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REV M. J. HURLEY

145 LOWELL ST MANCHESTER NHAMP

HE IS NO BETTER EVEN WORSE HEARTBROKEN

FR. WALSH

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145 LOWELL ST MANCHESTER NHAMP

PLEASE DISREGARD MY WIRE UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM ME

FATHER WALSH

No. 10

# The New Hampshire Children's Aid Society

INCORPORATED 1914

Office, 170 Lowell St., Manchester, N. H.

Phone 5-6461

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February 24, 1950

Rev. Michael J. Hurley, Chancellor  
St. Joseph's Cathedral  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Father Hurley:

We now have what we hope will be the last bill from the Florence Crittenton Home for care of [REDACTED] Massachusetts General up to January 20, 1950, amounting to \$101.95.

On January 20 we placed the baby in a foster home at \$8.00 per week.

It was the plan of the mother to pay us \$5.00 a week toward his board out of her earnings of \$25.00 per week, but we question if she would be able to pay this much consistently. Up to this time she has done so, but orders have diminished and she had only part-time work this last week.

We should like to bill you monthly for the difference between what we advance and her reimbursement. Would you prefer to have us continue to send the data to you, or to send it directly to Father McGreal?

Will it be possible for you to obtain the information about the father which we shall need if we make adoption plans? As you know we would need specific health history about him and his family; we know his physical size, coloring, and general appearance, but would like to know these characteristics of his parents and brothers and sisters; we should find it helpful also to know about the educational and vocational achievement of the members of his family. Is the nationality background Irish on both sides?

The baby is thought to resemble the father strongly.

At this point the mother is not ready to surrender the baby for adoption, but we are anxious to make progress in collecting information bearing on adoptability and selection of a home.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*Jeanette H. Melton*  
(Mrs.) Jeanette H. Melton  
Executive Secretary

ST. KIERAN'S RECTORY  
162 MADISON AVENUE  
BERLIN, N. H.

My dear Father Hurley:

I was quite excited when I sent you a wire yesterday; it appears that a certain individual was injudicious in the use of the telephone. I know that this is as far as the matter has gone up to now.

I was told that the Bishop said "one more complaint from any one and you are all through". Well my dear Joe I don't want to be responsible for the future of any young man at my time of life. So my dear Joe I am not pressing any charges. Oh

please remember this.  
It has been suggested that  
I ask for his transfer to  
some chaplaincy where the  
young man might be able  
to regain his mental and  
physical normal condition.  
He is fast becoming a  
physical wreck for lack  
of sleep. He needs sympathy  
and help. Just you  
will excuse me for all  
the trouble I have  
caused you.

Very sincerely yours  
T. V. W.

Dear Fr. Hanley:

A young priest has wished to learn I hope the one writing this letter is not making a mistake.

It so happens that my fellow curate is extremely unhappy with his present assignment, even to the point of desperation:

Fortunately his discontent is in no way due to anyone else in the house. It would seem to arise from three sources, 1) his own temperament, 2) his dislike for the rest of the staff, and 3) his entire mixture of restrictions which makes #2 all that more difficult to bear. It would appear that a

change in regard to either #2 or #3 would help to make him a little more content.

I do not wish to go, Fr. Hanley, to tell anyone how to run things.

I bet so many beginners

I am writing out of a mixture of writing the actual thing in feelings and for the sake of my own feelings.

of priestly charity, as I said, he has been on the point of desperation and if anything should happen, I would doubt to have the feeling that if I had written to you it might have been prevented.

I write to you too because I know he considers you his friend and he will not want the liberty I have taken, although I have not told him and probably will not do so. Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Richard Duffin

COPY

May 1, 1950

N. H. Catholic Charities  
 136 Concord Street  
 Manchester, N. H.

to

N. H. Children's Aid Society  
 170 Lowell Street  
 Manchester, N. H.

Board

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\$34.30

Medical expense

To Sacred Heart Hospital for Urinalysis (Mar.4)  
 " " " " " RBC (March 29)

1.00

1.00

Clothing - 2 undershirts

.98

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 \$37.28

Berlin, N. H.  
May 7, 1950

Dear Father Hurley: -

As regards the last bill of \$70.91-  
which I received a couple weeks ago, I ask  
you to be patient with me in forwarding it  
to you. This coming week I plan to make my  
usual donation of \$50.00 to the Charity Drive -  
and at present find it impossible to send  
you the money you ask. However, I will forward it  
to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks and with every good  
wish  
Sincerely,  
J. F. Sullivan

Sincerely yours,  
J. F. Sullivan

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136 CONCORD STREET  
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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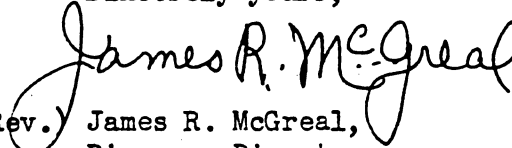
August 7, 1950

Very Reverend M. J. Hurley  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Father Hurley:

Enclosed find bill showing the amount we  
have paid to the New Hampshire Children's Aid  
Society for the care of [REDACTED] The amount due  
our office is \$224.26.

