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Your Excellency:

Doctor William Lynch and I have just been in consultation over Father Michael Cody. As you know, he is vastly improved. He has been saying Mass daily at a nearby convent and he has been helping at a nearby parish over the week end. He certainly has a great deal of insight. He realizes where his problems started and, through his understanding of emotional conflict, he has been able to relate himself much better to others.

I am sure that you know that we have competence only in psychiatry and with sick people and we do not presume to advise on matters that are outside of our field. However, it is our feeling that Father Cody would do best in some kind of special mission rather than being an assistant in a parish. The reason for this is that encountering emotional problems in parishioners lights up his own old difficulties and we prefer that he be protected from those for a while. With some outpatient help from Doctor Hurley and with a job to do, I am sure he would turn out to be most satisfactory.

We are getting a little anxious here now because he is getting restless and a little bit fearful because we have not heard from his superiors. It is our hope that some arrangements will be made for him, for he is a fine man basically and we would not want to see him slip back to where he was. While his hold on reality is not that tenuous, nonetheless waiting and insecurity will not aid in his convalescence and it is with this thought that I respectfully write you to ask whether it will be possible for something to be done for him. We feel that he has had full benefit from hospitalization now and that it is time he moved into the next step.

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Most Rev. Thomas A. Connolly

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With every assurance of our respect  
and earnest desire to be of help and with thanks  
for your confidence in us, we send you our best  
wishes.

Sincerely

  
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