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Holy Church permits me to promote to Sacred Orders only those of whose fitness I am by positive evidence morally certain (Can. 973-3).

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In compliance with this Instruction I request you to send to me before September first your conscientious opinion of the worthiness for the priesthood of a resident in your parish and a student for this Diocese who is to enter in September the 2nd year of Philosophy Theology in the Seminary of—Mt. St. Mary

You will please answer specifically each question herein proposed and add also any information which you deem helpful for my guidance.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

Bp. Manchester.
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John T. Sullivan

a resident in your parish and a student for this Diocese who is to enter in September the 2nd year of Philosophy Theology in the Seminary of Mt. St. Mary

You will please answer specifically each question herein proposed and add also any information which you deem helpful for my guidance.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

[Signature]

Bp. Manchester.
Your Excellency:

In full realization of their importance to Holy Church, I submit the following answers to the interrogatory proposed to me by your Excellency, under direction of the Holy See, concerning a seminarian of my parish:

1. Has this seminarian been regular and devout in performing his daily exercises of piety: meditation, assistance at Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and the recitation of the Rosary? Yes — except that for several weeks he worked and could not observe all daily Mass.

2. (a) How often does he receive Holy Communion? Weekly, and when not working daily.
   (b) and with what devotion? With utmost evidence of deep piety.

3. When he serves Mass or assists in the sanctuary at divine services does he perform his functions attentively and religiously? Yes.

4. Is he successful in teaching Christian doctrine during vacation? (If a seminarian has not yet been assigned to the work of catechizing, you must test his liking and ability before he is promoted to Sacred Orders.) No opinion expressed as yet.

5. Has he shown real evidence of prospective zeal and interest in promoting divine worship, in working for the good of souls, and in worthily exercising sacred functions? Yes.

6. To what studies is he especially inclined and does he pursue them diligently? Clerical. Yes.
7. Does he read irreligious, immoral or vulgar papers, periodicals, or books?

8. Has he worn a becoming clerical garb during vacation?

9. (a) Has he associated with persons of poor or doubtful repute, or been on such familiar terms with women, even though they be of good reputation, as to cause surprise, disedification or scandal among the faithful?

(b) Has he gone to theatres, moving-pictures, race-tracks, or any place of a questionable character?

10. Is he upright, decent and honest in his conversation?

11. Has he been the occasion of provoking unfavorable criticism of the Church's officials, doctrine, morals, or precepts?

12. Has he always conducted himself properly and prudently with boys and girls?

13. (a) Does he show a tendency to laziness or luxury or worldly pleasures?

(b) Or an inclination to indulge in intoxicants of any kind?

14. Has he shown charity to all, and obedience and docility toward superiors?

15. (a) What do the people think of his fitness for the priesthood?

(b) In church and in his relations with others have they found him pious, grave and prudent?
16. (a) After prudent investigation (which I hereby direct you in conscience to make) can you assure me that there is in his family no indication of insanity or feeble-mindedness, or of over-indulgence in drink, or of unsavory repute or abnormal traits, or hereditary chronic disease?  

[Signature: Yes]

(b) In this latter connection are you satisfied that his physical constitution and health give promise of an active and vigorous ministry in which he will be "a worthy dispenser of the divine mysteries, and will strongly promote on earth the kingdom of God"?  

[Signature: Yes]

17. Is there any suspicion that he seeks, or is urged by parents or others, to enjoy the clerical life as an easy way to win honors or social standing, to earn money, or to escape what he may deem harder work? (see Can. 2352).

[Signature: Yes]

18. Are you quite satisfied that his virtue and piety, his past and present mode of life, his behavior during vacation, his avoidance of worldly companions, pursuits and amusements, all point to his worthiness for the Priesthood?

[Signature: Yes]

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature: ]

Pastor

Additional information:—
Class standing of John T. Sullivan

for the year 19...39... 19...40... First semester

General average... 88...

