

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH ... 4510 NORTH TWENTY-FOURTH STREET ... PHOENIX, ARIZONA

April 22, 1958

Most Reverend Francis J. Green,D.D. 1946 East Lee Tucson, Arizona

Your Excellency:

Most likely we shall be meeting during the coming confirmation tour and I thought that this note might save you from asking me questions about the <u>problem</u>. Moreover, I shall be honest and state that my motives are selfish. Altho my time here is limited, I want it to be as quiet as possible under the circumstances, and if the <u>man</u> saw us together, life might be difficult for me in spots.

The imprudence continues. I have sought no evidence of current failures and there may well be none at all. However, there is a good bit of hugging and squeezing of the young lads in the sacristy and on the gounds. These incidents frighten me for with knowledge of the backgoound I view them as dynamite.

I know that he has been in contact with the pianist at the Airport Dining Room. He is more than a questionable character. At one time he was "housekeeper" at the old rectory when this was a one man post. He has been mentioned in the house for his abilities as a masseur.

To see the BRIDGE OF THE RIVER KWAI at the Palms here in Phoenix, he dressed in complete sports clothes, down to the brown shoes, as in days gone by. He attended with the lad who drove him to Tucson the day of your interview. To my knowdedge this was their first get-together since then. The boy's car was parked over at the school and no mention was made of the fact that he had been along.

We all got two nites out after Easter. He decided to spend his at the mineral baths outside of Mesa, getting baths and rub-downs.

I hope that you will not think that I shoot the above in a spirit of gossip. I am worried at the imprudence manifested and with my departure I wonder if he will feel that all is well and safe.

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