperate in any way that we can. I would appreciate your response as soon as it is convenient for you to do so, so that this matter may be determined. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) John Brouillard
Administrative Assistant

JB:gg

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DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

2900 LAKESHORE AVENUE • OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 94610 • 415/893-4711

October 19, 1982

Reverend John Brouillard
Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
P.O. Box 351
Portland, OR 97202

Dear Father Brouillard:

Thank you for your letter of October 5, 1982. I am sorry that I was out of town and not able to respond to your letter immediately.

We have accepted Father Philip Steigerwald for an assignment here in the Diocese of Oakland. We are open to the possibility of his remaining here if that proves to be mutually agreeable. However, since it is still a probationary period I think we would prefer that he stay on your program for the time being. Once it becomes clear that he will be here on a more permanent basis, then we would be very happy to transfer him over to our medical and pension programs. The person in the Chancery office who handles these matters is Carmen Batiza. She is presently away on vacation but I will leave word for her to communicate with you shortly after her return, toward the end of this month, so that she can make the arrangements for the necessary payments. She is in a better position than I to give you the details of what our contribution would be.

My personal best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend George E. Crespin
Chancellor

GEC/er

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My personal best wishes.

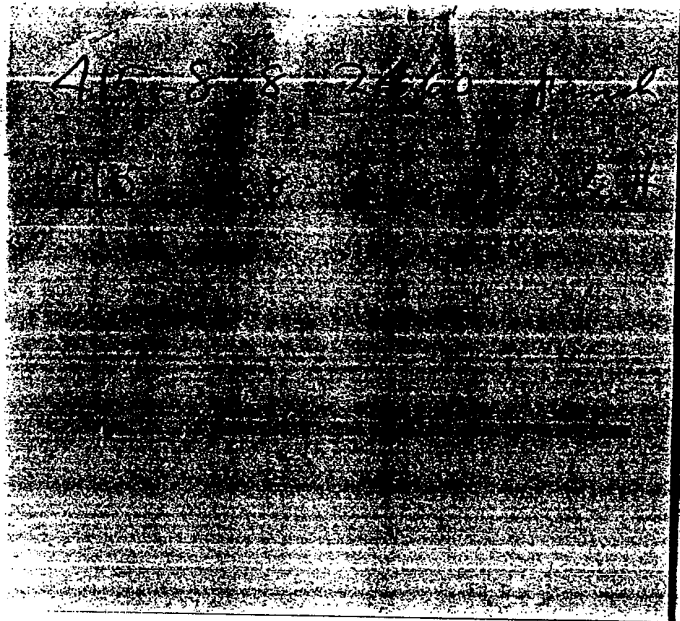
Sincerely yours,

Reverend George E. Crespin
Chancellor

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Philip Stergenwald

9-1-80 - On leave - California w/ Dr. Des Metanic, O.P.
5- -81 - Assigned St. Matthew, Hillsboro
7-1-81 - On leave - Boston

Cash payments to him since 9-1-80 = \$3,398.25

Blue Cross _____ 2,128.15

Group Life (\$2,000 death benefit) _____ 91.36

Student Loan payments _____ 2,030.67

(balance on loan as of 4-1-83) \$2,663.09

Sub total _____ \$7,648.43

Retirement Contribution by Archd. _____ 2,634.09

\$10,282.52

If you terminate employment with Church as of 4-10-83:

What about Blue Cross Med Coverage?

Dropped - no longer employed by Archd or Church

What about Student Loan payments?

Dropped - your responsibility. Grace period? ask Doorn.

Stay with friend/family to save rent

Stay on job w/ Oakland Diocese and save money

Find job before you leave parish

Personnel Policy

Personal Leave - Chapter 14

' Archd. will continue to pay the priest's health insurance premiums for a maximum of one year ...^x

Already almost 3 years -

- "Normally the Archd is not responsible for salary or other benefits in the case of a leave of absence for personal reasons. However, financial arrangements may be made on an ad hoc basis"

Reliance from Archd. Assignment
e.g. for service in another diocese

"Neither the priest's salary nor health benefits follow him to his new position."

Laicization - check w/ Vicar of Monsiours - Parker



Saint Raymond's Church

January 26, 1983

The Rev. Father John Brouillard
2838 E. Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon 97214

Dear John:

Greetings from the East Bay! Things are well for me. California and the Diocese of Oakland delights my mind, my heart, and my faith. I hope you are well, too.

