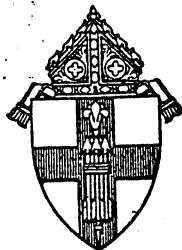


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SULLIVAN

DIOCESE OF



MANCHESTER

August 20, 1939 .

Dear Reverend Father:

Holy Church permits me to promote to Sacred Orders only those of whose fitness I am by positive evidence morally certain (Can. 973-3).

For this evidence I must depend not alone upon the seminary but upon the clergy of the parish in which, during the most critical quarter of each year of his preparation, the seminarian dwells. The obligation of the clergy to furnish it is most serious, as the above cited canon declares in echo of the Pauline injunction: "Impose not hands lightly upon any man; neither be partaker of other men's sins."

Zeal for the holy priesthood urges you indeed to foster vocations among the youth of your parish and to seek out these who seem worthy, not by desire alone but by talent, virtue, piety, manly character and good health. While you must encourage such in all charity and prudence, you must discourage anyone deficient in any of these qualities. Your priestly zeal also obliges you in conscience to deter from advancement to the priesthood a seminarian who, however promising he might have been, shows signs of unworthiness of that dignity.

Moreover, our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, through the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments in an Instruction of 27 December, 1930, entitled "On the Testing of Candidates before they are Promoted to Orders", made it my duty to require from you a yearly detailed report on the vacation conduct and general worthiness of each seminarian in your parish. The Sacred Congregation has indicated an interrogatory which you are to answer. To answer it satisfactorily you must take counsel with your every Assistant, and even if need be with parishioners of prudence and discretion.

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John T. Sullivan

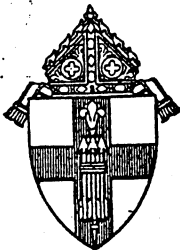
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Bp. Manchester.

Parish of

St. John the Evangelist
Amherst

N. H.

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Your Excellency:

In full realization of their importance to Holy Church, I submit the following answers to the interrogatory proposed to me by your Excellency, under direction of the Holy See, concerning

James J. Sullivan
a seminarian of my parish:

1. Has this seminarian been regular and devout in performing his daily exercises of piety: meditation, assistance at Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and the recitation of the Rosary?

Yes - except times for several weeks he worked and could not assist at daily Mass.

2. (a) How often does he receive Holy Communion?

Weekly and when not working daily.

(b) and with what devotion?

With an external evidence of deep piety

3. When he serves Mass or assists in the sanctuary at divine services does he perform his functions attentively and religiously?

Yes.

4. Is he successful in teaching Christian doctrine during vacation? (If a seminarian has not yet been assigned to the work of catechizing, you must test his liking and ability before he is promoted to Sacred Orders.)

No opportunity offered as yet.

5. Has he shown real evidence of prospective zeal and interest in promoting divine worship, in working for the good of souls, and in worthily exercising sacred functions?

Yes.

6. To what studies is he especially inclined and does he pursue them diligently?

Clerical.
Yes.

7. Does he read irreligious, immoral or vulgar papers, periodicals, or books? No

8. Has he worn a becoming clerical garb during vacation? Yes

9. (a) Has he associated with persons of poor or doubtful repute, or been on such familiar terms with women, even though they be of good reputation, as to cause surprise, disedification or scandal among the faithful? No

(b) Has he gone to theatres, moving-pictures, race-tracks, or any place of a questionable character? No

10. Is he upright, decent and honest in his conversation? Yes

11. Has he been the occasion of provoking unfavorable criticism of the Church's officials, doctrine, morals, or precepts? No

12. Has he always conducted himself properly and prudently with boys and girls? Yes

13. (a) Does he show a tendency to laziness or luxury or worldly pleasures? No

(b) Or an inclination to indulge in intoxicants of any kind? No

14. Has he shown charity to all, and obedience and docility toward superiors? Yes.

15. (a) What do the people think of his fitness for the priesthood? Probably

(b) In church and in his relations with others have they found him pious, grave and prudent? Yes.

16. (a) After prudent investigation (which I hereby direct you in conscience to make) can you assure me that there is in his family no indication of insanity or feeble-mindedness, or of over-indulgence in drink, or of unsavory repute or abnormal traits, or hereditary chronic disease?

yes.

- (b) In this latter connection are you satisfied that his physical constitution and health give promise of an active and vigorous ministry in which he will be "a worthy dispenser of the divine mysteries, and will *strongly* promote on earth the kingdom of God"?

yes

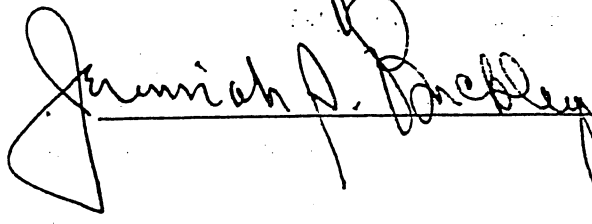
17. Is there any suspicion that he seeks, or is urged by parents or others, to enjoy the clerical life as an easy way to win honors or social standing, to earn money, or to escape what he may deem harder work? (see Can. 2352).

no

18. Are you quite satisfied that his virtue and piety, his past and present mode of life, his behavior during vacation, his avoidance of worldly companions, pursuits and amusements, all point to his worthiness for the Priesthood?

yes.

