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Father T. J. McCann
415 So. 2nd Ave. West
Newton, Iowa

Dear Father McCann,

Your position as a civic leader of our community and the leader of the Catholic Church in Newton prompts me to pass on to you an unsolicited statement that was made to me on October 31 as a conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The General Secretary of the YMCA of Clinton, Iowa approached me and asked if the Catholic priest, Father Janssen was still actively engaged in parish work in Newton. He informed me that Father Janssen had been serving the Catholic Church in Clinton and had been moved out as a result of homosexual tendencies on the part of Father Janssen.

This statement substantiates the action taken by the Board of Directors of the Newton YMCA in placing the YMCA out of bounds for Rev. Janssen as a result of homosexual activities involving the same Father Janssen in the YMCA building.

Wherever it is possible to strengthen the relationship between the YMCA and the Catholic Church you can be assured that my intentions are to be first in line to accomplish same.

Please be assured that from my position and my office this matter is treated in strictest confidence.

Cordially yours,

Harley T. Holliday
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General Secretary

