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January 23, 1992

Most Reverend Leroy T. Matthiesen
Bishop of Amarillo
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Dear Bishop Matthiesen:

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Because this case closely duplicates the case of Father John Salazar, Sch.P., about which I wrote you on October 23, 1991, I really have no choice but to present these matters to Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, our Apostolic Pro-Nuncio. I fear that you are placing the Church and your parishioners at serious and grave risk because of your decisions to place in active priestly assignment

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priests whom we all know have very serious psychological difficulties and disorders, and which could redound negatively and harmfully on your parishioners.

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- With every best wish, I am

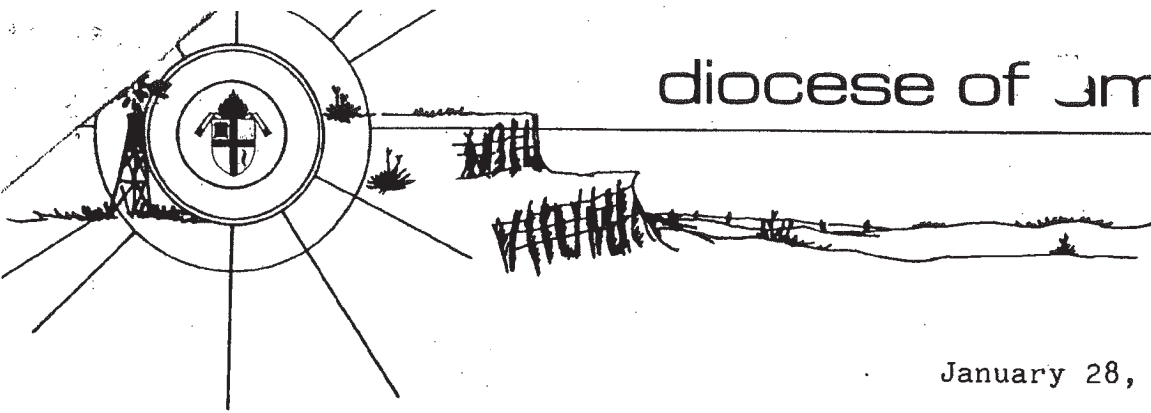
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Roger Card. Mahony*

Cardinal Roger Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles

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Cardinal Roger Mahony
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Dear Cardinal Mahony:

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I consider the case of Father John Salazar, Sch. P., to be quite different. I have full disclosure from him, you, his community, and the Servants of the Paraclete, who recommended him for priestly ministry. He continues in therapy here, meeting monthly with a psychiatrist in whom I have full confidence, and with a priestly support group. I personally stay in close touch with him. He continues to do fine work and is highly regarded by the parishioners.

You must think that I don't screen applicants well. I assure you I do, and that I have rejected a number of them.

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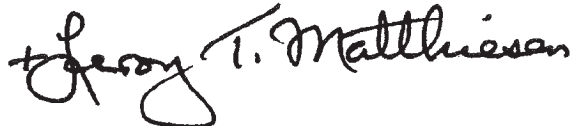
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The Diocese of Amarillo has 38 parish priests and 38,000 registered Catholics. I can give it very personal care. I am able to keep careful tabs on all our priests. I am doubly concerned that no harm is done to our Catholic people, for both the moral and legal consequences. What I observe now is a lot of good taking place.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy T. Matthiesen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen

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