Theology

Dogmatic Theology... 83
Moral Theology... 34
Sacred Scripture... 91
Eccl. History... 85
Canon Law... 88
Liturgy... 80
Homiletics
Seminary Discipline... Excellent

Philosophy

Introduction to Sac. Scripture
Psychology
Ethics
History of Philosophy
Logic
Political Economy
Sociology
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Italian
History
Education
Astronomy
Geology
Latin
Greek
Hebrew
Seminary Discipline

[Signature]
Rector
Class standing of John T. Sullivan

for the year 1939, 1940, 2d semester

General average 87

Theology

Dogmatic Theology 85
Moral Theology 85
Sacred Scripture 91
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Liturgy 87
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Rector
MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY  
EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Class standing of **Mr. John Sullivan**
for the year **1940-41**  2nd Semester

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Rector
April 8, 1940.

Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.,
145 Lowell St.,
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

Mr. John T. Sullivan has been recommended by the seminary faculty and approved by the Rector for promotion to minor Orders. If you wish him to receive these Orders here will you kindly send Dimissorial Letters.

I am enclosing his letter of application for these Orders, and Baltimore Testimonial Letter.

With expressions of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Rector.
The Excellency
Most Rev. John B. Peterson, O. D.
Bishop of Manchester,

Your Excellency;

I, John Thomas Sullivan, having completed second year theology, and having consulted the Rector, Spiritual Director and my Confessor about my vocation, seriously and of my own free will humbly ask to be promoted to Minor Orders.

Very obediently in Christ,
John Thomas Sullivan.
MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY
Miseratione Divina
Et Sanctae Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Archiepiscopus Baltimoresensis

Per praesentes litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur dilectos Nobis in Christo.

Joannem T. Sullivan

qui ratione commorationis per pulsquam sex menses in Seminario Sanctae Mariae ad Montes, Emmitsburgi, Marylandiae, Nostrae Dioecesis, loco, litteris testimonialibus Nostris indigent ut ad ordines promoveri possint, per totum illud tempus ita vitam et mores instituisset, ut, quod sciamus, liberis ab omni censura, et ab omni ordinationis impedimento, e dioecesi nostra discerserint, adeoque ex hac parte nihil ostare, quominus ab Episcopo suo ad Tonsuram, aut Minores Majoresque Ordines rite promoveantur.

In quorum fidem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, expediri jussimus.

Datum Baltimorae , sub signo sigilloque
Nostro, die 18a mensis Martii anni 1940

De Mandato Rev. Dom. Archiepiscopi.

Cancellarius
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| ACADEMIC DEGREES |                                                   |
| COLLEGES ATTENDED | St. Anselm, Manchester, N.H.                      |
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| APPOINTMENTS AS ASSISTANT |                                                   |
| Holy Angels, Westville (June 8, 1942); St. Mary, Dover (2/19/43); St. Matthew, Whitefield (5/10/45); St. Thomas Aq., Derry (3/15/45) St. Patrick, Nashua (9/14/45); St. Mary, Claremont (11/4/47); St. Kieran, Berlin (8/30/49); Suspended June 16, 1952; Holy Angels, Westville (9/2/52); Suspended July 20, 1956; |
Diocese of Manchester

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SEMINARY

I.

1. Name? John Thomas Michael Sullivan

2. Residence? 10 Rumford St, Concord

3. In what Parish? St. John Evangelist


If not born in Diocese of Manchester, when did you locate permanently in this Diocese?

Enclose certificate of Baptism.

II.

1. In what schools did you receive Primary and Grammar education? St. John

During what calendar years? 1923 to 1930 inclusive.

What High Schools or Preparatory Schools did you attend? St. John High School

During what complete school years? 1930 to 1934 inclusive.

3. What College did you attend? St. Anselm's, Manchester, N. H.

During what complete school years? 1934 to 1936 inclusive.

In what college grades? Freshman and Sophomore.

4. During how many complete school years did you study Latin? 6 1/2. Greek? 2. Philosophy?

5. What College Degrees did you obtain?

Enclose College reports for each year.

6. If your studies were notably interrupted, state when, for how long, why, and at what occupation.

III.

1. Do you apply for the Junior or the Senior Course of Philosophy? Junior.

2. What Seminary would you prefer to enter? I have no preference.

Can you provide for your tuition expenses? My parents think they can.

Enclose recommendations from your Pastor and College Superiors.
Certificate of Baptism

Church of
St. John the Evangelist
Concord, N.H.

