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Telephone Conversation

5-10-78

Fr. Banks said the vote was 6 yes 4 no 2 abstain

Someone should say no. Fr. Banks doesn't think he should make it.
I believe the same way. Fr. Banks indicated that he found traces of
his stubbornness back in Second Theology.

PEJ
5/20/78



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153 Ash Street
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Dear Bishop Gendron:

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Philip's case continues to be a difficult one, especially for Philip. I wish that I could be of more help to you and him.

With prayers and best wishes for you and your work, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Banks".

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The end-of-the-fourth-year evaluation of Philip Petit concerned the question of basic suitability for the Priesthood.

The very detailed report submitted by the pastor and Father Groleau, with the cooperation of Philip, showed that some concerns raised by the faculty in the previous evaluation were still problems; self-will; inadequate docility; and difficulty with community living.

My summation of the faculty discussion and the faculty interview with Philip would be that there is general agreement that Philip has the problems raised in the pastor/supervisor report and in the previous faculty evaluation. At the same time, there was reluctance to end Philip's preparation for the priesthood, because he did give some limited evidence of an attempt to respond to the faculty recommendations.

The faculty voted affirmatively on the question of Philip's basic suitability for the priesthood. (6 affirmative; 4 negative; 2 abstentions)

My own vote was negative, but I am not so completely certain about the issue that I would not go along with the faculty decision.

*4th yr. a reversal
of a 3rd yr. trend*

June 28, 1978

Rev. Msgr. William L. Nolan
Aquinas House
P.O. Box 147
Hanover, N.H. 03755

Dear Bill,

Effective on Wednesday, August 16th, Philip Petit will be assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon. Phil has met with the parish team and has agreed to this assignment. I understand that once he has arrived at the parish Phil will choose a member of the team for supervisor. It will be the responsibility of that supervisor to meet with Phil on a regular basis and to discuss his ministry and personal growth.

Philip has also agreed to have you work with him in this new assignment. I have already discussed this possibility with you and was most pleased to learn that you would be willing to do it. Your responsibility would be to meet with Philip, his supervisor and the pastor on a regular basis. Perhaps every other week or so at the beginning. Your reason for meeting with them would be to assess the situation and to see if Philip is meeting the challenge of ministry being offered in that parish. Does Phil possess the basic qualities necessary for priesthood? You would then be reporting to myself and the Vocation Board. I also would hope that you could coordinate an in depth evaluation of Philip whenever it is mutually agreed upon by Philip and his supervisor as "the right time". I will be happy to provide you with the forms for this evaluation and explain the process.

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Thank you so much for accepting to do this. It is very important to Philip, myself and most of all the church.

Hope you have a good vacation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

PEG:ed

P.S. Everyone concerned is aware of the fact that you will not be available during the month of August. This will give everyone a chance to get set before you meet with them.

June 28, 1978

Rev. Richard Smith
St. Patrick
220 Main Street
Jaffrey, N.H. 03452

Dear Dick,

A lot has been happening in the past few weeks. First of all, Philip Petit has asked for some time to help out at home. I understand that he has discussed this matter with you. In order to permit Philip to do this, Bishop Gendron has accepted the termination date in Jaffrey of Friday, June 30th. If this is not convenient for you, please feel free to let me know.

We have also discussed with Phil the idea of a new assignment. Just yesterday it was confirmed that Philip would be assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon effective on Wednesday, August 16th. This is not only because Phil needed some time at home but also because of some minor complications in Lebanon. We hope that this new experience will provide Phil a fresh start and fresh opportunity for evaluation in ministry.

May I thank you for all you have done during this past year. I personally learned an awful lot from working with you. I also appreciated your interest and devotion in our program. I certainly hope that we will have another opportunity to work together in the near future. It was a difficult year but don't we always grow especially in these moments?

If I ~~can~~ help you in any way, please let me know.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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June 29, 1978

Rev. Fernand Pichette
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Fern,

I certainly want to thank you and the team for your time and concern. I was so pleased to hear that you were all willing to work with a seminarian. I must admit that I admire what you have and I often wish I could be the seminarian in question.

I have discussed Phil's assignment with Bishop Gendron and he should be sending you a letter in the near future. I also spoke with the Bishop about the salary. Bishop Gendron agreed to support the idea that the parish would provide Board and Room and the Vocation Department will reimburse you for the monthly salary.

I have informed Msgr. Nolan of the assignment. He will be away for the month of August so I don't believe he will be available until September.

I have enclosed some material on Supervision which you could pass on to whomever would be selected to provide that experience. I can appreciate your reluctance to take over this responsibility and maybe it is better that it be someone else in the sense that it may sometimes conflict with the responsibilities of pastor. At least that has been my experience in the past. However, the question of supervisor lies within Phil's hands.

If I can help in any way and at any time, please feel free to let me know.