Respectfully submitted,

 Pastor

Additional information:—

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MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Class standing of.....John T. Sullivan.....

for the year 19.....39....., 19.40..... First semester

General average.....88.....

Theology

Dogmatic Theology	83
Moral Theology	84
Sacred Scripture	91
Eccl. History	85
Canon Law	86
Liturgy	80
Homiletics	
Seminary Discipline	Excellent

Philosophy

Introduction to Sac. Scripture
 Psychology
 Ethics
 History of Philosophy
 Logic
 Political Economy
 Sociology
 English
 Italian
 History
 Education
 Astronomy
 Geology
 Latin
 Greek
 Hebrew
 Seminary Discipline

Philip J. Gallagher

 Rector

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

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Class standing of.....John T. Sullivan.....

for the year 1939....., 1940.....2d semester

General average 87

Theology

Dogmatic Theology	85
Moral Theology	85
Sacred Scripture	91
Eccl. History	88
Canon Law	84
Liturgy	87
Homiletics	
Hebrew	
Seminary Discipline	Excellent

Philosophy

Introduction to Sac. Scripture
Psychology
Ethics
History of Philosophy
Political Economy
Sociology
English
Italian
French
Education
Astronomy
Geology
Latin
Greek
Seminary Discipline

Philip J. Gallagher
.....
Rector

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Class standing of Mr. John Sullivan

for the year 1940-41 2nd Semester

General average 86

Seminary Discipline Excellent

	<u>Theology</u>
Dogmatic Theology	80
Moral Theology	81
Fund. Moral Theology	
Sacred Scripture	88
Eccl. History	88
Canon Law	89
Liturgy	95
Chant	80
Hebrew	

	<u>Philosophy</u>
Intro. to Sac. Scripture	
Psychology	
Ethics	
History of Philosophy	
Logic, etc.	
Sociology	
English	
Latin	
Greek	
Italian	
French	
Eccl. History	
Profane History	
Chant	

Philip J. Gallagher

Rector

Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg, Maryland

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April 9, 1940.



Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.,
145 Lowell St ,
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

Mr. John T. Sullivan has been recommended by the seminary faculty and approved by the Rector for promotion to minor Orders. If you wish him to receive these Orders here will you kindly send Dimissorial Letters.

I am enclosing his letter of application for these Orders, and Baltimore Testimonial Letter.

With expressions of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Philip J. Gallagher
Rector.

April 5, 1940

His Excellency

Most Rev. John B. Peterson, B. D.

Bishop of Manchester,

JL

Your Excellency;

I, John Thomas Sullivan,
having completed second year
theology, and having con-
sulted the Rector, Spiritual
Director and my Confessor
about my vocation, seriously
and of my own free will
humbly ask to be promoted
to Minor Orders.

Very obediently in Christ,
John Thomas Sullivan.

(Litterae Testimoniales)

MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY

Miseratione Divina

Et Sanctae Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

Archiepiscopus Baltimorensis



Per praesentes litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur dilectos Nobis in Christo.

Joannem T. Sullivan

qui ratione commorationis per pusquam sex menses in Seminario Sanctae Mariae ad Montes, Emmitsburgi, Marylandiae, Nostrae Dioecesis, loco, litteris testimonialibus Nostris indigent ut ad ordines promoveri possint, per totum illud tempus ita vitam et mores instituisse, ut, quod sciamus, liberi ab omni censura, et ab omni ordinationis impedimento, e dioecesi nostra disceserint, adeoque ex hac parte nihil obstare, quominus ab Episcopo suo ad Tonsuram, aut Minores Majoresque Ordines rite promoveantur.

In quorum fidem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, expediti jussimus.

Datum Baltimoreae, sub signo sigilloque
Nostro, die 18a mensis Martii anni 19 40

De Mandato Rev. ^{issimo} Dom. Archiepiscopi.

J. M. Melligan
Cancellarius

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NAME SULLIVAN, John T.

PLACE OF BIRTH Concord, N.H.

DATE OF BIRTH January 3, 1917

PLACE OF ORDINATION Manchester, N.H.

DATE OF ORDINATION May 30, 1942

NAME OF ORDAINING PRELATE John B. Peterson, D.D.

PLACE OF INCARDINATION (IF EXTERN)

ACADEMIC DEGREES

COLLEGES ATTENDED St. Anselm, Manchester, N.H.

SEMINARIES ATTENDED Mt. St. Mary, Emmitsburg, Maryland

APPOINTMENTS AS ASSISTANT Holy Angels, Westville (June 8, 1942); St. Mary, Dover (2/19/43);
St. Matthew, Whitefield (5/10/45); St. Thomas Aq., Derry (3/15/45)
St. Patrick, Nashua (9/14/45); St. Mary, Claremont (11/4/47);
St. Kieran, Berlin (8/30/49); Suspended June 16, 1952;
Holy Angels, Westville (9/2/52); Suspended July 20, 1956;

APPOINTMENTS AS PASTOR

DIOCESAN OFFICES

Diocese of Manchester

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SEMINARY

I.

