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Thomas C Kelly, OP
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Dear Archbishop Kelly:

Subject: Thomas R. Clark

At your request, the psychological evaluation on Fr Clark has been completed. The priest was cooperative in the evaluation, appeared for all scheduled interviews and test sessions, and completed all tasks as requested. He provided an extensive and detailed social history, including a sexual history, and volunteered results of testing performed on him at the University of Notre Dame in 1979.

Intelligence measures were consistently within the High Average range and suggested good abstract reasoning. Objective personality testing suggested essentially normal functioning but with some defensiveness and reluctance to admit problems. Significant features included religiosity, receptiveness, independence, social boldness, sensitivity, openness to change, and tension. Anger and depression did not appear as problems. Hostility and empathy measures were within normal limits. Projective testing, less subject to distortion but also less valid than objective testing, did suggest some aggressive and impulsive acting-out tendencies. There were projected themes of sadness, aloneness, loneliness, helplessness, and shame, all probably related to the current allegation. Some themes of ambivalence about following orders, questioning his choices, and life being in disarray were suggested. Positive themes included confidence and pride.

Fr Clark's sexual history seemed unremarkable, though his early neighborhood interactions did seem unusually sexualized. Projective tests suggested a preoccupation with sexuality and possibly sexual maladjustment or confusion. They also suggested that he tries to manage primitive drives by intellectualization.

As you know, there is really no psychological profile which can clearly indicate whether a person has or has not transgressed the sexual boundary between adult and child, and

certainly no way of clearly determining the validity of an allegation such as that made against him. At this juncture the only areas of concern are his tension, which may be situational, and the sexual issues suggested by testing. Further exploration regarding his sexual beliefs and adjustment with a therapist trained in that area could be of benefit to him.

If the allegation is pursued, I strongly recommend that the accuser be psychologically evaluated.

Very truly yours,



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