

VOCATION DEPARTMENT
Diocese of Manchester

JULY 15, 1974

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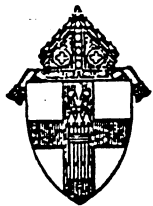
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Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry
Administrator, Diocese of Manchester

Enc.



CHANCERY OFFICE
153 ASH STREET
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
03105

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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167 Main Street
Suncook, New Hampshire 03275

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ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY

127 LAKE STREET · BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135 · TELEPHONE: 617-254-2610

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

July 29, 1974

Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry, Administrator
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H., 03105

Dear Monsignor Hansberry:

I have received your letter concerning the application of Mr. Philip A. Petit to the Class of First Theology, and I have given it to our Board of Admissions. Mr. Petit should be hearing from them within the week.

Thank you for the confidence which the Diocese of Manchester places in St. John's. It is a privilege for us to cooperate with you in the preparation of priests for your diocese.

With personal best wishes for you in your new responsibilities as Administrator, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector

RJB:MFF

Minutes of Meeting April 16, 1975

Philip Petit - Request for Summer Assignment

At St. John's Seminary, it was requested that all seminarians in First and Second Theology are to be involved in some kind of pastoral or academic work for six weeks during the summer. There should be a supervisor of this work so that an evaluation may be given at the end of the summer. Each student had to have this in by April 26th.

Philip mentioned that he has a summer job now scheduled, which is important for him. He asked that he might be able to work on his assignment four days a week, and work at his regular job the remaining three days.

Fr. Richard stated that he might do work in Merrimack at their CCD summer school. Fr. Connors also mentioned that St. Catherine's in Manchester could use him.

Fr. Groleau suggested that we could ask different pastors in the area whether they could use him for some kind of summer employment.

Minutes of Meeting May 20, 1975

Philip Petit - assigned to Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Merrimack, New Hampshire, for the summer. He will devote four days a week to the parish. The financial arrangements, however, have not been specified.

Monsignor Mulvee felt that these financial arrangements should be discussed by the Board. He stated that he would be tempted to place the salary at \$200.00 per month, with adjustments according to the number of days worked.

Minutes of Meeting June 9, 1975

Philip Petit - Fr. Richard reports that Philip is doing very good work in Merrimack. He is involved with census work and questionnaire, the folk group, the summer religious education program, baptismal instructions. He has been asked to be an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist.

Minutes of Meeting March 25, 1976

Philip Petit - in the faculty evaluation received by the Diocese, it was stated the Philip would have to address himself to the problem of interpersonal relationships. It was also pointed out that Philip could be more faithful to seminary responsibilities.

Fr. Richard mentioned that last summer when Philip worked in his parish he was very interested in liturgy. However, Fr. Richard pointed out that he must be more diplomatic with people.

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Minutes of Meeting October 22, 1976

There was no reason why he should not be called to Candidacy.

Minutes of Meeting April 27, 1977

He wants to go on for his Master's degree next year; he has asked to be relieved of his field education work so that he can write his thesis for the degree.

Father Burke stated that, from a conversation he had with Philip, Philip seems to think that he would not have to spend six months in a parish as deacon. Bishop Mulvee replied that this should be clarified with Philip. The Board agrees that Philip may go to Boston with the understanding that he spend a minimum of six months in a parish after

Minutes of Meeting September 29, 1977

Philip worked on his thesis for his MTh degree. During this past summer, he felt that he could not do twelve hours of field education a week in addition to his academic work. He met with his academic advisor and with the field supervisor. At the moment, phil feels that he does not want to work on the MTh degree, but on the M. Div. degree. He is now looking for a parish in which he will be able to do ministry during this year.

Father Groleau met with Phil. He feels that he cannot do the work for his MTh. degree. The Rector at Saint John's feels that Phil needs a pastoral degree rather than an academic one.

Father Groleau then read a letter from Bishop Mulvee stating that there would be a place for Phil in the parish in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, upon approval of the Board.

Father Pennett mentioned that pastoral experience for Phil would be good. He questions, however, having Father Richard Smith as a supervisor for Phil because of Father Smith's intensity at this time. It would be placing two intense people together.

Father Richard also felt that Phil needs the pastoral experience -- the "nitty-gritty" at the parish level. Phil needs to be "pushed". Father Smith could be the man to do this.