It is a real pleasure to be working with you. Again Fern, I really appreciate the support you are also giving me.

In His Peace,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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Enc.

August 17, 1978

Mr. Philip A. Petit
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, New Hampshire 03766

Dear Phil,

I am taking this opportunity to welcome you to Sacred Heart in Lebanon. I join in your prayers and sincerely hope that your ministry there will bear much fruit.

I returned from a short week and found your letter. I actually came into the office last Saturday morning after Pierre's ordination. I must admit that certainly made me feel good. There are definite dark moments in this work as well most walks of life. One wonders if the other understands. I agree that both of us will probably never fully comprehend all that has happened in this past year and even before that. I also agree that both of us will probably never be able to appreciate what each one bears in silence. But one thing came out in your letter loud and clear. Your concern and your trust.

I must admit that this past year was a difficult one for both of us. However during the past month I did spend much time in prayer and reflection. I must admit that it brought me a lot of growth. Working together with you has helped me to come closer to you, and even closer to myself.

I really appreciate your letter and ~~what~~ you said. The weekend was indeed a very fruitful one. I felt so much more relaxed than I was in previous years. I also witnessed a lot of good friendships developing.

Both of us know that indeed you did a lot to promote these reunions. I hope that they will continue even after we are both gone. However in the mean time whatever we can do together to promote them and make them even better will be important. I will let you know if there is any way in which you could help. Actually you should probably offer your services to Dan and Roger who are taking full charge of the Christmas Gathering.

I certainly hope that you will keep in touch now and then! Since I will not be the advisor I know that I really have not official and an unofficial reason to ask that. However personally I am very interested in how things are going with you and I pray that everything will work itself out

Being a Vocation Director has been a very challenging adventure. I grew an awful lot from it and I discovered a lot about myself and my vocation or call to ministry. I never chose to be a Director and these few years have been difficult years in that I chose to do my best in a program that I felt was important. There were many times when I had no idea where to turn but to God and ask for some light. Without his strength and assistance in many ways I would not be here today typing this letter. There are many things that happen to us in our life. We wonder why? But there is a purpose to everything. How often we need to walk to the Garden of Olives and pray that this cup pass us by. However, if it be His will, then let us drink in peace!

I did not mean for this letter to become a revelation of my feelings nor a sermon but they are my thoughts of how, why and when I became known as one who would be working in Vocations.

Philip, again thank you for your trust and encouragement. I pray that God will always permit us to see strength even in difficult situations.

I have not yet talked with Mr. Chapedelaine. However, from your response I see that Mr. Hebert is still the Director of the Fund and I see very little hope in speaking with Mr. Chapedelaine. From my previous meetings with Mr. Hebert he is very strong in his ideas and I am sure that the bank will follow whatever directions he wishes to take. I feel that our next move might be when they change the administration of the fund.

Mr. Hebert's note did state that he would appreciate it if you could refund what you can and whenever you can. I would suggest that you might want to just wait and see what happens to this fund after a few more years.

My Prayers!

In His Peace,

Paul =

7 August, 1978

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director, Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03015

Dear Paul:

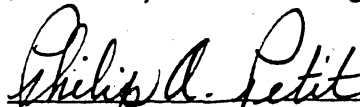
I take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts on my behalf during the past year and a half. Beginning with the M. Th. program and the field education question, last summer's assignment, this year's assignment and all its difficulties, you have always been available and interested. I know that it has been difficult for both of us, and I doubt that either of us fully appreciates just what the other has and continues to bear in silence.

I also want to thank you for the time and energy that you put into this past week-end's reunion. You know well that I have and continue to be a strong supporter and even instigator of regular get-togethers. We both know where last Christmas' party got its start. Could that be a positive result of strong will? Since they have always been very enjoyable, I am very much looking forward to this year's Christmas party. You know that if I can I am glad to help in any way.

I am enclosing the response that I received to my inquiry regarding the Gelinas Trust Fund. My letter to Mr. Chapedelaine at St. Mary's Bank was referred by him to Mr. Hebert. You can read the response for yourself, but as we both agreed when we discussed it several months ago, it seems peculiar that a trust fund should make loans instead of grants. I do not know of any way that I can pursue the question any further, but perhaps you could with the help of Mr. Chapedelaine. This would not only be in my interest, but in the interest of all who have received and those who will receive financial aid from this trust fund.

Finally, I do want to tell you that I feel rested and better able to resume full-time pastoral ministry after my stay at home. The work I have been doing, though physical and demanding enough, was a great diversion from all that I found myself immersed in during the past year. Only God knows what the future hold for each of us, but it is my fervent hope and prayer that I will be of service to the team and the people of Sacred Heart Parish during my stay there. Fiat Voluntas Tua.

In Jesus, the Transfigured Christ


Philip A. Petit

Enc.

