

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Edwin Cassem, MD  
FROM: Rev. John B. McCormack *JBM*  
DATE: July 15, 1994  
RE: Reverend James Foley

- Work of length of stay  
- Expectations of the diocese

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Attached is a confidential assessment of Reverend James Foley and the report after his first month in residential treatment.

Cardinal Law thinks that this man should not be in pastoral ministry due to potential scandal. His remark is that this man should spend his life in a monastery doing penance.

My own sense is that if he increases in his understanding of himself and is more able to manage his needs for intimacy and dependency in a healthy way that he could serve in ministry. He is a man who is well-respected by others.

From reading this material, could you give me a sense of what your thoughts are about his potential for serving in ministry. If anything did break out about him, particularly that he fathered two children, do you think people would feel that we had put them at risk and that it would be a source of scandal?

Could you give me a call? Many thanks.

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*A no basis to put him back in ministry!*

*1. Unstable, unpredictable*

*2. May fold under stress*

*3. Not learn or much insight into feelings*

*- does he have insight?*

*4. highly charged sexually / masturbation*

*4 inability to address feelings in relationships*

*B { difficult to get any dependable statement about future activity  
hard to get him any support!*