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Ms. Wilma M. Higgs
 10A Portsmouth Terrace
 Rochester, New York 14607

Dear Ms. Higgs:

Archbishop Law received your letter of April 29, 1985. He is sorry to hear you were disturbed about the talk given by Father Paul Shanley last November regarding homosexuals and asked that I respond on his behalf.

I, too, regret that his talk was a source of such disturbance and appreciate the interest you show in helping to avoid such situations in the future. I have been in contact with Father Shanley and will be speaking with him about this matter soon.

Wishing you God's blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Rev. John B. McCormack
 Secretary for
 Ministerial Personnel

JBMc/mf

7/25 Saw Paul: he feels she ^{basically} misunderstood him - He talked to large audience on homosexual orientation not behavior since he was forbidden by medical & both on homosexual activity. Haven't through the whole letter - I have no reason to believe Paul was supporting efforts to suppress homosexual activity. He does promote compassion & understanding for the homosexually oriented. JBM

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