

NEWS ...from the Diocese of Manchester

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Advisory: NEW HAMPSHIRE MAN TO BE ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE FEBRUARY 18...

Mr. Philip Petit, son of Mrs. Estelle B. Petit and the late Gideon Petit of Concord, will be ordained a deacon of the Catholic Church on Sunday, February 18 at 3:00 P.M. in his home parish of St. John the Baptist in Suncook.

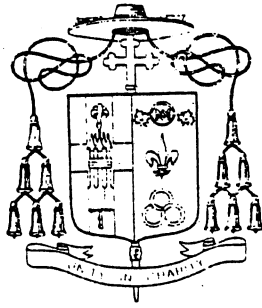
The Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D., Bishop of Manchester, will be the principal celebrant of the Mass and will officiate at the conferral of the diaconate upon Mr. Petit. The Most Rev. Robert E. Mulvee, D.D., auxiliary bishop, and the priests of the Diocese of Manchester will also concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Gendron.

The diaconate is the first of the three major orders of the priesthood, third in rank to the order of bishop and the order of presbyter (priest). A ministry of service in the Church, deacons may assist the celebrant at Mass, proclaim the Gospel, preach, distribute the Eucharist, baptize, and witness marriages.

A graduate of St. Anselm's College, the new deacon completed his studies for the priesthood at St. John Seminary in Brighton, Mass. As part of his pre-deacon internship, Rev. Mr. Petit served at St. Patrick Parish in Jaffrey and presently serves at Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon.

The new deacon will be assigned as a deacon-assistant at a New Hampshire for a year, as part of the Diocese's deacon internship program. Following his deacon year, he may petition the Bishop for ordination to the priesthood.

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ODORE JOSEPH

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER

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To all who shall examine this letter
Greetings in Our Lord!

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By order of the Most Reverend Bishop
Chancellor

Bishop of Manchester

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VOCATION DEPARTMENT

Diocese of Manchester

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STATEMENT OF NOTIFICATION

This is to record that the student whose name appears below was ordained to the Order of Deacon by the Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, Bishop of Manchester, at St. John the Baptist Church, Suncook, New Hampshire, on February 18, 1979.

PHILIP ARTHUR PETIT

DATE:

February 23 1979

Rev. George E. Ham
Reverend George E. Ham
Vocation Director

BISHOP'S HOUSE
657 RIVER ROAD
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
03105

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February 23, 1979

Rev. Mr. Philip A. Petit
Sacred Heart Rectory
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, New Hampshire

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Dear Rev. Mr. Petit:

Subsequent to your recent conversation with Father Ham and after consultation with the Diocesan Vocation Board, I am pleased to confirm your appointment to diaconal ministry in St. John the Baptist Parish, Manchester, effective on Tuesday, February 27th.

I am appointing Msgr. Lesmerises, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, as your deacon supervisor, and have asked Father Ham to meet with you and Msgr. Lesmerises to discuss the various aspects of your deacon internship in the parish.

May I also take this opportunity to assure you of my interest in you and of my continued willingness to be of assistance to you in any possible way. You will be remembered in my Masses and prayers in a very special way during this final period of preparation for your priestly ordination.

With every prayerful good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

September 13, 1979

Reverend Maurice R. Lagueux
Saint John the Baptist Rectory
School Street
Suncook, New Hampshire 03275

Dear Maurice:

As a follow-up to our diaconate ordinations during the past few months I am contacting the parishes where each of the deacons was baptized, reminding them that a notation should be made in the baptismal record of each individual.

Phil Petit was baptized at St. John the Baptist Church in Suncook on December 25, 1952. Would you be good enough to make a notation in his baptismal record, indicating that he was ordained to diaconate at St. John the Baptist Church by Bishop Gendron on February 18, 1979.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

GEH/r

November 30, 1979

Rev. Mr. Philip A. Petit
St. John the Baptist Rectory
117 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

03102

Dear Phil:

As you know, we have finalized plans for our seminarian reunion at Christmastime, and we will be getting together on Thursday, December 27th.

We will meet at the Mount Carmel Home around 4:30 P.M. and will have Mass at 5:00 o'clock, followed by a social hour and dinner. Then we will move over to the Somascan Fathers' house on Hanover Street for further relaxing and socializing.

Among the suggestions that were made by some of the seminarians was that this gathering at Christmas should be a reunion of the seminarians, rather than a time to invite a large number of individuals who have simply expressed some remote interest in the priesthood. With that suggestion in mind, we are planning this year to invite the seminarians, those who are in the process of applying or have recently been accepted by the diocese, and the priests on the Vocation Board. We will also invite the newly ordained and the retired priests at Mt. Carmel to join us for the Mass and dinner. Hopefully in this way it will give us a better opportunity to renew friendships and meet the new men.

Since I know that you are well acquainted with Mount Carmel and need no directions etc., I would simply like to ask you to return the enclosed card at your earliest convenience so that we can plan for the meal.

