

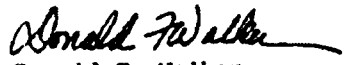


MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 6, 1984
RE: Reverend Edward V. Avery (1970)
Assistant Pastor - Saint Agatha-Saint James Church

I spoke to Father Daniel Devine, Pastor, Saint Agatha-Saint James Church, concerning the status of Father Avery since he has now completed his sixth year in the assignment. I told Father Devine that our concern was to ascertain the situation with the Hmong people since it was their spiritual well-being which prompted the extension for Father Avery. Father Devine stated that Father Avery is still the key factor with the Hmong people. If Father Avery were to be reassigned it should be in a parish convenient to Saint Agatha-Saint James so that Father could continue saying the 1:00 p.m. Mass for the Hmong.

I reviewed with Father the situation in the terms that while we are most anxious to have the evangelization work among the Hmong continue we are concerned that this apostolate would become identified with one person rather than with a place. Our desire is to have stability focused around a place and then provide people who are equipped to serve. Father Devine agreed with this assessment and said that this is a problem in the present since the other priests in the parish have had little activity in this work. Father Devine realizes that some other measures will have to be taken since it is not fair to Father Avery or the parish that he would continue indefinitely in this assignment. Father Devine will discuss the situation with the entire parish staff and contact me within three days.


Donald F. Walker
Assistant Chancellor

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