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Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Finnegan,  
Chancellor,  
Archdiocese of Boston,  
2121 Commonwealth Avenue,  
BRIGHTON, Massachusetts 02135

Dear Monsignor Finnegan:

Thank you for your letter of May-27th concerning Father James Foley.

Regarding an immediate assignment in your Archdiocese for Father Foley, it is difficult to give you a direct answer. He is certainly competent and intelligent, and capable of doing very good priestly work. Whether or not he is psychologically secure enough at present to avoid further difficulties could be questioned. From what has transpired here I cannot express confidence concerning his immediate return to priestly work. He may be deserving of another opportunity, but should have firm counselling. One of his traits is to exhibit every confidence and promise that he can overcome the difficulties, but even while giving such assurances his difficulties were increasing. He seemed capable of living a dual life.

Father Joseph Toole, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, 219 - 18th Ave. S.W., Calgary, dealt with Father Foley during his period here. He has been a very real help to him and it was Father Toole who eventually brought the matter to a head. He has, in my opinion, handled Father Foley prudently, kindly, and, in the end, firmly. It was on Father Toole's recommendation and information that we have acted. He could give you a more detailed assessment of Father Foley's condition, and would do so at your request. If you desire it, we can obtain from the psychiatrist a more detailed report for your purposes.

Our interest and prayers go with you in arriving at the correct course of action.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Paul J. Byrne*  
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