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Most Reverend Ronald Mulkearns, D.D.
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Dear Bishop Mulkearns

Enclosed is a therapy summary for Reverend Gerald Ridsdale for April and March. The staff sees Father Ridsdale as making good use of his time at VLM, progressing in therapy and deepening his spiritual life. While he has many excellent qualities to recommend him for ministry, he is realistic about complications because of his past history. Father Gerry is flexible about his future and he possesses varied talents, which will be helpful in preparing for a productive, satisfying and secure future.

From June 9 to the 24th the program at VLM will be suspended so as to give staff a break. Father Gerry is making a week's trip to Zion National Park with one of the other residents; the rest of the time he will stay at VLM.

Thank you for your recent letter and the care and attention you are giving to Father Gerry's future. I appreciate Father Watson's observations. Someone, probably Father Gerry, will meet you at the airport when you arrive on the 10th of September; you will be most welcomed to stay here in Jemez Springs. A convenient place to meet at the airport is the baggage pick-up area. Father Gerry, the staff and I will be looking forward to meeting with you and discussing his situation.

Father Gerry has signed the necessary release form for the enclosed reports to be sent to you and Father Watson, on condition that they are not given to another person without his express permission. When you have finished reading the reports please send them back to us. This procedure has been recommended by our legal counsel and also reflects our concern for the priests who come to us and their dioceses.

Respectfully yours,

Peter Lechner, s.P.

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