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Dear Father Reinke:

Yesterday afternoon I spoke to you by phone concerning the relationship between Fr. Donald McGuire, S.J., a member of the Loyola Academy Faculty, and [REDACTED], currently a sophomore at Loyola. Our conversation yesterday was brief and to the point. After speaking with you I came away with the impression that you were not surprised at the information I relayed to you. At any rate, since our discussion was brief I feel that I should fill you in on the remainder of the details pertaining to this problem.

I became involved in this situation completely by surprise. About 4:20 PM yesterday afternoon I was called to the office - [REDACTED] was waiting for me. He seemed quite upset and confused but he did relate some of the events of the past months. According to [REDACTED], he has been spending quite a bit of time at Loyola outside of regular school time. Most, if not all, of this time was in the company of Fr. McGuire. What surprised and disturbed me was the disclosure that [REDACTED] had been staying at Loyola over night - often being away from his home for a week or more at a time. This in itself, no matter how innocent the relationship between [REDACTED] and Fr. McGuire might be, is sufficient cause, in my mind, to warrant a complete investigation.

[REDACTED] used "pervert" to describe Fr. McGuire. He was reluctant to go into details and I did not feel that I should press him at this time since he seemed quite distressed. He indicated that this situation has been going on since approximately Christmas of 1968. He seemed to be afraid of Fr. McGuire yet reluctant to break off the relationship by simply staying away from him outside of class. I told [REDACTED] that the best and only way to resolve this matter was to bring it to the attention of the proper school authorities as soon as possible. He indicated that he was going home after leaving the Rectory so I told him to speak to his father as soon as possible, then contact me so that we could contact you at Loyola. After [REDACTED] left, I decided to contact you immediately since Monday was a school day and I felt some action needed to be taken before then. After I spoke to you I decided to call [REDACTED] to inform him that he was to stay at home until he heard from you. I learned that [REDACTED] was not home. I left a message for him to call me, and when he failed to do so after an hour or so I returned the call. This time I was told that [REDACTED] was at Loyola. Later I received a call from Mr. [REDACTED] who said that he did not know where [REDACTED] was. I informed him of the situation and told him that I had spoken to you. He seemed upset that I had spoken to you, but said that he would try to locate [REDACTED] and get him home. I had to go out later in the evening and when I returned there was a message that Mr. [REDACTED] had called. I tried to return the call several times but the line was busy. I called early this morning and was informed that Mr. [REDACTED] was at work and that [REDACTED] was "at Loyola".

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My knowledge of this situation is solely from what [REDACTED] has told me at yesterday's meeting. I certainly do not wish to accuse anyone of anything without evidence. However I do believe that the seriousness of the possible bad situation is quite evident and needs to be cleared up - one way or the other - as soon as possible. If [REDACTED] is telling the truth, then Fr. McGuire must be properly cared for. If [REDACTED], by some chance, is lying then he needs to be corrected. Whatever the outcome, action is imperative, lest others suffer.

While speaking to Mr. [REDACTED], he indicated that he has been suspicious of the relationship between [REDACTED] and Fr. McGuire. However, for some reason, he has so far failed to take any positive action to correct this difficulty. He indicated that he disapproves of [REDACTED] spending so much time away from home. Again, he has taken no action that I can see.

I would appreciate whatever action you feel is proper. Since this situation concerns your school I feel that you have the primary responsibility of checking out the problem I have reported.

May I express my gratitude in advance for your assistance in this matter. Be assured that I am willing to be of assistance in any way I can. Please contact me if I can be of service. If I am able to re-establish direct contact with [REDACTED] and/or Mr. [REDACTED] I will try to keep you informed of any further developments.

Respectfully in Christ,

Rev. Charles Schiav
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