This is to Certify

That John Sullivan
Child of Timothy Sullivan
and Nora Collins

born in Concord, N.H. on the 4th day of Jan. 1917 was Baptized
on the 28th day of January 1917

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. Thomas O'Leary
the Sponsors being George Clark
and A. Euphemia Boure as appears from
the Baptismal Register of this Church.
Dated Jan. 19, 1934

Rev. Rev. Most. J. Buckley, Pastor
Saint Anselm College
Manchester, New Hampshire

June 10, 1936.

Office of the Dean
The Most Reverend
Bishop John E. Peterson, D.D., Th.D., LL.D.,
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

It pleases me to recommend Mr. John T.M. Sullivan
to you as a candidate for the Holy Priesthood. Mr. Sullivan was
a student at Saint Anselm for two years, and at all times proved
himself amenable to the rules of the Institution. As far as I
know, he has given evidence of solid piety. He left here with our
best wishes for success.

Cordially yours,

L. J. Davitt
Dean.

Rev. Lawrence J. Davitt, O.S.B.
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Date: June 10, 1936

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[Signature]

Dean
ST. ANSELM'S COLLEGE
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Record of  John Sullivan  Address    166 Rumford St., Concord, N.H.
reed  September 11, 1934  Graduated

Honorable dismissal granted

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The length of recitation periods is 50 minutes.
The length of laboratory periods is 100 minutes.
The total number of semester hours required for a degree is 128.
The total number of semester hours of credit on record is
The passing grade is 70%.

Remarks
St. Mary's Seminary  
N. Paca St.  
Baltimore, Md.  
June 21, 1937.

The Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
151 Walnut St.  
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

We have no objection whatever to Mr. Sullivan's getting another trial elsewhere. Perhaps he could do better. He told us he did much better in his college work than he did with us. We made our decision chiefly on his major studies. Of course, the minor subjects usually bring a man's average up; but we felt that in his work in the more important subjects he did not show the intellectual ability which would give promise of his success in Theology and the work of the priesthood. In his case notes are not a clear indication of his intellectual makeup. His fundamental education is poor; his thinking is not clear; his efforts at study are scattered. It is true that he gets results that are sometimes good in some subjects. He does this by hard work. His natural ability is very limited. We simply felt that he could not hope to succeed in Theology and, therefore, we felt that he ought not to return.

There is no obstacle here to prevent his going elsewhere. We shall be happy to testify to his good conduct and piety.

With all kind wishes, and asking your blessing on the work, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

L.P. McDonald, S.S.

L.P. McDonald, S.S.
The Rev. L. F. McDonald, S.S.
St. Mary's Seminary
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Father McDonald:

I thank you for your letter of June 21, regarding Mr. Sullivan. I think it well to send him to another Seminary for a try-out. If he is sensible, docile, hard-working and religious there are places here which may need him.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

June 23, 1937.
Lack but not least comes last a certain fountain which springs out 'tis the hearts of priests. A pious priest is given great recognition as well as a priest who fosters a great personality. Such a thing is very contagious. There (hey) there is a pious priest no doubt you will see fine people. No doubt you understand that this only occurs at times necess for such occasions. One of the greatest feats which a man can perform today is to be the celebrant at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and if ever it is needed it is certainly needed then.
The three qualities I would expect to find in the ideal priest are: disposition, attitude and siety.

The disposition of a priest means a great deal both to the young and old. The priest at all times should possess a sunny or bright appearance. Often, just as with ourselves, the priests have many hardships of course inconsiderable to our, and yet things should be taken by that individual silently. A priest possesses an offhand disposition, even to sure that such a thing does not benefit his rating with his people.

Thus a new priest is stationed at your parish, his traits, whether good or bad, are depicted by the parishioners. This doubtless traits of a priest are in accordance with his personality or disposition. A priest, when he is always jovial and placental, is immediately taken by the children and men of his flock as a model, and they try to imitate his actions to the best of their ability. That
why I rate "disposition" as the first quality of an ideal priest.

