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Reverend Robert Banks
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Dear Father Banks:

Father Joseph Birmingham was studied both from a psychiatric aspect and also from a psychological approach.

He was an only child, somewhat withdrawn and with few friends through high school. In 1963 and 64 he was involved sexually with some young boys. The actions consisted of fondling. I saw him in December 1964. At that time he demonstrated guilt and anxiety over his sexual preoccupations. He was quite blocked and guarded in his reactions. Psychotherapy was prescribed but never followed up.

At the present time there is no evidence of any significant sexual preoccupation. There is no weakness of controls and no signs of anxiety. His affective responses were good. I can find no signs of any significant psychological or psychiatric deficits. Consequently I can see no reason why he could not be made a pastor.

Sincerely Yours,


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