Sincerely yours,

  
(Rev.) James R. McGreal,  
Diocesan Director

JRMCG:C



## NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.

136 CONCORD STREET

MANCHESTER, N. H.

August 7, 1950

1/20/50	N.H. Children's Aid - Medical	\$228.15		
3/2/50	" " " Medical	101.95		
3/31/50	" Foster care 1/20/50-4/1/50			
	@ \$8 wk. \$81.15			
	less pd by mother 16.00	65.15		
3/31/50	ABEDC - Medicine	3.26		
3/31/50	CBC & RBC - Hospital	2.50		
4/29/50	Foster care 4/1 - 4/30	34.30		
4/29/50	Urinalysis & RBC	2.00		
4/29/50	Clothing	.98		
5/31/50	Foster care 5/1 5/31	35.43		
7/17/50	Foster care 6/1 6/30	34.30		
8/7/50	Foster care 7/1 7/31	35.43		
8/7/50	RBC - S.H. Hosp.	1.00		
"	Elix. folic acid	.90		
"	Dr. Dickerman, eye exam	6.00		
"	Clothing	3.01		
		\$554.36		
LESS pd. on acct.	1/23/50 228.15			
	3/13/50 101.95	330.10		
		330.10		
	Amt. due	\$224.26		

162 MADISON AVENUE  
BERLIN, N. H.

Aug. 19, 1950

Dear Father Hurley:

I am enclosing a check for one-hundred dollars and the remainder will follow as soon as possible.

July 7, 1949, I purchased a new Nash, from Dennis Cote, the Nash Agent, in Claremont. In August the same year, the Bishop suggested that I dispose of the same immediately. In buying this car, I was allowed \$1,385.00 on my old car; gave two-hundred in cash and signed a note for five-hundred thus meeting the cost of the Nash which was \$2,585.00. Mr. Cote promised me that I would get the original cost of my car back insofar as I had it only a month and that it would still be classified as a new car. However, things did not work out the way he had promised. During the past year, he has sent me occasional checks amounting to \$1,000.00 and there still remains three-hundred dollars due me. He cleared the note in the bank and all he would give me was \$1,300.00-. In this transaction I suffered a loss of almost eight-hundred dollars. I have written to him asking him for the three-hundred that is due me and also stated that I thought I was entitled to much more. His letter has informed me that he could not sell it for a better price and that he did not know exactly when he could send the other three hundred to me.

As soon as he forwards this money to me I will send the balance of the bill. If it is necessary, you can relay the above message to the Bishop.

With good wishes I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*J. P. Sullivan*

ICE MASSACHUSETTS  
BERLIN, N. H.

Rev. Mr. J. Hurley Chancellor  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester N.H.

Dear Reverend Chancellor:  
During the year of Father  
Sullivan's stay here I have  
never known him to take  
any intoxicating liquor.

I believe him when he  
says that he has never  
taken any liquor.

This is for the records

Very sincerely yours

F. Walsh

Aug 24 1950

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September 15, 1950

Rev. Michael J. Hurley, Chancellor  
St. Joseph's Cathedral  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Father Hurley:

We are very happy to inform you that [REDACTED] went to an adoption home on September 7, where we have every hope he will take root and flourish so that he can be legally adopted in a year. He had been a solemn, distant baby, but has improved greatly in his relationships with people during the last two months.

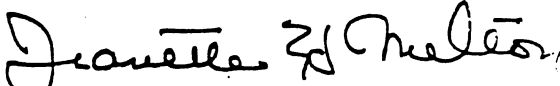
We are sending the bill for \$47.38 - the final one, we believe - to Father McGreal.

[REDACTED] mother was married on Septmebr 2, with the permission of the Sullivan County Probate Court. Although we have reservations about the bridegroom there seem to be some very good things in his personality and attitudes, and we believe [REDACTED] will make a better adjustment within marriage than alone. We gave our support to the marriage.

I thought you might be interested in the outcome - at least the current outcome.

We appreciate your cooperation in this situation very much. Please express our thanks to Bishop Brady.

Sincerely yours,

  
(Mrs.) Jeanette H. Melton  
Executive Secretary

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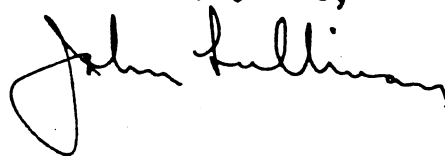
ST. KIERAN'S RECTORY  
162 MADISON AVENUE  
BERLIN, N. H.

Dear Father Hurley:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$21.64 leaving a balance of \$150. Each month I will send on a payment until the balance is fully paid.

Many thanks for everything and with every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Sullivan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours,".



