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Archbishop Thomas Connelly
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Dear Archbishop Connelly:


Re: Father Cody

Peruant to our telephone conversation this morning, this letter is written to inform you of my findings in the case of Father Cody. I saw him first on February 23 upon your referral and at that time he told me that he was suffering from an abnormal sexual attraction toward young girls. Since his ordination about three years ago, and more particularly since his father's death approximately one year ago, he has molested at least eight girls twelve years of age or younger. As you know, there have been complaints about his hostility and temper in the various parishes where he has served. He also complains of feelings of severe depression, during which time he prays that God will allow him to die rather than continue this behavior.

A rather simple formulation of this problem seems to be that he has sexual impulses which he fights against consciously and is unable to control volunarily. The acts themselves are followed by guilt, depression and also externalized hostility. It is my opinion that Father Cody is dangerous both to himself and to others. He has exhibited sadistic tendencies towards boys with whom he has associated, has talked about killing adults, and has entertained ideas of suicide.

It is my diagnosis that he is suffering from a form of sexual deviation (Pedophilia) associated with a long-standing characterological problem and a serious emotional reaction to it. It is my recommendation that he be removed from parish work as soon as possible. It is likely that if external controls on his acting out are made, and this cycle of aggression and depression sufficiently interrupted, then he can once again assume a useful and productive life.

Respectfully yours,



A. M. Hurley, M.D.

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