



ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

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April 17, 1967

His Eminence
Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani
Pro-Prefect Sacred Congregation
for the Doctrine of the Faith
Piazza del Sant'Uffizio 11
Rome, Italy

Your Eminence,

May I ask your special and most kind consideration in the case of the Reverend Edmund J. Boyle? Father Boyle is presently a guest at the Monastery of the Servants of the Paraclete (Via Coeli), Jemez Springs, New Mexico. I understand that a recent reply to the original presentation of his case, dated February 10, 1967, requested that Fr. Boyle "det ulteriora stabilis emendationis signa".

I have known Father Boyle for many years and have maintained close contact with him, especially during his recent difficulties. I have written him stating that when he receives permission from the Holy See, I would be most happy to arrange an appointment for him in this Archdiocese.

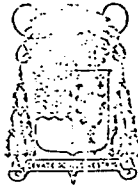
I wish to assure you, your Eminence, that in so far as human frailty can judge, I have every confidence in Father Boyle's sincere and stable emendation. I would be most happy to accept him in this Archdiocese where the urgent need for ministers in the Lord's vineyard is so great.

I have every confidence that in coming to your decision, you will take into consideration my own personal recommendation of Father Boyle as well as the urgent need in this Archdiocese for his assistance.

Assuring you of my sentiments of loyalty and esteem,
I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

+Robert J. Dwyer
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon



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Re: 154/67

Your Excellency:

I have received lately a copy of your letter to Father Gerald Fitzgerald, Superior General of the Servants of the Paraclete, regarding the petition for the rehabilitation of the Reverend Edmund Boyle, formerly of the Archdiocese of Seattle. The pertinent response reads as follows:

Pro gratia, qua Sac. Edmundus Boyle, hospes in pia dome "Via Coeli", rehabilitari valeat ad sacrum litandum etiam extra saepta, ad modum actus, idque ad annum, quando ad hoc requisitus fuerit. Termino autem concessionis instante, Superiores de ejus vitae ratione ad S. Congregationem pro Doctrina Fidei referant.

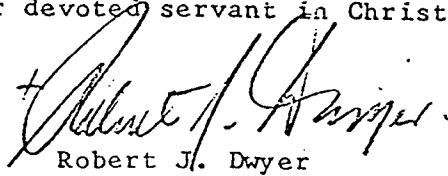
I feel it necessary, Your Excellency, to protest this sentence. I feel very strongly, on the basis of my personal knowledge of Father Boyle, that he has been punished enough, and that further incarceration in Via Coeli, even with permission to offer Mass outside on occasions, is hardly sufficient as a counter-favor.

Father made the sad error of attempting marriage well over three years ago. He was then close to 50 years of age, and the lapse was brief; in six months he was back at the Hanna Center, Diocese of Santa Rosa, with Monsignor O'Connor, where he remained (as a layman) for almost a year, acting as an aid for the boys in school there. Then he went to Via Coeli, where he has spent the past twenty months.

I have offered to accept him in the Archdiocese and have it in mind to assign him as an assistant to the director at St. Mary's Boys' Home, an orphanage. Father Goodrich is one of the finest priests of this Archdiocese, and would be of great help and encouragement for Father Boyle. On the other hand, Father Boyle, due to his training in social work, would be able to help Father Goodrich and so release another priest for our needy parishes.

I seriously recommend, therefore, reconsideration of the sentence, and the granting of permission for Father Boyle to leave Via Coeli for St. Mary's Home, Beaverton, Oregon, in this Archdiocese. Knowing the case at first hand, I can assure you that no scandal will be involved and that Father will justify the consideration given him and confidence placed in him.

Your devoted servant in Christ,



Robert J. Dwyer
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of Portland in Oregon

Archbishop Paul Philippe, O.P.
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