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Dear Brother Alexis:

Re: Brother Gregory Sutton, FMS - Final Letter

It was good to connect with you on the telephone earlier this week, as Greg prepares to depart from Southdown. As I said, he has continued to challenge himself in terms of participation in the Southdown programme.

Greg now finds himself being more disclosing than he ever thought he would be and more able to relate with a variety of people. His habitual style is to relate in a joking, somewhat superficial manner, but he has begun to risk going deeper with more than just one or two people. The more he relates to adults in satisfying ways, the more comfortably he will keep his commitment to avoid inappropriate contacts with youngsters. For the most part, there have been only small changes since my last letter a month ago, but they continue to be in the direction of flexibility and vulnerability. As I wrote previously, they also continue to reveal strong defenses against letting go of his secretiveness and a clear determination to keep his own counsel. Again, the resistances are often habitual and automatic rather than willful, but in any case I feel they keep him from a full experiential realization of the impact of his behaviour on himself and others. Much more therapeutic work remains to be done in this area.

Greg's spiritual director, Sister Lea Boutin, has noted greater flexibility in his spiritual life. His image of God has softened. However, his reflections of himself and of God still lack integration. He sometimes finds himself caught in an "either-or" tension which he is tempted to resolve by excluding part of reality. Once more, continued work with a spiritual director who has some psychological insight is strongly recommended, as well as on-going psychotherapy.

You may remember that Greg's assessment diagnosis included pedophilia, and an obsessive-compulsive personality disorder with immature personality traits. Personality disorders refer to characteristic ways of responding which were formed early in life and which are relatively difficult to change. However, one can hope to understand their dynamics more clearly and work toward softening their effects in one's life. Greg has just begun to grapple with characterological issues and, again, this therapeutic work will need to be continued in Chicago.



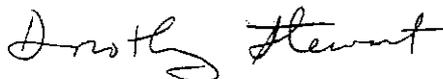
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Greg is clearly a pedophile and in this area one cannot speak with confidence of a "cure." Greg must not be involved in a ministry which includes children or young people, or at any time be alone with them without another adult present, and he appears to be accepting of this restriction. I feel it is essential that he be accountable to someone appointed by and trusted by you to supervise his activities in Chicago, and I have communicated this to Greg. I was glad to hear that this appointment is now in place. In addition, it is probably important that the American Provincial know that Greg is to be studying in the United States for a year or more. All else being equal, it could be helpful for him to remain in Chicago an extra year in terms of stability in therapy, spiritual direction and Southdown Continuing Care. Nevertheless, you would know best if other factors might override this reasoning.

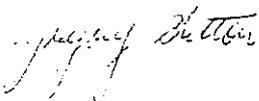
It has been good to work with Greg. I am happy for the changes which can be seen, and I wish him well as he continues his growth and his study in Chicago. Greg has written a good departure covenant which will be a guide for continuing his growth toward integration and health. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance to you.

Sincerely,



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The contents of this letter have been read and approved by the  
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