

When you're down and out, when you're on the street,

When evening falls so hard, I will comfort you, I will take your part

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Dear Bishop

The joy and hope of my young friends was kindled anew by your appointment, by your words about your "duty to be in the streets," your desire to dialogue with outcasts "if they are as bad as you say."

Then came the big envelope with raised lettering and talk about knights and ladies and vesting programs and Statler Hilton dinners - and we feel we've lost you already.

I think you will understand why I cannot accept your kind invitation. I long for the day the Church divests herself of the trappings of medieval courts so that once again she can announce the Gospel to the poor.

regretfully

Paul R. Shanley

over troubled waters, I will lay me down, like a bridge over troubled waters...

When darkness comes and pain is all around, like a bridge