CHANCERY OFFICE  
145 LOWELL STREET  
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sept. 19, 1950

Mrs. Jeannette H. Melton  
N. H. Childrens Aid Society  
170 Lowell St.  
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Mrs. Melton:

I am grateful for your kind letter of Sept. 15th with reference to  
[REDACTED] It is good to know that his future disposition seems  
hopeful.

With sincere appreciation of your courteous cooperation throughout  
this difficult case, I am

Sincerely yours

Michael J. Hurley  
Chancellor

M.J.H./h.

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ST. KIERAN'S RECTORY

162 MADISON AVENUE

BERLIN, N. H.

Dec. 1, 1950

Dear Father Hurley:

Enclosed is a check for  
\$25.00 leaving a balance of \$125.00 to be  
paid.

With every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*J. R. Sullivan*



ST. KIERAN'S RECTORY  
162 MADISON AVENUE  
BERLIN, N. H.

Feb. 12, 1951.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Hurley  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester,  
New Hampshire.

Dear Monsignor Hurley:

Enclosed you will find a cashier's check amounting to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). This leaves a balance, I believe, of \$125.00.

My most sincere congratulations to you and my wish that you will live long to enjoy the honor that has been bestowed upon you.

With every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*J. T. Sullivan*

ST. KIERAN'S RECTORY  
162 MADISON AVENUE  
BERLIN, N. H.

April 13, 1951.


Rt. Rev. Msgr. M.J. Hurley  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester, N.H.

Dear Monsignor Hurley:

Miss Anna Buckley, the State Regent of the Catholic Daughters, and the Mother Prioress of the Carmelite Monastery in Concord, are making arrangements for talks concerning a 'Mount Carmel Guild' to be established in all the Courts throughout the State. The purpose of this Guild is to raise funds for the Sisters for their new monastery. These talks will not start until the middle of May as by then the drive for the Catholic Charities will be completed. The Mother Prioress has asked me if I would give these talks in behalf of their building fund. I agreed to do so only on the condition that the same ~~with~~ be agreeable at the Chancery Office.

I am writing you this letter to find out if further permission is necessary. Would you kindly let me know so that I may inform the Reverend Mother in Concord whether or not I am able to assist her?

With every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
  
(Rev.) J.T. Sullivan

Reverend J. T. Sullivan  
St. Kieran's Rectory  
Berlin, N. H.

Dear Father Sullivan:

Relative to your request to speak throughout the State on behalf of the Mount Carmel Guild, I deem it advisable that you do not accept the assignment. This advice is in no way a disapproval of the Guild and its praiseworthy purpose.

With most cordial good wishes, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Matthew F. Brady  
Bishop of Manchester.

April 16, 1951.

St. Kieran's Parish  
Berlin, N. H.

June 12 1951

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Most Reverend and dear Bishop  
you know I made my retreat last  
week and I have been worried  
for the past two days fearing I  
may have said some unkind  
thing about my Assistant.

He said to me once you told  
him, "one more report about your  
misconduct and that report will  
be the last"

Far be it from me to make  
that report. However I think the  
very best appointment for him would  
be that a Chaplain. He appears to  
have a strong liking for the Carmelite  
Nuns. I know he has a very strong  
dislike for most priests.

This note does not call for a reply  
I'll feel better when I know you have  
received it.

I still say you have a wonderful  
group of English-speaking clergymen  
may their respect for you and their  
spirit of cooperation never weaken.

Very sincerely yours  
J. G. ...

Dear Monsignor;

Last Saturday, Fr. Sullivan asked me if he could go home Sunday after mass. I told him of course but he said and he back Tuesday. "Oh of course he said. This is Tuesday evening and the time is 8.30 o'clock."

Doct'r Sapienza just telephoned me that this morning shortly after midnight he was called to the home of one Frank Sherida. Arriving there he found Fr. Sullivan unconscious and he was taken to St. Louis Hospital. He soon after became conscious. I asked the doct'r what was the cause of his sickness. He said "I didn't know. Was it his heart?" "No what is his stomach?" "No. You don't know what the matter was." "No."

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The doctor asked me if I heard from the Bishop yet. I replied no indeed. Did you telephone to the Bishop. No but Fr. McCarthe of the Cascade said he intended to telephone to the Bishop. Why didn't some<sup>one</sup> let me know. I can't answer that question. I thought, the doctor said, I would let you know because tomorrow is Ash Wednesday. How long do you think he will be confined to the hospital? The doctor replied for several days at least. And you don't know the nature of his sickness. I have what we are trying to find out. Some kind of a virus.

That's all Rt. Rev. Monsignor  
There is a funeral mass Wed morning at 9 o'clock  
Why sincerely and respectfully  
Your good friend Fr. Lauzier is sending one of his  
Caskets for the 7 o'clock mass  
Wednesday evening time 10:10 o'clock

THE BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING  
126 NEWBURY STREET  
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

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February 19, 1952

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.,  
Bishop's Residence,  
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency,

I find the writing of this letter very distasteful as it concerns the conduct of a priest. However, as Regent of the B.C. School of Nursing, I feel responsible for the good name of our student body and the reputation of our student dormitory, Camillian Hall, 357 Beacon St., Boston.

