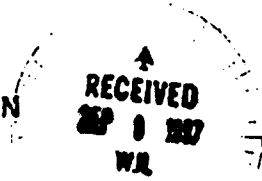


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FROM THE DESK OF:

REVEREND JOSEPH R. CISTONE *JRC*

TO: Reverend William J. Lynn
Secretary for Clergy

DATE: September 8, 1997

ITEM: Letter received September 5, 1997 from Reverend Edward V. Avery to Cardinal Bevilacqua

RE: Request for Comments to Fulfill Admission Requirements for Doctorate Program

- Please prepare a reply for the Archbishop's signature
- Please handle
- Reaction requested
- For your information
- Please forward as appropriate
- Please respond in the name of the Archbishop with informational copy of your reply sent to the attention of Bishop Cullen
- Prioritized attention required!
- Please handle as Cardinal's delegate.

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His Eminence
Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, O.D., J.C.D., J.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103-1299

Your Eminence:

Thank You for your recent letter of endorsement for the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. (N.A.C.C.) I go before the Regional Committee for Certification on September 23rd. Following this "interview" I am sure they will notify you, as well as the National Committee, if they recommend me for certification.

I am very interested in and recognize the need for continuing education. I would now like to apply for a Doctorate of Ministry in Spirituality from the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia in conjunction with the Graduate Program in Holistic Spirituality of Chestnut Hill College.

Part of their admission process requires letters of reference from my bishop, from a former seminary professor, and from a professional peer. Would you be so kind to provide the Admissions Office with your comments to their four questions on the enclosed blue sheet of paper.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Very Sincerely, Yours in Christ,

Fr. Edward V. Avery, M.Div.
Chaplain Mazereth Hospital

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BISHOP OR ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERIOR

General Studies Master of Sacred Theology Doctor of Ministry

The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
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NAME: FR. EDWARD V. AVERY

The above-named person has applied for admission to the Graduate School at our institution. The applicant has has not waived rights of access. We shall appreciate frankness and shall be grateful to you for your cooperation. Attach a separate sheet if additional comments are in order. (Unless otherwise noted, we shall assume that failure to answer any of the questions below stems from lack of information)

A. General Assessment of Character

Fr. Avery is a very passionate, hard working priest. He is honest and trustworthy. He is a man who is in touch with his spiritual life and this becomes evident in his work & service.

B. Areas of Strength and Weakness in Ministry

*Some strengths are his love of the poor & underprivileged; his honesty; work ethic; - ability to be collaborative; gentleness, sensitivity;
Some weaknesses are: tendency to work isolation; tendency to want to please & never say no. He has made mistakes in the past.*

C. Appropriateness of Undertaking Post-Graduate Studies in Present Situation of Ministry

As long as his schedule permits, there is no reason why he can not undertake these studies.

D. General Comments

Signed: *William J. J. J.*
Title: *Secretary of Clergy*
Address: *222 N. 17th St. Phila, PA 19103*

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