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CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM APPLICANT'S DIOCESAN BISHOP OR MAJOR SUPERIOR WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF:

(NAME) Reverend Thomas P. Creagh

In order to be of most effective service to you and to the priest-applicant from your Diocese/Religious Province, the Admissions Committee of the Institute for Continuing Theological Education would be grateful to you if you would respond to the following questions about the candidate under consideration as completely as you are able.

1. Does the applicant seem satisfied and happy in his priestly ministry? Please describe and comment.

Father Creagh is well liked by many of his parishioners. I understand that he is a good preacher and very sympathetic to those in need. He also has an authoritarian way about him that alienates some. He is not a consultative type. Nonetheless he seems happy enough in his ministry.

2. Does the applicant truly have interests and balance in his life?

I don't know much about his interests. He rarely attends any of our clergy conferences, and for a young man he is hard to know.

3. Does the applicant enjoy adequate social adjustment? Is he happy with and in the presence of others? Please comment, especially on his acceptance of and by his peers.

He's happy with some and avoids others. Those whom he dislikes find him arrogant, but he's not without social grace.

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4. Does the applicant have any personal problems of which the Director of the ICTE should be aware? Please comment.

He probably does have some problems, but they're not the usual ones. He does not speak to me unless compelled to do so. I don't have that difficulty with anyone else, so I conclude that there are some problems in the applicant.

5. Does the applicant really desire theological study as well as time and travel abroad?

The applicant really desires time and travel abroad, but there is some question about whether he desires theological study. I guess I think he could do the work well enough; others would not agree with that prediction.

6. Do you see the applicant, and the local Church, and the other participants of the Institute benefiting by his acceptance? Please comment.

If Tom participates in the Institute, he and this local Church will certainly benefit. It's hard to know how he will fit in with the other participants. He is more likely to make some close attachments and ignore the rest.

Therefore, I wish to make application for this priest of my Archdiocese/Diocese or Religious Community to participate in the Institute for Continuing Theological Education.

It must be evident that I have some reservations about Tom's application. I have expressed myself as well as I can about him. If you're willing to take him, with these caveats, I endorse his application.

Your name: Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, O.P.

Your signature: + Thomas C Kelly OF

Today's date: October 8, 1993

Please note: The candidate's application dossier will be considered only if this letter of recommendation bears the signature of his Diocesan Bishop or Major Superior.

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