- 1 Name? { Give all names in full, not initials } John Thomas Michael Sullivan
- 2 Residence? { Street and Number Town, or City } 166 Rumford St, Concord
- 3 In what Parish? St. John Evangelist
- 4 Birthplace: Where? Concord, N. H. When? { Full date of Birth } January 3, 1917
- 5 If not born in Diocese of Manchester, when did you locate permanently in this Diocese? _____

Enclose certificate of Baptism.

II.

- 1 In what schools did you receive Primary and Grammar education? St. John
- During what calendar years? 1923 to 1930 inclusive.
- What High Schools or Preparatory Schools did you attend? St. John High School
- During what complete school years? 1930 to 1934 inclusive.
- 3 What College did you attend? St. Anselm's Manchester, N. H.
- During what complete school years? 1934 to 1936 inclusive.
- In what college grades? Freshman and Sophomore
- 4 During how many complete school years did you study Latin? 6 1/2. Greek? 2. Philosophy? —
- 5 What College Degrees did you obtain? _____

Enclose College reports for each year.

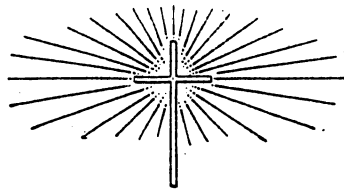
6 If your studies were notably interrupted, state when, for how long, why, and at what occupation.

III.

- 1 Do you apply for the Junior or the Senior Course of Philosophy? Junior
- 2 What Seminary would you prefer to enter? I have no preference.
- Can you provide for your tuition expenses? My parents think they can

Enclose recommendations from your Pastor and College Superiors.

Certificate of Baptism



Church of

St. John the Evangelist
Concord, N. H.

This is to Certify

That *John Sullivan*
 Child of *Timothy Sullivan*
 and *Nora Collins*
 born in *Concord, N. H.* on the
4th day of *Jan.* 1917 was Baptized
 on the *28th* day of *January* 1917

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. *Thomas O'Leary*
 the Sponsors being *George Clark*
 and *A. Euphemia Bourne* as appears from
 the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated *Jan. 19, 1934*

R. Rev. Magr. J. S. Buckley, Pastor

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Saint Anselm College
Manchester, New Hampshire

June 10, 1936.

Office of the Dean

The Most Reverend

Bishop John B. Feteron, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D.,

Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

It pleases me to recommend Mr. John T.M. Sullivan to you as a candidate for the Holy Priesthood. Mr. Sullivan was a student at Saint Anselm for two years, and at all times proved himself amenable to the rules of the Institution. As far as I know, he has given evidence of solid piety. He left here with our best wishes for success.

Cordially yours,

L. J. Davitt

Dean.

Rev. Lawrence J. Davitt, O.S.B.

COLLEGE CREDITS

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DEPARTMENT	COURSE No.	DESCRIPTIVE TITLE	NO. OF WEEKS	GRADE		SEM. HRS. CREDIT	YEAR
				1st Sem.	2nd Sem.		
Latin	5-7	Horace-Livy	36	70	73	6	
	8-10	Tacitus-Juvenal	36	79	79	6	
Greek	1-2	Elementary	36	75	83	6	
	3-4	Intermediate	36	82	88	6	
French	1-2	Elementary	36	83	79	6	
	3-4	Intermediate	36	85	88	6	
English	1-2	English Literature	36	78	80	8	
	3-4	American Literature	36	80	88	8	
Social Science	1-2	Mediaeval History	36	82	93	6	
	3-4	Modern History	36	77	82	6	
Religion	1-2	Course I	36	71	75	2	
	3-4	Course II	36	75	85	2	

Date June 10, 1936

Lawrence J. Davitt
Dean

LJD/T

ST. ANSELM'S COLLEGE

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Record of John Sullivan Address 166 Rumford St., Concord, N.H.

red September 11, 1934 Graduated

Honorable dismissal granted

ENTRANCE CREDITS

SUBJECTS	Units	Source	SUBJECTS	Units	Source	SUBJECTS	Units	Source
English			Sociology			Zoology		
Latin			Elementary Algebra			Drawing		
French			Advanced Algebra			Business		
German			Plane Geometry					
Greek			Solid Geometry					
Spanish			Trigonometry					
History			General Science					
History			Physics					
History, American			Chemistry					
Civics			Biology					
Economics			Botany					

Source (1)

Source (2)

Source (3)

The length of recitation periods is 50 minutes.

The length of laboratory periods is 100 minutes.

The total number of semester hours required for a degree is 128.

The total number of semester hours of credit on record is

The passing grade is 70%.

Remarks

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St. Mary's Seminary
N. Paca St.
Baltimore, Md.
June 21, 1937.

