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Sunday - night

Your Eminence:

Last night I had confirmation at St. John's in North Scituate. After the ceremony two priests who work there on weekends asked to meet with me privately to tell me of a crisis situation. It concerns Fr. Thomas Furry who according to them beat up the housekeeper. They said this is widely known in the parish, a cause of great scandal and that this woman has a lawyer preparing to sue on charges of assault and battery. They wanted all of this brought to your immediately.

Your Eminence I saw this situation developing one year ago when I was there for confirmation - not the battery - but the absence of the pastor and the unpopularity of Tom Furry. I had a subplot to the people. The people themselves spoke to me and begged me to get them a new priest. I wrote all of this to Dan Heist almost one year ago. It never replied - and nothing was ever done - yet this beautiful parish with highly educated people so beloved to continue with a pastor who was

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not been there in fifteen months and an
associate who is a saint with severe emotional
problems. As you know this is not an
my jurisdiction but since my letter to
Dan last year brought no response I must
give this to you directly. I see the situation then
now as critical and it could have been
avoided or prevented.

Suggestion: Need in someone as a
temporary administrator - someone like
Henry Bacon, Tom Oates or Jack Fenneygan.
How can there be any evangelization
if it does not begin with removing
mandolauis situation like this.

In Best Love,

John

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