

His Eminence  
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To: Your Eminence

My name is Jeanne D. Sweeney. I am a registered nurse, married to a physician and mother of three children. Our family are active members of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, New York and Christ the King Church.

For ten years I have taken a public stand for legal protection of unborn children, and I frequently write letters which have been published. Consequently, people occasionally contact me who have similar concerns.

A Rochester woman called me after attending a meeting on homosexuality held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on September 23. This woman was very much concerned about some of the speaker's remarks and wondered about his validity. He was Father Paul Shanley who said he was appointed by Cardinal Medeiros of Boston.

I asked this woman if she would write a report of the meeting. Enclosed is the report she wrote from her notes. She has given me permission to copy and distribute her signed report which she states does not pretend to cover everything he said but rather records statements she found particularly disturbing.

I greatly respect this woman's courage in releasing her report to me. As a Catholic of this Diocese, I must fulfill, at least, my responsibility in making her testimony available to Catholic authorities.

For your convenience I am also enclosing copies of clippings, correspondence, etc. which are pertinent to Rev. Shanley's appearance here and my efforts in trying to bring Mrs. Steven's report before the channels of this Diocese open to me as a laywoman.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeanne D. Sweeney*

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