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February 3rd, 1978.

Most Reverend Daniel P. Reilly, D.D.,
Bishop of Norwich,
Chancery Office,
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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Bishop Reilly:

FATHER BRUNO PRIMAVERA, a priest of this Archdiocese has requested permission to seek a benevolent bishop in a diocese closer to his home in Connecticut. In as much as he has made a preliminary contact with the personnel board of the Diocese of Norwich, he has asked that I direct my letter to you.

Father Primavera is a graduate of John XXIII Seminary, Weston, Mass., who was ordained for the Archdiocese of Toronto on March 3rd, 1973. He is 36 years of age. After ordination, because of his teaching background, he served the Archdiocese as a teacher of religion in two of our Catholic High Schools and as assistant principal in the second school until June, 1977. Since June he has been assigned as an assistant priest to full time parish ministry.

Generally speaking he has performed the work assigned to him satisfactorily and no doubt has done much good in his assignments. He is personable, open and approachable by people and consequently he has enjoyed a good degree of popularity in his appointments.

However, there are two areas of concern in his conduct which in conscience I must bring to your attention. First, he has demonstrated an inability to handle his own personal finances to the extent that he found himself hopelessly in debt, from which predicament the Archdiocese rescued him. Secondly, he has shown a tendency to seek out the companionship of young teenage boys, on a one to one basis. In one instance, although no public scandal resulted, his conduct was such that it was found advisable to transfer him to another parish. In this latter regard he has been open to correction and on our advice has been seeing a Catholic psychiatrist on a regular basis.

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Since the sudden death of his father a year ago, Father Bruno has been subject to considerable pressure by his widowed mother for consolation and filial support. It was the prospect of being nearer home which motivated him to consider the possibility of a transfer to a diocese in Connecticut. Although he has not said so, nor is there any immediate problem which would require it, it may be that he feels impelled to make a fresh start elsewhere.

For our part, and I have discussed the matter thoroughly with Archbishop Pocock, we grant Father Bruno's request to seek acceptance for ministry in a diocese nearer to his family home.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas B. Fulton".

(MostRev.) Thomas B. Fulton,
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF TORONTO.