I am looking forward to getting together with you again soon so that we can review your evaluations and confirm a date for your ordination to the priesthood.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

GEH/r

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, Philip A. Petit, with firm faith, believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith, that is:

I believe in one God.
 The Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 And of all things visible and invisible.
 And I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God.
 Born of the Father before all ages.
 God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God.
 Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.
 By whom all things were made.
 Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven.
 And he became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the
 Virgin Mary: and was made man.
 He was also crucified for us,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried.
 And on the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.
 And of his kingdom there will be no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
 And who spoke through the prophets.
 And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.
 I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 And I await the resurrection of the dead.
 And the life of the world to come.

I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberation or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, accordingly as they are proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of the Holy Church of Christ, its sacraments and the sacrifice of the Mass, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

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George E. Han

Date

December 12, 1979

Signed

Philip A. Petit, Deacon

Date

12 December, 1979

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Saint John the Baptist Church
117 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
Bishop's Residence
657 N. River Road
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Your Excellency:

I, the undersigned, Philip A. Petit, a Deacon of the Diocese of Manchester, do hereby petition that I may be advanced to priesthood. I make this request freely, motivated by no other consideration than the glory of God, the service of the Church, and the salvation of my soul. I am fully aware of the specific obligations attached to this order.

Peace in Jesus, the Christ
Philip A. Petit, Deacon

Signed in Manchester, New Hampshire on the first day of December, Year of Our Lord Nineteen hundred and Seventy Nine.

December 20, 1979

Mr. Daniel Cloutier
25 Morgan Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

Dear Mr. Cloutier:

On behalf of Bishop Gendron and the members of our diocesan Vocation Board, I would like to thank you for your candid evaluation of Deacon Philip Petit and his ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish.

I am pleased to inform you that at our recent vocation board meeting we reviewed the evaluations submitted to us and considered Deacon Petit's request to be ordained to the priesthood, and we reached an affirmative decision. He will be ordained to the priesthood on April 26th at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Your comments were most helpful to us in reaching this decision, and we are most appreciative of all that you have done to assist and support him during this final phase of his preparation for priestly ordination.

With every good wish for a happy and blessed Christmas, I
am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

GEH/r

December 20, 1979

Rev. Patrick R. Dubreuil
St. John the Baptist Rectory
117 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

03102

Dear Pat:

At yesterday's meeting of our diocesan vocation board we reviewed Phil Petit's petition for ordination to the priesthood, and we reviewed the evaluations of his deacon internship which were submitted by you and the members of St. John the Baptist Parish.

I am pleased to inform you that Bishop Gendron and the board members reached an affirmative decision on Phil's request, and his ordination date has been set for April 26th at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

Your comments were very helpful to us in reaching this decision, and on behalf of Bishop Gendron and all of the board members I would like to thank you for all that you have done to assist Phil during this final phase of his preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

With best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas, I

am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

GEH/r

December 20, 1979

Rev. Mr. Philip A. Petit
St. John the Baptist Rectory
117 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

Dear Phil:

Following our telephone conversation earlier today, I would like to confirm in writing the decision of Bishop Gendron and the Diocesan Vocation Board at yesterday's meeting approving your petition to be ordained to the priesthood.

The board members were unanimous in their decision and asked specifically that I convey to you how pleased they are in the growth that they feel has taken place within you during your deacon assignment. We are all happy to support your request for ordination and have every confidence that you will be a great asset to the priesthood in the Diocese of Manchester.

As you know, I have spoken with Msgr. Francoeur and reserved the Cathedral for Saturday, April 26th, at 10:30 A.M. for a group ordination. I will discuss this possible date with the other deacons as soon as possible.

With every good wish for a happy and blessed Christmas,
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

December 20, 1979

Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Lesmerises, V.F.
St. John the Baptist Rectory
117 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

Dear Msgr. Lesmerises:

Subsequent to our telephone conversation yesterday, I wish to confirm in writing the decision of Bishop Gendron and the Diocesan Vocation Board at yesterday's meeting to approve the petition of Rev. Mr. Philip A. Petit to be ordained to the priesthood.

The date for a group ordination at St. Joseph Cathedral has been tentatively set for Saturday, April 26th. I have discussed this date with Philip and will meet with the other deacons who are eligible for ordination to discuss the necessary preparations for ordination.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Bishop Gendron and the vocation board members for all that you have done to be of assistance to Phil during this final phase of preparation for his priestly ordination. Several of the board members mentioned how pleased they are at the growth that has taken place in him since his arrival at St. John the Baptist Parish, and we are most appreciative of your example, guidance, and direction that has been largely responsible for this growth.

With every good wish for a happy and blessed Christmas,
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

December 20, 1979

Mr. Robert Compagna
180 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

03102

Dear Mr. Compagna:

On behalf of Bishop Gendron and the members of our diocesan Vocation Board, I would like to thank you for your positive evaluation of Deacon Philip Petit and his ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish.