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The Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
151 Walnut St.
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

We have no objection whatever to Mr. Sullivan's getting another trial elsewhere. Perhaps he could do better. He told us he did much better in his college work than he did with us. We made our decision chiefly on his major studies. Of course, the minor subjects usually bring a man's average up; but we felt that in his work in the more important subjects he did not show the intellectual ability which would give promise of his success in Theology and the work of the priesthood. In his case notes are not a clear indication of his intellectual makeup. His fundamental education is poor; his thinking is not clear; his efforts at study are scattered. It is true that he gets results that are sometimes good in some subjects. He does this by hard work. His natural ability is very limited. We simply felt that he could not hope to succeed in Theology and, therefore, we felt that he ought not to return.

There is no obstacle here to prevent his going elsewhere. We shall be happy to testify to his good conduct and piety.

With all kind wishes, and asking your blessing on the work, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

L. P. McDonald, S.S.

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The Rev. L. P. McDonald, S.S.
St. Mary's Seminary
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Father McDonald:

I thank you for your
letter of June 21, regarding Mr. Sullivan.
I think it well to send him to another
Seminary for a try-out. If he is sensible,
docile, hard-working and religious there are
places here which may need him.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

June 23, 1937.

J.M.F.

John P. Sullivan

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Last but not least comes piety, a certain fountain which springs out to the hearts of priests. A pious priest is given great recognition as well as a priest who fosters a great personality. Such a thing is very contagious. Where (they) there is a pious priest no doubt you will see pious people. No doubt you understand that this only occurs at times necessary for such occasions. One of the greatest feats which a man can perform today is to be the celebrant at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and if ever piety is needed it is certainly needed there.

John T. Sullivan

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The three qualities I would expect to find in the ideal priest are: dispositive attitude and piety.

The disposition of a priest means a great deal both to the young and old. The priest at all times should possess a sunny or bright aspectance. Often, just as with ourselves, the priests have many hardships of course incomparable to ours, and such things should be taken by that individual silently. If a priest possesses an offense disposition, we may be sure that such a thing does not benefit his rating with his people.

When a new priest is stationed at your parish, his traits, whether good or bad, are depicted by the parishioners. No doubt most traits of a priest are in accordance with his personality or disposition. A priest, when he is always jovial and pleasant, is immediately taken by the children and men of his parish as a model, and they try to imitate his actions to the best of their ability. That's

why I rate "disposition" as the first quality of an ideal priest.

Attitude in this sense should be explained. In having attitude as my second quality, I mean in more in a strict sense of favoritism. In a lot of parishes priests are mingling with the boys several hours of the day. This is true especially where high schools are established and sports formed. Every person needs not to be told by others how he is rated with various people, this of course naturally befalls on the mind of the individual. So if a priest has a smart quarter back a great pitcher or a speedy forward, he should not rate such a person better than his fat boy or water boy. These occasions are not overlooked. We are all God's children and we are under the direction of God's workers. God insists on all being treated equally and when He places talents upon men such as priests and other different religious orders we expect to see an even attitude

M. J.

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John T. Sullivan.

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Holy Cross of God, having been dragged
to the mountain of Calvary from Helen, then
the ~~king~~ having been driven out of Persia by
Chosroa the king, was received by the general
Heraclius, after the third victory in Persia
was obtained and read ^{him} into the mountain of his
From which Salvator bore this one. &
cause the act was commended by the illustrious
miracle. For Heraclius, so that he may be orna-
mented with a wreath and jewels, insisted that
he be directed to the septa, which he was led
to the mountain of Calvary. And ^{since} ~~when~~ from
this affair both Heraclius himself and all the
rest were stunned. Zacharias a member of
Jerusalem, said, Look general, lest being above
with triumph, we must bear the Cross of
Jesus Christ for a little while to bring forth
poverty and humility. Then Heraclius, having
been sent out with the most splendid dress,
departed from [&] for a long time
friendly with the people, made the rest of
his life easy. So thus the solemnity of the
Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is being
celebrated to this day from many years, he began

to hold a keener memory of his king.

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Cato in Sicilia concepit suas antiquas nave
belli, et imperabat ~~in~~ rebus publicis
ut donet novas sibi. Eae secutus, et
magna cum virtute. In Lucania et Bruttis,
~~et~~ ⁱⁿ suis imperatoribus, tulit homines Romanorum
civium: et rogavit ex civibus Siciliae
aliquantum pedesque. Quam eae
prope factae sunt, certiorum factum, et
Ciris venienti, dixit in rogante, suos homin
se relinquere et donaret a Pompeis, qui non
saret in re omne, coepit futilem bellum, et
rogavit in penatium a sibi et ipies, dixerat u
saret omnes et in bona ordina bello.

Very Rev. Philip J. Gallagher
Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg,

Dear Father Gallagher:

I thank you for your assurance that Mr. Sullivan will be welcome as a student of second year Philosophy. I have instructed him to report on September 14.

I trust that you will find him satisfactory in every way, and that the change in Seminaries may work to his advantage.

He will pay one-half tuition.
The Diocese will pay the rest.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

Sept. 9, 1937.

Very Rev. Philip J. Gallagher, D.D. President
Mt. St. Mary Seminary
Emmitsburg, Md.

