LETTER EXPLAINING THE PROCESS OF EXCLAUSTRATION 
(OR PERMISSION TO LIVE OUTSIDE COMMUNITY FOR DISCERNMENT 
OF VOCATION)

Dear SCJ,

Concerning your request for Exclaustration, I was sorry to hear of your decision. But I know that you have been searching and trying to discern for sometime. I want you to know that I will try to assist you in anyway I can.

The process is very simple and will not prove to be difficult for you. To process your request, I need one of the following:

A. A letter from you to the Provincial Superior requesting Exclaustrauion for one year, or

B. A letter from you addressed to the General Superior and his council requesting exclaustration for three years, or

C. A Letter to the Holy Father requesting exclaustration if the time you are petition for is greater than three years.

While the letters themselves do not demand a great amount of detail, they must explain the grave (serious) cause(s) for the need of exclaustration for this indult to be granted (C 686.1). When you have completed the letter, please send it directly to me.

While you are exclaustrated:

- You have permission to live outside of the community,
- You are dispensed from obligations incompatible with your current state
- You are responsible for your own financial well being
- You retain the right to return to community at any time, even before the year is over
- You are NOT dispensed from the Vow of Chastity
- You are NOT dispensed from the Vow of Obedience to your religious superior
- You MAY NOT function as a priest or wear clerical garb
- You LOSE both ACTIVE and PASSIVE voice in matters of election
Fr Provincial will write all the other letters that are required for this petition. The following letters will be written on your behalf:

A. A letter to the Ordinary of the diocese in which you wish to reside asking for his permission;

B. A letter to the General Superior supporting your request (if necessary).

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call me. At any time, be assured of your warm welcome back into community life. As soon as I receive your letters, I will begin a formal petition on your behalf to the [Provincial, General, Holy See].

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart,

Fr Bernard Rosinski, SCJ
Provincial Secretary