Monsignor Burke pointed out that Father Smith can be a difficult man to talk to. It is a kind of "one way street" with him. He would have to be "briefed" as to his supervisory role with respect to Phil.

Father Groleau spoke to Father Pennett's reservations about Phil going to Jaffrey. Monsignor Burke reiterated his concern that Father Smith be told what was expected of him as a supervisor. He feels that Phil could grow through this as well as Father Smith. Father Groleau stated that he would meet with both Phil and Father Smith individually and together if is decided that Phil be assigned there.

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Minutes of Meeting September 29, 1977 continued

Bishop Gendron asked: What job are we expecting from Father Smith? What does Phil need? Father Groleau replied that Phil needs parish ministry with a strong supervisor -- someone who would follow his work very closely and who would give Phil feedback every week. Monsignor Burke pointed out that Father Smith must be made to realize that this will involve work on his part.

Father Groleau asked if the Board could move on the Jaffrey recommendation, and if there are problems then the Board will speak to these problems at the next meeting. It was agreed.

Minutes of Meeting October 13, 1977

A report on Phil was sent out with the minutes of the September 28th Board meeting. Father Groleau reported that Father Smith gave a good presentation to Phil about the situation of the parish in Jaffrey. Phil seemed enthused. Father Groleau feels that they will be good for one another.

Minutes of Meeting October 13, 1977

Marcel Martel and Philip Petit have not written a formal letter of petition for the Diaconate. They would like the Board to consider the possibility of their receiving Diaconate sometime in March.

Father Groleau suggested that they speak to their spiritual directors as well as to the Rector. Both the spiritual directors and the rector agree with Marcel's and Phil's suggestion. The seminary would have a seminarian evaluation ready in time for their petition to Diaconate.

Father Groleau looked in their files. He cannot find any reason why the Board cannot proceed with these two candidates.

Bishop Gendron pointed out that, originally, Marcel and Phil had planned their Diaconate Ordination for sometime in May or June. Why the change? Father Groleau answered that Phil is now in a different academic program. He feels that he can now concentrate more on the Diaconate.

The Board has no objections to having Marcel and Phil petition for Diaconate Ordination.

Minutes of Meeting December 7, 1977

Father Groleau met with Philip and with Dick Smith yesterday (December 6th). Father Smith had not really sat down and talked with Philip. Philip felt that he could not confront Father Smith. After speaking with Father Groleau, a contract was set up -- Philip and Father Smith will meet every Monday morning for at least one hour in order to discuss the parish ministry.

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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

April 16, 1975

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
153 Ash Street
Manchester, New Hampshire 03103


Dear Bishop Gendron:

Enclosed you will find the yearly evaluation and transcript
of grades for Philip A. Petit.

He is not eligible for Admission to Candidacy at this time.

With every best wish for the Easter Season, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ;


Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector

RJB/jep

Enclosures

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CLASS: 1979
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DATE: April 16, 1975

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April 24, 1975

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St. John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Mass. 02135

Dear Phil:

I am sorry to have taken so long in writing to you concerning your summer parish work, but it had to be brought up both by the Vocation Committee and also the Personnel Board, and this is really the earliest that I could give you a definite answer.

We have arranged what appears to be an ideal setup for you. You will be assigned to Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Merrimack with Ed Richard as your supervisor, allowing three days per week for your job and the rest of the time for work in the parish. The parish has many programs going on during the summer including a Bible study course for high school students and various other projects.

It is being announced via the press today that Fr. McDonough, the pastor in Merrimack, is going to St. Patrick's in Nashua, effective May 15th. The new pastor in Merrimack will be Father Jim Watson. We have spoken with him, and he is glad to have you working there for the summer.

As soon as you arrive home for the summer, would you please contact me so that we can discuss details such as the date when you will begin work, financial arrangements etc.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Assistant Chancellor

cc. Fr. Watson; Fr. Richard

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Phil,

Just a note to let you know the latest. I spoke with my employer, and it seems I will not be able to work a full 40 hours a week. This would allow me to work more in the parish during this week.

If this is the case, say 3 days at my job and the remainder at the parish, I was wondering about living at the rectory even while keeping my other job.

Nothing seems definite, and a preliminary approval by Bishop Gunderson would be enough to satisfy them here. The date is April 26 - hope to hear soon.

Peace in Christ Risen

Phil

F. Horn

I spoke to Phil about
his relationship with Maxwell Minter.
I question the rumor which said he
had not invited Maxwell to his ordination.
I stress his need to work at
developing a team spirit. Give the
witnessing of unity & love.