Dear Father Rector:

May I present this case for your consideration.

Mr. J. T. Sullivan has made his First Philosophy at St. Mary's, Baltimore. He is a very good young man in character, but not strong in intellectual fundamentals. His marks, save in two lesser branches, were passable. But St. Mary's did not consider him up to its standard.

I enclose his marks. They are, as you may note, not very different from those of one whom they approved.

I enclose also the entire correspondence between the Seminary and myself, that you may have the picture in its entirety.

My twenty-six years of Seminary experience gives me great respect for a Seminary's decision, but in this case my need of good hard-working plain priests leads me to desire the opinion of another Seminary.

Would you consider taking this young man for Second Philosophy this year?

Remember me kindly to Fathers McAndrew and Coad. Please return enclosures to me.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

Sept. 4, 1937.

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY
N. PACA ST.
BALTIMORE, MD.

June 14, 1937.

The Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
151 Walnut St.
Manchester, N.H.

Handwritten signature and initials, possibly 'L.P.M.' and 'S.S.', written in dark ink.

Your Excellency:

I regret to have to tell you that the Faculty here feels that John T. Sullivan of your diocese ought not to return for his studies for the priesthood. He is practically hopeless in things intellectual. Usually we allow two years before we drop a man for studies but in this case it would be simply a waste of time and money for him to return. His fundamental education is very weak; he has little natural ability. On the other hand he is a good boy and is deeply religious. But we feel that he could not possibly succeed in Seminary studies.

With all kind wishes, and asking your blessing on the work, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

L. P. McDonald, S.S.

L.P. McDonald, S.S.

Very Rev. L. P. McDonald
St. Mary's Seminary
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Father McDonald:

I have your letter of
June 14, relative to Mr. John T. Sullivan.

My long Seminary ex-
perience leads me always to accept the decision
of the Faculty. But in this case I am puzzled.
Your scholastic report came today, and I find
that his average mark in ten studies is 7.3, i. e.
"fair". One mark is very good. Three marks are
"good"; two, "fair"; three are "passable"; and
two "conditioned". This seems to modify your
qualification of him as "hopeless in things
intellectual".

Perhaps there is an error
in the figures. If not do you think that, with
"fair" success, his moral and religious qualities
are such as to warrant my giving him a trial else-
where. For we are in need of good, plain service-
able priests.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

June 16, 1937.

Emmitsburg, Maryland

Sept. 19/9

Mrs. Rev. John B. Peteram D.D.

Your Excellency

At your request we will be glad to accept Mr. J. J. Dullivan as a Seminarian in 2nd philosophy. From experience we have often found a change of environment helps some to find themselves. Let us hope it will be so in the case of Mr. Dullivan. The Seminary opens at noon Sept. 14. Retreat will begin that evening. I am returning letters from Fr. McDonald S.S.

With kind regards I am your Excellency

Cordially in Christ -

Philip J. Gallagher

166 Rumford St.
Concord, N. H.

Jan. 2, 1938.

Your Excellency:

Due to the serious
accident with which my
father met, I have been
advised by my pastor,
Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. W. Buckley,
and the physician, Dr.
Blood, to delay my re-
turn to Mt. St. Mary's
Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md.
a few days until this

condition improves.

I am writing you this letter in order that I may seek your permission to do so. Either a letter or personal visit to you will follow by my factor explaining the situation more in detail.

Your seminarian,
John T. Sullivan.

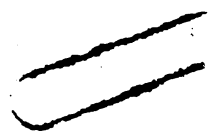
Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg, Maryland

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June 11, 1938

His Excellency:
The Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.
145 Lowell St.
Manchester, N.H.

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Your Excellency:

I thank you for the

~~I am enclosing~~ notes of Mr. John T. Sullivan, covering the second semester
of the year 1937-8.

With sincerest respect, I am

Cordially yours in Christ,

Philip J. Gallagher
Rector.

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
EMMITSBURG. MARYLAND

Class standing of John T. Sullivan

for the year 1937, 1938 Second semester

General average 89

Theology

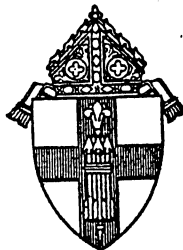
Dogmatic Theology
Moral Theology
Sacred Scripture
Eccl. History
Canon Law
Liturgy
Homiletics
Seminary Discipline

Philosophy

Introduction to Sac. Scripture	94
Psychology	84
Ethics	90
History of Philosophy	
Logic	
Political Economy	
Sociology	
English	
Italian	
History Church	88
Education	
Astronomy	
Geology	
Latin	
Greek	
Hebrew	
Seminary Discipline	Excellent

Philip J. Gallagher
Rector

DIOCESE OF



MANCHESTER

August 20, 1938.

Dear Reverend Father:

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Zeal for the holy priesthood urges you indeed to foster vocations among the youth of your parish and to seek out these who seem worthy, not by desire alone but by talent, virtue, piety, manly character and good health. While you must encourage such in all charity and prudence, you must discourage anyone deficient in any of these qualities. Your priestly zeal also obliges you in conscience to deter from advancement to the priesthood a seminarian who, however promising he might have been, shows signs of unworthiness of that dignity.

