

August 24, 1954

Mr. Ramon J. Ferraro
8158 Bay 16th Street
Brooklyn 14, New York

Dear Mr. Ferraro:

This will serve to advise you that His Excellency, Archbishop Molloy, has accepted you as a student for the Diocese of Brooklyn. However, you have been accepted at this time only conditionally for a period of one year, in order to determine finally and fully your acceptance or non-acceptance by the Diocese of Brooklyn. This will be determined by your seminary record during the coming year. You will be expected to abide by the decision that will be made by this Diocese after this one-year trial period.

You are not obliged to accept this tentative arrangement if you feel in any way that it would not be for your best interest to do so. I shall ask you kindly to write brief letters immediately both to Archbishop Molloy and to me stating your acceptance or non-acceptance of this tentative arrangement. In your letter to Archbishop Molloy kindly indicate that you are sending me a similar letter in reply to this letter.

If you accept, you will be assigned to the First Philosophy Class at Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure, New York. Arrangements will be made there by this Diocese on your behalf as soon as we receive your acceptance, and you will be notified by the Seminary of the date to report.

In view of your inability to pay your tuition during your seminary course, you will be expected to refund tuition to this Diocese after Ordination in the satisfaction of a ten-year bond, at a charge of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) per annum. In the meantime the bill for this annual tuition to you plus the balance of the tuition rate at the Seminary should be drawn to this Diocese and should be sent by the Seminary to this Chancery in care of the undersigned.

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However, you have been accepted upon the further condition that the Diocese of Brooklyn succeeds in obtaining from the Holy See a special dispensation for your admittance to the Seminary because of a certain canonical obstacle.

During your Seminary course you will be expected to acquire fluency in the use of the Italian language.

In his medical report of May 13, 1954, George H. Roberts, M.D., who is one of our Diocesan physicians, indicated that you should consult a Dermatologist about your acne condition. I believe that we discussed this requirement during your interview here on June 22nd. If you have not attended to this requirement up to now, may I request that you do so without further delay. Kindly request the Dermatologist to send me his report on this condition and the arrangements that he prescribes for the necessary treatment.

I must also ask you to send me a copy of the civil marriage record of your parents. If there is no copy available at home, please find out from your Mother when and where the marriage took place. You should then go immediately to the City Clerk's Office and obtain a photostatic copy of both the civil marriage license and the civil marriage record.

Finally, please arrange to have sent to me without further delay the transcript of the special Latin course that you state you took at Fordham University during the past summer for a total of 6 credits.

Awaiting your reply by return mail and the various documents within the next week, and with best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

VERY REV. MSGR. JOHN J. HENEGHAN
VICE - CHANCELLOR

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P.S. You will also be expected to take formal courses in Latin during the remaining two years of your B.A. course of studies. The Seminary Rector has been advised of all these requirements.