I also pointed out to him the
pompous attitude he projects. -

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

Rev. Philip A. Petit
Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Lesmerises, V.F.

1. I have been primarily involved in the areas of liturgy, visiting hospitals and shut-ins, religious education, and preaching. I have also done sacramental preparation, both for baptism and marriage. To a lesser extent I have been involved with youth ministry.
2. I do feel that I have been useful in the parish and have contributed to meeting the needs of the parish.
3. The areas of religious education and youth ministry have been areas of growth for me. I feel less apprehensive about involvement in these areas.
4. Rather than any one particular area of parish ministry I feel that I should make an effort to be more sensitive to a parish situation as a whole.
5. Msgr. Lesmerises and I were discussing matters on practically a daily basis. Though not the usual supervisory system I feel it served well in meeting the needs of supervision.
6. I do not believe so.
7. I feel that I have a good level of communication with Msgr. Lesmerises. I am very honest with him and believe he is the same with me. I have appreciated the insights of Fr. Pat. Since we both come from the same hometown we knew each other quite well and this allowed us to work together easily without the initial "get-to-know-you" period. Fr. Marcel and I have differing views on many areas of parish ministry, and therefore our relationship is perhaps best described as polite cooperation.
8. Due to the language requirement the possibility of assigning another deacon is restricted. I believe a deacon should certainly have something to do and would have a good experience. I believe the financial situation of the parish and the living situation of the rectory should be considered.
9. I feel that Fr. Ham has done an excellent job in this situation and not recommend any changes in his method.
10. I feel the only area on a diocesan level that lacked in practical application was the youth ministry presentation. The other presentations were quite informative and helpful.

I feel that a great deal of emphasis is placed on pastoral theology at St. John Seminary. I feel however, that the program has an unrealistic concept of parish ministry. I also feel that academic preparation is adequate and not more. Most of all I feel that the evaluation system in this particular seminary is archaic, clandestine, unhealthy, and in the end fosters a very unhealthy attitude of self rather than a sense of worth and possibility for growth.

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It is a very provincial institution, catering to Boston first and to others afterward. The program of spiritual direction is adequate.

12. I do feel that I have had great support from parishioners, other priests, and from the diocesan level as well. I am not as yet involved with a support group, though I would look into it once settled into my first priesthood assignment.
13. There is a peculiar system in this parish. There are not assigned days off, but rather when someone feels the need for some rest and relaxation he takes an afternoon or an evening. The associates average probably one overnight a month. I do not feel this is a good system, yet if one starts to take weekly overnights and no one else is doing it there arises some guilt about "not pulling your share". This situation is reversed in the summer when everyone is at ease and we do take time off more regularly. Msgr. Lesmerises never takes an overnight. He is away from the parish only during his vacations in May and October. He may be away for a day a week, but never overnight.
14. I love music, I speak French. Other than this I have no special training or talents.
15. I really have no preferences as such. I am bilingual and am willing to serve in french-english parishes, but I am not willing to say that I prefer them.
16. I have never considered myself as a teacher, though I have been told this year that I do well at teaching. I do place great value in the area of adult education. I feel vocation work is very important, and I am willing to help in any way in this area. As I said above, I love music and am quite interested in liturgy. I do hope to do further studies in these areas someday. Other than these areas, I would be happy to try any area and learn about new things.
17. I speak French with what I consider a moderate fluency.
18. That possibility has both pros and cons. I would not know which would be better for me, to stay or to be transferred. The parish is in a period of financial stress which is causing many changes in the work in the parish, and as a result a sort of upheaval in the parish. I would not consider it an easy assignment. It will require a great deal of reorganization and readjustment, and I am not sure how I would handle this situation rather than going into a situation which is rather stable and organized. On the other hand I have been here for more than a year and I do know the parish somewhat. In the end I must say that I am ambivalent about the possibility of remaining in this parish as a priest.

