

December 6, 1957

His Excellency
Most Rev. John J. Carberry, D. D.
Bishop of Lafayette
610 Lingle Avenue
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Bishop Carberry:

It is good of you to consider the case of Father John T. Sullivan for whom I have profound sympathy. His possible usefulness in any section of the diocese is at an end.

My conscience will not allow me to recommend him to any Bishop and I feel that every inquiring Bishop should know some of the circumstances that range from parenthood, through violation of the Mann Act, attempted suicide, and abortion. There is one misstatement in his letter relative to a child. In one of his escapades he admitted fatherhood and paid for the delivery and subsequent support of the child until the mother eventually married.

Father Fitzgerald of Via Coeli would accept him only as a permanent guest to help save his soul but with no hope of recommending him to a Bishop. He considers him a schizophrenic and from experience believes that a new diocese would only mean new pastures. Naturally, he may go with my blessing to any Bishop who is willing to receive him.

With warm personal good wishes for all the joys of the coming season, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Matthew F. Brady
Bishop of Manchester