



*Bishop's House
Alexandria, Ontario
Canada*

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Most Reverend James J. Navagh, D.D.,
Bishop of Ogdensburg.

Your Excellency,

I hope you will not judge me too severely for my attitude towards Reverend Father Carl V. Stone and that you will not think that I was indifferent about the apprehensions he has caused you. To be sure I understand them and I do not want to increase them.

A pressing, a very pressing need for priests, a severe supervision by a conscientious pastor, a very good report from the latter, a personal weakness for fallen priests (to date, in 19 years as a pastor and 17 years as a bishop, with God's help, I have been instrumental in saving 18 out of 20 unfortunate priests from despair and enabling them to resume their ministry) have influenced me to tolerate the presence of Father Stone in the diocese.

Msgr Argy's letter of last June and Msgr Waterhouse's late note to Father McPhail forced me to take the following decision: To call in Father Stone and inform him that "ipso facto" he would be deprived of all jurisdiction in the diocese here and that he would be expelled immediately should he visit the Ogdensburg Diocese, in particular should he go to Malone. The only exception made is: Should a sick call come from his ailing mother, to answer it he must obtain permission from the Vicar General, he must be accompanied by a fellow priest from here, he must not extend the time allowed him.

So, Your Excellency, with those conditions clearly understood and willingly accepted by Father Stone, I feel confident that you will have no more cause to worry about him, that I'll not be forced to throw him out on the street, that he will profit by this chance, either to return to his Community or go and do good work in some distant diocese. I might be all wrong, but I pray your Excellency to bear with me in this attempt to help an unhappy priest.

With kindest regards I am

Yours fraternally in Xto.,

+Rosario Brodeur,

Bishop of Alexandria.