NAME

DEACON ASSIGNMENT

SUPERVISOR

(Please respond to these questions on separate sheets of paper)

1. Do you feel that your parish assignment has offered you a sufficiently broad range of experiences in ministry? Please explain the chief areas of involvement.
2. Do you feel that there was a real need for the services of a deacon and that you were therefore able to contribute significantly to serving the needs of the parish?
3. In what areas have you experienced growth through this experience of parish ministry?
4. In what areas do you now feel the need for further growth?
5. Was a specific time set aside on a regular basis for you to meet with your supervisor and discuss your diaconal ministry? How frequently has this been done, and how fruitful have these discussions been?
6. Could another member of the parish staff have better served as your supervisor?
7. Please evaluate the degree of genuine communication that you have experienced with your supervisor. (Also, if there are other priests in the rectory, how would you evaluate your communication with them?)
8. Please give your candid evaluation of whether this parish should be considered in the future for the assignment of deacons. Why or why not?
9. Please give your candid evaluation of the vocation director's role in your deacon internship experience and suggest changes that he should consider in dealing with deacons in future internship assignments.
10. Evaluate each of the following areas which have been part of your internship on a diocesan level. Please make suggestions as to how they can be improved in the future.
 - a. Marriage Tribunal - initial presentation
 - b. Marriage Tribunal - weekly practical experience
 - c. Catholic Charities presentation

d. Chancery Office

e. Youth - Religious Education

d. Are there any other areas that you would suggest should be included in the future?

11. Please evaluate how well you feel that your seminary has prepared you for ministry in the Diocese of Manchester. Please specify areas of strengths and weaknesses in the seminary programs and any suggestions that you consider would be helpful for us to bring to the attention of the seminary administration.

12. Have you experienced adequate support from your parishioners, those living with you in the rectory, and your peers here in the diocese? Are you a member of a priest support group? If not, would you be interested in joining one?

13. It is important that you take adequate time for rest and recreation. Have you taken enough time off? Have you taken too much time off?

14. Regarding future assignments in the priesthood, please describe any special experience, training (e.g. degree or non-degree studies) and talents that should be considered in making your assignments.

15. Please indicate your personal preference with regard to PARISH work. (Mark as #1 the kinds of parishes in which you have the deepest interest; mark as #2 those in which you have a moderate interest; mark as #3 those in which you have a little interest; and mark as 0 those in which you have no interest.

<input type="checkbox"/> No special preference	<input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual parish (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> City parish	<input type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> East
<input type="checkbox"/> Suburban parish	<input type="checkbox"/> South <input type="checkbox"/> West
<input type="checkbox"/> Rural parish	<input type="checkbox"/> Seacoast
<input type="checkbox"/> Manchester area	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

16. As you know, it is understood that in the Diocese of Manchester no priest will be considered for specialized ministry until he has been ordained for 3 to 5 years and has been involved in parish ministry during that time. For future reference, please indicate your interest in the following specialized fields:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Marriage Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chancery Office | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio and TV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Charities | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Education (CCD) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Retreats and Days of Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Sacred Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecumenism | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Affairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocation Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Work |

- () Hospital Chaplain
- () Interracial Work
- () Journalism
- () Liturgy
- () Manchester Mission
- () Marriage Tribunal
- () Military Chaplain
- () Christian Life Center
- () Reserves
- () Further Studies (Specify)
- () Other (Specify)

17. With what foreign languages are you familiar? Please indicate your degree of fluency.

<u>Language</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Slight</u>
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How would you feel about remaining in the parish where you have served as a deacon following your ordination to the priesthood?

September 5, 1975

Mr. Philip A. Petit
St. John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Phil:

In this morning's mail I received from Father Paul Groleau your seminary bill with the request that I forward a check directly to you. Enclosed is the check along with two copies of the promissory note and agreement with the diocese. Would you please sign these, keep one copy of each for your own records, and return the other copies to me.

I imagine that by now you are pretty well settled back at St. John's. Have a good year, and I hope to get down to see you before too long.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham
Vice Chancellor

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

WHEREAS the undersigned is presently undertaking to secure an education with the purpose of preparing himself to enter the Priesthood of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and is in need of funds for the purpose of paying board, room, tuition and incidentals to such education, and

WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, with a principal office at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, on application by the undersigned, has agreed to lend certain sums of monies to the said undersigned, for the foregoing purposes.

NOW THEREFORE WITNESSETH that the undersigned binds himself, his executors, administrators, heirs and assigns, to repay all such advances of monies to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, its successors or assigns, upon the following conditions and methods, viz:

1. The undersigned will, at such times as the said Bishop may deem convenient, execute a Promissory Note in favor of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, for all such loans and will periodically execute a note consolidating all prior notes.

2. Each and every note as aforesaid shall be payable on demand at % interest. This interest may be waived at the discretion of said Bishop.

