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Rev. Charles Higgins
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Dear Charlie,

The Lord's Peace!

I write at your request regarding Fr. Jim Foley. Jim has been with us for a few months and has settled in very well. He has not engaged in any ministry but has been very involved in his own daily prayer and Mass. He spends at least an hour before the Blessed Sacrament in our lower Church so as to be alone. He has not attended any public services.

Jim has been very friendly with our staff. We eat together and at times, Jim has even prepared the meals. Jim, Mike McNamara and I have gone out on a number of occasions for meals.

Jim has been open to conversations about his situation with Fr. McNamara and myself but has not limited himself to this topic. He does not seem pre-occupied and manifests a sense of peace about him. Jim has expressed that he has not abused any person and is concerned that a false accusation can ruin a priest's ministry. He also states that the hospital personnel have not found any major psychological problems with him. Jim is looking at his options and has recently sent a letter to the Cardinal to express some of these.

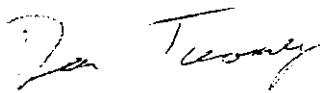
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Jim has a number of people from New Mexico praying for him and is very aware of the power of prayer. He is very strong in his faith that the Lord is able to work out all things for the good of those who love Him, and Jim definitely loves the Lord and His Church.

Overall, Jim has been a pleasant presence at the rectory. He has good humor and is very adept at conversing about a wide range of topics. He listens to others and expresses his opinions in a respectful way.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these thoughts. Thank you for all the support you offer me.

May the Lord bless you and your ministry.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dan Twomey".

Rev. Daniel F. Twomey