

A Psychiatric Center for Healing

Villa St. John
Vianney
Hospital



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Father William Lynn
Vicar for Clergy
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Re: Father Edward Avery

Dear Father Lynn:

I regret that this letter is so late in coming, but vacations of various staff members and careful consideration of the recommendation required some time.

It is the recommendation of the Treatment Team that Father Ed Avery continue his inpatient treatment here at Villa St. John. Father Ed has been very cooperative, and has made a great deal of progress in treatment since the confrontation session with James, but there remains concerns about the existence of other victims. Despite the fact that Father Ed has expressed a great deal shame since the confrontation, he has acknowledged that the incident "must have happened" because of James's reaction and not because of his recollection. This concerns the Team and needs to be further explored. Finally, Father Ed is at a point in treatment in dealing with his shame that necessitates continued inpatient treatment to prevent further acting out.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Wayne L. Pellegrini, Ph.D.

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