3. The undersigned understands that he is solely responsible to the institution to which he has matriculated for tuition, board, room and any and all incidentals thereto, and further that the said Bishop hereby undertakes no responsibility to the said educational institution on account thereof.

4. The undersigned understands that any and all cooperation rendered to the undersigned by the said Bishop in the seeking of loans to the undersigned is a manifestation of good will and not by way of obligation.

5. The undersigned understands and agrees that the said Bishop reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to demand repayment at any time when, in his sole judgment, the undersigned has in a practical manner, ceased to pursue his education leading to the Priesthood, or after having been ordained, ceases to function as a priest and further, if the undersigned fails, following six months after his ordination, to begin and follow a systematic repayment of said note or notes in accordance with regulations established by said Bishop.

DATED at Brighton, Massachusetts, ~~New Hampshire~~

this 10th day of September 19 75.

Witness:

Rev Robert J. Banker Philip A. Petit

PROMISSORY NOTE\$ 4,150.00

Manchester, N. H.

September 12, , 19758

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I promise to pay to the order of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, at its office at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, the sum of Four thousand one hundred fifty and no/100 (\$ 4,150.00) on demand, after the date hereof.

Philip A. Petit
 Signed: Philip A. Petit
 Address: Pembroke Hill Rd.
Pembroke, N. H.

Loans taken from the following places on the following dates:

L'Association Canado-Americaine	1966-1977	\$ 300.00
" " "	1977-1978	\$ 300.00
Merchants Bank	1976-1977	\$1,550.00
" "	1977-1978	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	Total	\$4,150.00

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
LAKE STREET
BRIGHTON, MASS. 02135

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September 14, 1975

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

Dear Bishop:

I am a layman, a member of St. John the Baptist Parish, Leucost, New Hampshire. I am pursuing theological studies at St. John's Seminary in order to prepare to serve in the ministerial priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Manchester.

I request that I be instituted in the lay-ministry of reader.

I make this request freely and under no compulsion.

Peace in Christ
Philip A. Petit

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
LAKE STREET
BRIGHTON, MASS. 02135

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

September 15, 1975

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H., 03103

Dear Bishop Gendron:

I write to inform you that the following students of your Diocese have requested that they be installed in the Ministry of Lector:

DENNIS J. AUDET

PHILIP A. PETIT

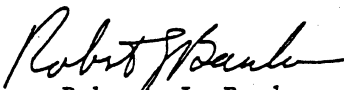
In accord with the new policy at St. John's Seminary, the faculty has not voted on the question of recommending the men to this ministry, but a copy of the last faculty evaluation is enclosed which should help you in deciding whether to accept the candidate for the Ministry. Our presumption at St. John's is that the average second theologian has the personal qualities necessary for Installation in the Ministry of Lector. The students understand, however, that the decision belongs to their bishop.

I am also enclosing testimonial letters in favor of the above-named students, as well as their personal letters requesting the Ministry of Lector. You will also find enclosed the transcripts of their grades.

If it be Your Excellency's wish that these men be advanced here at the Seminary, may I request that you write me, indicating your acceptance of these candidates and granting permission for them to be installed by a bishop here.

Thanking you and with every best wish, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,


Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector

RJB:MFF
Encs.

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Manchester, N.H., 03103

Dear Bishop Gendron:

I, the undersigned Rector of St. John's Seminary, Boston, am writing to inform you that the following students have requested Installation in the Ministry of Lector:

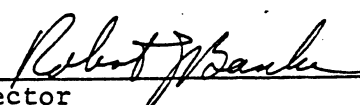
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PHILIP A. PETIT

I warrant and attest before God that these students have fulfilled the necessary requirements as listed here.

1. They have freely made the proper request concerning their institution in the Ministry of Lector and their hand-written requests are attached to this letter;
2. All the documents required have been obtained;
3. They have received appropriate instruction in the nature, significance, and performance of this Ministry;
4. They have given satisfactory evidence of their reputation and character;
5. They have attained the necessary age.

In testimony of the above, I hereby affix my own signature and the seal of the Seminary.



 Rector
 St. John's Seminary

Encs.

September 17, 1975

D I M I S S O R I A L L E T T E R

To all who read this letter I make known and attest that our beloved son in Christ, PHILIP A. PETIT, possesses a sound moral character, is not bound by ecclesiastical censure or any other impediment and, so far as I know, can be promoted to the Ministry of Lector. Accordingly, by this letter presented to the Very Reverend Robert J. Banks, Rector of St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Massachusetts, I grant permission and the faculty to any bishop in communion with the Holy See to confer on the above-mentioned PHILIP A. PETIT the Ministry of Lector.