Attitude in this sense should be explained. In having attitude as my second quality, I mean in more in a plural sense of temperament. In a lot of families, friends are mingling with the boy several hours of the day. This is true especially where high schools are established and grades formed. Every person needs not to be told by others what he is rated with various leading, this of course naturally befalls on the mind of the individual. As if a priest has a short quarter back a great pitcher or a speedy forward should not rate such a person better than the last boy of water boy. These occasions are not overlooked. We are all God's children and we are under the direction of God's workers. God insists on all being created equally and when he shares liberally then such as priests and other different religious classes we expect to see and even attitude
Holy Cross of God, having been dragged
to the mountain of Calvary from Helen, then
the Lord having been driven out of Persia by
Chosroes the King, was received by the general
Nareclus, after the Third victory in Persia,
was obtained and laid into the mountain of his
home, from which Salvarius bore this one of
cause, the said was commended by the illustrious
miracle. For Nareclusus, so that he may be con
mented with a wreath and jewels, insisted to
be directed to the estate, which he was led to
the mountain of Calvary. And when from
this affair both Nareclus himself and all the
people were stunned. Zachias, a member of
Jerusalem, said to the general, lest being alone
with triumph, we must bear the cross of
Jesus Christ for a little while to bring forth
torture and humility. Then Nareclusus, having
been pelted with the most splendid dress, disdained from
for a long time
friendly with the people, made the rest of
his life easy. Thus the solemnity of the
veneration of the Holy Cross, which is being
celebrated to this day, from many years, is begun.
Cato in Sicilia conspectu sua antique muris bellii, et imperatorem rebus publicis
sit donat novis vitiis. Eae, Petrus, tanta
magna cum virtute. In Sicilia et Truttio
et suis interatiis, Tullius homines Romanum
civium: et rogavit et civibus siciliis
siquantum pedegue. Quandam
prope factae pandit, certamen factum est
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sareat in se omne, coercet futilem bellum, et
rogavit in penatum a sibi spes, speraret
sareat omnes et in sana ordine tello.
Very Rev. Philip J. Gallagher
Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg,

Dear Father Gallagher:

I thank you for your assurance that Mr. Sullivan will be welcome as a student of second year Philosophy. I have instructed him to report on September 14.

I trust that you will find him satisfactory in every way, and that the change in Seminaries may work to his advantage.

He will pay one-half tuition. The Diocese will pay the rest.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

Sept. 7, 1937.
Very Rev. Philip J. Gallagher, D.D. President
Mt. St. Mary Seminary
Emmitsburg, Md.

Dear Father Rector:

May I present this case for your consideration.

Mr. J. T. Sullivan has made his First Philosophy at St. Mary's, Baltimore. He is a very good young man in character, but not strong in intellectual fundamentals. His marks, save in two lesser branches, were passable. But St. Mary's did not consider him up to its standard.

I enclose his marks. They are, as you may note, not very different from those of one whom they approved.

I enclose also the entire correspondence between the Seminary and myself, that you may have the picture in its entirety.

My twenty-six years of Seminary experience gives me great respect for a Seminary's decision, but in this case my need of good hard-working plain priests leads me to desire the opinion of another Seminary.

Would you consider taking this young man for Second Philosophy this year?

Remember me kindly to Fathers McAndrew and Coad. Please return enclosures to me.

Faithfully yours in Dnc.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

Sept. 4, 1937.
June 14, 1937.

The Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
151 Walnut St.
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

I regret to have to tell you that the Faculty here feels that John T. Sullivan of your diocese ought not to return for his studies for the priesthood. He is practically hopeless in things intellectual. Usually we allow two years before we drop a man for studies but in this case it would be simply a waste of time and money for him to return. His fundamental education is very weak; he has little natural ability. On the other hand he is a good boy and is deeply religious. But we feel that he could not possibly succeed in Seminary studies.

With all kind wishes, and asking your blessing on the work, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

L.P. McDonald, S.S.
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Very Rev. L. P. McDonald
St. Mary's Seminary
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Father McDonald:

I have your letter of June 14, relative to Mr. John T. Sullivan.

My long Seminary experience leads me always to accept the decision of the Faculty. But in this case I am puzzled. Your scholastic report came to day, and I find that his average mark in ten studies is 7.3, i.e. "fair". One mark is very good. Three marks are "good"; two, "fair"; three are "passable"; and two "conditioned". This seems to modify your qualification of him as "hopeless in things intellectual".

Perhaps there is an error in the figures. If not do you think that, with "fair" success, his moral and religious qualities are such as to warrant my giving him a trial elsewhere. For we are in need of good, pleasing serviceable priests.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

June 16, 1937.
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Nov. 28th, 1834

To Mr. J. Sullivan

Yours Excellency

At your request, I have the pleasure of accepting Mr. J. Sullivan as a Seminarian in 2nd philosophy. From experience, I have often found a change of environment helps some to find themselves. Let me hope it will be so in the case of Mr. Sullivan. The Seminary opens at noon Sept. 14.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Retreat will begin that evening. I am returning shortly.