August 28, 1978

Rev. Fernand Pichette
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2 Hough Street
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Dear Fern,

Enclosed is the payment for August.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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Enc.

September 13, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Phil,

Enclosed is a check which covers the loans to L'Association Canado-Americain~~s~~ and the Merchants Bank for the amount of \$4,150.00. I have also enclosed two copies of the promissory note. As you know one copy should be signed and returned to this office and the other one may be kept for your own records.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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Enc.

September 19, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Phil,

Thank you for returning the Promissory Note. I decided that it would be best to take care of financial matters right now because it can save on a lot of worry and concern. I didn't want to wait until they matured because everything would have to be done right away.

As for repayment to the diocese, we can wait on that too. Right now you are not making that much money and there are a lot of expenses which you have to meet. However, once the dust has settled we can talk about specifics for repaying some of the money owed to the diocese. Right now I am sure that one less worry is helpful to you.

The health insurance program I am going to suggest is the company from Hanover. The name and address is: Maloney Associates, P.O. Box 492, Hanover, N.H. If you are interested you may contact, Mr. James Maloney or Mr. Jeffrey Maloney at the above address. Inform them that you are a seminarian and that you are interested in a short range plan. If you run into any problem, please let me know.

I sincerely hope and pray that things are going well for you. I hope that you are listening to all that you are experiencing and trying to make it a part of your life as one who ministers. I think of you often in prayer as well as "in concern,"

My best wishes Phil.

Peace,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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Sacred Heart Parish

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14 September

Dear Paul,

I was quite surprised that you had decided to straighten out the financial matters at this time. I am grateful, since I no longer will worry about the bank. At some point we would have to discuss the repayment plan to the diocese.

As you know, my health insurance through the seminary terminates on 30 September. You had mentioned some other arrangement that could be made. Perhaps you could give me some details. I would need to make some arrangement as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your interest. I am pleased with my assignment and hope all are comfortable with my work so far. I am just now beginning to grow accustomed to the parish "routine." Tomorrow marks four weeks that I am in the parish.

Please remember me in prayer

Peace of Jesus Christ

Phil

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October 31, 1978

Rev. Msgr. William L. Nolan, D.D.
Catholic Student Center
Dartmouth College
P.O. Box 147
Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

Dear Msgr. Nolan:

Thank you for your letter of October 26th, as well as the copy of your letter to Father Groleau relative to Philip Petit.

I am most appreciative of the time and energy which you are devoting to helping Phil, and I have contacted Father Groleau to arrange to discuss with him the recommendations contained in your letter.

Please be assured that you will be kept abreast of developments in this case. It is my fervent hope and prayer that with your help and that of other qualified individuals we may be able to help Phil work through his problems and be ordained to diaconate and priesthood.

With every prayerful good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester



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REV. MSGR. WM. L. NOLAN, D.D.

REV. JOSEPH DEVLIN, S.J.

Most Reverend Odoar J. Gordon, D.D.,
Bishop of Manchester, 153 Ash St.,
Manchester, N.H.

October 26, 1978

My dear Bishop,

Enclosed - is a copy of my letter to
Fr Paul Groleau - regarding Phil. Petit. I think
it explains my feelings on Phil & I hope Paul will
follow through on the suggestions. If he - or you -
wishes me to make an appointment with Fr. Jim,
Bill, I'll be glad to do so.

Enclosed, too, are a couple of copies of
our Aquinas House Propaganda! Also - copy of
an article from the National Catholic Register.

Father Joe, Devlin, ^{S.J.} is well and happy.
He is a tremendous worker and a good priest -
and one of God's many blessings on Aquinas House.

We all pray for you each day, and I
hope this letter finds you in good health.

Asking our Lord to bless you & our Blessed
Mother to intercede with Him for you. I remain, as ever

Respectfully & obediently,

(Fr.) Bill (Nolan)

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October 23, 1978

Reverend Paul Groleau,
Vocation Director, Diocese of Manchester,
Manchester, N.H.

Dear Paul,

According to Bishop Gendron's letter of June 28th, 1978, I am to be "Supervisor and Vocation Board Representative" for Phil Pettit.

Consequently, I have seen Phil on an average of once a week since his arrival in Lebanon in August.

At this point, I am very concerned about the way this man's problem is being handled. I think that the time has come to bring the case to a head and the sooner the better.

I have been given the impression that Phil is not entirely clear as to just why he is being held up from Ordination. Therefore, I think you would be helpful if you would write him a specific letter (please, send me a copy)...and spell out the reasons. Then, let us check and see if the reasons are being eliminated...at least gradually.

