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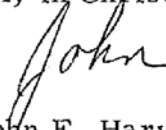
Your Excellency:

I have discussed the situation of Father Paul Ryan with a priest member of the Archdiocesan Consultation Center. He in turn has consulted with the Superior of Holy Trinity Center, which is 2 miles away from my residence. In his initial contact with Holy Trinity Center, Father did not give all the details of the case to the Superior. He felt that it would be wise to get more details from Australia before proceeding further. In the telephone conversation with Father, we thought it would be therapeutic for the young priest to have something to do, if he were to come here. The Diocesan Consultation Center has a program of both spiritual direction and psychological guidance. It is situated within a few blocks of Holy Trinity Center. I would contribute to the process by seeing Father Ryan regularly. Very probably we could enroll Father Ryan in some Adult Education Courses, which are all over the area. At present it is uncertain how long he would stay if he came. In short, we are proposing 3 elements in a program for Father Ryan: (1) The help of the Consultation Center; (2) some guidance on my part; (3) some form of work or study while here.

I would like Dr. Seal's comment on this proposal. The Consultation Center has professional people on its staff, both in the area of psychology and spiritual direction.

The question was raised concerning Father Ryan's activity during his stay at a Catholic Secondary College. What kind of homosexual activity was he involved in? By that I mean with what age group? Only with adults? At Holy Trinity Center he would be living with both seminarians and priests. Other details about expenses can be worked out later.

Sincerely in Christ,



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