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Selective Service System  
Brown County Local Board 5  
Room 235, Federal Building  
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54301

Ref: SS #47-5-52-120  
Peter Bruce Cardinal

Gentlemen:

This letter is written to support the request of our son,  
Peter Bruce Cardinal, for conscientious objector status.

Peter's decision has come through serious thought and prayer over a period of several years, probably since he began in seventh grade to seriously consider the Christian ministry as a profession. He has discussed the profession with several ministers during the years and specifically discussed C. O. status and the draft law with the Rev. Mr. Bud Wilder when he was our associate pastor in 1969-70.

His mother and I consider Peter's attitude in this matter to be consistent with his religious convictions and his general attitude to life. It is significant that throughout his life Peter was not involved in fights nor was he interested in hunting or violent sports. We have brought him up to value Christian teachings and encouraged him in church life. Peter is a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Green Bay, where we have both been active members since childhood.

We feel that Peter is mature in his thinking and judgment and that all actions and activities are entered and performed in sincerity. The decision to register as a conscientious objector is no exception. We expect him to carry through in this as he has in other things.

During the years 1938, 1939, and 1940, I seriously considered my personal beliefs, attitudes, and responsibilities regarding war. However, I registered for the draft in 1940 and was one of the first group drafted in Pope County, Arkansas, where I was located as a federal employee. I was inducted in March of 1941 and served in the Army continuously for 5 years as enlisted man and officer (including 30 months in the Southwest Pacific) until February 1946.

Please approve our son's request for C. O. Status.

Sincerely,

*Alton L. Cardinal*  
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