Briefly, this is the case. [REDACTED], one of our graduate nurse students, while working last Summer at St. Louis Hospital, met Rev. John Sullivan, a curate at St. Kieran's Church, Berlin. They became friendly but before Christmas the young nurse, fearing that the friendship had gone too far, wished to end it. Father, however, continued to try to get in touch with her personally and by phone calls to Camillian Hall. Troubled by these attempts, the House Mother of the dormitory, a graduate nurse, came to me on Tuesday, January 22, for advice.

Frequent phone calls from Father on the previous day had caused no little wonderment on the part of students who had answered the phone and had been told by the young lady that she did not wish to speak to him. He also waited outside the school on Newbury St. that afternoon but she left by the rear door and went elsewhere for a few nights until she was sure Father had returned to Berlin. He appeared at the dormitory that Monday night at about 7:30, was admitted by a student and waited in the living room on the first floor until about 11:30, when on the return of the House Mother and other students from a school play, he was finally persuaded that the nurse was not staying at the dormitory. He left but sat in his car outside for some time.

The young lady returned to her home in Cascade that Thursday night for the semester holidays to find that her mother had received a letter from Father, the contents of which she declined to reveal to the daughter. No attempt was made to reach her personally or by phone on that weekend and she returned to Boston on Monday hopeful that he had abandoned these efforts.

THE BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING

126 NEWBURY STREET  
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

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However, on Thursday, February 7, while she was working in the chemistry laboratory at the Science Building on the Chestnut Hill campus, she was told by an instructor that a priest wished to see her. Not wishing to make a scene she went out to the corridor and asked Father to leave. He refused but she left him, went to a phone and called me for advice. I excused her from lab and suggested that she leave the building by the backstairs. As she reached Lake St. to get a streetcar intown, Father drew up in an auto and asked her to get in, which she refused to do. She took a taxi intown and later asked me to walk to the dormitory with her lest she be intercepted. There was no further trouble that night.

I am sorry to disturb Your Excellency in this matter but I wish to present the case to you that you in your paternal care may be able to assist the young priest. The original of this letter was written ten days ago but have delayed sending it to you as I find it an unpleasant task. Still I think it my obligation to communicate the facts with the hope of averting any scandal or idle talk among the students in the event of future trouble.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*James F. Geary, S.J.*  
James F. Geary, S.J.,  
Regent.



Rev. John Sullivan  
St. Kieran's Rectory  
Berlin, N. H.

Dear Father Sullivan:

Please come in and see me at the Cathedral  
Rectory Tuesday, February 26 at 2 P.M.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Matthew F. Brady  
Bishop of Manchester

Feb. 21, 1952.

Feb. 29, 1952.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. E. Walsh, V.F.  
St. Kieran's Rectory  
Berlin, N. H.

Dear Monsignor Walsh:

The Most Reverend Bishop is aware of Father Sullivan's hospitalization. There is more to this than appears on the surface. His Excellency hopes to care for the situation shortly.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Michael J. Hurley  
Chancellor.

M.J.H./h.

Dear Monsignor:

The check enclosed for \$15.75 is for the benefit of the negro and Indian missions. This is a little increase over last year. When one considers the offerings made weekly in the envelopes toward the school fund I think it is very good indeed.

I am working very hard possibly too hard. I am anxious to realize the end which with God's help we hope to reach this year. Last Sunday I told the people that we must try to reduce the debt to an even \$130,000 this year. If my health holds out I think we can do just that. So far this year we have paid \$500 weekly on the debt. Monday evening \$60 was made at a piano and this afternoon \$48 was cleared by the sale of cookies and doughnuts.

Last Sunday Fr. Sullivan left immediately after his one mass. That left Fr. Greene with out any assistance to give at least 800 holy communions. Sullivan took his radio, typewriter and most of his clothes. He announced to the people that he probably would not come back. I am very thankful to you for all your kindness to me. I hope your health is the very best. All our prayers are for you and God bless you.

Very sincerely yours P. S. Walsh.

Reverend John Sullivan  
St. Kieran's Rectory  
Berlin, N. H.

Dear Father Sullivan:

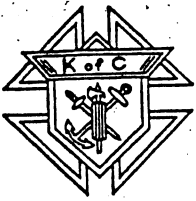
Please come to see me on Tuesday, March 11, at 2 P.M.  
at the Chancery Office. If you are still incapacitated  
let me know as soon as possible that day you can come  
to Manchester.

With all good wishes, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Matthew F. Brady  
Bishop of Manchester

March 7, 1952.



# Knights of Columbus

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WHITE MOUNTAIN COUNCIL, No. 506

BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dear Monsignor Walsh.

You are cordially  
invited to attend our Communion  
Breakfast Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
at 9.30 o'clock at the Castillo  
Hotel.

