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Reverend Frank A Setzer, S.M.M.,  
Provincial of the Montfort Fathers,  
Ozone Park, N.Y.

Reverend and dear Father,

Yes Reverend Carl Stone has been in our midst for the last six months. A Pastor of the diocese, Reverend M.A. Poirier of St John Bosco Parish in Cornwall, Ontario, who knew him and believed him to be a victim of rash and unfair judgement, invited him to his rectory. He asked me to give him the necessary jurisdiction to act as his assistant, which I did.

Recently I was asked by Father Poirier to sign a letter by which I would accept Father Stone for one year "ad experimentum". I had no objection, as Father Stone, since his coming here, gave no cause of anxiety; on the contrary his conduct was that of a good priest and his ministry most serious, zealous and efficient; but I made it clear that I would not incardinate him. The main reasons are that this diocese is small, that three of my seminarians are to be ordained this year and three more next year.

If you agree, Father Stone may stay here for the year, during which he may look about for a bishop.

With the hope of being of some help to you and to Father Stone, I am

Yours devotedly in O.L.,

Bishop of Alexandria.

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