Moreover, our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, through the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments in an Instruction of 27 December, 1930, entitled "On the Testing of Candidates before they are Promoted to Orders", made it my duty to require from you a yearly detailed report on the vacation conduct and general worthiness of each seminarian in your parish. The Sacred Congregation has indicated an interrogatory which you are to answer. To answer it satisfactorily you must take counsel with your every Assistant, and even if need be with parishioners of prudence and discretion.

In compliance with this Instruction I request you to send to me before September first your conscientious opinion of the worthiness for the priesthood of

John P. Sullivan
 a resident in your parish and a student for this Diocese who is to enter in September
 the 1st year of ~~Philosophy~~ Theology in the Seminary of Mt. St. Mary

You will please answer specifically each question herein proposed and add also any information which you deem helpful for my guidance.

Faithfully yours in Dno.

John C. Peterson
 Bp. Manchester.

Parish of St. John the EvangelistConcord N. H.

Your Excellency:

In full realization of their importance to Holy Church, I submit the following answers to the interrogatory proposed to me by your Excellency, under direction of the Holy See, concerning

John T. Sullivan

a seminarian of my parish:

1. Has this seminarian been regular and devout in performing his daily exercises of piety: meditation, assistance at Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and the recitation of the Rosary? **Yes**

2. (a) How often does he receive Holy Communion?
 Almost daily; some mornings he went to work at an early hour and could not attend Mass.
 (b) and with what devotion?

Excellent

3. When he serves Mass or assists in the sanctuary at divine services does he perform his functions attentively and religiously?

Yes

4. Is he successful in teaching Christian doctrine during vacation? (If a seminarian has not yet been assigned to the work of catechizing, you must test his liking and ability before he is promoted to Sacred Orders.)

He has not had an opportunity of teaching Christian Doctrine

5. Has he shown real evidence of prospective zeal and interest in promoting divine worship, in working for the good of souls, and in worthily exercising sacred functions?

Yes

6. To what studies is he especially inclined and does he pursue them diligently?

He has not given thought to any special studies during the vacation.

7. Does he read irreligious, immoral or vulgar papers, periodicals, or books?

I think not.

8. Has he worn a becoming clerical garb during vacation?

Yes

9. (a) Has he associated with persons of poor or doubtful repute, or been on such familiar terms with women, even though they be of good reputation, as to cause surprise, disedification or scandal among the faithful?

No

(b) Has he gone to theatres, moving-pictures, race-tracks, or any place of a questionable character?

No.

10. Is he upright, decent and honest in his conversation?

Yes

11. Has he been the occasion of provoking unfavorable criticism of the Church's officials, doctrine, morals, or precepts?

No.

12. Has he always conducted himself properly and prudently with boys and girls?

Yes

13. (a) Does he show a tendency to laziness or luxury or worldly pleasures?

No.

(b) Or an inclination to indulge in intoxicants of any kind?

No.

14. Has he shown charity to all, and obedience and docility toward superiors?

Yes

15. (a) What do the people think of his fitness for the priesthood?

People consider him a good, honest, pious young man.

(b) In church and in his relations with others have they found him pious, grave and prudent?

Yes

16. (a) After prudent investigation (which I hereby direct you in conscience to make) can you assure me that there is in his family no indication of insanity or feeble-mindedness, or of over-indulgence in drink, or of unsavory repute or abnormal traits, or hereditary chronic disease?

I find no indication of the above defects

- (b) In this latter connection are you satisfied that his physical constitution and health give promise of an active and vigorous ministry in which he will be "a worthy dispenser of the divine mysteries, and will *strongly* promote on earth the kingdom of God"?

Yes

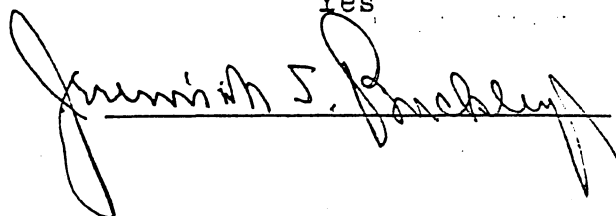
17. Is there any suspicion that he seeks, or is urged by parents or others, to enjoy the clerical life as an easy way to win honors or social standing, to earn money, or to escape what he may deem harder work? (see Can. 2352).

No.

18. Are you quite satisfied that his virtue and piety, his past and present mode of life, his behavior during vacation, his avoidance of worldly companions, pursuits and amusements, all point to his worthiness for the Priesthood?

Yes

Respectfully submitted,

 Pastor

Additional information:—

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Class standing of John T. Sullivan

for the year 1938..., 1939... 1st semester

General average.....85.....

