



**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

SECRETARIAT FOR CLERGY  
222 North Seventeenth Street • Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-1299  
(215) 587-4532 • Fax (215) 587-3807

OFFICE FOR CLERGY

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** File  
**FROM:** Reverend William J. Lynn *wjl*  
Secretary for Clergy  
**DATE:** November 2, 1992  
**RE:** [Redacted] James

[Redacted] James called me at 3:07 p.m. I was unavailable at the time. I returned his call at 3:12 p.m. [Redacted] James asked me the status of the situation of his complaint against Father Edward Avery, Pastor, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Philadelphia. I told [Redacted] James that I had met with Father Avery, and Father had denied the allegations, but Father Avery had stated that he would be willing to undergo a psychological evaluation in light of these allegations. An evaluation was scheduled for the end of the month.

[Redacted] James stated that he called to ask if he could have the opportunity of confronting Father Avery during the evaluation process. I said that I was not sure if that would be possible or not, but that I would ask about it and get back to him.

I did ask [Redacted] James to clear up one discrepancy from his testimony. I stated that he had told us that he had not had contact with Father Avery since the incident he related of the ski trip to the mountains at age 19. I stated that he had failed to tell us about the incident where his girl friend or fiance had been killed in an automobile accident in which he was driving the car, and that Father Avery had helped him get legal assistance, and had been with him at the hospital that evening. [Redacted] James stated that Father Avery was a big help to him at that time, and that the last time he was with Father Avery was at age 21. This was after the fiance had been killed.

I told [Redacted] James that I would inquire as to the possibility of a confrontation with Father Avery, and get back to him.

[Redacted] James telephone number is: [Redacted]

wjl/jcf

AD 000081

No. 0551 - 00235

