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His Excellency
Most Rev. Leo A. Purcell, D.D.,
Bishop of Fort Wayne,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Your Excellency,

I have your letter with reference to
Father Edward O. Paquette, resident now in Westfield
Mass, his home,

Let me begin by saying that I can hardly
return him to active duty in this diocese. If he has hon-
estly told you his story you will recognize it as serious
with inevitable elements of scandal. However, it could
quite be that he has overcome his difficulty. I feel
that you might help him, if you feel interested to try.
But I would insist that his assurance that he has "overcome
his difficulty" be supported by letters signed by responsi-
ble priests who have been witness to his actions these past
months, and by his doctor, at one time Doctor Rosenheim of
Boston.

I would be interested to know if you decide
to give Fr. Paquette opportunity to work in your diocese.

With every good and kind wish, I remain

Sincerely in Christ

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