Letter from Rev. McDonald 55.

With kind regards,

Yours Excellency,

[Signature]

Philip J. Gallagher
168 Rumford St.
Concord, N. H.

Your Excellency:

Due to the serious accident with which my father met, I have been advised by my pastor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. J. Buckley, and the physician, Dr. Blood, to delay my return to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md., a few days until this
condition improves.

I am writing you this letter in order that I may seek your permission to do so. Either a letter or personal visit to you will follow by my pastor explaining the situation more in detail.

Your seminarian,

John T. Sullivan.
June 11, 1938

His Excellency:
The Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.
145 Lowell St.
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

I am enclosing notes of Mr. John T. Sullivan, covering the second semester of the year 1937-8.

With sincerest respect, I am

Cordially yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Rector.
Class standing of John T. Sullivan
for the year 1937, 1938 Second semester
General average 89

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Dogmatic Theology
Moral Theology
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Eccl. History
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Homiletics
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In compliance with this Instruction I request you to send to me before September first your conscientious opinion of the worthiness for the priesthood of

John J. Sullivan

a resident in your parish and a student for this Diocese who is to enter in September the last year of Philosophy Theology in the Seminary of Mt. St. Mary.

You will please answer specifically each question herein proposed and add also any information which you deem helpful for my guidance.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

John O. Peterson
Bp. Manchester.
Your Excellency:

In full realization of their importance to Holy Church, I submit the following answers to the interrogatory proposed to me by your Excellency, under direction of the Holy See, concerning

John T. Sullivan

a seminarian of my parish:

1. Has this seminarian been regular and devout in performing his daily exercises of piety: meditation, assistance at Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and the recitation of the Rosary?  Yes

2. (a) How often does he receive Holy Communion?
   Almost daily; some mornings he went to work at an early hour and could not attend Mass.
   (b) and with what devotion?
   Excellent

3. When he serves Mass or assists in the sanctuary at divine services does he perform his functions attentively and religiously?  Yes

4. Is he successful in teaching Christian doctrine during vacation?  (If a seminarian has not yet been assigned to the work of catechizing, you must test his liking and ability before he is promoted to Sacred Orders.)
   He has not had an opportunity of teaching Christian Doctrine

5. Has he shown real evidence of prospective zeal and interest in promoting divine worship, in working for the good of souls, and in worthily exercising sacred functions?  Yes

6. To what studies is he especially inclined and does he pursue them diligently?
   He has not given thought to any special studies during the vacation.
7. Does he read irreligious, immoral or vulgar papers, periodicals, or books?
   I think not.

8. Has he worn a becoming clerical garb during vacation?
   Yes

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    No.

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    Yes

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    People consider him a good, honest, pious young man.

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    Yes
16. (a) After prudent investigation (which I hereby direct you in conscience to make) can you assure me that there is in his family no indication of insanity or feeble-mindedness, or of over-indulgence in drink, or of unsavory repute or abnormal traits, or hereditary chronic disease?

I find no indication of the above defects

(b) In this latter connection are you satisfied that his physical constitution and health give promise of an active and vigorous ministry in which he will be "a worthy dispenser of the divine mysteries, and will strongly promote on earth the kingdom of God"?

Yes

17. Is there any suspicion that he seeks, or is urged by parents or others, to enjoy the clerical life as an easy way to win honors or social standing, to earn money, or to escape what he may deem harder work? (see Can. 2352).

No.

18. Are you quite satisfied that his virtue and piety, his past and present mode of life, his behavior during vacation, his avoidance of worldly companions, pursuits and amusements, all point to his worthiness for the Priesthood?

Respectfully submitted,

Yes

Pastor

Additional information:—
MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Class standing of John T. Sullivan for the year 1938, 1939 1st semester

General average 85

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Rector
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Rector

Philip J. Sullivan
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
 Emmitsburg, Maryland

April 30, 1939

Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.,
145 Lowell St., Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

The Seminary Faculty recommends and the Rector approves Mr. John T. Sullivan for promotion to First Tonsure. He has completed the requisite course in Theology, and has passed the examinations. I am enclosing his letter of application and testimonial letter from Baltimore. If you approve, will you kindly forward Dimissorial Letter.

