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St. Agatha-St. James Church

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Rev. Msgr. Francis Stankus
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Dear Rev. Msgr. Stankus,

This letter is a response to the Chancery letter requesting an opinion of Fr. Edward Avery's time here at St. Agatha - St. James. As you know, I have only been here for nine weeks, so I only have impressions. Fr. Avery seems to me to be very happy here. I think because this parish with its diverse ministries offers Fr. Avery a chance to use his diverse gifts. He is very energetic, hardworking and creative. He is very interested in the poor of this area, especially the black and the Laotians. He has shown great pastoral care for them while not neglecting the hospital ministry.

As to Fr. Avery's replacement, I don't know what I would recommend right now. The only criterion I can think of is a negative one, that is, if someone found hospital work really distasteful this would not be a good place for him.

Thanks for your concern.

Peace,

Fr. Daniel P. Devine

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