

April 4, 1978

The Reverend Dr. Thomas A. Kane
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120 Hill Street
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Dear Father Kane:

Thank you for your letter concerning Reverend Edward O. Paquette, who will be resuming counseling with you on a monthly basis and about whom you have a prognosis that is "optimistic but guarded". I am grateful to you for the assistance that you are giving him.

I do have two requests:

- a) Despite the demands of two sets of irate parents that "something be done about this", Father Paquette's pastor and I are determined to take the risk of leaving him in his present assignment. Our thinking is that, knowing the awareness of others, concerning his problem, Father Paquette will have reason for "self-control". Do you agree with this thinking? Since Father Paquette has now had difficulty in two of our three major population areas, I have told him that there is little opportunity for other assignments within this Diocese, if further problems develop.
- b) In view of your statement that "Father Paquette will benefit only minimally from therapeutic intervention", do you think that the danger of scandal is already too risky? Your letter seemed to imply that this is not the case but, knowing the background, I wish to be clear on this point.

With gratitude for your kindness, and with every prayerful best wish for the fullest joy of the Easter season, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Most Reverend) John A. Marshall,
Bishop of Burlington.

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