

October 21, 1974

The Most Reverend John A. Marshall  
52 Williams Street  
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Dear Bishop Marshall:

I am greatly disappointed and very saddened over the report I received from the hospital that Father Paquette sexually molested two young men while on communion calls in the hospital. The first incident happened in laster August and the other was October 17<sup>th</sup>. These are the first and only two incidents that I am aware of and the hospital authorities trying to cover up the first incident didn;t notify me of it until it happened a second time when they called me in on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

As you readily understand, it is imperative that Fr. Paquette be removed from the Rutland area immediately but I do hope that he will be able to be reassigned after proper psychiatric treatment. In every other way he has been a good, loyal, hard-working priest and deserves every consideration of possible rehabilitation. He certainly has my sympathy and pryasers because I am sure this uncontrollable cumpulsion must cause him terrible agony since he apparently tries very hard to be a good priest.

I would recommend for his sake as well as that of the church that before reassignment he be sent away for a few weeks for very intensive psychiatric therepy. I would suggest also that since his removal from the parish must be done quickly, it should be done without fanfare and farewell parties and that it be publicly announced as a sick leave. As you requested, Father Paquette will be in contact with you as soon as he has had his visit with Dr. Peltz.

With every best wish and prayers,

Sincerely yours in Christ

*James T. Engle*  
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