
Confidential Memorandum

To: *Most Reverend William Murphy*
From: *Reverend William F. Murphy* *WFM*
Date: *July 14, 1997*
Re: *Reverend Dennis Keefe*

Bill,

Neil Hegarty extensively reviewed Dennis's folder in response to your memo to me. I have also looked it over carefully today. I am forwarding a copy of Neil's excellent summary to you. I agree with it wholeheartedly.

In the late Summer of 1996, Brian Flatley drafted letters for His Eminence on two occasions. These letters, sent by Certified Mail, assign Fr. Keefe to an assessment at St. Luke's and specifically informed him that the letters constituted a canonical warning of possible future penalties based on canon 1371.2. Dennis signed for the first letter but never signed for the second and it was returned as undeliverable.

I personally dropped off a copy of the second letter at Dennis's home in Hopkinton along with a personal note. He was not at home and there was no reply.

Through his attorney's (Mr. Bruce Ledoux) letter to Wil Rogers on Oct 11, 1996, Dennis replied that "he will continue to obey the Cardinal, but will not seek a psychological assessment as requested by the Cardinal."

Your telephone messages on Dennis's answering machine (11/24 and 12/2/96) went unanswered.

Your letters of March 31 and April 29, 1997 which raise the subject of supervised living were responded to by his lawyer. "[P]lease be advised that Reverend Keefe will continue to obey the Cardinal.... He maintains he is innocent of any sexual misconduct and that any such allegations are unfounded. ...Reverend Keefe believes it is unnecessary for him to attend an informational meeting regarding such a residence."

That is the extent of the exchange between your office, this one and Dennis.

I hope you enjoyed your retreat.

Bill