

98 Town St.
South Braintree, Mass.
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Your Eminence:

I am very sorry to hear that you are still in the hospital. I hope you are feeling better and will be up and around in the near future.

I have been reading this week's Pilot and decided that I just had to write and tell you how I feel. My heart was very sad and heavy when I heard Father Shanley on T V the other night telling us about the police stopping him, at the Offertory, from completing his Mass a few Saturday nights ago. As a result of this incidence, he has no place to say his Saturday night Mass for his followers who he is so desperately trying to help. It is very hard to imagine the Boston policemen interfering in anyway with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Your Easter Sermon "Let Us Do Something Unprecedented" and your News Notes "Parents Must Be Understanding" and "Uncontrolled Desires" all make me think of Father Shanley. He is trying so hard to help the boys and girls--understanding them. He has done so much for our family--willing always to help at any time of the day or night. All Father Shanley is asking for is "Understanding" and has an "Uncontrolled Desire" to bring Christ through the Eucharist to the children with long hair. Isn't there some small place in our diocese that he could have a Mass for the boys and girls Saturday night. I feel that this is a mission in our own backyard and have no right to turn our heads. Charity begins at home--sometimes.

If you cannot help Father Shanley, probably you could give this letter to someone who would.

Sincerely yours

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