Theology

Dogmatic Theology	86
Moral Theology	85
Sacred Scripture	80
Eccl. History	87
Canon Law	84
Liturgy	85
Homiletics	
Seminary Discipline	<i>excellent</i>

Philosophy

- Introduction to Sac. Scripture
- Psychology
- Ethics
- History of Philosophy
- Logic
- Political Economy
- Sociology
- English
- Italian
- History
- Education
- Astronomy
- Geology
- Latin
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Seminary Discipline

Philip J. Gallagher
Rector

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S SEMINARY
EMMITSBURG, MARYLAND

Class standing of John T. Sullivan

for the year 1938....., 1939..... 2d semester

General average...85.....

Theology

Dogmatic Theology	79
Moral Theology	84
Sacred Scripture	88
Eccl. History	90
Canon Law	84
Liturgy	84
Homiletics	$\frac{509}{6} = 85$
Seminary Discipline	Excellent

Philosophy

Introduction to Sac. Scripture
Psychology
Ethics
History of Philosophy
Logic
Political Economy
Sociology
English
Italian
History
Education
Astronomy
Geology
Latin
Greek
Hebrew
Seminary Discipline

Philip J. Gallagher
Rector

Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg, Maryland

April 30, 1939

Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.,
145 Lowell St., Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

The Seminary Faculty recommends and the Rector approves Mr. John T. Sullivan for promotion to First Tcnsure. He has completed the requisite course in Theology, and has passed the examinations. I am enclosing his letter of application and testimonial letter from Baltimore. If you approve, will you kindly forward Dimissorial Letter.

With expressions of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Philip J. Gallagher
Rector

(Litterae Testimoniales)

MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY

Miseratione Divina

Et Sanctae Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

Archiepiscopus Baltimorensis



Per praesentes litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur dilectos Nobis in Christo.

Joannem T. Sullivan

qui ratione commorationis per plusquam sex menses in Seminario Sanctae Mariae ad Montes, Emmitsburgi, Marylandiae, Nostrae Dioecesis, loco, litteris testimonialibus Nostris indigent ut ad ordines promoveri possint, per totum illud tempus ita vitam et mores instituisse, ut, quod sciamus, liberi ab omni censura, et ab omni ordinationis impedimento, e dioecesi nostra disceserint, adeoque ex hac parte nihil obstare, quominus ab Episcopo suo ad Tonsuram, aut Minores Majoresque Ordines rite promoveantur.

In quorum fidem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, expediri jussimus.

Datum Baltimore, sub signo sigilloque
 Nostro, die 28 mensis Aprilis anni 1939

De Mandato Rev. ^{issimo} Dom. Archiepiscopi.

Josephus mens
 v. c. cancellarius

Mount St. Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg, Maryland

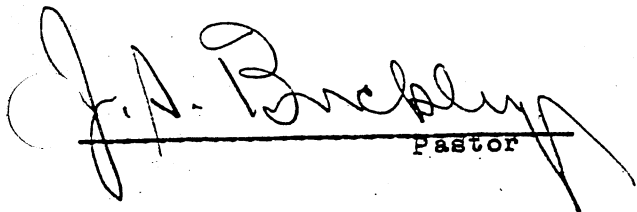
Rev. Msgr. J. S. Buckley,
72 So. Main St. Concord, N.H.

Questionnaire concerning John T. Sullivan
to be filled by Pastor, or Priest delegated by him, and returned to the
Rector of the Seminary before call is given for Orders.

1. Do you think he has a vocation to the Priesthood? Yes
2. In his dealings with the laity - male and female - has his
conduct been modest and prudent? Yes
3. At daily Mass, Communion, on ceremonies, is he serious,
exact and edifying? Yes
4. Does he use intoxicants, frequent theaters and movies? No
5. In conversation is he charitable, tactful or irritating? Yes
6. Towards superiors is he obedient and respectful? Yes
7. Does he wear clothing in keeping with his vocation? Yes
8. Do his neighbors in general regard him as a fit subject for
the Priesthood? Yes
9. Is he absolutely free in the choice of vocation, not unduly
influenced by parents or any one else? Yes
10. Is he familiar with persons of doubtful faith or morals? No
11. Has there been any public scandal, mental weakness or sign
of physical infirmity in his family? No

Any information given to the Rector is in strictest confidence
and will be divulged, if necessary, only to the Ordinary.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,



Pastor

Very Rev. Philip J. Gallagher

Rector of the Seminary.

April 27, 1939.

His Excellency,
Most Rev. John P. Peterson, O. P.
Bishop of Manchester,
Your Excellency:

I, John Thomas Michael Sullivan,
having completed First year of Theology,
and having consulted the Rector, Spiritual
Director, and my confessor about my
vocation, seriously and of my own free
will humbly ask to be promoted
to First Tonsure.

Very obediently in Christ,
John Thomas Michael Sullivan.

MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA,
ARCHIEPISCOPUS BALTIMORENSIS.

Universis Praesentes Litteras Inspecturis Salutem et Benedictionem in Domino.

Fidem facimus et testamur in Collegii Ecclesia

die **4a** Mensis **Junii** A.D. 1939 Sacram Ordinationem celebrantem

Joannem M. McNamara, Ep. Aux. Baltimorensis dilectum Nobis

in Christo **Joannem T. Sullivan** Dioecesis

Manchesteriensis examinatum, approbatum idoneumque repertum et ab Ordinario

suo rite dimissum ad **Primam Tonsuram** juxta S.R.E. ritum et

servata forma S. C. Tridentini in Domino promovisse.

