

July 6, 1960

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His Excellency
Most Reverend Hubert M. Newell, D.D., LL.D.
Bishop of Cheyenne
3106 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Bishop Newell,

As you know, Father Charles Gormly has spent quite some time at Via Coeli since he left the Diocese of Crookston. I have no way of judging whether he has finally made up his mind to really give a good account of himself, but again I am willing to give him a chance in the Diocese of Duluth unless you object to my doing this.

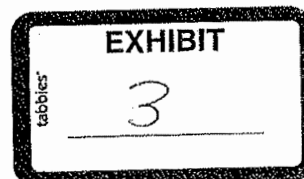
I am quite aware that his record in Crookston was not the best; yet I think he has it in him to work as a good priest. If I am mistaken, I should assume the responsibility for my mistake; but I would like to give him one more chance.

I have a pastor in mind who is a very understanding priest. This is Father Gormly's one chance. I would like to offer it to him if you have no objections.

With every kind personal regard and good wish,
I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Duluth



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June 23, 1961

Sister M. Jeanne, Supr.
St. Michael's Hospital
2400 N. Willard Ave.
Milwaukee 9, Wisconsin

Dear Sister Jeanne,

I have asked the Rev. Charles Gormly, who belongs to the Diocese of Cheyenne, to report to your esteemed hospital for psychiatric care. He has a dual problem: one is that of alcoholism and the other is a sex problem which prompts him to molest small girls.

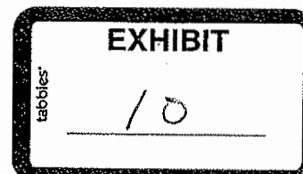
When I was in the Diocese of Criverton, I had Father Gormly serve the Diocese for some time. The same pattern showed up there. In spite of this, I felt that this priest had something in him that would pull him out of these difficulties. I did feel that he needed psychiatric care at that time, but Father Fitzgerald, the Superior of Via Coeli, apparently was very pathetic to this idea. Perhaps he was right, but I do hate to abandon a priest if in any way I can do something for him where there is even a remote hope of a release from some inner drives that impel him to those actions.

I am writing his Bishop about this matter, and I am also telling him that, since it is solely my own idea, I am most willing to pay for the expenses of his treatment at St. Michael's. I now have no special confidence that a cure can be effected, but I do wish to try.

His Bishop is the Most Reverend Hubert M. Newell, D.D., 3106 Carey Ave., Cheyenne, Wyoming. I would wish you to turn in to him any reports as to Father Gormly's progress or lack of progress. I shall be interested myself in receiving some kind of summary report.

My deep concern is that, if psychiatric treatment fails to bring about some kind of a cure, this priest will be "on the road" the rest of his life, because he has a very considerable dislike for Via Coeli.

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Thank you, Sister, for your own kind and patient understanding of a priest who has a very deep-seated problem.

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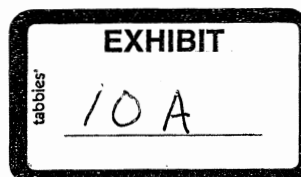
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His Excellency
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Bishop of Cheyenne
3106 Carey Ave.
Cheyenne, Wyoming

Dear Bishop Newell,

On my own initiative, I have asked Father Charles Gormly to go to St. Michael's Hospital in Milwaukee where they have a psychiatric department.

I have felt for quite a long time that he needed this kind of attention. He has failed in this Diocese and in about the same way as he did in the Diocese of Crookston. My taking him into the Diocese of Duluth for work was not on the recommendation of anybody but on my own initiative, for I thought that I saw something in him that might respond eventually to priestly ideals. I suppose that I have been too sanguine in this, but even at this stage I am most loathe to give up. I do feel that he has no time whatever for Vis Socii or any of its branch houses and that St. Michael's Hospital is the last possible resort that might possibly help him. I feel that, if this does not work, he will probably be "on the road".

Since I am sending him to St. Michael's entirely on my own initiative, I do so at my own personal expense. Whether this will result in anything or not, I do feel that I wish to give him this last chance. I shall not take him back into the Diocese of Duluth.

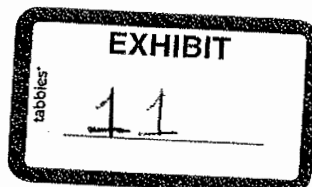
I am asking the sister in charge of the hospital to report on his progress or lack of progress directly to you. Since I am not his Bishop, I would ask you to make such decisions as will be necessary when you do have a progress report on Father Gormly.

The address of the hospital is as follows: Sister M. Jeanne, Supr, St. Michael's Hospital, 2400 W. Willard Ave., Milwaukee 9, Wis.

With every kind personal regard and good wish, I am

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