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that his request for ordination to the priesthood was reviewed at our recent December meeting, and the bishop and board members have approved his petition to be ordained to the priesthood this spring. The date of his ordination has been set for April 26th at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Your comments were most helpful to us in reaching this decision, and we would like to thank you for all that you have done to be of help and support to Deacon Petit during his final period of preparation for ordination to the priesthood.

With every good wish for a happy and blessed Christmas,
I am

Sincerely in Christ

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

GEH/r

December 20, 1979

Sister Madeleine Gosselin, P.M.
St. John the Baptist Convent
107 Alsace Street -
Manchester, New Hampshire

03102

Dear Sister Madeleine:

On behalf of Bishop Gendron and the members of our diocesan Vocation Board, I would like to thank you for your evaluation of Deacon Philip Petit and his ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish.

At our December Vocation Board meeting we reviewed the evaluations of Deacon Petit that were submitted to us, and we considered his request to be ordained to the priesthood. I am pleased to inform you that his petition for ordination was approved, and his ordination date has been set for April 26th at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Your comments were most helpful to us in reaching this decision and we are very grateful for all that you have done to assist and support him during this final phase of his preparation for priestly ordination.

With every good wish for a happy and blessed Christmas,
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

GEH/r

January 10, 1980

Rev. Mr. Philip A. Petit
St. John the Baptist Rectory
117 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

Dear Phil:

At today's Vocation Board meeting I brought up once again the question of our Manchester deacons participating in the workshops that are being offered in Brighton, and it was the decision of the board together with Bishop Gendron that each of our deacons should participate in at least one overnight session. It was felt that even though the men have had previous presentations in these fields, there would still be something to be gained from taking part in the program, and we would also consider as important for us in the future your evaluation of the workshop after you have participated in it.

Thus I am sending you the enclosed brochure with the request that you send in the form to Brighton, indicating on what dates you plan to attend the workshops.

I am sorry that I do not have time to discuss it further at this point, but I am leaving in the morning for the Vince Dwyer workshop in Cincinnati, and I will be there for the next two weeks. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact Rick Pennett in Durham.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

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Receipt of letter

April 26, 1980

Reverend Philip A. Petit
St. John the Baptist Rectory
117 Youville Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03102

Dear Father Petit:

It is indeed a pleasure for me, as Bishop of Manchester, to ordain you to the priesthood for the Diocese of Manchester today and to welcome you into the priestly fraternity of our diocese.

You have served in your deacon assignment with genuine dedication, and I have every confidence that you will bring this same zealous commitment to your ministry as a priest. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you, that you may find happiness and fulfillment in your priestly ministry, and also of my willingness to be available to you at any time and assist you in any possible way.

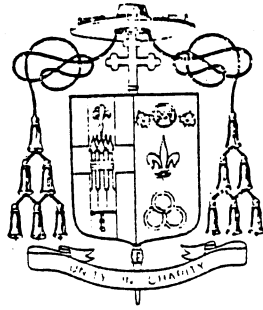
This letter will also serve to confirm the fact that you are hereby granted the Ordinary Faculties of the Diocese of Manchester, effective immediately upon your ordination today.

For the time being, it is understood that you will remain at St. John the Baptist Parish, and you will receive a more permanent priestly assignment at the time of the major clergy transfers in late May or early June.

With every prayerful good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester



ODORE JOSEPH

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BISHOP OF MANCHESTER

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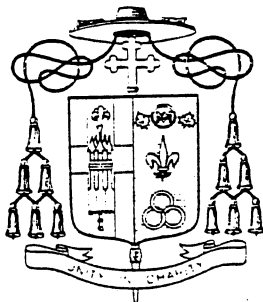
PRIESTHOOD

Given at Manchester, New Hampshire in the Episcopal
Offices under our sign and seal and with the assistance of our

Chancellor on the 26th day of April 19 80.

George E. F. F. F.
By order of the Most Reverend Bishop
Chancellor

+ *Odore J. Gerchow*
Bishop of Manchester



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+ *Odore J. Gannon*
Bishop of Manchester

May 8, 1980

Rev. Philip A. Petit
St. John the Baptist Parish
117 Youville Street
Manchester, N.H. 03102

Dear Phil:

This letter is merely to inform you of the particulars in the matter of your seminary bills and benefits.

The total sum of your seminary tuition loans, etc, as paid by the diocese amounted to \$8,900.00.

Bishop Gendron directed that the sum of \$7,758.00 from various diocesan burses is to be credited against your indebtedness. These monies come from bequests made and trust funds established by both clergy and laity in past years. You may wish to remember such benefactors in your Masses and prayers. It may also inspire you in later years to do the same for others.

With this credit your indebtedness becomes \$1,142.00 but since the Most Reverend Bishop permits a 25% discount to be given with every payment, this will actually mean only \$856.50 to you in cash.

