

3-12-99

Paul Shanley (C) Re: MDM about Somerville

R/ MDM says Bob Doyle is not saying no but he has some reservations. Bob wants to be sure the priest going to St. Polycarp has a desire to do parish work. He has to do the normal everyday activities. He can't be working as a free spirit. Bob wonders if Paul can adjust to parish life.

(2) Paul says he has cancelled most of talks and would be willing to cancel all if HSM would write to people and cancel. He says they have already publicized and printed programs etc. so he did not cancel.

(3) Paul says he has people from several minorities coming to see him. He has told them to write to HSM for permission to see him. HSM is writing people telling them they can see any priest. Paul says this could be a problem in parish. He doesn't know how to handle it. R/ MDM says HSM would not tell anyone that they can't see a certain priest for counseling or direction. MDM says Paul has to sort out his priorities and make his own decision. If he goes into Parish full time then problem #1 and Paul has to tell people that because of parish commitment he can't see them. MDM agrees that Paul is only one to make that decision and he shouldn't

VI-0021

Paul Shouley (cont.)

expect someone else to be determining his priorities etc. MDM say when you move from any assignment this problem arises. Strongly have to be cut.

(4) MDM asks Paul if he wants to continue down list or if he wants to see Pat Doyle. Paul says go on + then come back to Doyle if necessary. R/ MDM will call next place on list.

(5) Paul says he heard Moreau High is open. He says he is probably most qualified in Decree for that position. He wants to apply. MDM says ad will be in August. MDM will make note of Paul's application and asks him to write in. MDM says it could be several months before it is filled. Paul asks if they would put in temporary Chaplain. MDM says no.

(6) Paul says he wants this next assignment to be his last until he is appointed a pastor which he says is not too far down the road.

(7) MDM says he will continue down list and get back to Paul. R/O K.

Walter Doyle - MDM to call MDM.

(8) Return call to MDM. MDM asks if he would be willing to see Paul Shouley. R/ Walter says Paul gave talk there before and caused a stir. He does not want to see Paul and asks that reason be kept confidential.