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His Eminence Humberto Cardinal Medeiros
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Your Eminence,

On February 28th, Father Shanley spoke before the Legislature's Committee and I quote, "homosexuality is not a sickness. What is sick is to discriminate against the homosexual."

After reading this statement I have been very disturbed, primarily because it was made by a man who proposes to represent you and secondly, I don't believe I can tell my fifteen year old son that such unnatural acts are not sinful.

I am and have been disillusioned over the past few years with Father Shanley. Five years ago he stated emphatically before the Board of Catholic Charities that two out of every three kids five years hence would be on drugs and one of every three on hard heroin, unless parents and others catered totally to their whims and problems.

Needless to say, Your Eminence, we are witnessing a recession which probably is the greatest thing to have happen to bring families back together and Father Shanley could not have been more wrong.

I fully understand you are in a position where you cannot make a statement against what has already been said, should you have the chance to do so, but I would hope that such a man would not have the right in the future to make such statements unless they come specifically and directly from you, for all of us look to you for guidance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Thomas J. Flatley

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