Payments on seminary bills have generally been made on an annual or semi-annual basis. In past years it was expected that a minimum payment of two to three hundred dollars would be made each year on the debt outstanding. You may wish to talk this over with me if you prefer some other arrangement.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vocation Director

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BISHOP'S HOUSE
657 RIVER ROAD
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
03105

June 4, 1980

Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Lesmerises, V.F.
St. John the Baptist Church
117 Youville Street
Manchester, N. H. 03102

Dear Monsignor Lesmerises:

Subsequent to the discussions of the Diocesan Personnel Board on which you serve, and upon the recommendation of that Board, I would like to confirm the appointment of the Rev. Patrick R. Dubreuil to studies in preparation for work with the Spanish Apostolate. He will be replaced as Associate Pastor of St. John the Baptist on June 18, 1980, by the Reverend Roger A. Fortier, one of our newly ordained priests.

At the same time I would like to inform you of the fact that on June 18, the Reverend Philip A. Petit will be assigned as Associate Pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Manchester. I would like to take this occasion to thank you for the help and assistance you have given him during his time with you as a Deacon.

I have every confidence that Father Fortier will work harmoniously and fruitfully with you and Father Martel in caring for the spiritual needs of the good people of your parish and that you will offer him every assistance in making his first priestly assignment both fulfilling and memorable.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ

Bishop of Manchester

June 4, 1980

Reverend Gerald F. Chalifour
St. Theresa Church
140 Mitchell Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03103

Dear Father Chalifour:

Subsequent to our recent conversation and upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Personnel Board, I am pleased to confirm the appointment of the Reverend Philip A. Petit as Associate Pastor of Saint Theresa Parish effective June 18, 1980.

I am pleased that the personnel situation in the Diocese at this time permits me to assign another priest to Saint Theresa. I am sure that Father Petit will work with you harmoniously and fruitfully in caring for the needs of the people of your parish. At the same time, I know you will offer him every assistance to ensure that his first assignment as a priest will be happy and fruitful.

Assuring you of my prayerful good wishes,
I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

F. Anthony Clark

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January 30, 1981

Rev. Philip A. Petit
St. Theresa Rectory
140 Mitchell Street
Manchester, N. H. 03103

Dear Father Petit:

Subsequent to our recent conversations and upon the approval of the Diocesan Personnel Board this letter will serve to confirm your appointment as temporary Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Dover, New Hampshire, effective March 2nd, 1981

I have every confidence that your pastoral zeal and love of the Church will enable you to work fruitfully with Father Griffin, the pastor, to serve well the needs of the good people of St. Joseph's.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Philip Petit

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January 30, 1981

Rev. Robert F. Griffin
St. Joseph Rectory
150 Central Avenue
Dover, N. H. 03820

Dear Father Griffin:

Subsequent to our recent conversations and upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Personnel Board, this letter will serve to confirm the assignment of Reverend Philip Petit as temporary Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Dover, effective March 2nd. I have every confidence that he will work fruitfully and harmoniously with you to care well for the good people of your parish.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am,

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

F. Philip Petit

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January 30, 1981

Rev. Gerald F. Chalifour
St. Theresa Rectory
140 Mitchell Street
Manchester, N. H. 03103

Dear Father Chalifour:

Subsequent to our recent conversations and upon the recommendation of the Diocesan Personnel Board, this letter will confirm my decision, at your request, to transfer the Reverend Philip Petit. He will become the temporary Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Dover, effective March 2nd, 1981.

As you know, no replacement is available for him, and I will be willing to discuss with you at a later date any other arrangements that can be made in the future.

With every good wish, I am,

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

May 27, 1982

Reverend Philip Petit
St. Joseph Rectory
150 Central Avenue
Dover, New Hampshire 03820

Dear Father Petit:

Subsequent to our recent conversation, this letter will confirm your appointment as Associate Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin, effective June 15, 1982. I have every hope and confidence that you will work effectively and fruitfully with Father Eddy Bisson in caring for the needs of the good people of that parish.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

PERSONAL INTERVIEW OF BISHOP GENDRON

WITH

FATHER PHILIP A. PETIT
Associate Pastor

April 9, 1983

I affirmed Father Petit in his work since I have heard much from the Sisters in terms of his cooperation and his spiritual giving. I then suggested that he work towards discovering what the pastor wants and then try to accomplish it as faithfully as possible. I indicated that he could very well make his suggestions and comments to the ideas that the pastor recommended but ultimately the pastor is responsible for the decisions of what is going to be done and taught and that he ought to line up with that and be very supportive of the pastor.

It was a great meeting, I told him, for a unity of testimony, of witnessing between the pastor and the associate and the two pastoral ministers. It is essential that they present a united front and I told him to be aware of the fact that if they going to discuss things in committee meetings that he not come through with a strong ce supporting anything until he knows whether or not the pastor is in favor of it; otherwise it would end up by having he and the committee on one side and the pastor on the other and the people would capitalize on that and put words between them and that would be disastrous especially in view of the past experiences in the parish. So I encouraged him at least to work at this and develop that. He tells me that if things do not work out with time in that parish that he would be tempted to ask for a year off to maybe go into some monastery or some place where he could have a year of reflection and prayer because he feels strongly about his vocation but he does not know exactly if he should be working in a parish situation or what else he should be doing. I told him not to delay in discussing those thoughts with me if he wanted to pursue that because I need to know that ahead of time.