Sincerely yours  
John J. Sullivan  
Grand Knight

My dear Monsignor:

For sometime I have had the inside story of the Sullivan case. I refrained from repeating it but now since it is more or less generally known I feel free in telling it. Fr. Downey preached here last Wed and before he left town Thursday morning he succeeded in getting what he said was the complete and final history of the case.

It appears that Sullivan borrowed Frank Sheridan's auto ~~Friday~~ <sup>Monday</sup> evening. When he returned with the car to the Sheridan yard he had everything set to do away with himself. Sheridan was waiting for him to return the keys. When he failed to show up the looked out the window and saw the car. He went out to the car and found Sullivan unconscious from carbon monoxide fumes. The Doctor was called between twelve midnight and one A.M. Tuesday. When he reaches

me hospitalized he was treated as a narrow  
minded patient. (This is a side remark <sup>5300</sup>  
only once have I heard about  
Sullivan being out at night time  
in an auto). It is no wonder that  
the doctor would not tell me  
what ailed Sullivan.

The sisters told Fr. Downey that it  
should be put away, for he will  
surely make a second attempt  
to end his life.

Now Monsignor the reason why  
I am writing this letter is to please  
with the Bishop not to send Sullivan  
back to Berlin. Only this morning  
I heard that he wrote a letter to  
a person here telling him that he  
was coming back for the first of  
April. He dates me and if possible  
be later for years more. We both have  
a fear of him. With this hatred  
as a weapon he has succeeded  
in dividing the parish in two.

The men and the R of C through the influence of Frank Sheidauer a nearly one hundred percent against us. I don't know what the Bishop has against me. I can't think of anything I have done that would turn him against me. I have a fairly good reputation with most of the priests of my age and younger. I have never performed any of my duties as a pastor or an assistant.

So Monsignor please <sup>use</sup> your influence for the sake of the people to keep the parish from going to pieces.

Very gratefully yours in Christ  
P. S. Walz

The enclosed letter was just received. It is the first notice of a communion breakfast that I have received. Over the phone I learned that it was decided



ST. KIERAN'S PARISH  
BERLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

April 20, 1901  
6 P.M.

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Pl. Rev and dear Monsignor:  
About three o'clock this afternoon a young girl accompanied by her mother and Aunt came to see you. They wished to make complaint about Fr. Sullivan. He telephoned to this young woman after and tries to make a date with her. She refused of course. Her aunt said he has telephoned to her also inquiring about her niece yesterday he called upon this young woman's sister and asked for and received her sister's address and telephone <sup>number</sup>. He went at once to the niece's home and when he was seen coming the Aunt said there comes that Priest again. He went into the house and looked around and found no one except a young man in bed. He left at once and telephoned again in the afternoon. Well that's about sums up the testimony of this young woman. Told her to come back at five thirty and to bring

her sister and her brother.

When they arrived I called Fr. Sullivan  
to listen to their story and to give  
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me a chance to defend myself.  
He admitted getting the address  
and telephone number. He was  
looking for an Italian family.  
He said he never saw the young  
lady before. Of course he never used  
the telephone. I said he did.  
Well this is about all there is to  
this case.

Please remember I am not  
making any charges. I am  
simply reporting the facts and  
cons in this matter to the best of  
my troubled mind.

The young girl is engaged to be  
married and her "best friend"  
wanted her to report to the police.  
Her mother and Aunt advised her  
to come and see me first to avoid  
my scandal.

I am very sorry indeed I  
get mixed up in this matter.

Very sincerely yours

P. E. Walsh

St. Kieran's Rectory 5304  
Berlin, N. J.

May 8, 1952.

Dear Monsignor Hurley:

Enclosed you will find a check  
for \$125.00 covering the balance due on  
the case mentioned in your letter of May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. T. Sullivan

Paid in full  
m. j. H.

Reverend John Sullivan  
St. Kieran's Rectory  
Berlin, N. H.

Dear Father Sullivan:

In confirmation of our last conversation and for reasons of grave scandal and failure to observe previous restrictions placed upon you, you are hereby suspended from all priestly activities in the Diocese of Manchester with the exception of saying Mass. This suspension is effective Monday, June 16.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Matthew F. Brady  
Bishop of Manchester

June 9, 1952.

Reverend John F. Sullivan  
166 Rumford St.  
Concord, N. H.

Dear Father Sullivan:

You are hereby appointed assistant to the Reverend James W. Gilrain, Pastor of Holy Angels Parish, Westville. You will report to him for duty on Tuesday, September 2.

With a blessing and all good wishes,

I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Matthew F. Brady  
Bishop of Manchester

August 21, 1952.

P.S.

You are hereby released from the suspension under which you are laboring at present.

*Holy Angels' Rectory*

WESTVILLE, N. H.  
Sept. 1, 1953

Dear Monsignor Hurley:

I believe that the last two payments towards my seminary tuition were not paid - amounting to \$100.00. I am enclosing t checks, amounting to \$150.00, to meet these payments and kindly apply the other \$50.00 towards a payment for January of 1954.

