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Rev. Vincent Fitzgerald, OMI
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Dear Father Fitzgerald,

Thank you for your recent letter from Florida. It was good to see you in Yakima for Francis' ordination. I am glad that you had a good visit out there with Bob Callahan.

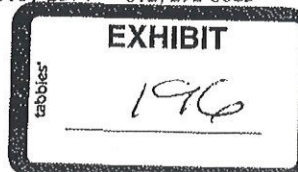
Your proposal of moving to California to assist the Oblates there is fine with me. My biggest concern at this time, Vince, is that there be some geographical stability in your life. I would much prefer if you would be living in an Oblate Community when you are in California or Northern Minnesota. In view of the past concerns, I think it is especially appropriate that, if it is at all possible, you live in an Oblate Community and that you designate for yourself a southern and northern living site.

For the past twenty five years, there have been concerns voiced by a number of people in various locations concerning your relationships with young people. I mention this, not to be punitive or heavy handed, rather to say that we must be prudent and careful not to expose yourself or anyone else to any unnecessary difficulties.

In the strongest possible terms, from my vantage point as your religious superior, I ask you to refrain from and keep at an absolute minimum, any contact with young people. This kind of prudential stance is in the best interest of the Church, our Community, and your own reputation.

You have worked long and hard for the Church and the Oblates, Vince, and I would sincerely hope that these present years of your priesthood could be the happiest and most productive. However, given the concerns that have been voiced to me over the past three and one half years, and given the positions that religious superiors have been asked to take in regards to these concerns, I will continue to urge you to consider living only in two locations and in Oblates Communities or as

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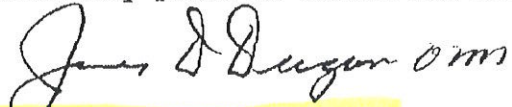
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close to one as possible.

Take good care, Vince, and thanks for staying in touch.
Wishing you the Lords best blessings, I remain:

Sincerely yours in Christ and Mary Immaculate,



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