End of conversation with Father Petit.

June 1, 1983

Reverend Philip A. Petit
Guardian Angel Rectory
593 Sullivan Street
Berlin, New Hampshire 03570

Dear Father Petit:

Subsequent to our recent conversation, this letter will confirm your appointment as Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Merrimack effective June 15, 1983.

I am confident that you will work fruitfully with Father Robert Carty, the newly named Pastor, and Father Rocco Memolo, the newly named Associate Pastor, in providing for the needs of the good people of this parish.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes,
I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

FR Petit

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October 17, 1983

Rev. Philip A. Petit
Our Lady of Mercy Rectory
16 Baboosic Lake Road
Merrimack, N. H. 03054

Dear Father Petit:

Subsequent to your letter of October 10th, I hereby dispense you from attendance at the Fall Clergy Days for the reasons you mentioned, that is, a previously planned trip, the dates of which have been changed by the travel agent. I know that you will make every effort to attend clergy conferences in the future.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Our Lady of Mercy Church

BABOOSIC LAKE ROAD
MERRIMACK • NEW HAMPSHIRE 03054
TELEPHONE (603) 424-3757

10 October, 1983

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Post Office Box 310
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105-0310

Your Excellency:

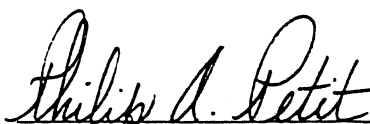
In view of the Jubilee Year of our Redemption, as proclaimed by His Holiness John Paul II, members of my family and myself had made plans for a September pilgrimage to Rome. Due to unforeseen circumstances the dates have been changed to October. This change in dates creates a conflict for me with regard to the clergy gathering in North Conway.

Having made a commitment to travel with members of my family, and in view of the financial penalty for withdrawal from the pilgrimage, I have decided to go on the pilgrimage in spite of the change in dates.

I very much support continuing education for the clergy, and thoroughly enjoyed the gathering in June. I regret that I shall be unable to attend this gathering, and shall take every precaution to avoid a conflict for the convocation next June.

I shall have a special remembrance of you and Bishop Mulvee as we visit the various shrines and holy places in Italy. Be assured as well of my prayers for the success of the clergy days, especially during our stay in Rome.

Fraternally yours in Jesus, the Healer.



Rev. Philip A. Petit
Associate Pastor

FR Philip Petit

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August 31, 1984

Rev. Philip A. Petit
St. Aloysius Rectory
48 West Hollis Street
Nashua, NH 03060

Dear Father Petit:

Subsequent to your recent conversation with Father Francis J. Christian, the Chancellor of the Diocese, this letter will confirm your appointment as Temporary Associate Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish in Nashua, effective September 5th, 1984.

I am most grateful to you for your graciousness in willingly accepting to assist me in filling a pastoral need at a difficult time in the personnel situation of the Diocese. I pray that your stay at Saint Aloysius, however brief, will be both pleasant and pastorally fruitful.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

October 9, 1984

Rev. Philip A. Petit
Our Lady of Mercy Rectory
16 Baboosic Lake Road
Merrimack, NH 03054

Dear Father Petit:

This letter will serve to inform you that effective October 24th, 1984, I have appointed the Reverend Peter Dumont as Associate Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish in Nashua. As a result, on that date you will be able to return to your full-time duties as Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Merrimack. I am extremely grateful to you for your kindness in serving the people of Saint Aloysius during these past few weeks. Your willingness to undertake this ministry during a time when the clergy personnel situation was limited is most appreciated.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

May 22, 1985

Rev. Robert E. Carty
Our Lady of Mercy Rectory
16 Baboosic Lake Road
Merrimack, NH 03054

Dear Father Carty:

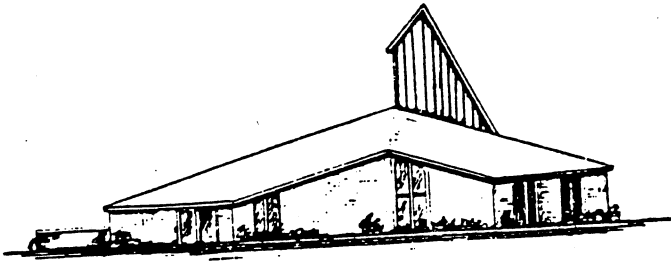
Just a brief note to formally reply to your letter of May 18th, in regard to Father Philip Petit.

