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FROM THE DESK OF: Reverend William J. Lynn *WJL*

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ITEM: Telephone Call from Reverend Michael Kerper

RE: Reverend Edward V. Avery (1970)
Chaplain, Nazareth Hospital

Father Michael Kerper called me today concerning Father Edward Avery. He wanted to explain some difficulties that have come up at the hospital with Father Avery.

The hospital administration wants to keep the services of Father Avery, and yet cannot have him acting as he has been. They have been reluctant to complain because they fear losing the services of a priest. Father Kerper told Mary Quirk, head of the Pastoral Care Department, he would call me.

Father Avery keeps accepting many outside commitments, especially on weekends. These commitments usually entail weddings or events where he is the disc jockey. He claims the weddings are those of his relatives, but he has approximately twelve scheduled for just the fall. In fact, at a recent meeting while being confronted about all this, he booked a wedding in front of them when his portable phone rang. He had to cancel out of a Liturgy for Pastoral Care Week.

Of 12 Saturdays in September to November, he has had Father Kerper, Father William Bispels and Monsignor Charles Schaefflein cover for him. He does not seem to understand the problem. Father Kerper cannot get him to plan a long-term schedule.

Father Kerper wanted me to know all of this for an upcoming meeting at Saint John Vianney Hospital.

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