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Father Patrick Wall:  
by hand

From authoritative information that I have received, it appears that:

- from June 25, 1997, you are illegitimately absent from St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, since you did not return to the monastery when your indult of exlastration ceased to have effect;
- there has been, to date, no request sent to the Holy See for a dispensation from your religious vows or from the obligations of ecclesiastical celibacy;
- you have not received the permission of your legitimate superior, Fr. Timothy Kelly, Abbot of St. John's Abbey, to undertake Canon Law studies here at the Gregorian University, and such permission is required by the rules of this University (cf. *Ordo Anni Accademici 1997-1998*, p.30, n.5);
- the letter of recommendation of Fr. Daniel Ward, of April 17, 1997, is not authentic;
- when you registered in this Faculty, you declared that you are a layman, and such declaration does not correspond with the facts.

For the above reasons, I regret to inform you with this letter that you may no longer consider yourself registered in this Faculty of Canon Law, and thus must suspend immediately your attendance at the lectures.



Francesco Garibaldi  
Giuliano, S.J.

16 April 1997

Reverend Gianfranco Ghirlanda  
Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law  
Pontificia Universita Gregoriana  
Roma

Dear Father Ghirlanda,

I am happy to write and present Mr. Patrick J. Wall. Pat was a student of mine in both the college and graduate school at Saint John's. Both in the classroom and in the dormitory, Pat was a well rounded student being involved in campus ministry and playing football for our university team.

Pat is a person of faith, has served the church in parish ministry, completed an internship at the tribunal in Saint Paul, and I believe he could serve the church well as a canonist.

I recommend Pat for your consideration as a student in the faculty of canon law.

Sincerely in Christ,



Reverend Daniel J. Ward, O.S.B.

FORGED  
LETTER

**Kelly, Timothy**

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**From:** Kelly, Timothy  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 1997 11:24 AM  
**To:** 'Patrick J. Wall'  
**Subject:** RE: Response to Inquiry

Dear Patrick:

I have checked my calendar and put you down for Thursday, December 18, at 10:00 A.M. I have left the space open ended so that we will not be pressed for time but will be able to spend as much time as we need. I would like to have one or the other monk present at this meeting as well so that we can explore some of the options we need to look at. Patrick, I am hopeful for this meeting that something will come of it that will tune us all in to what God is asking of us. Peace be with you and safe travels.

In Christ,  
Abbot Timothy

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**From:** Patrick J. Wall[SMTP:102522.530@compuserve.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 14, 1997 11:14 AM  
**To:** Kelly, Timothy  
**Subject:** Response to Inquiry

Dear Abbot Timothy,

Thank you for the offer to meet. I am scheduled to return to Minnesota for the Christmas holiday. My departure date is 15 December and at this point the plan is to remain in Minnesota for three weeks or so. I sent a hard copy letter to you with the above information. As you know I have many points to reflect on and actions to accomplish.

First of all is to appologize to my friend Daniel for actions that were wrong and unbecoming of a gentlemen. Talk is cheap and excuses have even less value so I need say no more.

Please look at your calendar and let me know when you are available. I will need a day or so to recover, for a search parameter please look at 18-20 December.

I was able to share a meal with Father Vincent Tobin and he listened to my heart. His health may not be rock solid but his faith is like iron.

After recieving your E-mail I went to father Ghirlanda, il decano, and had a conversation with him as well. Fr. Ghirlanda firmly but gently explained to me the situation and what he needed to do. Even though I will not be allowed to frequent the lectures at the canon law faculty, he said in beautiful Italian that he has no guile, and hopes that someday I will return to study under him.

This weekend I will be in Naples with my college. There I will continue to reflect on what the Holy Spirit needs of me and how I can prudently answer. Please keep me in your prayers. I will wait for your reply.

Sincerely,

Patrick.