Given the mutual agreement you have arrived at with him, I will certainly proceed to a reassignment for him in the June transfers. Father Petit has called my office, and I will be meeting with him in the near future to discuss where he might be most happy. I am grateful to you for your kindness to him and support of him during his time at Our Lady of Mercy.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester



Our Lady of Mercy Church

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MERRIMACK • NEW HAMPSHIRE 03054
TELEPHONE (603) 424-3757

May 18, 1985

Most Rev. Odore Hendron
153 Ash St. - P.O. Box 310
Manchester, N. H. 03105

Dear Bishop,

On Monday, May 13th, Fr. Phil Petit and I sat down together to discuss his problem of relating to people (for a third time) and the alienation it is causing in many of the parishioners toward him and the parish. We both agree it is a serious problem. We both agree that his transfer is necessary for the good of the parish. I have no hard feelings toward Phil nor he toward me. He has served me well as an Associate Pastor.

I am therefore concerned as to how he and his priestly life can be aided. I do know he is, at present, consulting with Rev.

Desjardins. Perhaps the Sr. could help Phil
with this personality problem. 4359

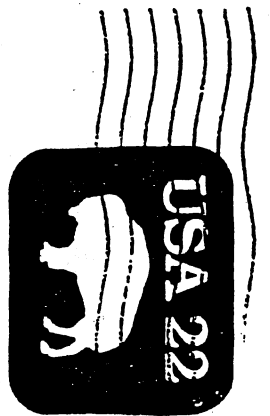
Both Phil and I agree that at present he
would merely transfer the problem to another
parish if only a transfer were involved
and this same problem has existed before
he came to Merrimack. Perhaps a job in
specialized ministry, such as the Tribunal,
or some work that would not require so
much involvement with people as is necessary
in parish work would work for him. He is
still eager to remain in the Priesthood and
I'm sure he will do well in any type of
research work because he is so thorough
and much a perfectionist.

I do hope he can be helped and be re-
placed so that Our Lady of Mercy can con-
tinue to aid and fill in those parishes where
there is a need because of illness, special
work or a general shortage of Priests.

Thank you for your kindness and your con-
sideration.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Robert Garty, Pastor

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Our Lady of Mercy
16 Baboosic Lake Rd.
Merrimack, N. H. 03054



Most Rev. John Benson
Bishop of Manchester
153 Hook St. - P.O. Box 310
Manchester, N. H. 03105

Personal

June 12, 1985

Rev. Philip A. Petit
Our Lady of Mercy Rectory
16 Baboosic Lake Road
Merrimack, NH 03054

Dear Father Petit:

This letter will serve to confirm your appointment as Temporary Associate Pastor of Holy Angels Parish, Plaistow, effective June 20, 1985. As you know, you will serve in this capacity until your appointment as Chaplain at the Portsmouth Hospital becomes effective toward the end of August.

I would ask you to be in touch with Father John P. Quinn, the Vicar for Community Affairs, to finalize the various details of that appointment.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes for a happy and fruitful ministry this summer, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

cc: Rev. John P. Quinn,
Vicar for Community Affairs

April 16, 1987

Ms. Kay Hall
Business Office
Golden Valley Health Center
4101 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, Minnesota 55422

Dear Ms. Hall:

In reference to your recent inquiry regarding Father Philip Petit, a priest of the Diocese of Manchester, I would like to offer the following clarification.

Father Petit is covered by Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Major Medical of New Hampshire, which are the diocesan health insurance agents. In regard to his care at Golden Valley, I wish to assure you that, even if the insurance company judges that Father Petit's treatment at Golden Valley is not a coverable item, in whole or in part, the Diocese does guaranty payment for his care.

Trusting this information will be satisfactory for your records, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester



From the Desk of

REV. PHILIP A. PETIT

Monday, 18 May

Dear Bishop Joseph,

I am writing to inform you of my plans for the immediate future. I will return to New Hampshire this coming Saturday, 23 May. For therapeutic reasons I should not live with my mother or other family members. As yet I have no place to live in Boston either, though I'll be looking into this soon after I return. I anticipate that I'll need a place to live temporarily, perhaps for a couple of weeks up to a month.

I plan to stay with Tim Thibeault at St. Joseph in Salem for a couple of days. There are two other possibilities for a longer stay. I can return to live at the House of Affirmation in Hopedale, Mass. for \$27.00 a day. I cannot afford that,



From the Desk of

REV. PHILIP A. PETIT

and I do not know if the diocese is willing to pay for that. The other possibility would be to live at St. Anselm Abbey for a period of time. You, or other members of the chancery, staff, may have other suggestions.

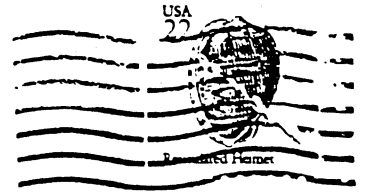
When I last spoke with Bishop Bendure he suggested that I meet with him after I returned from Minnesota. I realize he will not be seeing anyone until after 1 June, but I will be in contact with the secretary to make an appointment.

I appreciate the support I have received during the past year and a half, as well as the continued support during this upcoming period of transition.

