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MEMORANDUM

TO: The File
FROM: Reverend Monsignor Francis W. Beach, *fwb*
Vicar for Philadelphia - North
DATE: May 11, 1999
RE: Interview with Reverend Edward Avery
St. Jerome Parish: Parish Canonical Visitation

Father Edward Avery was ordained in 1970. He was appointed Chaplain at Nazareth Hospital in 1993. He said that he loves hospital ministry. Presently, he is in the process of studying for his doctoral degree in psychology at Chestnut Hill College. He takes courses at the Lutheran Theological Seminary and Neumann College. He has his Clinical Pastoral Education national certification and belongs to the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. He finds hospital sacramental ministry very focused and rewarding.

Father Avery is not able to help much at St. Jerome Parish, since he has a Mass at Nazareth Hospital the same time as the parish Mass. He likes the rectory and enjoys the priests.

Father Avery's mother is 87 years old. He goes home to see his mom and sister every week. He runs the family business of apartment complexes in Delaware County for the family. He owns the penthouse in an apartment complex in North Wildwood on the ocean.

He spoke a long time about his adopted children. They are all grown except one and most of them are married. He takes great pride in his adopted children and their families. He still does many entertainment outings as a disc jockey for parties and dances. He said that he doesn't have any priest friends. He enjoys his mother and brother and sister. He enjoys good health. He does not have a Will but said he knows that he needs to take care of this.

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