



July 13, 1988

Mrs. Ellen R. Stecher  
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Dear Mrs. Stecher:

On behalf of His Excellency, Archbishop Anthony J. Devilaqua, I acknowledge your letter of June 15, 1988.

Please be assured that the Chancery Office is looking into the matter for you.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

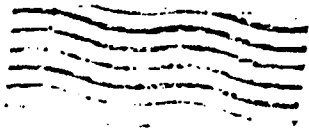
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There are a great many at  
St. Dominic's, who would be  
very saddened by the departure  
of Father Avery from our  
parish. He is one of those rare  
priests today who tries to  
maintain a personal contact  
for each parishioner. He is especially  
good for the children and the  
teen boys who really are fond of  
him. Please let him remain at  
St. Dominic's. Sincerely, Mr. & Mrs. James  
Hollman

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Office of the Archbishop  
 222 N. 17th Street  
 Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

MEMORANDUM

TO: Monsignor Shoemaker  
 FROM: Father Quinter  
 DATE: June 23, 1988

Kindly investigate the enclosed matter and respond to Mrs. Stecher on behalf of the Archbishop.

Many thanks!


Enclosure

*Handwritten notes:*  
 - DOING INFO THE MATTER  
 THANK FOR HER CONCERN  
 Thanks JHP

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Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Chancery Office  
222 N. 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA

Attn: Archbishop Anthony Bevilacqua

RE: Reverend Edward V. Avery, St. Dominic Parish

Dear Archbishop Bevilacqua:

I have just heard the unbelievable news that Father Avery has been asked by Monsignor Sikora, to leave St. Dominic Parish!

Since hearing about this I have spoken to many parishiners who are just as outraged as me and my family and friends. We believe that Father Sikora and the other priests at St. Dominic are jealous of Father Avery because he is so well liked by both the young and old of the parish. Now we know why so many priests who had been so well liked have suddenly been transferred---and there have been many since Father Sikora came to our church.No wonder our church is in the state it is.If someone like Father Avery were made Pastor I'm sure it wouldn't be necessary to beg for money, people would give gladly because they like the man.

I recently increased my weekly contribution after Father Sikora's latest request, but after hearing about his dismissal of Father Avery (and probably many others) I will go back to my measly pittance. No wonder Catholic's are leaving the Church. I am really infuriated about this as is anyone I have spoken to.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Ellen R. Stecher*

CC: Father Avery

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