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Concerning: Fr. Donald J. McGuire, S.J.

Subject: a concern, from Mark Andrews  
Date: Thu, 28 Jun 2001 02:13:10 EDT  
From: [redacted]  
To: [redacted]

Dear Bau,

I heard something out here in Denver that I thought you should at least be aware of. A Southern Province novice, [redacted], mentioned in casual conversation that his brother, who is an architecture major at Notre Dame, had just completed a year away from his studies, during which time he accompanied Don McGuire on his preaching travels, as a sort of personal assistant.

When I was an auxiliary consultant to Brad Schaeffer, we once had a discussion about accusations that had been lodged against Don by the parents of a boy (I think high school age) who was similarly traveling with Don. My recollection is that it was not genital acting-out per se, but that Don's behavior was clearly perceived as emotionally inappropriate. I might add that during my years at Loyola Academy I heard about another instance in which Don had a "personal assistant" whose relationship to Don was perceived as homoerotically-tinged and inappropriately dependent (he actually lived in another part of the school building, and was ultimately evicted by Jim Bur).

To be fair, the young man in this case sounds a bit older than the one who made the previous accusations, and [redacted] gave no indication that he saw anything untoward or upsetting about his brother's months of service to Don (he's a fairly traditional sort, a recent graduate of [redacted] an University in [redacted]).

Still, my recollection from some years ago is that the consultants agreed that Don should not be allowed to continue these "acolyte" relationships. I myself was not in favor of allowing him to be based at Canisius House. I believed then and I believe now that he is a seriously unhealthy person who needs to be closely supervised, lest he end up crossing another line.

No need to respond to any of this. Having registered my concern, I am content to leave the matter in your hands (and I am ever so glad not to have your job in moments like these!).

The summer program in Denver goes well.

My continued prayers,

Mark Andrews, S.J.

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