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Members of the Personnel Commission
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Answers -
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Members of the Personnel Commission:

The Town and Country Apostolic Council Board of Directors have directed me, as President of the Council, to write to you concerning priestly appointments to the rural apostolate.

Our purpose in writting is to solicit your good will and to demonstrate our concern.

While this is a very delicate matter, we are particularly concerned with the attitude that the "hard to place" priest be first "tried out" in a country parish

We suggest that the "hard to place" minister be assigned to a town parish where several other priests are stationed or that he be considered for some form of "team ministry" rather than to place such a priest as "pastor" of a "one man" country parish. The influence of a "one man" pastor on the parishioners for a small country parish is very deep and very long lasting. This is difficult for a metro-minded person to understand completely.

We also suggest that priests assigned to the rural ministry for the first time be advised by the Commission to have a talk session with other veteran rural pastors or, if they wish, with the TACA Board of Directors.

Hoping to hear from you concerning this matter, we are

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Yours in Christ,



C. Patrick Creed
TACA Board of Directors