I am sorry that I am late an insofaras the Bishop requests a reason for not making payments at the proper time might I say that my salary for one year was withheld until Father Giguere arrived.

With every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
*J. P. Sullivan*

Holy Angels' Rectory  
Westville, New Hampshire

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June 30, 1955

Dear Father:

Enclosed you will find  
an United States Savings Bond valued  
at \$100.00 upon maturity. Will you  
kindly credit the same toward my  
primary tuition.

With every good wish

Remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
J. J. Sullivan

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

December 12, 1955

Date

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Rev. Thomas S. Hansberry, Chancellor  
 Diocese of Manchester, Chancery Office  
 145 Lowell Street  
 Manchester, New Hampshire

We refer to the following U.S. Savings Bonds

YOUR DATE OR NO.	OUR DATE	INSCRIPTION	SERIES	AMOUNT
12-9-55		Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester Manchester, N.H. #C211,858J	"J"	\$100.

The above mentioned bond was purchased by the Rev. J. T. Sullivan, Westville, New Hampshire, on November 23, 1955, through the Haverhill National Bank, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

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By

  
 T. Maguire



April 25, 1956.

Rev. John Sullivan  
Holy Angels Rectory  
Westville, N. H.

Dear Father Sullivan:

Due to continued indiscretion and abuse on your part, you are hereby directed to dispose of your automobile within ten days. This direction includes the prohibition to hold a car in the name of any other person or to drive the car of another person.

I remain

With most cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours

Bishop of Manchester.

April 30, 1956.

The Rev. George Murphy, S.J., Superior,  
The School of St. Philip Neri  
55 Saltonstall Road  
Haverhill, Mass

Dear Father Murphy:

Thank you for your very kind and informative letter. The individual is very fortunate. Even though the civil authorities are through with him, he still has to reckon with the ecclesiastical when the furore dies down.

With most cordial good wishes, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester.

I made no copy  
of this letter, for  
obvious reasons.

L. J. J. J.



# THE SCHOOL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

55 Saltonstall Road  
Haverhill, Massachusetts  
HAverhill 4-6103

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OFFICE:

126 NEWBURY STREET  
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS  
KEnmore 6-1985

April 27, 1956

The Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire.

Dear Bishop Brady:

According to my informant that situation crystallized Thursday, the day after I saw you, and the District Attorney, Hugh Cregg, after having seen the parties involved, silenced the investigators and closed the issue as far as the accomplice is concerned. The woman operator, however, will be prosecuted. The DA is motivated by the avoidance of scandal and consideration for the position, future and family of the man, who, probably, when the cards were thrown down and he could bluff no more, put in an "appeal to the emotions" with that naivete of which he is so capable.

My informant, who is one of the investigators, says that any further inquiry about the matter will have to be referred directly to the District Attorney. All others are silenced under oath.

The very pertinent circumstantial evidence which I gave you and which I had received antecedently to the silencing would appear to have been so well founded that it "broke the case".

That \$300.00 passed hands in the situation is definite. I refer to the fee for the transaction initially. It has not been determined who came up with the money. Suspicion, however, on account of economic factors, seems to point to the party of our immediate concern. Furthermore, evidence, which I did not have at the time I saw you and which was derived from another investigator who entered the case only very recently, is very definite that some time ago a certain local Catholic druggist was "hounded" by our man to get some pills for a very specific purpose "to help out a friend who was in trouble". The druggist steadfastly refused to do so. The whole approach was callous and scandalizing.

I know that you will protect the sources of my information, all of which, save the last point, came to me before the formal silencing.

Very respectfully yours in Christ,

*George M. Murphy, S.J.*

(Rev.) George M. Murphy, S.J.  
Superior

To His Excellency.

It has come to the attention of the parish in Westville N. H. of the indiscreet actions of the curate.

He has been carrying on a clandestine affair with a high school girl for some time.

On days that the elderly Father is absent, he brings the young girl to the rectory and they are there for the afternoon:

This is not just a story Excellency, we have been seeing it going on for some time but nobody

wants to talk about it<sup>2</sup>

Many people refuse to go to confession to him knowing what is going on.

It is very hard to bring children up in this world and teach them the meaning of being good Catholics without a young curate acting in this way:

A Parishioner.

# THE SCHOOL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

55 Saltonstall Road  
Haverhill, Massachusetts  
HAverhill 4-6103

OFFICE:  
126 NEWBURY STREET  
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS  
KEnmore 6-1985



June 28, 1956

Dear Bishop Brady:

That legal matter was consummated a couple of weeks ago with the operator being sent up for one year. No other names appeared.

My informant tells me that District Attorney Hugh A. Cregg, Essex County District Attorney's Office, Lawrence, Mass., would be pleased, if requested, to send you all pertinent evidence.