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Given at Manchester on the 17th day of September 1975.

Bishop of Manchester

Date: September 17, 1975

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October 9, 1975

Mr. Philip Petit
St. John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Phil:

No doubt by now you are well settled back into the seminary routine. I hope that things are going well with you and had actually intended to write to you weeks ago, but somehow it seems almost impossible to keep up with all of the correspondence here.

My purpose in writing is really two-fold. First of all, I am preparing to send a revised seminarian list to all of our seminarians, but before doing this I want to check to determine whether there have been any changes in your home address or telephone number. I would also like to have your present room number at school and the number where you can most conveniently be reached by telephone.

Secondly at our Vocation Committee meeting today Ed Richard brought up the question of whether we should plan some sort of get-together for the seminarians and priests at Christmas. Before making any such plans, we would appreciate the suggestions of our seminarians as to whether we should plan something, and if so what it should consist of. Would you be good enough to send me your suggestions by return mail if at all possible.

I plan to be in Brighton with the bishop for a meeting on October 21st and will look forward to seeing you then. In the meantime please keep me in your prayers, and you may be sure that you will continue to be remembered in mine.

In Christ,

Rev. George E. Ham

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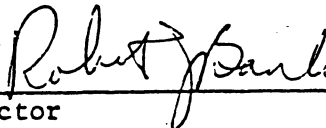
Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron
153 Ash St.
Manchester, N.H., 03103

Orders received by: Philip Arthur Petit

Diocese: Manchester

ORDER	DATE	PLACE	ORDAINING PRELATE
Admission to Candidacy for Diaconate and Priesthood	_____	_____	_____
Reader	<u>Oct. 5, 1975</u>	<u>St. John Sem. Brighton, Mass.</u>	<u>Thomas V. Daily, D.D.</u>
Acolyte	_____	_____	_____
Diaconate	_____	_____	_____

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Promissory Note

Philip Petit

January 2, 1976 \$1,100.00

September 10, 1975 \$1,250.00

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Manchester, N. H.

September 10, 1975

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I promise to pay to the order of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, a corporation sole, at its office at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, the sum of one thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars, no cents (\$ 1,250.00) on demand, after the date hereof.

Philip A. Petit

Address: 167 Main Street

Suncook, New Hampshire 03275

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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

January 9, 1976

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

Dear Bishop,

I am a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in
Durham, New Hampshire. Presently, I am pursuing
theological studies, in preparation for ordination, at
St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts.

On October 5, 1975 I was instituted in the lay
ministry of reader in the Catholic Church. I have
exercised my role in that ministry on different occasions, both
here at the seminary and in my home parish.

I now request permission to be instituted in the
lay ministry of acolyte in the Catholic Church. I make
this request freely and under no compulsion.

Peace in Christ

Philip A. Petit

January 12, 1976

Evaluation of Phil Petit,
 Second Year Student
 St. John's Seminary in
 Field Education at the
 Paulist Center: 10-75 - 1-76

Phil Petit gave at least the minimum number of hours to the BTI/ Weston College Field Education Program at the Paulist Center this past semester. He has spent a half a day each week "on duty," open to the various calls that come to the Paulist Center. These include people of all ages who drop in with religious and personal problems, phone questions about various aspects of Catholic life and direct service needs such as making referrals to agencies for temporary housing, clothing, further specialized counseling, etc. The person on duty is frequently called upon to make a sandwich for someone who is hungry. Phil also assisted in the direction of a Catholic Belief course for adults given over an 8 week period.

One of Phil's priorities has been to get a feel of pastoral ministry. He believes that the "duty day" experience has been the most important focus for his ministry at the Paulist Center. He even believes this should be highlighted in the BTI catalogue. Responding to the needs of the moment and being available to people in these needs seems important to Phil. In observing and sharing with Phil, I sense that he brings a good ability even at this point of being able to set parameters to his availability. But there is also a noticeable caution that Phil brings to his involvement in our ministry. Discussion of his academic course load (6 courses last semester) and a relatively low priority place on field education at St. John's seemed to me to account for some of his caution.

