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Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry, Chancellor
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Dear Monsignor Hansberry:

Your files, I am sure, will give the history of Father John T. Sullivan up to the time he requested work in this diocese in 1958. Because of dire need for priests and because Father Sullivan had been recommended by a priest with whom he had been living for over a year, I gave him an opportunity of rehabilitating himself. He had three different appointments in the year and a half he was with us, but he could not get along with any of the three Pastors to whom he was assigned. I honestly believe Father Sullivan is a psychopath. He makes a very good impression. He seems to be sincere in his efforts to amend the past, but his judgment is far from what is desirable. I honestly do not think he is aware of the disturbing influence that he is in a parish and in the rectory. Someone else is always to blame, not he. While nothing of an immoral nature came out in the open while he was with us, there were indications of danger of this in his conduct with children.

The above is a conscientious analysis of his time with us. I have no bitter feeling toward Father Sullivan but feel obliged to write to you as I have in regard to him. If there is any further information you desire, please do not hesitate to write.

With kindest personal regards to you and my sincere good wishes to Bishop Primeau, I am

Yours most sincerely in Christ,

Allen F. Bebeau
Bishop of Grand Rapids

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