I frankly was surprised that now we are bringing in a Sister to advise and direct this candidate! ("Sister Mary Elizabeth") I do not know the Sister, but surely we have enough priests who are willing and able to direct this man. I have suggested a regular confessor -director, and I am aware he is seeking spiritual help from Fr. Richard Clavelle. I am trying to help the man... Father Pichette is too...and I really think that with your analysis too, we can all give a sufficiently good recommendation to the Bishop. 0.5.8

I have discussed this man's problems... in and out and up and down... and I realize that he has some "rough edges" that need rounding off. Yet, when our discussions are over, I have the "gut feeling" that this man should be advanced to Diaconate and Priesthood. There are times, you know, Paul, when we have to go with a "gut feeling". Noone has yet been able to tell me the "CAUSES" of the rough edges... we have members of the Vocation Board theorizing that this man has "a great deal of anger". What competent person says so and what are the causes

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ot that anger? And during the months that he is spending with Father Pichette.... what is being done to eliminate the causes of the "brusqueness", and the "lack of common sense" that the candidate seems to show occasionally?

In my opinion it is UNJUST to leave this man in his present situation.... without insisting that ~~an analysis~~ of the underlying causes of his seeming difficulties be made by someone who is competent to do so.... and then, when we have that report back..... we can make our recommendation to the Bishop.

I know you are trying to be very fair with him. Now I think justice and fairness requires this one last important step.....

I recommend that you make an appointment and tell Phil that he is to go and see the Priest-Psychiatrist, Father James J. Gill, S.J.

Harvard Univ. Health Services,
75 Mt. Auburn St.,
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
617 495 2042

Residence:
42 Kirkland St., Cambridge
617 547 4122

I would then recommend that you and all members of the vocation committee be guided by Father Gill's recommendations, which I would expect Fr. Gill to give you after he has seen Phil.

There are times when Phil seems very tired and I sometimes wonder if he might have a thyroid problem. At this point in time, he definitely wants to be a priest..... but just seems to lack the pep and zip necessary to really find out what his problems are and what to do about them. That's why I feel we need a Doctor's help.

God bless you, Paul, in your very important work for our Lord. You are doing a great job and it is a privilege to be affiliated with you in even a small way.

In Christ, your confrere,

Copy - To Bishop Gendron.

October 31, 1978

Rev. Msgr. William L. Nolan, D.D.
Catholic Student Center
Dartmouth College
P.O. Box 147
Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

Dear Msgr. Nolan:

Thank you for your letter of October 26th, as well as the copy of your letter to Father Groleau relative to Philip Petit.

I am most appreciative of the time and energy which you are devoting to helping Phil, and I have contacted Father Groleau to arrange to discuss with him the recommendations contained in your letter.

Please be assured that you will be kept abreast of developments in this case. It is my fervent hope and prayer that with your help and that of other qualified individuals we may be able to help Phil work through his problems and be ordained to diaconate and priesthood.

With every prayerful good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

November 2, 1978

Rev. Msgr. William Nolan
Aquinas House
P.O. Box 147
Hanover, N.H. 03755

Dear Bill,

Indeed it is a privilege and honor for me to be able to work with you. Your letter was another example of it. Your concern and love for God, the Church and people comes through loud and clear.

I am pleased that we will be getting together with Phil on Monday, November 6th. This meeting should help clear the air and give all of us something "to sink our teeth in."

I am sorry about the confusion surrounding supervisors. However, you were appointed and still are the Deacon Supervisor and Vocation Board Representative. However, in the past, in addition to the Diocesan Supervisor we have always appointed a local supervisor. The local supervisor is normally one who works closely with the deacon or lives in the same house. Because of this the local supervisor gets a first hand opportunity to guide, support and confront the deacon. The diocesan supervisor which is normally "myself" works closely with the local supervisor and the deacon and makes sure that the issues that need to be faced are indeed being dealt with. In any case, we could certainly discuss this further whenever we meet next Monday.

Again, thank you for your letter, assistance and concern.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

Quality and Character of Supervision - Phil Petit

Our supervision process was two-fold: discussion one-to-one between Phil and me at least 3 times each semester; and participation in a group theological reflection, approximately every two weeks. Phil was very responsible in taking initiatives to see me for individual supervision and de-briefing sessions. He took his commitments at the Paulist Center with a good deal of enthusiasm. He related well to staff and employees and was readily available when "on duty".

Coming to grips with the interrelationship of theology and ministry was the continuous theme of our individual sessions. Phil questioned the theological and scriptural approaches used by Jim Young as the underpinning for the ministry to divorced and separated Catholics at the Paulist Center. He also at many points questioned our experimental approach to liturgy. I felt that Phil questioned these facets of our ministry without taking enough time to look into these ministries as they are carried on at the Paulist Center.

Nevertheless, for Phil to bring his perspective to the Center through me and through the field group experience was valuable for our on-going questioning. But I believe Phil also grew in the process of appreciating service to people "where they are" as being more important than the "right order" of things.

