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Dear Bishop Flanagan:

I am grateful for your letter concerning Father David Holley. He has been working in the Diocese of San Angelo for four years and, as far as I know, there has been no serious problems with his ministry here. I am aware of some of his past difficulties yet I do not know the extent of his problems.

With our shortage of priests, I am willing to risk incardinating him unless you would advise me against it, since you know him far better than I do. During my time as bishop here, he has not given me any serious reason not to accept him into the diocese. If I do incardinate him, I will urge him to continue some form of supported therapy in order to guard against a relapse.

He is very sensitive about his past and becomes most emotional in talking about it or if he thinks any of the priests are too inquisitive about his past ministry before coming to West Texas.

If you have a few good priests who are willing to give some years to a missionary diocese in West Texas, I would gladly welcome them.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally in Christ,

+ Joseph A. Fiorenza

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Bishop of San Angelo