With expressions of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Philip J. Bligh, Rector
MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY
Miseratione Divina
Et Sanctae Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Archiepiscopus Baltimoresis

Per praesentes litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur dilectos Nobis
in Christo.

Joannes T. Sullivan

qui ratione commorationis per pulsum sex menses in Seminario Sanctae Mariae
ad Montes, Emmitsburgi, Marylandiae, Nostrae Dioecesis, loco, litteris testimonialis-
bus Nostris indigent ut ad ordinés promoveri possint, per totum illud tempus ita
vitam et mores instituisse, ut, quod sciamus, liberi ab omni censura, et ab omni
ordinationis impedimento, e dioecesi nostra dispenserint, adeoque ex hac parte nihil
obstare, quominus ab Episcopo suo ad Tonsuram, aut Minores Majoresque
Ordines rite promoveantur.

In quorum fidem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, ex-
pediri jussimus.

Datum _____________ Baltimora 

Nostro, die __________ mensis __________ anni 1939

De Mandato Rev. iussimo Dom. Archiepiscopi.

Josephus mens

de- cancellarius
To be returned at once to the Rector, if Orders are to be received.

Mount St. Mary's Seminary
 Emmitsburg, Maryland

Rev. Msgr. J.S. Buckley,
72 So. Main St. Concord, N.H.

Questionnaire concerning John T. Sullivan

to be filled by Pastor, or Priest delegated by him, and returned to the
Rector of the Seminary before call is given for Orders.

1. Do you think he has a vocation to the Priesthood? Yes
2. In his dealings with the laity – male and female – has his
conduct been modest and prudent? Yes
3. At daily Mass, Communion, on ceremonies, is he serious,
extact and edifying? Yes
4. Does he use intoxicants, frequent theaters and movies? No
5. In conversation is he charitable, tactful or irritating? Yes
6. Towards superiors is he obedient and respectful? Yes
7. Does he wear clothing in keeping with his vocation? Yes
8. Do his neighbors in general regard him as a fit subject for
the Priesthood? Yes
9. Is he absolutely free in the choice of vocation, not unduly
influenced by parents or any one else? Yes
10. Is he familiar with persons of doubtful faith or morals? No
11. Has there been any public scandal, mental weakness or sign
of physical infirmity in his family? No

Any information given to the Rector is in strictest confidence
and will be divulged, if necessary, only to the Ordinary.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Very Rev. Philip J. Gallagher
Rector of the Seminary.
His Excellency,
Most Rev. John P. Petersen, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester,

Your Excellency:

I, John Thomas Michael Sullivan,

Having completed First year of Theology,
and having consulted the Rector, Spiritual Director, and my confessor about my vocation,

I will humbly ask to be promoted to First Tonsure.

Very obediently in Christ,

John Thomas Michael Sullivan.
Litt. Ord.

MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA,
ARCHIEPISCOPUS BALTIMORENSIS.

Universis Praesentes Litteras Inspecturis Salutem et Benedictionem in Domino.

Fidem facimus et testamur in Collegii Ecclesia
die 4a Mensis Junii A.D. 1939 Sacram Ordinationem celebrantem
Joannem M. McNamara, Ep. Aux. Baltimoresis dilectum Nobis
in Christo Joannem T. Sullivan Dioecesis
Manchesteriensis examinatum, approbatum idoneumque repertum et ab Ordinario
suo rite dimissum ad Primam Tonsuram juxta S.R.E. ritum et
servata forma S. C. Tridentini in Domino promovisse.

Datum Emmitsburgi Sub Signo Sigilloque Rectoris Seminarii Sanctae Mariae ad Montes
Emmitsburgensis die 4a mensis Junii A.D. 1939

De Mandato Illmi. et Revmi. Archiepiscopi

Michaelis Josephi Curley, D.D.