Evaluation of Field Education Setting:

As indicated above, an approach to the integration of theology and ministry was important to Phil. The direct and at times rather stark encounter with crisis intervention in a clearly churchly setting brought the immediacy of people and their needs to Phil's perspective. Theological issues raised by the ministry to divorced Catholics and the emphasis in Paulist Center liturgy on "ministry of all believers" challenged some of Phil's presuppositions. And without swallowing whole any of this new input, Phil has, I believe, integrated into his pastoral approach some of the sense of hospitality to the alienated and the questioning ones that is focal to the Paulist Center.

Phil had a commitment in a diocesan parish as a minister of music. As a result he was not available to contribute much to our liturgical life, a definite part of his expertise. I believe had he been able to become more a part of the Sunday community of worship here, Phil's putting together of his Center experience would have been more complete. Perhaps such involvement would have been mutually enriching for Phil and our worship community. Surely it would have evoked more questions from Phil.

Supervisor's evaluation of student - Phil Petit

Phil came to the Paulist Center with a good searching approach. He is inclined to be rather traditional in his theology and tends to intellectualize in pastoral situations. I believe that Phil learned a good deal of flexibility in his approach as he grew through the year at the Center. He himself notes that he could function quite a bit more easily at the Center after the first semester of his field education experience.

One of the assets of working at the Paulist Center for Phil was his first experience with crisis intervention, e.g., giving food to a hungry person, getting someone to a detox center. It was the immediacy of people he saw on his "duty day" experience that ~~was~~ made the strongest impact on Phil. It was an overall learning experience for Phil, helping him to take people where they are, whether it be members of the Divorced Catholics Group or someone off the street looking for a hand-out.

Phil's specialities in ministry at the Paulist Center included Religious Education ("recycling Catholics") and some contribution to liturgy planning. While Phil participated in ~~such~~ such programs as resource person and/or as one of a team of leaders, he ~~often~~ often seemed to be heavily involved in questioning and critiquing the particular ~~program~~ program, and testing his approach or technique in a particular area of theology or pastoral. In this as in much of his presence at the Paulist Center, Phil brought much more of the sense of being a learner rather than someone completely at home in doing ministry. Phil seemed to be quite aware of this, and his attendant cautiousness and testing approach ~~made~~ ^{made} for believe a good, straight-forward and productive approach to field education for Phil.

Phil seemed to be ~~xx~~ quite concerned in his education ministry with getting across the "straight doctrine" rather than dealing with the feeling level of faith. For him, one staff member in whose Catholic Belief class Philk assisted was too "secular" in his approach. There seemed to be too much common sense and not enough theology to satisfy Phil. However, Phil seemed to be able to appreciate a religious educational experience in which people were asking good and intelligent questions.

I think that Phil ~~assisted~~ ^{DAW} ~~the~~ questioning and searching that he observed going on at the Paulist Center as something more appropriate to a place like the Paulist Center than to a regular parish. In a special way, Phil made great strides in relating his theology to his ministry at the Paulist Center. ~~xxxxxx~~ In new ways for him, Phil questioned: "where does my theology come from?" "Why do I have the theological position I have?" If he has made some strides in coming to grips with these questions, I believe that Phil has had a thoughtful and creative experience here.

Rev. Raymond Hannah, SVD
P.O. Box 662
Goroka, E.H.P.
Papua New Guinea

November 17, 1978

To whom it may concern:

Upon the suggestion of Fr. Fernand Pichette of Sacred Heart Church, Lebanon, I would like to give you my own personal impressions and evaluation of Philip Petit, the seminarian assisting in the parish.

Firstly, I would like to state that I have known Phil only recently, that is, the four and a half months that I have been on home leave here in Lebanon.

He has struck me as being a man of the truth, i.e. open and sincere with himself, others and handling of affairs.

He also appears to be quite affable and approachable and able to deal with people and problems as they come up.

He impressed me as quite willing to carry out the functions assigned to him, even to anticipating the needs of others and things to be done which shows considerateness, helpfulness, and personal initiative.

Besides that, he is careful with things and has an appreciation of people and things, and respects them for what they are and what they think. But still he is capable of facing them with the truth and the faith we profess, i.e. not being afraid to argue theologically, etc in order to defend our beliefs.

Of course he is still a person of this age, new outlooks and opinions and ideas on liturgy and the like, but

at the same time he follows sound theology. I myself do disagree with him and as far as that goes with many other priests on ~~going~~ things involved with liturgy, external dress, and the like.

On theology he seems quite sound. That I can assure you from the night he and I discussed a number of points with some of my more learned relatives, on the night of my parents 50th wedding anniversary. We were discussing such things as the Immaculate Conception, the virgin birth abortion. We were arguing with one of my cousins who is an Anglican from Canada and quite clued up on theology.