On December 20, 1982 I received a memo from Bob McQuarry about the new Blue Cross Hospital-Medical-Dental-Vision coverage explaining that the priests of the Archdiocese of Portland as of November 1, 1982 have an improved hospital-medical benefit plan.

I spoke recently with Father George Crespín about switching my coverage from Oregon to California. As the Diocese of Oakland does not have such coverage until one has been here two years, he has made a suggestion to me to make to you.

His suggestion is that I continue to keep my coverage through the Archdiocese of Portland with the Diocese of Oakland paying the premium. That, of course, would depend on two things: would the Archdiocese of Portland be willing to allow me to do that, of course at no cost to Portland, and it would also depend then on what premium Portland currently pays. We would then see if Oakland pays the same amount. My Blue Cross of Oregon I.D. # is 535606993.

John, the reason I am writing you about this, while I know you will need likely to check with Bob McQuarry, is that I personally have never found Bob terribly co-operative to work with as I tend to think he sees the world in black and white. Also at this point I think you are my liaison person with the Archdiocese of Portland.

Anxious to hear from you soon, John.

Before I forget: as I believe you know, my assignment at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Union City was temporary until I'd be permanently assigned in January. I have now been assigned to St. Raymond's in Dublin. Would you be sure my address plate is changed so my mail from the Chancery comes here and not to Union City? Thank you, John.

Sincerely,

Father Philip J. Steigerwald

11555 Shannon Avenue • Dublin, California 94568-0757 • (415) 828-2160

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

2838 EAST BURNSIDE, P.O. BOX 351
PORTLAND, OREGON 97202

OFFICE OF
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

January 31, 1983

The Reverend Philip J. Steigerwald
Church of St. Raymond
11555 Shannon Avenue
Dublin, California 94568

Dear Phil,

Thank you for your letter of January 26, 1983. I am delighted to know that you are happy and satisfied living and working in the Diocese of Oakland. At one time I had a niece living in San Ramon. I visited with her on a number of occasions. Consequently, I am somewhat familiar with the territory. I, too, like it very much.

I am writing in response to your inquiry regarding your Blue Cross coverage with the Archdiocese. We are willing to continue your participation in our plan until such coverage is assumed by the Diocese of Oakland. We would ask the Diocese of Oakland to make premium payments (\$91.45 per month) to cover the period of February 1, 1983, through June of 1983. This can either be made in monthly payments or at the time of our annual billing, which would occur in April or the first part of May (\$457.25). We would continue health insurance coverage from July 1, 1983, to June 30, 1984, or until such coverage is assumed by the Diocese of Oakland. If the latter should occur during this period, payments to the Archdiocese would terminate accordingly.

I have discussed this matter with Bob McQuarry, and I would suggest that any further discussion between the Archdiocese of Portland and the Diocese of Oakland be directed to him so that the process may be expedited.

As requested, I have informed the office about your new change of address. I sincerely hope that things will continue to work in your favor, and that your life and ministry will be rewarding and fulfilling.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) John Brouillard
Administrative Assistant

JB:gg

approved by M. Querry 1/31/83
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11555 Shannon Avenue
Dublin, California
94568

March 14, 1983

The Most Reverend Cornelius Paver
The Most Reverend Kenneth Steimer
The Most Reverend Paul Waldschmidt
Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
2838 East Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon 97214

My dear Fathers in Christ:

In June 1981 I came to you to say that I had to leave the active ordained priesthood, had to take a leave of absence for at least one year to allow myself time and distance to ask questions deep from within my heart. I then moved to Boston where I became more physically poor than I had ever been in my life, but became so rich in knowing God's presence in my life.

In that year much changed in me and I grew in a deeper love still of the Church and a greater understanding too of myself.

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I returned to active ordained priestly ministry because I had to know if I could again serve Jesus in the ways I had before. While you, my brothers, so warmly welcomed me back not only to that ministry, but also to the Archdiocese of Portland, I then knew myself so much better than before and I knew needed city life and could not fairly ask that of the Archdiocese of Portland. I knew too that it is almost unbearably painful to me to be uprooted every few years with a new assignment so I chose to seek ministry in a smaller diocese, Oakland.

