

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR CLERGY

FROM THE DESK OF: Reverend William J. Lynn

TO: File  
DATE: September 30, 1997  
ITEM: Meeting with Reverend Edward V. Avery (1970)  
Chaplain, Nazareth Hospital, Philadelphia  
RE: Graduate Studies

Father Avery met with me today in my office at my request. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss with him his request that Cardinal Bevilacqua complete a questionnaire for him to be admitted to a doctoral program at Chestnut Hill College in conjunction with Lutheran Theological Seminary.

I took this opportunity to discuss with Father Avery that he must remember the events of his past. They can still come back to him. I told Father Avery that James, who had made complaints about him before, has come forward again through the internet and sent me a message on electronic mail. James said he hoped that Father Avery was not in a position to hurt young people. I responded to him that the Archdiocese had taken proper steps in the matter, without stating where Father Avery was stationed.

I told Father Avery that Cardinal Bevilacqua must be careful as to what kinds of endorsements he gives. In spite of the fact that Father Avery has undergone treatment, has performed well and has not had anymore difficulties, the Cardinal cannot be endorsing him for everything. He should be more low keyed than he has been recently. Father Avery, at first, did not seem to understand what I was talking about, but after we had been talking for awhile it finally dawned on him what I was saying.

Father Avery has already begun the program at Chestnut Hill College. From the questions that were asked, I said that I would be able to complete the questionnaire without going into too much detail. I told him that in the future he should play things low-key.

Father Avery assured me that he had not been dealing with young people at the hospital, most of the patients with whom he deals are

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elderly. He keeps everything on a professional level in all areas. It does seem as if Father Avery has made great strides; he does continue in counseling and seems to be doing quite well. I think that by the time Father Avery left he realized what I was saying about being low-key and not requesting that the Cardinal write endorsements about him.

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