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February 3, 1971

Dr. Henry B. Adams
Academy of Parish Clergy, Inc.
3100 West Lake Street
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Dear Dr. Adams:

Your invitation to accept appointment as a Field Representative of the Academy is an honor. I believe that what the Academy is doing to be in the best interest of both the church and the clergy, and I would like nothing better than to work with you and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors in this capacity.

My personal schedule, however, is at the breaking point. I see no way that I can include the amount of time in planning that such responsibility would demand. Although I see it as a very pleasant task, it simply boils down to a matter of schedule, a problem which I am not able to resolve at this time.

I do hope you will find someone who can work in this capacity in this area. I look forward to developing collegiality with fellow-professionals in this area. Unfortunately, I will not have the time to develop such a group within the next several months.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Henry B. Adams, Executive Director

January 29, 1971

The Rev. John Allen Chalk
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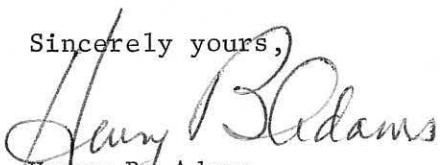
Dear Mr. Chalk:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed you a Field Representative. This letter is to invite you to accept that appointment. Expectations are spelled out in the enclosure. In a week I will phone you (or you may call me collect when convenient) so we may talk this over.

A professional uninvolved in a serious-minded community of peers is a contradiction in terms. The life and power of the Academy is found in groups who explore professional style and become accountable and supportive to each other.

So we invite you to accept appointment as a Field Representative, to gather one or more groups of clergy for this purpose, to enroll new Academy members, and to share with other groups (through the APC office) your experience in developing colleague relations. We will pay for the service as shown on the enclosed plan. It is modest money, but it indicates the seriousness of our intent.

Sincerely yours,


Henry B. Adams

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Enclosures