A half a year has now passed. Literally every day now for almost two years, I have woken up feeling torn, pulled and sad. I simply cannot any more bear the pain of living a life that belongs to all of the People of God, but hardly at all

to me with expectations that call me from early in the morning so often to late at night.

After hurting so much for so long, and after much prayer, much discussion, and even working with a spiritual director, I believe the Lord uses me to serve as a priest, but now leads me to change ministerial roles. I have decided to leave the active ministerial and ordained priesthood.

I have spoken with Father George Crespin of the Diocese of Oakland and with my pastor and shall leave on the first Sunday after Easter, a little less than one month away.

One and a half years ago, you blessed me as I departed for Boston, you prayed for God's Spirit to guide me. I believe the Holy Spirit has and continues to guide

me. Please pray again for me now,
brothers. I need your blessings upon me.
You also thanked me for ministering to
the Church of Western Oregon. Now it is
my turn to thank you all for your goodness
and faith in me as a human being and
as a priest. Thank you.

Respectfully,

In Jesus,

Father Philip J. Steigensald

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11555 Shannon Ave
Dublin, California
94568

March 14, 1983

The Most Reverend Cornelius Power
The Most Reverend Kenneth Steiner
The Most Reverend Paul Waldschmidt
Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
2838 East Burnside Street
Portland, Oregon 97214

My dear brothers:

By now you have read my letter telling you that I am choosing to leave the active priestly ministry. I must now write you also of some practical concerns.

As I hope I was able to communicate in my other letter, I really do believe that I am doing the Lord's will by deciding to change ministerial roles.

This is very hard for me to do, but I must ask you for some financial help. Bishop Waldschmidt when I took a leave of absence I asked for help and you told me then that you thought my request for help was most reasonable. I

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pray now that when I explain my needs you will also find this request reasonable.

Obviously with a priests salary I've not been able to stash away money that I could now use in this time of transition. I own no furniture and have \$90.00 in the bank, so I am forced to ask your help and hope you will most seriously and prayerfully consider my request.

I have given long and hard thought to this whole process considering whether I ought to first find a job and then set a date for leaving. I have chosen against that as I do not have time to job hunt with the present parish duties I have. Therefore with only \$90.00 in the bank I need enough money to pay rent and buy food, run my car, and continue to pay my current monthly bills. That will also allow me to not have to take the first \$2.50 an hour job that comes along, but to search more thoroughly for

employment that pays a decent wage. I need enough money therefore to survive for three or four months during which time I may still be unemployed. Ultimately I plan to return to school to work on a counseling degree. While I am willing during the interim to do most anything for work, I do need to be able to financially survive.

I am aware that some religious orders and even some dioceses offer a man who leaves active ordained ministry some financial help until he is gainfully employed. Even in Region VII I know that the Diocese of Spokane has a specific policy about this so that the person is not out cold with no work and no money. Again given our monthly salaries and expenses I think this not only kind, but is also just. On such instances the amount given is not a loan, but a sort of severance pay. I am hoping this may be what you also decide, but if not, I am so in need of financial help at this time of transition, I would then

even be willing to sign a loan agreement. Trying to come up with an exact amount is very difficult as it is at this time impossible to know exact living expenses, plus current monthly bills, and moving expenses, etc. I do plan to stay here in the San Francisco Bay area, but still moving is expensive. I have, therefore decided to suggest a range and must leave it to your goodness and kindness. I would like to suggest a range of \$2,500 to \$4,500 which I hope you will not see as an unreasonable request.

Other practical considerations about which I must inquire now concern my Oregon Blue Cross coverage and my student loan payments. Will my Blue Cross coverage cease immediately when I cease to work as a priest, that is April 10, 1983 or will it continue until I am employed? Will I assume payments on my student loan or will there be a grace period of a few months while I seek

employment? I am hoping there may be a grace period while I seek employment, but I must know either way.

Brothers, please believe me that it is exceedingly difficult and painful to have to ask for any help at all, but I am in a position where I must do so. My family is not at all able to financially help me.