Like all of us, he could perhaps use some improvement in the realm of community living and in team work, as regards all parish activities. We all have to try more and share each other*s burdens with a cheerful outlook, even if we disagree with superiors or subordinates. Then too he could watch becoming downcast and complaining about persons and things, which is a constant danger for our work.

That is about all I can say about Philip Petit. I sincerely hope it will help in a little way.

In Christ,

Rev. Jay Hannah

November 28, 1978

Rev. Msgr. William Nolan
Aquinas House
P.O. Box 147
Hanover, N.H. 03755

Dear Bill,

Enclosed are the evaluations of Philip Petit.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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VOCATION DEPARTMENT

Diocese of Manchester

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Total Borrowed \$ 4,850.00

Signed: Philip A. Petit

SEMINARIAN EVALUATION - 4508

Name of Seminarian Philip Petit Dec. 8, 1978
Your Name Parish Team Sacred Heart Parish
Lebanon, N.H., 03766

- 1) a) Did the seminarian become truly involved in the parish ministry?

Yes, Phil did all he was asked to do, but some feel that for the most part that he failed to initiate on his own.

- b) In what particular areas was he involved?

Liturgical: music director, choir director, helped plan a children's liturgy and an ecumenical Thanksgiving service, and served as the homilist at all masses on several occasions.

Sacramental: Baptismal preparations, took part in a parent-sacramental program.

Pastoral: Hospital and home visitations

- 2) How do you rate his effectiveness in the aforementioned areas of involvement?

As music director, Phil has contributed to congregational singing, however, he could be more practical in his approach to rehearsals of new material. We suggest that he study ways to motivate people to participate more fully.

As a homilist, Phil is well-prepared. He delivers his material well, shows confidence and ease, speaks without notes.

In area of sacramental preparations, Phil established a bond with the people he instructed or prepared in that he helped to set up for the ceremony itself and attended the baptisms on his own initiative.

- 3) a) How did he communicate with his fellow workers?

For the most part, Phil's dialogue is limited to small talk. He is generally non-communicative about his daily experiences in ministry.

Phil fails to see the difference between sharing and reporting, however there has been improvement in this area lately.

- b) not applicable

- 4a) Did he express deep interest in parish liturgies?

yes

- b) How do you evaluate his participation in liturgical functions?

- b) Phil delivered his homilies with ease and a marked sense of presence, however, his homilies could be enriched with a more personal touch.

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5. Do you consider him a man of prayer? Explain.

We have not had enough opportunity to experience Phil at this level to comment.

6. Has he demonstrated friendliness and courtesy in his relationships with the laity of the parish?

Yes

7. How would you rate his leadership ability, that is, his ability to inspire others and maintain confidence?

Thus far we haven't seen too much evidence of leadership, It is important to note here that Phil has only been with us three months making it difficult to assess a quality such as leadership.

8. Yes, Phil does demonstrate loyalty to and respect for the teachings of the church.

9. Phil is defensive, is a rationalizer, gives the impression that he has all the answers, operates from his own theories, does not seem to value experience as a teacher.

10. How would you rate his punctuality?

There is room for improvement.

11. Has he shown initiative and creativity in his parish experience?

Yes, in an emergency situation, Phil took the initiative to offer to give part of the input at a parent program. He did an excellent job. Phil has also shown initiative in bringing choir together and also in the one children's liturgy he helped to plan.

12. How would you rate his personal appearance?

Phil is always neat and clean, but does not dress to fit the occasion. In regard to mannerisms, he tends to be loud and has a notably forced laugh.

13. Is there any age group or area in which his ministry seems most effective?

Phil seems to relate well with the elderly and adults. We have not experienced him too much with children, but certainly he got down to their level at the Halloween liturgy homily. He does not seem comfortable with teens.

- What has impressed you most about this person?

Phil's diction and his capacity to express himself. Phil generally makes a pleasant appearance. He communicates well on the intellectual level.

We have noted a definite positive change in attitude during the last

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m() which indicates an openness on Phil's part to grow. He has become more sharing regarding his ministry.

15. a) Does he demonstrate those qualities which are required in one aspiring to sacred ordination?

We find this question hard to respond to since no qualities were stated. We do not see any outstanding negative qualities in Phil. The areas of concern we have indicated throughout this questionnaire are more attitudinal or areas of growth and maturity we would hope to see developed further in Phil.

- b) Do you recommend that he be encouraged to pursue his priestly formation and education. Please explain.

This does not apply as Phil has already completed his required studies. However, we recommend that he be open to on-going formation, especially that he develop an openness to learning from life and the lived experience of others in ministry.

16. Does he seem to have an adequate understanding of theology?

Yes

Are there any points which you feel should be brought to our attention as we help, guide, and support this seminarian?

We think it worthy of serious consideration that if Phil is called to the Diaconate by the Bishop that his past and present involvement in parish ministry be considered as part of his diaconate year. Considering this experience, we question the need for a full diaconate year.

