

August 11, 1960

Very Reverend
Provincial

Dear Father Provincial:

I am so grateful to you for giving me a clear-cut picture of the case you wrote about at length.

Father, in God's Name, get this man laicized as quickly as possible. This extreme type will never be converted. And since nine out of ten of the psychiatrists who will treat of his case will blame the abnormality on the celibacy of the priesthood, I personally am convinced that these men should be released even from celibacy in their "reductio." Could I speak Italian fluently, I would point this out to the proper authorities in Rome and to His Holiness, the Holy Father.

Men who sin repeatedly with little children certainly fall under the classification of those who "it were better had they not been born." He will hurt the Church; and he will hurt your Community. Moreover, as a layman, the civil authorities will make short work of his activity and place him in the protective custody that his type merit. Otherwise, sooner or later he will kill or be killed. There comes a time when an individual who has repeatedly abused his priesthood should get retributive action.

As there are many little children in this Canyon, where I am the shepherd of souls, I could not in conscience consider receiving him here.

Very cordially in Christ,

Servant General.

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