I have one further request of you. I must have any answer you give to these requests by this Friday, March 18, 1983 as, if your answer to these requests is no, I must immediately begin to try to sell my car. I do not want to do that for obvious reasons. If I must sell it then I would be making payments on a car I will no longer have, using the money to live until I am satisfactorily employed, and then not have a car which I may need in employment as well as

for personal use.

So, I beg you to please respond to me by this Friday either by registered special delivery letter or by telephone. The parish number is (415) 828-2460 and my private number is (415) 828-9608.

Thank you very much for your patience with this long letter and with me. I have always tried to be honest with you and with the Archdiocese in serving the Lord, and now need your honesty and swift reply.

Thank you and God bless you, my brothers.

Father Phil Steigerwald

March 29, 1983

Rev. Philip Steigerwald
11555 Shannon Ave.
Dublin, California 94568

Dear Father Steigerwald:

May I acknowledge your two letters dated March 14, 1983, and assure you that I read them in the sequence suggested by you. I must admit to some disappointment in the news that you have decided to leave the active priesthood. However, I am consoled in the knowledge that you have seriously and prayerfully reflected on this decision over a long period of time, and that you have sought counsel from your spiritual director and others whose judgment you trust. I also feel that adjustment to a new way of life - as difficult as it always is - has been made easier by your leave of absence which began on July 1, 1981, and which ended with your assignment in the Diocese of Oakland.

You said nothing in your letter about seeking a dispensation from the obligations flowing from Sacred Orders - certainly there is plenty of time for that - but if you want any help in that regard please do not hesitate to call on us.

With regard to financial assistance, you know from the Personnel Manual, which the Personnel Board prepared and which the priests of the Archdiocese accepted and I approved and promulgated a few years ago, that there is no financial provision in the Archdiocese for priests who decide to leave the active ministry.

In our recent telephone visit I gathered that your most immediate need is the sum of \$530.00, which represents the amount required by the apartment owner or manager as half of the first month's rent and deposit. I promised to forward this amount to you, and you will find it enclosed.

We will make the April deposit with the bank for your government student loan, and will continue you in our Blue Cross medical coverage for the month of April.

I have not as yet had a chance to check out transferring to you payments on the student loan, and therefore I will be forwarding to you another letter soon, giving you instructions.

In the meantime, I hope that you will receive many graces during Holy Week, and you may be assured of my daily prayers for the difficult days remaining in your assignment at St. Raymond Parish. I know that, even though your decision has been made, the actual leaving the parish and the ministerial priesthood will not be easy.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain
Fraternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

enc.

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TO Archbishop

ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND
P. O. BOX 351
PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

SUBJECT Student loan - Dr. Stigenswald DATE 3/31/83

MESSAGE The loan is in his name so there is no complex procedure necessary. The need merely to give him the remaining payment cards in the current batch and inform the bank of his new address so that they can follow up on payments and send future cards directly to him.

SIGNED Bob

REPLY

SIGNED DATE / /

SEND PARTS 1 AND 3 WITH CARBON INTACT - PART 3 WILL BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

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Dr. Phil Stegerwall

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April 5, 1983

Rev. Philip Steigerwald
11555 Shannon Ave.
Dublin, California 94568

Dear Father Steigerwald:

I hope that the liturgies of Holy Week, including Easter Sunday, and the events they represent have brought you many graces from the risen Savior. I pray that He will watch over and guide you in the months of transition ahead.

In my letter of March 29 I told you that the Archdiocese would continue your coverage in Blue Cross medical plan for the month of April, and that the Archdiocese also would make the April payment for your student loan obligation. We will do the same for the month of May to give you time to get on your feet.

This will mean that beginning June 1, 1983, the Archdiocese will no longer be able to provide you with medical insurance, which technically can cover only employees. After making the bank payment on May 1, we will forward to you whatever forms we have at hand in connection with your student loan and direct that you make your payments, beginning June 1, directly to the bank, First Interstate Bank. The June payment will be \$65.40.

Since you will not be at the Dublin address after April 10, I would appreciate having your new address so that I can reach you when necessary. Furthermore, the bank will have to have your new address.