Rector Semii Stae Mariae ad Montes
Emmitsburgi in Marylandia.
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Fidem facimus et testamur in Collegii Ecclesia

die 2a Mensis Junii A.D. 1940 Sacram Ordinationem celebrantem
dilectum Nobis

Jacobum E. Walsh, Ep. Tit. Satae Dioecesis
in Christo Joannem T. Sullivan

Manchesteriensis eximiam, approbatum idoneumque repertum et ab Ordinario
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Datum Emmitsburgi Sub Signo Sigilloque Rectoris Seminarii Sanctae Mariae ad Montes

Emmittsburgensis die secunda mensis Junii A.D. 1940

De Mandato Illmi. et Revmi. Archiepiscopi

Michaele Josephi Curley, D.D.

Rector Semii Stae Mariae ad Montes Emmitsburgi in Marylandia.
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BP Manchester
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2. (a) How often does he receive Holy Communion?
   Obtained only on account of employment.
   (b) and with what devotion?
   Devotion becoming a Seminarian.

3. When he serves Mass or assists in the sanctuary at divine services does he perform his functions attentively and religiously? Yes.

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5. Has he shown real evidence of prospective zeal and interest in promoting divine worship, in working for the good of souls, and in worthily exercising sacred functions? Yes.

6. To what studies is he especially inclined and does he pursue them diligently?
   Engaged in normal studies. No time to go to reading of Antiphons.
7. Does he read irreligious, immoral, or vulgar papers, periodicals, or books?

8. Has he worn a becoming clerical garb during vacation?
   Yes

9. (a) Has he associated with persons of poor or doubtful repute, or been on such familiar terms with women, even though they be of good reputation, as to cause surprise, disapprobation or scandal among the faithful?
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No.

18. Are you quite satisfied that his virtue and piety, his past and present mode of life, his behavior during vacation, his avoidance of worldly companions, pursuits and amusements, all point to his worthiness for the Priesthood?

Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Buckley

Pastor

Additional information:—

J. A. Buckley

Inquest:

J. A. Buckley intends to seek if your favorability will allow his seeking a position as playground supervisor for next summer. Such work would include supervision of swimming pool, for boys and girls, without any exposure to the nude. It is directed that the matter be for your information.

J. A. Buckley.
Mount Saint Mary's College  
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Account of  John T. Sullivan

TO  Most Rev. J. B. Peterson  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester, N.H.

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Initial Deposit Fee

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By Payment

Balance  $225.00

First Semester accounts must be closed prior to November fifteenth.

*Board and tuitional charges include registration, library, athletic, infirmary and laundry fees.

‡Charges for rooms depend upon the size and location of the room.
Most Reverend John E. Peterson, D.D.,
145 Lowell St., Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

The seminary faculty has recommended and the rector has approved the promotion of Mr. John T. Sullivan to subdiaconate and diaconate. I am enclosing his letter of application and Baltimore testimonial letter. I am also enclosing for the chancery files baptismal certificate, confirmation certificate and parents' marriage certificate.

If you approve, will you kindly send me a dimissorial letter. Subdiaconate will be conferred here on May 22d and diaconate next September.

With expressions of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rector
MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY
Miseratione Divina
Et Sanctae Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Archiepiscopus Baltimorenensis

Per praesentés litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur dilectos Nobis in Christo.

Joannem T. Sullivan

qui ratione commoratiónis per pulsquam sex menses in Seminario Sanctae Mariae ad Montes, Emmitsburgi, Marylandiae, Nostrae Dioecesis, loco, litteris testimonialibus Nostris indigent ut ad ordines movenri possint, per totum illud tempus ita vitam et mores instituisse, ut, quod sciamus, liberi ab omni censura, et ab omni ordinationis impedimento, e dioecesi nostra disceserint, adeoque ex hac parte nihil obstare, quominus ab Episcopo suo ad Tonsuram, aut Minores Majoresque Ordines nite promoveantur.

In quorum fídem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, expédiri jussimus.

Datum _______________ Baltimorae _______________, sub signo sigilloque
Nostro, die _______ mensis Aprilis _______ anni 1942


[Signature]

Cancellarius
April 21, 1941

To His Excellency
Most Rev. J. C. Peterson, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester.

Your Excellency,

I, John Thomas Sullivan,

having completed third year theology,
and having consulted the Rector,
Spiritual Director and my confessor
about my vocation, seriously and of
my own free will humbly ask to
be promoted to Subdeaconship and
Deaconship.

Very obediently in Christ,

John Thomas Sullivan.