18. Are there any points you feel should be brought to the seminary's attention?

Not applicable.

19. Are there any points you feel which ought to be brought to the seminary attention as he prepares himself for ordination to the priesthood?

We would like to see Phil develop a clearer understanding of the balance between the works of the apostolate and the sacramentality of the priesthood.

20. Any further comments concerning this Seminarian?

Not regarding Phil, but as a team we feel from our experience of having a seminarian with us and trying to respond to the evaluation questionnaire honestly and responsibly, that we would like to make the following suggestions:

- 1) We believe there would have been a real value in our seeing the evaluation instrument, or at least those "areas" we would be asked to comment on, early in the fall when Phil first joined us.

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If we and other parish groups are expected to evaluate the seminarian we feel it is equally important that he be asked to reflect on these same questions himself. Therefore, we recommend the use of self-evaluations.

- 3) Regarding the laity's evaluations: We believe that it is significant to know something about the person responding. e.g. Is it a 75 year old parishioner or a couple very involved in the parish with young children or teenagers. Perhaps it would be well to at least include a question which asked the lay person to indicate in what capacity they have experienced the seminarian.

Thank you.

Signed

Msgr. Mary Elizabeth Kaler
St. James
Donald Jeffrey
St. Helen Driscoll

Date December 8, 1978

Father Gill - re: Philip Petit

4512

Interviewed - Telephone

8-78

Has seen him twice

Reviewed his life

Doesn't seem to have any gross pathology

He does see -

conservatism

rigidity

adamant stands on dogmatic issues.

Will get along well with a certain group

Inevitable collision with more progressive Bishops, priests and people

He will be a righteous guy

Do a lot of good for people

Certain clashes are inevitable

Another diocese was a question he raised with him. It had some appeal. But

does not seem to want to leave.

Dr. Lanning reported to him

Phil looks good

More angry and hostile since all that has recently arisen

He was feeling better before that

He too saw him operate as an effective priest

(Dr. Lanning is the priest that Phil was seeing in Boston)

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Fr. Gill suggested that as a deacon he be assigned in a parish where there will be a blend and where he will have to adapt. A more conservative priest and a more liberal or progressive would be a good combination. In this environment he would have to adjust. There would be a give and take.

Handwritten initials

*Philip Petit
Lebanon*

- 4513

December 15, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit
Sacred Heart Rectory
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, New Hampshire 03766

Dear Philip:

I am very pleased to announce that I have accepted your request made to me on January 25, 1978 to be ordained a deacon. This announcement comes after months of hard work on the part of many and especially yourself. On Thursday, December 14th, the Diocesan Vocation Board discussed your ministry in Lebanon and the recent evaluation. I was very pleased to witness the unanimous vote and recommendation you received from the members of the Board.

I have asked Father Groleau to inform you that I would like to meet with you on Tuesday, December 19th at 2:00 P.M. I am looking forward to this meeting and if for some reason you are unable to make it, please feel free to call Father Groleau or Father Ham and they will work out a more convenient time for you.

I certainly appreciate all you have done since your arrival in Lebanon and I know that it is only a beginning. Your cooperation and efforts have brought us to this day. May God continue this good work he has begun in you.

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

December 20, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Phil,

I wanted to write and wish you a Blessed Christmas and "the best" for the New Year. A lot has happened since you have been in Lebanon. You credit a lot of what has happened to Msgr. Nolan. I do believe that Msgr. Has done a ~~lot~~ lot to help you, however, a lot of the credit must come to rest on your own shoulders. The reports and the evaluations showed an awful lot of effort on your part. Myself and the Board members were most pleased over that effort. The fact that you received a unanimous vote is a sign of how hard you have tried. We also have the hope and trust that you will continue this effort.

Phil, I am really happy for you. I hope and pray that this New Year will bring you happiness and a heart filled with His Peace.

Keep in touch.

Peace,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

PEG:ed

December 21, 1978

Rev. Robert J. Banks
 Rector
 St. John's Seminary
 127 Lake Street
 Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Bob,

I am writing to bring you "up-to-date" with Philip Petit. In late August Philip started his ministry at Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon, New Hampshire. When Phil was assigned to this parish Magr, William Nolan was appointed as his supervisor and liaison between Philip and the Diocesan Vocation Board. Philip was also asked to select an advisor from the Parish Team. He chose Sr. Mary Elizabeth Whalen, S.N.D.. This was an excellent choice because of St. Mary Elizabeth's qualifications.

