

Rev. Raymond Skriba

Sat. March 22, 1970

Your Eminence:

At your request I saw Father Skriba on March 17th, and his testimony is enclosed. At that time he asked if he could write a statement concerning the case, and that statement is enclosed.

In the course of his testimony I gathered that there was guilt here. Towards the end of the interview he stated that at his first appointment he had complete freedom of the rectory. He lived alone in a bungalow - this was at Queen of the Universe - and he had no guidance from the pastor. He had people in and out of this rectory day and night, and said that he became too free with lay people as a result.

Also, the girls he named and suspected as testifying against him are not the girls that I had seen. I admit that it is most difficult to handle a case like this when there can be no confrontation and when names cannot be used. However, this was the solemn request of those interviewed.

I doubt if medical treatment would mean much. He is pretty well shaken by what he heard. I do not think that he should remain at St. Walter, even if he is not guilty. His testimony claims that the girls were seeking him; their testimony claims that he was seeking them. In either event the girls are still there, and this is not a good situation.

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