With personal good wishes, I remain

Very respectfully in Christ,

*George H. Murphy, S.J.*

*To: John Sullivan  
of Westville -*

July 11, 1956.

Rev. John T. Sullivan  
Holy Angels Rectory  
Westville, N. H.

Dear Father Sullivan:

You are hereby suspended from all priestly ministry in the Diocese of Manchester, effective Friday, July 20. The only exception to this is that of saying Mass privately. You are to leave the rectory on that date.

The prohibition to own or drive an automobile is still in effect.

Praying God that this penalty may make you realize your course of constant serious scandal and divert you from it, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester.

July 13, 1956

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Interview with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
N. H. 9:15 A. M.

These two gentlemen called at the Chancery Office this morning to discuss conditions in Holy Angels Parish, Westville, N. H. (Town of Plaistow). I know both men personally. They are prominent citizens of the town and [REDACTED] is a Selectman. [REDACTED] is a convert, an outstanding Catholic who has brought his children up in Catholic schools. They said they would not have come were it not for the fact that the situation regarding Father John T. Sullivan is getting out of hand.

Their charges against Father Sullivan were as follows:

- 1) He has continually worked to undermine the authority of the pastor, Father Giguere, and has divided the parish. It is felt that Father Giguere is so afraid of him that he does not dare to do anything about it. He has spoken out against the pastor on numerous occasions at meetings of parish societies.
- 2) Father Sullivan is engaged in the sale of automobiles for a concern in Haverhill, Mass. and auto dealers there have voiced objections to his taking business away from them. [REDACTED] said that the accountant for the firm for which the sales have been made told him of this and said that Father Sullivan's new car was purchased with money received from the business and not given to him as he announced in church.
- 3) Both men have personally seen Father Sullivan parked on a lonely road in the middle of winter at night with another party, presumably a woman, in the car.
- 4) People living near the parish cemetery have frequently seen Father Sullivan parked in the cemetery in his car with young women at night.
- 5) It is common gossip in the town that Father Sullivan is the father of the child of a young woman who has just returned to town and in whom he is showing considerable interest. It is alleged that he rushes out after Mass to meet her at her car.
- 6) [REDACTED] has been obliged to remove his children from the parish Catholic Youth Organization because of conditions and especially because of the scandalous remarks which they have picked up from the other children concerning Father Sullivan.



on Father John T.  
Sullivan

- 7) As chairman of the parish "500 Club" which raises funds for parish needs, [REDACTED] is obliged to co-sign checks on the club account. On at least four occasions, funds have been removed from the account without his having signed checks for them. He went to the bank about this and found that his name had been forged to the checks, so he had microfilm copies made. Because of his position he has never given permission for anyone to sign his name to any document or check. He does not know what was done with the money which was withdrawn.
- 8) The rural mail carrier out of Westville post office was in an accident some time ago and Father Sullivan carried the mail on his route while he was incapacitated, thus obtaining a key to the post office. [REDACTED] feels that there was evidence to indicate that he may have removed money and checks coming in on a parish raffle because the returns were not in keeping with amounts received prior to that.
- 9) Both men claimed that Father Sullivan had very large sums of money in his possession and said that there is a feeling that some of it may have been taken from parish accounts as well as from his activities in the auto market.
- 10) There is an impression in the town that Father Sullivan has no license to drive a car, however, he does so and there is considerable criticism of his transporting young women. In one instance he picked a young girl up after work, waiting outside her place of employment for her.
- 11) There is considerable scandal in the City of Haverhill over Father Sullivan's actions and talk and several parties have suggested to these two men that they suggest the removal of Father Sullivan.
- 12) [REDACTED] chief concern is for his own children and the other children in town among whom many of the above matters are well known and the topic of conversation. Apparently he learned some of this information from them.

*James A. Handberg*  
Chancellor

Comment: These two men were informed that notice of the clergy transfers was in the morning paper and that Father Sullivan was leaving Westville.

J. T. Sullivan  
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November 20, 1956

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. S. Buckley, P. A., P. R.  
St. John the Evangelist Rectory  
72 South Main Street  
Concord, N. H.

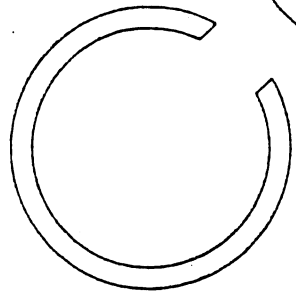
Dear Monsignor Buckley:

The Reverend J. T. Sullivan has requested permission to sing a requiem Mass for his father at St. Peter's Church in Concord on December 1 at 7:00 A. M. This request has been granted by His Excellency, provided the arrangements are acceptable to Father Quirk.

Since Father Sullivan requested that this information be sent to you, we are sending it in this manner.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry  
Chancellor



166 Rumford Street  
Concord, N. H.  
November 16, 1956

The Very Reverend Chancellor  
Chancery Office  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester,  
New Hampshire

GRANTED

Nov 19, 1956  
BY MARTIN F. BRADY  
Bishop of Manchester  
C. S. H.