Assisting a Center staff member in the running of a Catholic Belief course, Phil thought he would have felt better with more of a leadership role in the group. But while he enjoyed facilitating discussion when the class broke into small groups, he indicated some reluctance to taking more initiative and expressed some caution in dealing with how to work creatively with another minister in a cooperative or team effort.

Phil finds good challenge on the theological level in our bi-weekly group theological reflection. Discussion on the Church's tribunal procedure and the very presence of the

Evaluation: Phil Petit

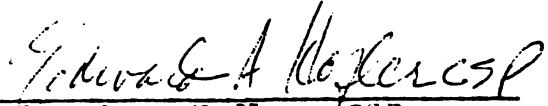
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Divorced Catholics Group at the Paulist Center tends for Phil to give challenge to some traditional pastoral approaches.

Having a supervisor is a new and helpful experience for Phil. He has had nothing like it in other ministry experiences. ~~Our~~ relationship seems to be an easy one. Phil is very capable of challenging me and has even suggested that I give even more priority to my role as field education supervisor here.

With a lighter load of course work this semester, Phil looks to giving more of his free evening time to some of the Paulist Center projects.


Edward A. Hofer, CSP
Field Education Supervisor,
Paulist Center.
Boston

Eval Field Ed setting cont.

In any event, Phil like most of our field education students this year seemed to be exposed primarily to the weekday life of the Center which is only part of the whole.

The Paulist Center ministry has a rich diversity of opportunities for the field education student, but some of the projects are on too short term a basis, e.g., 8 weeks of a Catholic Belief course and then moving on to something else. Perhaps we have too much shifting of gears for a student to be able to see the beginning, the continuity and some sense of the completion of a substantial project.

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Somewhat unsure, yet not unready for experiences that challenge his
unsurety and for opportunities that move him towards ease and
wholesome self-conviction, Phil prepares prayerfully for priesthood
through the relationships and programs Seminary presents. If a
dash of loneliness attends him, so also must he address the manner in
which he offers himself and observations as in a "tone", however
gentle, of a "finality" he himself scarcely "feels".

JEF
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February 4, 1976

Mr. Philip A. Petit
St. John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Phil:

I was very pleased to receive your letter on my anniversary and certainly want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in remembering this happy occasion.

My first year as Bishop has been a rewarding one in many ways, thanks to the prayers and cooperation of so many people who have been with me and supported me in the difficult task of leading the Diocese. The knowledge that our priests and laity are behind me has made the burdens of the office much lighter, and I am particularly thankful for the contact that I have been able to have with so many of our seminarians. Please be assured that just as I count on your prayerful support, you too are in my Masses and prayers each day, and I am always available to you.

Your decision regarding candidacy has, I am sure, been the result of much serious prayer and thought. It may very well be in your best interests, as you feel it is after consultation with your spiritual director. Obviously only you can make that decision, and I certainly respect the decision which you have reached.

I, too, am looking forward to being at the seminary and celebrating the community Mass on March 9th. The only information that I have at present is that the Mass is to be at 11:15. However, I plan to be there for the noon meal and spend time with the Manchester men in the afternoon.

With every prayerful good wish, I am

Cordially in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

Philip A. Petit
St. John Seminary
127 Lake Street
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February 1, 1976

Dear Bishop,

I would like to offer my best wishes to you on your first anniversary of ordination to the episcopacy. I can remember quite vividly the anticipation in the diocese as it prepared to celebrate the occasion. I again want to thank you for being able to assist in the ceremony!

During your time as Ordinary of the diocese, it seems to have been a year of progress. Your address to the people at the end of the Mass included something about your motto. You said you personally would strive for "unity in charity." Even in the way you have been concerned for seminarians seems to indicate that you are striving for it.

I would also like to thank ^{you} for taking time to visit St. John's, and especially for having seen me at the Chancery. I know you are busy and appreciate your concern.

As concerns candidacy, the letter of petition was due last Friday, January 30,

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I discussed it with my spiritual director, Bishop D'Arcy. He more or less said the same thing you did about it being my decision. He would have no objections to my petitioning.

After some reflection and much prayer, during retreat and since, I have decided to wait until the Fall. I think the second evaluation will be worthwhile, as well as another summer experience.

The faculty, and the rector especially, may question my delay. It is not the usual; in fact I am the only one in my class not as yet a candidate. Regardless, I feel it is the best choice at this time.

I feel an obligation of informing you rather than someone inquiring or informing you of my delay. In the meantime, I have petitioned and expect to receive the lay ministry of acolyte. This should be indicative of my intent to continue in preparing for priesthood.

