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His Excellency,  
Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
657 River Road,  
Manchester, New Hampshire.

Dear Bishop Brady:

I take the liberty of sending you the enclosed letter. The fact that it is addressed to the late Archbishop Noll is quite understandable in view of the circumstances affecting its writer.

What I should like and appreciate very much is your own evaluation of the sincerity and integrity with which it is apparently written. Our need of priests, particularly for parish replacements, is really acute at this time. I am disposed to give Father Sullivan a trial for a fixed period of time, say one year, and see what happens. Naturally I do so with reluctance and misgiving. All that anyone can do in such cases is to make an act of faith and set up what safeguards may be managed. I feel that I could place Father Sullivan where the likelihood of his relapse would be at least somewhat remote. I do not wish to burden you with any further responsibility in his regard but I would like to have a candid expression of your opinion before making a definite decision.

Thanking you for your attention to my request at your earliest convenience, I am, with cordial regards and devoted good wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ

MOST REV. LEO A. PURSLEY, D.D.  
Bishop of Fort Wayne