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March 11, 1993

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Philadelphia, PA 19119

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

I acknowledge your letter of March 4, 1993, concerning Reverend Edward V. Avery.

I am not aware of any unfavorable phone calls being made "downtown" against your pastor. I do not know what the secretary may have been talking about. There have never been anything but compliments heard in this office about Father Avery and I was happy to read that you feel the same way towards him.

Thank you for writing as you did. May the Lord give you His graces during this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Reverend William J. Lynn
Secretary for Clergy

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Father William Lynn
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Re: Father Edward Avery
St. Therese of the
Child Jesus Church
6611 Ardleigh Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19119

Dear Father Lynn:

Good Morning:

I am writing to you because of a disturbing telephone call I received from Ms. [REDACTED], Office Secretary of St. Therese of the Child Jesus School last week.

Ms. [REDACTED] stated to me that someone told her I had made unfavorable telephone calls "downtown" against our pastor, Father Edward Avery. She refused to give me the name of such person. I immediately and vehemently denied this falsehood, but the more I think about the unpleasantness of that call, the more inclined I am to write to you and tell you exactly what my true feelings are towards Father Edward Avery.

I think he is a fine priest. He has always been very kind and considerate to me. He has done many good things for our church both physical and spiritual. He is a very pleasant person and I personally do not have any grievance against him. He is currently on leave from our church for "Renewal". He needs it. He worked so hard, always busy doing something for his parish and his parishioners. He deserves a rest period.

However, it is my fervent prayer that when God has refreshed him and re-vitalized him, that he will be allowed to return to our church, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, where he is loved by many.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Please forgive my mistakes, it has been a very long time since I used the typewriter.

May God bless you as you continue to do his work. AR150001731

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Parishioner

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