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TO: Reverend William J. Lynn
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FROM: Reverend Joseph R. Cistone *JRC*
Assistant Vicar for Administration

DATE: July 25, 1997

ITEM: Letter dated July 18, 1997 from Rev. Robert A. Rochon to
Cardinal Bevilacqua

RE: Rev. Edward Avery - Chaplaincy Certification

Father Burbidge had prepared a letter of response for Cardinal Bevilacqua's signature. However, given the history of this matter, I recommended that you prepare the letter for His Eminence's signature, incorporating appropriate wording.

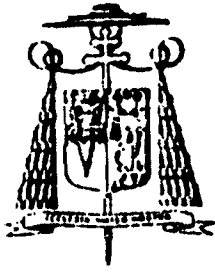
I have attached a copy of Father Burbidge's draft for your information.

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July 25, 1997

DRAFT

Reverend Robert A. Rochon
Certification Commission Chair
National Association of Catholic Chaplains

Dear Father Rochon:

I wish to respond to your letter dated July 18, 1997 regarding my ecclesiastical endorsement of Reverend Edward V. Avery for certification by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

Father Avery who resides at Saint Jerome Parish, 8100 Colfax Street, Philadelphia, PA manifests the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct and an exemplary Catholic life. Father Avery is a worthy candidate for certification.

May the Lord bless your work on behalf of the pastoral care of the sick and fill you with every good gift.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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His Eminence Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, D.D.
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
222 N. 17th St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

Your Eminence:

An NACC member from your Archdiocese, Rev. Edward V. Avery, St. Jerome Church, 8100 Colfax Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136, is applying for certification by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, and our process calls for a letter of ecclesiastical endorsement.

Our *Standards*, which are approved by the United States Catholic Conference, in whose name we certify, require "formal approval for ministry by the local ordinary, delegate, or major superior".

Minimally, your letter should include a statement that Rev. Edward V. Avery is a member of your Archdiocese in good standing and has your formal approval for ministry. Of course, feel free to add whatever other comments you choose.

The NACC Code of Ethics requires "the maintenance of high standards of professional competence and moral and ethical conduct" of all of its members. If you know of any reason that would disqualify this person from serving in pastoral care ministry, please inform us of your decision not to grant your endorsement.

We ask that you send your response directly to our National Office and that you send a copy to the candidate. Without your letter, the candidate cannot be certified.

We thank you for your assistance and ask God's blessing on you and all who share in the healing mission of Christ.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert A. Rochon
Certification Commission Chair

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cc: Rev. Edward V. Avery

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