In November it was suggested that Phil complete a physical examination in Haverover. It was also suggested that he meet with a psychiatrist whom we had selected for psychological evaluation. At the end of the same month a very extensive parish evaluation was completed. On December 14th the Diocesan Vocation Board examined all of the data it had received and recommended to Bishop Gendron that he accept Phil's petition for ordination to diaconate. The vote of the board members was unanimous. Bishop Gendron has accepted the Board's recommendation and Phil's ordination to diaconate will be Sunday February 18th at 3:00 p.m., St. John the Baptist Church in Suncook, New Hampshire. Phil has made some great improvements and we hope it is only the beginning of a long but important journey. He will be in our deacon program for at least 6 months and at that time we will see how things have progressed.

May I take this opportunity once again to thank you for all you have done. Best Wishes!

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
 Vocation Director

December 21, 1978

Rev. Fernand Pichette
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Fern,

Enclosed is the payment for December.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

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December 28, 1978

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Dept.
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Dear Paul:

Thanks for the update on Philip Petit. I'm glad for Phil's sake that he was finally able to pull things together. He must be very happy. You and the bishop and the diocese have certainly given him wonderful support and direction.

All the best for the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector

RJB:MFF

December 29, 1978

Mr. Philip Petit
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Phil,

Would you please rewrite the enclosed Profession of Faith on your own stationary and return to this office before your Ordination.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

PEG:ed
Enc.

Sacred Heart Parish

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I Philip Arthur 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,
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,
Pater, 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.

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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.

Philip A. Petit

26 January, 1979

Witnessed 1-26-79,

Rev. Msgr. William L. Nolan
Hanover, N.H.

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(603) 448-1262

Gift of Finest Wheat

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Permission granted by the Board
of Governors of 41st International
Eucharistic Congress, Philadelphia, PA
1976

Send booklet to:

Sister Walter Marie

222 N. 17th St.

Philadelphia, Pa 19103

Music Rm. No 7

Sacred Heart Parish

- 4522

25 January, 1979

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director, Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing the handwritten and witnessed profession of faith which you requested. I am also wondering if you will be sending along the addresses of any new candidates and those who are not candidates and yet have been coming to the reunions. I would also appreciate the address of the permanent deacon in the diocese, Mr. Vincent I believe.

I am listing the companies and music that I hope to use for the ordination. Betty offered to secure permission for the copyrights.

World Library Publications, Inc., 5040 N. Ravenswood, Chicago, Il. 60640, (312) 769-1000

"There is One Lord", Deiss, People's Mass Book # 168, antiphon w/ melody line

"Psalm 84", Vermulst, P.M.B. # 154, antiphon w/ melody line

"Wonderful and Great", Deiss, P.M.B. # 168, antiphon w/ melody line

"Veni Creator", P.M.B. 2nd Ed. cppt. 1964, # H5a, complete w/ melody line

"Holy, Holy, Holy", Deiss, P.M.B. # 101, refrain w/ melody line

"Keep in Mind", Deiss, P.M.B. # 145, antiphon w/ melody line

"Amen", H. P., P.M.B. # 140, w/ melody line

"Lamb of God", Deiss, P.M.B. # 112, w/ melody line

"Gift of Finest Wheat", Kreutz, We Worship Missalette, 1 October 1978 ed. Hymn # 81
cppt. 1976, Board of Governors, 41st International Eucharistic Congress.

refrain w/ melody line. *Chancery Office - Philadelphia*

"Now Thank We All Our God" P.M.B. # 178, complete w/ melody line

G.I.A. Publications Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave. Chicago, Il. 60638, (312) 496-3800

"Gloria of the Bells", Peloquin, cppt. 1972, congregational parts w/ melody line

Thank you very much. That should take of care of most things, but if you have any other questions please call me.

Sincerely in Jesus

Phil

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(603) 448-1262

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Sacred Heart Parish

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25 January, 1979

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Director of Vocations, Diocese of Manchester
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

Dear Paul:

You had requested a list of newspapers that should be contacted for an article.
The following list would about cover everyone.

The Concord Monitor, N. State St., Concord, New Hampshire, 03301
The Peterborough Transcript, Peterborough, New Hampshire, 03458
The Monadnock Ledger, Peterborough, New Hampshire 03458
The State Line News, Winchendon, Massachusetts, 01475
The Keene Sentinel, Keene, New Hampshire 03431
The Valley News, 7 Interchange Drive, West Lebanon, 03784
The M.U.L.

Thanks for your help, You can do as you please about these papers, using all or some
of them.

Peace

Paul

Two Nough Street
Lebanon, New Hampshire 03766
(603) 448-1262

January 26, 1979

Rev. Refnand Pichette
Sacred-Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Fern,

Enclosed is the payment for January.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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January 29, 1979

Mr. Philip Petit
Sacred Heart
2 Hough Street
Lebanon, N.H. 03766

Dear Phil,

Enclosed is a list of the new candidates that are in the Emmaus Program as well as the addresses of the Invited guests at the Seminarans Reunion.

Sincerely,

Rev. Paul E. Groleau
Vocation Director

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