Peace

Phil Petit

Check
- amount of \$150 of June
- unpaid after the
- press building



Most Rev. Joseph J. Berry, OSB - 4565

P.O. Box 310

Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Yes

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Petit/SDU
4101 Golden Valley Rd.
Golden Valley, MN 55422

June 23, 1987

Reverend Philip A. Petit
c/o St. Joseph Rectory
33 Main Street
P. O. Box 938
Salem, New Hampshire 03079-0938

Dear Fr. Petit:

Subsequent to our recent conversations and to your letter of June 15, 1987, this letter will grant your request for a leave of absence from priestly ministry for reasons of health for a period of one year. It is understood that during this period of time, you have no priestly faculties. If, however, special circumstances should arise where, for family or other reasons, it would be spiritually beneficial for you to function on a specific occasion, please be in touch with me regarding such an instance.

I am happy to hear that you will be continuing in therapy during the coming year. I would also recommend that you find a spiritual director who can assist you more directly with the spiritual dimensions of your decisions regarding how you can best serve the Lord in the future.

If I can be of any assistance to you in the months ahead, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I would ask, however, that you arrange an appointment with me no later than April 1988 so that we might discuss your situation at that time.

Assuring you of my prayers and best wishes for you in the months ahead, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

15 June, 1987

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

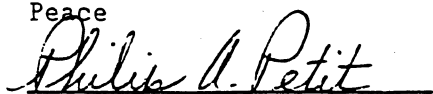
Dear Bishop Gendron:

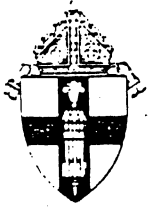
Pursuant to our conversation of last Tuesday, I hereby request a leave of absence from active ministry for reasons of health. It is my intention to continue in psychotherapy with Craig F. Evans, ACSW. Since he was formerly employed by the House of Affirmation and is recommended by the staff of Golden Valley Health Center, it seems that he is uniquely qualified to be of assistance to me.

In order to facilitate my weekly therapy session as well as regular attendance at SLAA meetings, it will be more practical if am living and employed in the Boston area. I am pursuing these goals but it will take some time before I am settled. Any assistance that you can provide in finding even temporary housing in a rectory or religious house will be very helpful. I will keep you informed of any progress in my employment situation.

I am grateful for your support over the past year, and I appreciate your commitment to assist me in this process of transition. I believe that this time away from the responsibilities of ministry will foster my continued personal growth, however I also consider it an opportunity for discernment regarding my future as a Priest in service to the Lord and the Church. Please pray for me as I do for you.

Peace


Rev. Philip A. Petit



SECRETARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND CANONICAL AFFAIRS

Diocese of Manchester, 153 Ash Street, P.O. Box 310, Manchester, NH 03105-0310 603-669-3100

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June 24, 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: Father Paul Bouchard
FROM: Monsignor Christian
RE: Father Phil Petit

I left a message in Salem for Father Petit to call you.

Bishop Hughes has arranged a temporary residence for him in Cambridge. Phil should call the pastor to make more concrete arrangements. Father John O'Donnell, Sacred Heart Parish, 49 6th Street, Cambridge, Ma., 02141. Tel. (617) 547-0399.

Father O'Donnell can provide housing for him until the fifth of August.

August 31, 1987

Rev. Philip A. Petit
St. Mary of the Annunciation Rectory
134 Norfolk Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139-1898

Dear Phil:

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of the living arrangements that have been made at Saint Mary's in Cambridge. I hope that these will prove beneficial to you in the months ahead, as you both continue therapy and make plans for the future.

I was sorry to hear about the problem you are having with the therapist's balance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Please let me know what the review process results are.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

31 July, 1987

Frank

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop Gendron:-

I am fortunate to have made living arrangements at St. Mary Rectory in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I met today with the pastor, Rev. Joseph M. Connolly, and with the other priests living in the house. I shared with them my circumstances and my reasons for wanting to live in a rectory near Boston. They are very understanding and willing to welcome me, so I plan to move in during the coming week.

I now have a problem with my health insurance coverage. I submitted the therapist's bill of \$325.00 for the month of June, and was shocked when Blue Cross/Blue Shield denied payment. They will only pay for a clinical social worker who is licensed in the State of New Hampshire. I have requested a review of this denial on the basis that no therapist licensed in the State of New Hampshire can provide the expertise in sexual dependency, and that Craig Evans is both licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is a provider for BC/BS Massachusetts.

I have already paid Craig Evans for the month of June in anticipation of a reimbursement from the insurance company. I do not have the money to pay him for the month of July, and have explained the situation to him. Should the review prove unsuccessful, I wonder if the diocese is willing to help with the expense of my continuing therapy with Craig Evans. I am enclosing photocopies of his bills for your convenience, and I will advise you of the review decision.

I thank you, and Bishop Joseph, for your efforts in finding a rectory where I could live. I appreciate your continued support and encouragement.