Assuring you of a continued place in my prayers and Masses, and wishing you all of the joys and blessings of the Paschal season, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

(cc.: Bob McQuarry)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

THE CHANCERY OFFICE

2838 E. BURNSIDE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97214

MAILING ADDRESS, P.O. BOX 351, PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

FROM: Archbishop Power

TO: Bob McQuarry

DATE: April 5, 1983

RE:

As you will see from the attached copy of my most recent letter to Father Steigerwald, I have informed him that the Archdiocese will continue him on our Blue Cross coverage throughout the month of May, and then cease our coverage. Furthermore, I told him that we would make the May payment on his bank loan, and then leave the obligation up to him to satisfy. Would you be good enough to make a note of this?

After you have made the May payment on the student bank loan, would you be good enough to give me whatever forms you have been using for the payments so that I can forward them on to Father Steigerwald in plenty of time for him to make the June payment himself.

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May 17, 1983

Dear Phil:

Since I was not informed of your new address, I must send this letter to you at your Dublin address. I hope it will not be delayed in forwarding. I have a packet of payment cards for your student loan which you should have for future payments.. Student loan payments are due the first of each month to FIRST INTERSTATE BANK, P. O. Box 4061, Portland, Oregon 97208. I would like to send this packet directly to your present address in order to save the parish secretary the inconvenience of forwarding it to you, and to avoid delay. Would you please send me your address?

Because of the uncertainty of this letter reaching you in sufficient time - I have seen mail that should be forwarded remain on a table in a rectory for days or weeks - I shall send my own personal check to the bank for your loan payment in the amount of \$70.40.

Hoping that all goes well, and extending kindest personal regards, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

Philip Steigerwald
11555 Shannon Avenue
Dublin, California 94568

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DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

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17 May 1983

Reverend Joseph Jacobberger
Archdiocese of Portland
P.O. Box 351
Portland, Oregon 97207

Dear Father Jacobberger:

Enclosed is our check No. 26942 in the amount of \$274.35. This represents the reimbursement for the medical premium for Father Phil Steigerwald for the 3 months he was eligible for medical coverage.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Batiza

Mary C. Batiza
Insurance Department

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Enclosure

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Spokane — termination = monthly salary X number of years
of service.

April 10, 1983 =

Has plans

No job

Share apt - split rent april 1st \$ 265 + withha

Sell car

265 deposit

Bay Area

\$ 530

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140 Dolores St.
208
San Francisco, Ca.
94103

June 3, 1983

JUN. 6 1983

Dear Archbishop Power,

Thank you for your letter dated
May 17, 1983. Please forgive me for
not sending you my home address. It
was an honest oversight on my part.
Somewhere with the hecticness of job
hunting, I forget to do it even after
you asked me to do so. Alas, should
you ever need it, my telephone number
is (415) 863-8039.

Alas thank you so much for so
thoughtful making the First Interstate
bank payment for me. That was most
kind of you and I sincerely appreciated
it.

God bless you,

Philip Steigemeier

June 17, 1983

140 Rev. Philip Steigerwald
440 Dolores St., #208
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Phil:

Under separate cover I am sending you cards and envelopes in connection with your student loan payments. I am also returning your check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover my payment for the month of June. I was happy to be able to do this for you, and I would suggest that you redraw the check and use it for your July payment.

Hoping that the period of transition has not been too difficult for you, and assuring you of a regular place in my prayers and Masses, I remain

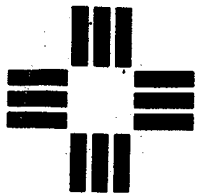
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Archbishop of Portland

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ARCHDIOCESE
OF PORTLAND
IN OREGON

Office of the Vicar General

May 18, 1992

Dear Father:

Word came to me that our former colleague, Philip J. Steigerwald, died unexpectedly. It seems he was hit by a car while crossing a street in San Francisco last Saturday.

Phil was born in 1948 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, the son of Nicholas and Aline Steigerwald. He attended the Archdiocesan House of Studies from 1969-1972 and received his B.S. degree from Portland State. He attended Mt. Angel Seminary where he received his M. Div. degree in 1976.

On June 20, 1976, Phil was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Power at Queen of Peace Church in Salem where he had been a deacon. He was a parochial vicar at Queen of Peace, St. Cecilia, Beaverton; St. Paul, Eugene and St. Matthew, Hillsboro.

Phil went on leave in 1981. In October of 1982, he accepted an assignment in the Diocese of Oakland. In April of 1983, he left the active ministry altogether.

Please remember Phil in your prayers. May he rest in peace!