I am looking forward to your visit here on March 9. If Fr. Ham would send one of his your horarium for the day, we will plan our schedules to be available to spend time with you before or after Mass.

Pray for me as I do for you.
Peace in Christ
Phil

St. Patrick Varian

<u>Area</u>	<u>Doing</u>
<u>Education</u>	<u>Grades 1-8</u>
1. <u>Sick</u>	<u>1/2 home - Ch. Meeting</u> <u>Home</u>
3. <u>College</u>	<u>Mass Sun 7pm</u>
4. <u>Liturgy</u>	<u>Lectors / Eval Min</u> <u>Parish / School Bks</u>
5. <u>Finances</u>	
6. <u>Prayer Group</u>	
7. <u>Need of school sisters</u>	<u>\$SND</u>
8. <u>Music</u>	<u>Folk Group</u>
9. <u>Maintenance</u>	<u>inside school</u>

Need
H/S, Basic
1/2 Home, Hosp
College wk days
altar boys
Review - Budgets

Plus 4361
Sec of Rec - Ann
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Music / CC
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NAME: Philip A. Petit
CLASS: 1976
DIOCESE: Manchester
DATE: March 1, 1976

Philip Petit continues to prepare well for the priesthood. He has good academic abilities and uses them reasonably well - with good results. He is quite reserved in his manner, so that the reports from his field education projects indicate that he has had some difficulty in teaching - evidently because he is not forceful enough.

The faculty describe him as a good person: prayerful, serious, and generally faithful to his seminary obligations. There is concern that he will have to address himself to the area of interpersonal relationships, especially in pastoral work. Some also feel he could be more faithful to the routine seminary responsibilities. There is no indication that he would not cooperate with these recommendations from the faculty.

His aptitude for priesthood and the quality of his preparation have been approved by a substantial majority vote of the faculty.

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OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

March 5, 1976

Most Rev. Odore J. Gendron, D.D.
153 Ash Street
Manchester, N.H., 03103

Dear Bishop Gendron:

I write to inform you that the following students of your Diocese have requested that they be installed in the Ministry of Acolyte:

Dennis J. Audet

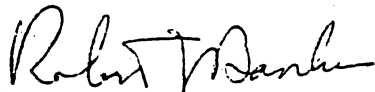
Philip A. Petit

In accord with the new policy at St. John's Seminary, the faculty has not voted on the question of recommending the men to this ministry, but a faculty evaluation is enclosed which should help you in deciding whether to accept the candidate for the Ministry. Our presumption at St. John's is that the average second theologian has the personal qualities necessary for Installation in the Ministry of Acolyte. The students understand, however, that the decision belongs to their bishop.

I am also enclosing testimonial letters in favor of the above-named students, as well as their personal letters requesting the Ministry of Acolyte. You will also find enclosed the transcripts of their grades.

If it be Your Excellency's wish that these men be advanced here at the Seminary, may I request that you write me, indicating your acceptance of these candidates and granting permission for them to be installed by a bishop here.

Respectfully yours in Christ,



Rev. Robert J. Banks
Rector

RJB:MFF
Encs.

Philip A. Petit
 St. John Seminary
 127 Lake Street
 Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

March 10, 1976

Dear Bishop,

just a note to thank you for taking the time to come to Boston. During your time as Bishop, the seminarians have been reminded of your concern and interest in us. Those of us in Boston see ~~so~~ your visit as the most recent reminder.

As you might imagine, there is a heightened interest around a seminary when a Bishop is going to visit. Normally it subsides some thirty seconds after the Bishop leaves. Not so yesterday. Faculty and students alike have mentioned your name to me. They were impressed with you as a person and felt you spoke so well about Shepherd because of your own personal attempt to be just that.

Please keep me in your prayers during this Lenten season. It was good to see you and chat with you again, and until next time

Peace in Christ

Phil

3/22/76

C L,
This is a copy of the letter I sent to Atty. LaFlamme, as you requested. Also included is a form George Ham asked us to fill out about summer programs. I still have nothing definite for the summer, but I'd appreciate any suggestions you might have.

I look ^{forward} to your visiting us in Brighton. If ^{you} I don't make it before Easter, I will see you at the Chrism Mass Holy Thursday. If I can be of any help at that service, I will be glad to do so. I definitely plan on attending.

Peace in Xt
Phil