Datum Emmitsburgi Sub Signo Sigilloque Rectoris Seminarii Sanctae Mariae ad Montes

Emmitsburgensis die **4a** mensis **Junii** A.D. 1939

De Mandato Illmi. et Revmi. Archiepiscopi

Michaelis Josephi Curley, D.D.

Philippus J. Gallagher

Rector Semii Stae Mariae ad Montes
Emmitsburgi in Marylandia.

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die 2a Mensis Junii A.D. 1940

Sacram Ordinationem celebrantem

Jacobum E. Walsh, Ep. Tit. Satae

dilectum Nobis

in Christo Joannem T. Sullivan

Dioecesis

Manchesteriensis

examinatum, approbatum idoneumque repertum et ab Ordinario

suo rite dimissum ad **Minores Ordines**

juxta S.R.E. ritum et

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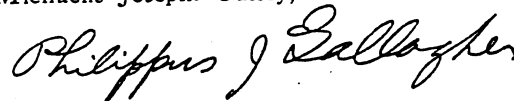
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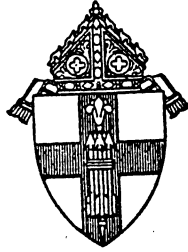
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Rector Semii Stae Mariae ad Montes
Emmitsburgi in Marylandia.

DIOCESE OF



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+ *John A. Peterson*
Bp. Manchester.

Parish of St John the Evangelist 5804
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2. (a) How often does he receive Holy Communion?
On Sundays only on account of employment
(b) and with what devotion?
Devotion becoming a seminarian
3. When he serves Mass or assists in the sanctuary at divine services does he perform his functions attentively and religiously?
Yes -
4. Is he successful in teaching Christian doctrine during vacation? (If a seminarian has not yet been assigned to the work of catechizing, you must test his liking and ability before he is promoted to Sacred Orders.)
I have not yet had an opportunity to test his ability
5. Has he shown real evidence of prospective zeal and interest in promoting divine worship, in working for the good of souls, and in worthily exercising sacred functions?
Yes -
6. To what studies is he especially inclined and does he pursue them diligently?
Engaged in manual labor, he has not had time to give to reading or studying during vacation.

7. Does he read irreligious, immoral or vulgar papers, periodicals, or books? *I think not.*

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Yes - outside hours and from employment.

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Yes, I can assure you Excellency

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No

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Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Buckley

Pastor

Additional information:—

Your Excellency: Your Excellency intends to ask if your Excellency will approve his seeking a position as playground supervisor for next summer - such work would include supervision of swimming pool for boys & girls - I doubt the propriety of the work however, I directed him to place the matter before your Excellency.

J. A. Buckley

Mount Saint Mary's College

Emmitsburg, Maryland

Account of John T. Sullivan

TO Most Rev. J. B. Peterson
145 Lowell St/
Manchester, N.H.

2nd Semester.....1940-41

Board & Tuition, etc.*	✓	225.00					
Room‡							
Laboratory Fee for							
Books & Stationery							
CREDITS							
Initial Deposit Fee							
By Payment							
By Payment							
Balance							\$225.00

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First Semester accounts must be closed prior to November fifteenth.

*Board and tuitional charges include registration, library, athletic, infirm-ary and laundry fees.

‡Charges for rooms depend upon the size and location of the room.

Mount Saint Mary's Seminary
Emmitsburg, Maryland

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April 24, 1941

Most Reverend John B. Peterson, D.D.,
145 Lowell St., Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

The seminary faculty has recommended and the rector has approved the promotion of Mr. John T. Sullivan to subdiaconate and diaconate. I am enclosing his letter of application and Baltimore testimonial letter. I am also enclosing for the chancery files baptismal certificate, confirmation certificate and parents' marriage certificate.

If you approve, will you kindly send me a dimissorial letter. Subdiaconate will be conferred here on May 22d and diaconate next September.

With expressions of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Philip J. Gallagher

Rector

(Litterae Testimoniales)

MICHAEL JOSEPHUS CURLEY

Miseratione Divina

Et Sanctae Apostolicae Sedis Gratia

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In quorum fidem has testimoniales litteras, manu Nostra subscriptas, expediti jussimus.

Datum Baltimore, sub signo sigilloque

Nostro, die 9 mensis Aprilis anni 1941

De Mandato Rev. ^{issimo} Dom. Archiepiscopi.

Jo. M. Melligan
Cancellarius

April 21, 1941.

His Excellency
Most Rev. J. B. Peterson, D. D.
Bishop of Manchester.

Your Excellency,

I, John Thomas Sullivan,
having completed third year Theology,
and having consulted the Rector,
Spiritual Director and my confessor
about my vocation, seriously and of
my own free will humbly ask to
be promoted to Subdeaconship and
Deaconship.

Very obediently in Christ,
John Thomas Sullivan.