Dear Monsignor Hansberry:

A requiem high Mass for my father is scheduled to be sung at St. Peter's Church, December 1st at 7 o'clock. Although permission has been granted for this upon a previous request, Msgr. Buckley advises me to seek permission to sing this Mass.

Would you kindly direct your answer by mail to Msgr. Buckley or let Father Griffin know and he will relay the answer to me?

With every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*J. P. Sullivan*

*J. V. Sullivan*

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Nov. 26, 1956.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. S. Buckley, D.C.L., P.A., P.R.  
St. John the Evangelist Rectory  
Concord, New Hampshire.

Dear Monsignor Buckley:

Please convey to Father Sullivan the notice that he is hereby dispensed from the irregularity incurred as mentioned in your recent letter. His suspension, however, is still in force.

With most cordial good wishes, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,  
Bishop of Manchester.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST RECTORY

72 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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November 25, 1956

Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D. D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, N. H.

Your Excellency:

The Rev. John Sullivan telephoned October 31 to ask if he might celebrate Mass privately in the Rectory Chapel. On talking with him the next day I found that he would prefer to <sup>say</sup> Mass here since there would be less danger of the humiliation of explanation and of the public attending. He has continued to say Mass here daily including Sundays.

On talking with him I found :

1. Without argument, he admitted he was entirely to blame for his trouble;
2. He was disposed to do God's Will in God's Way by accepting whatever punishment his Superior thought fit to administer;
3. He appeared to have reverential fear of episcopal authority.

So far, So Good.

This morning in the course of conversation, Father Sullivan related to me some of the things that occurred on the occasion of a visit last October to his friend, the Rev. Omar Dufault, Pastor of Holy Cross Church, Morrisville, Vermont.

1. Father Dufault asked him to address a meeting of the C.V.O.;
2. Father Dufault asked him to give a pep talk at the beginning of a parish drive for funds.

There did not appear to be much difficulty in the above. However, I am writing it as an introduction to the following

One day, during the absence of Father Dufault, three priests, regular penitents of Father Dufault, called and asked to go to confession. Father Sullivan pleaded that he did not have faculties. They answered that the Bishop had empowered them to give him the faculties. He asked them to await Father Dufault's return. They could not wait. Therefore he heard the confessions of two of the priests. The third waited for Father Dufault. Father Sullivan told Father Dufault, who knows that he is under censure, what had happened. Father Dufault answered "Ecclesia supplet"

It is evident that neither Father Dufault nor Father Sullivan were mindful of the Canon 985-7 with reference to Irregularity.

When I told Father Sullivan that, as far as I understood the censure you had imposed upon him, by exercising the power of Orders, he had incurred the penalty of Irregularity and that, in the more probable opinion, he was not excused on account of ignorance and that he would have to seek a dispensation from

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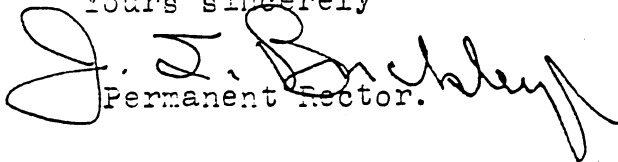
Your Excellency, he asked me what he should do.

I told Father Sullivan that I would submit his case to Your Excellency and request that you grant Father Sullivan a dispensation from the Irregularity which he has probably incurred.

Father Sullivan will not say Mass, even privately, until he has learned that you have granted the dispensation which he humbly requests, saying that certainly he would not have heard the confessions if had realized the penalty to be incurred.

I believe that there really was ignorance of the matter both on the part of Father Dufault and Father Sullivan and that, under the same circumstances, the same ignorance would be found in many of the Clergy.

With respectful best wishes, I am  
Yours sincerely

  
Permanent Rector.

July 1, 1957

Rev. John T. Sullivan  
Saint John the Evangelist Rectory  
72 S. Main Street  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Father Sullivan:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to inform you that your request to sing the anniversary Mass for your father and to bring Holy Communion to your mother has been granted.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Albert W. Olkovikas  
Assistant Chancellor

Very Rev. Msgr. Hansberry  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester,  
New Hampshire

Dear Msgr. Hansberry:

Would you kindly present the following requests to the Most Reverend Bishop and advise me as to his decisions.

The second anniversary high Mass for my father is scheduled to be sung Saturday, August 3 at 7 A.M. I ask permission to sing it.

On returning from my retreat Friday, my mother informed me that she must report to the hospital Monday, July 1st. This will be her fifth operation for the same trouble. For many years she has made the First Fridays, and has asked me to bring her Communion on that day, July 6th. For this I also ask permission and should her hospitalization last for some time may I bring her Communion as often as she requests it.

With every good wish I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*J. F. Sullivan*

P.S. I have been staying at St. John Rectory and would you be so kind as to direct your answer there.

OK  
By  
Bishop  
7/1/57