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Visum  
Msr. Steven P. Rohlf's V.G.



Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your letter to me of September 1, 2000, with reference to Father Thomas Maloney. I am sorry that you do not approve of his approach to priestly ministry.

We are aware that Father is not perfect, but we are also aware that he is a much-loved pastor, that he cares generously for people and that Epiphany School is thriving under his leadership.

I must say that I have inquired among other parishioners as has Monsignor Steven P. Rohlf's, Vicar General. Your characterization of Father's liturgies is not generally accurate according to the responses I have received to my inquiries. The celebration of Holy Mass at Epiphany, while it may not be as long or as formal as in some other parishes, is respectful and prayerful.

I don't know what to say about other matters which you mention. Basically, your experience does not seem to correspond with that of many other people. I don't know in what context others would have said "we know that Father has problems..."

I do know that Father loves people, especially young people, and that he cares for them generously. We have never had allegations of impropriety.

Since you are obviously so unhappy with Epiphany Parish and School, I think it wise that you have made other options. I am happy those other options are available to you. And I hope and pray that you find yourself well-served and satisfied at Holy Trinity Parish and School.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend John J. Myers  
BISHOP OF PEORIA

cc: Rev. Monsignor Steven P. Rohlf's

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