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Paul F. Peri
Vicar General

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on 9/26/02

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**OFFICE OF
AUXILIARY BISHOP**

November 5, 1981

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

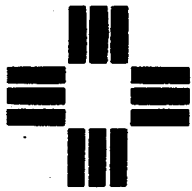
TO: ARCHBISHOP POWER
FROM: REV. JOHN BROUILLARD
 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
RE: REV. PHIL STEIGERWALD

I think that I should pass this confidential information on to you in the event that it might be helpful. The source of this information is Father Emmet Harrington.

As you recall, Phil Steigerwald was stationed with Emmet in Eugene. Prior to his departure from that area, Phil publicly announced that he was "gay". Obviously, this was damaging enough. However, during this time in Eugene, he frequently associated with a young man in the parish, who is not of the same sexual persuasion, and who, until the disclosure, was unaware. Nevertheless, since Phil's departure from the Eugene area, this young man has been suffering some psychological problems as a result of his association and the disclosure by Phil. The boy's mother is likewise experiencing difficulty in dealing with this situation. Both have received psychological, professional help. Emmet is handling the situation as best he can, but not without difficulty.

As a result of all of the above, Emmet feels that serious consideration should be given if Phil ever requested to return to this Archdiocese. Emmet is of the opinion that scandal has been given and harm caused to this boy, his mother and the community. As I say, I thought you should be aware of what transpired.

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Office for Clergy

April 11, 2002

Mrs. Sharon Williams
P.O. Box 730
Creswell, OR 97426

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Thank you for your letter to Archbishop Vlazny. He asked me to respond on his behalf.

I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you on the phone about the information in your letter. If you would send me your phone number, I will call you.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Charles J. Lienert
Vicar for Clergy

CJL:gg

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March 27, 2002

Archbishop John Vlazny
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My reason for writing is my second son, Michael, and my third son, Thomas, attended St. Paul's Grade School in Eugene Oregon in the seventies. At that time Rev. Emmett Harrington was the pastor and Rev. Phil Steigerwald was Associate. My concern is that both Father Phil and our family moved to St. Paul's approximately the same time. Our family more or less "adopted" Phil. We welcomed him into our home and felt very pleased that a priest wanted to be a part of our family.

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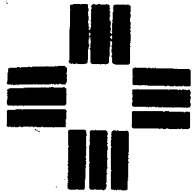
I will be looking for an answer from you as soon as possible.

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Office of the Vicar General

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April 2, 2002

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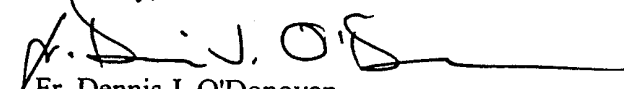
Dear Mrs. Williams:

Archbishop Vlazny is out of town, so I am answering your letter on his behalf. Actually it is a little difficult to answer your letter or the questions you pose. As you may be aware, the former Father Philip Steigerwald left the Archdiocese of Portland in 1981 and subsequently died in May of 1992 when apparently he was hit by a car crossing a street in San Francisco. As you also may be aware, Father Emmet Harrington died in July of 1997. With both of these deaths, it is difficult to tell what might have been known when. I do know that up to this point we have had no claims regarding Philip Steigerwald.

If your son Michael was harmed in any way by the former Father Steigerwald, I would urge him to call our Abuse Contact Line (503-416-8810). Dr. Peter Okulitch, who is an independent clinical psychologist, answers that line and can begin a process of providing whatever help is useful. You or he are also welcome to call me here at the Archdiocese of Portland (503-234-5334); or if you simply want to provide me with your phone number, I will be glad to get back to you as we find any further information in this matter.

I am also in this letter including a small pamphlet describing our child abuse policy.

Sincerely,


Fr. Dennis J. O'Donovan
Vicar General

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TELEPHONE 521-⁵¹¹878

May, 24, 1976

Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power, D.D.,
2838 East Burnside,
Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. 97214.

Your Grace:

Please accept my sincere greetings. The information I am about to give, I do so with the greatest regret and sorrow, for yourself and all who will be affected.

I have been given the following information by a most reliable source and feel that it must be passed on to you.

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Respectfully yours in J.C. & M.I.

M. Power O.M.I.

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