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Dear John:

I have been seeing Romano Ferraro on a reasonably regular basis since his referral last summer. Romano has been extremely frank about his history and his basic problem.

I have every intention of continuing to work with Romano in the future but I thought that a brief report and suggestion might be appropriate at this time.

Romano has a definite sexual identity difficulty and we presently are working at building up constructive controls which apparently are taking effective hold at this time. I would not recommend that he receive at this time, however, a permanent or full time assignment in a parish. I would think that an assignment that would enable him to participate and assist in weekend work in a particular parish where he also might have a residence but not in any sense of being involved in parochial activities as a curate might be a safe and encouraging course of action at this time. I was wondering, for example, whether he might have the opportunity to finish up some graduate work for the coming months, which he has already started or to be assigned to some other similiar type of involvement but other than full time parochial work. The main objective now would be to avoid any assignment of work that would engage Romano intimately with the people on a full time scale and especially with young boys or teenagers.

I am sorry to have to return unsigned the enclosed insurance form. It is impossible to sign such a form for counseling services, and Dr. Barbara with whom I work will not sign it under the guise of psychotherapeutic services. This also is the main reason why the fee has been kept down to twenty dollars.

Very sincerely yours,

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