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Dear Father Huber:

I am writing in response to your letter requesting further information in regard to Father Paul Rynne.

I really have not known Father Rynne personally. I was not in the seminary with him, and I never worked closely with him in the Archdiocese. My interaction with him prior to this recent incident never lasted more than five minutes.

A cloud of uncertain rumor has hung over Father Rynne for several years, but I never could figure out the reason or the content.

Now that I am in a new position in central administration, I know from reports that there has been suspicion in the past of alcoholism. Father Rynne has denied this, and his denial has been supported. My own suspicion would be that there is a problem of overuse of alcohol.

The recent incident concerning the young man is the first time that such a problem has been brought to the attention of the Archdiocese. In talking with those who had somewhat direct knowledge concerning this incident, it seems that there are rumors that this incident is not isolated. My own guess would be that the problem is deep-rooted.

Father Rynne has been completely cooperative with me concerning this incident, though he has denied any further problem of any sort. As far as his pastoral work in the Archdiocese, he was given sensitive and demanding position in interracial work some years back, and I gather he did quite well.

If you would want further details, may I suggest that you give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Most Rev. Robert J. Banks
Vicar for Administration

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