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Your Excellency:

I wish to apologize for the delay in answering the letter sent in February by Father Loverde.

He asked me to comment on Father Bruno Primavera who, he says, has expressed a desire to serve in your diocese.

Father Primavera came to this school as a deacon after joining the Toronto diocese following his studies at John XXIII Seminary. He taught Religion and History in the small high school part of this school. I understand he came to Toronto because he wanted to teach high school.

Not long after the mid-point of his second year here, he told me that he was transferring to another Catholic High School in Toronto (Dante Alighieri) saying that he was assured of becoming Vice-Principal. To my best knowledge he never did become Vice-Principal. He left there last June. I understand he has been in parish work here since.

He is a man of considerable charm and was popular with the older boys. One class has kept contact with him since he left. He speaks well and speaks easily. I have also been told that he is an attractive celebrant. He speaks faithfully of the Church and its leaders and he definitely believes in the Magisterium. He is concerned about orthodoxy in teaching and preaching.

Although I liked Father Bruno, I have to admit to a certain relief when he decided to leave. He simply did not do the work of an adult. He was great on words and short on work and follow-up. Perhaps part of his reason for leaving was to obtain more money at the other school (by tradition here, the priest teachers receive the same as those in parish work, not more). While he was here he showed some signs of immaturity, but was at all times pleasant.

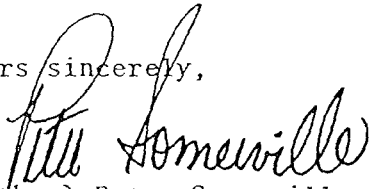
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He has a natural gift for relating to people, including youth. I am sure that he has the personal talents for parish work. I hope he would approach it seriously.

I hope this letter will be of some help to you in the decisions that face you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Somerville". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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