

St. John's Seminary
Brighton, Mass.
October 12, 1976

Most. Rev. Thomas V. Daily
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2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Mass. 20135

Dear Tom:

I have read the material which Paul Shanley has been sending out to some priests. I would be inclined to make these suggestions:

(1) recommend that the Cardinal send a brief letter of acknowledgment to priests who write to him about it. (E.g. Phil McConville, etc.)

Dear Father:

Thank you for drawing my attention to the literature which Father Paul Shanley is apparently sending out to priests. I find his letter and accompanying flyer misleading. But I do not personally know the content of the tapes. It is my intention to explore this further.

Asking God's blessings on your priestly ministry, I am

(2) ask Paul Shanley to come in to talk with you. Tell him that you have not heard the tapes, but find the advertising very misleading because it seems to imply the Cardinal's endorsement of his teaching. Ask him if he would be willing to have the tapes reviewed by professionals in moral and spiritual theology (or even psychology)... and to refrain from further advertising in the meantime. You may then want to turn to some members of the group the Cardinal asked to draft suggestions for his letter on homosexuality: Jim Gill, S.J. in psychology, Jack Finnegan in canon law, Jim O'Donohoe in moral and me in spiritual theology... or you may prefer others. I think the evaluations should be sent individually to you.

(3) when the evaluations are received, you could then ~~xxx~~ invite Paul Shanley in again and share the results along with any directives the Cardinal might want to make. (By keeping this between Paul and yourself, it would protect the Cardinal from any direct involvement in case of an appeal for arbitration later on.)

Hope the above remarks are of some help to you and Cardinal Medeiros.

In the Lord we share,

Bill Hughes

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