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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. John J. Jagodzinski,  
Secretary for Clergy

FROM: Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Devlin, *evd.*  
Vicar for Philadelphia - North

RE: Interview with Father Edward V. Avery (1970)

DATE: February 12, 1990

John,

As I had mentioned to you at the Workshop at Ventnor, Father Avery was in to talk to me on Thursday, February 1, 1990 regarding his status in the Archdiocese and the possibility of his being considered for a pastor. Father Avery was concerned that he had been passed over on occasion by the appointment of younger men to inner-city parishes. He felt that perhaps some of the things in his background such as the personal attack on him during one of his assignments may have prompted the Chancery not to consider him for assignment to a Black parish. He is very much interested in the Black Apostolate and requests that he be considered for assignment as a pastor in the Black Apostolate.

As you know, Father Avery is a very industrious individual and feels he would bring a great amount of energy to the Black Apostolate as a pastor. Of particular interest to him would be Immaculate Heart of Mary in Chester should it open in the near future. He is, of course, open to any inner-city needs of the Archdiocese.

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