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RE: Reverend Mark Fleming

Dear Attorney Gagnon:

I am writing to update you on my recent visit with Fr. Fleming at the House of Affirmation in Webster Groves, Missouri.

On June 26th, I spent one hour privately with his prime therapist, Dr. Roger Gennari. Dr. Gennari informed me that Fr. Fleming is responding well to the program at the House of Affirmation, and that he was personally pleased with the progress he had seen over the past several months. We discussed a number of canonical issues, especially with regards to Fr. Fleming's future ministry.

On June 27th, I met with both Dr. Gennari and Fr. Fleming. It was at this meeting that I formally told Fr. Fleming that it was Bishop Gendron's decision that he could no longer effectively serve in the Diocese of Manchester. Based on his sessions with Dr. Gennari, this did not come as any shock to Fr. Fleming, as this is normal procedure in such serious matters. We did discuss how he might be placed in a different diocese after he had completed his in-patient therapy. Working with the House of Affirmation, and only with their approval, the Diocese of Manchester through Bishop Gendron would contact and make arrangements with the Bishop of the Diocese in which Fr. Fleming would serve. We project that this will most probably be in St. Louis, and that he will continue as an out-patient with regularly scheduled therapy sessions with his psychiatrist. However, it is unlikely that this will occur for several months.

I informed Fr. Fleming of your concern to develop a memorandum of understanding between your office, the Diocese and himself, and he was made well aware of the full implications of such an agreement. Dr. Gennari was most supportive of the development of such a memorandum, and will cooperate with the Diocese and your office in any manner he can. He has had previous experience with other State and County agencies such as your own in such matters, and he feels that such memorandums can also serve great therapeutic value.

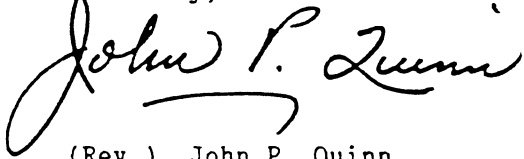
As he had offered, and as you requested in our telephone conversation on Friday, I am writing to Dr. Gennari today requesting that he send you copies of the progress reports he regularly sends to Bishop Gendron and this office.

I had the opportunity to spend several additional hours with Fr. Fleming while in St. Louis, and to speak with him at length concerning his therapy and the consequences of his actions here in New Hampshire. I am pleased that he has made excellent progress, and that he is well aware of the full consequences. He continues to demonstrate to Dr. Gennari and to myself a sincere effort and commitment to the therapy program at the House of Affirmation.

I understand that your office has been most busy over the past several months. However, I would appreciate whatever you could do to expedite the Memorandum of Understanding so this could be forwarded by me to the House of Affirmation as soon as possible. Be assured of our continued cooperation and assistance in any way that we can.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely,



(Rev.) John P. Quinn
Episcopal Vicar

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