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Your Excellency:

I most earnestly regret the delay in replying to your last letter regarding Father Cody.

I can well understand your concern about these questions but I trust you will understand that they are extremely difficult questions for us to answer precisely.

Father Cody has a very complicated problem. During the five months of his stay here, it is our view that he has achieved considerable progress and as you know he has been going out to say Mass on Sunday in a suburban parish. So far there have been no difficulties about this.

With a problem so deep seeded and complicated, no one can make a definite statement about the prognosis. We believe that further hospital treatment is necessary at the present time and that this might conceivably require at least another two or three months and perhaps more. Moreover when he leaves the hospital, Father Cody will continue to require psychiatric supervision in order to help him make the transition and also to try to be sure that his symptoms remain under control.

We believe he has made progress and we think more can be achieved. We are not at all certain up to this time whether he can resume his former work or not but there is good reason to hope that he can fill a useful function within the structure of the Church. We fully appreciate the financial burdens which are involved herein and we wish we could be more specific in these answers.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

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