Peace

Philip A. Petit

Rev. Philip A. Petit
St. Mary of the Annunciation Rectory
134 Norfolk Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139-1890
tel.: (617) 547-0120

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September 14, 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: Monsignor Olkovikas
Eleanor Evans

FROM: Bishop Gendron

RE: Father Philip A. Petit

Given the fact that Father Petit's appeal for coverage for psycho-therapy has been turned down by Blue Cross-Blue Shield, the Diocese will need to assist him with partial payments of these costs. As a result, will you get a check from the clergy fund for inclusion in a letter I am sending him, for 50% of \$910.00, which are his costs to date. I have instructed him to send a complete statement to Eleanor every month. When that statement arrives, will you please reimburse him directly 50% of those costs.

Thank you for your assistance.

September 14, 1987

Reverend Philip A. Petit
134 Norfolk Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139-1890

Dear Phil:

Thank you for your letter of September 9. I am sorry that Blue Cross-Blue Shield turned down your appeal on coverage for your sessions with Craig Evans. I suppose given their regulations, it is a rather cut-and-dry affair for them. I realize the need you have for additional financial assistance in regard to your expenses, and therefore propose the following. The Diocese will continue to pay 50% of all the costs you incur in psychotherapy at least for the foreseeable future. As a result, please find enclosed a check for 50% of the costs you have incurred to date. Each month if you will send a statement to Eleanor Evans of your monthly costs, we will send a check to you for 50% of those costs.

I hope that this will be helpful to you until such time as your job situation stabilizes more than it is at present.

If you are in the Manchester area and would like to stop to see me at any time, please do not hesitate to call for an appointment.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Enclosure

9 September, 1987

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Bishop Gendron:

I did not expect a response to my previous letter, so it was a pleasant surprise to hear from you. I am adjusting to my new living situation, and have found temporary employment at the Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company. There are no benefits for temporary employees and no guarantee as to how long the work will last, but I am glad to be working.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield has reviewed my request that they cover my therapy with Craig Evans, and they have upheld their initial denial of benefits for an out-of-state social worker. I have enclosed a copy of their letter for your convenience. I now must request additional financial assistance from the diocese.

I have kept a weekly appointment with Craig Evans since the last week in May, to date incurring a total cost of \$910.00. I have withdrawn money from my savings in order to pay this amount, anticipating an 80% reimbursement from the insurance company. In accordance with diocesan policy my monthly stipend was reduced to \$468.75, which is 75% of what my salary would be. I pay room and board, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I would appreciate even partial reimbursement for the amount I have already payed, and any assistance with this expense that I may continue weekly therapy in the future. For your convenience I have enclosed a copy of the most recent bill from the therapist.

Thank you for your continued concern and support. I look forward to hearing from you again in the near future.

Peace

Philip A. Petit

Rev. Philip A. Petit
134 Norfolk Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139-1890

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Two Pillsbury Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03306

Customer Service (603) 228-0161
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August 28, 1987

Reverend Philip A. Petit
P.O. Box 310
Manchester, NH 03105-0310

Dear Reverend Petit:

We are unable to approve services provided by Clinical Social Worker degrees unless the individual is Certified by Board of Examiners of Psychologists of the State of New Hampshire.

The terms and conditions of your Clinical Social Worker Ryder defines the eligibility for benefits to be considered for this type of service.

These conditions have been approved by the New Hampshire Insurance Department.

We sympathize with your situation that Greg F. Evans, NSW is the only provider in the area that can provide these services on the Clinical Social Worker level. However, no benefits may be provided for these services based on this criteria.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Corriveau".

Paula Corriveau
Customer Service Representative

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Enclosure

TK Kelly

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October 8, 1987

Rev. Philip A. Petit
St. Mary of the Anunciation Rectory
134 Norfolk St.
Cambridge, Ma. 02139-1890

Dear Fr. Petit:

Please excuse my delay in responding to your letter of September 25.

As you consider your future options, I would suggest that you make an appointment some time in the near future to come to Manchester where we could discuss this matter in greater detail on a personal basis. Please call for an appointment at your convenience.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester



From the Desk of

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REV. PHILIP A. PETIT

25 September, 1987

Most Reverend Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

Dear Bishop Gendron:

Your proposal that the diocese pay for 50% of the expenses for my continued psychotherapy is quite generous and acceptable. If I should find employment which includes health insurance as a benefit I will advise you. Until such time, however, this arrangement will alleviate a financial strain on me.

Though it seems a long time off, I must begin planning for what I will be doing at this time next year. I still believe that my best potential lies in furthering my education. At some point it will be necessary to get your input on this topic. I would certainly consider a course of studies which would allow me to be of service to the diocese in some capacity. If this were not possible, then I would want to consider studies which would lead to a career compatible with priesthood, such as counseling or teaching.

This is all in the very early stages, but if you have any suggestions I am interested in hearing them. As my plans progress I will make an appointment to meet with you and discuss this at some length.

Thank you again for your continued care and concern.

Philip A. Petit