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To:

The Chairperson
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June 13, '95

Dear Father,

I am Father Benjamin M. Sebastian, a catholic priest, of the Diocese of Kottar, India. Bishop Leon Tharmaraj is our bishop. Presently I am doing my studies in Alcoholism Counseling while working for St. Vincent's Services, a child care agency of the diocese of Brooklyn, New York.

I would like to send you the following **CONFIDENTIAL** information regarding Father A.M. Hilary (Anthony Muthu Hilary) of our diocese. He was granted permission by our bishop Leon Tharmaraj due to pressure to come to United States. Father Hilary is an **alcoholic** known to the diocese. Two months ago he had a mild cardiac arrest due to his drinking and he was warned by the treating physician that he could die if he would relapse. He was twice arrested and fined in court for DWI (driving while intoxicated). He was a few times assaulted by his own parishioners due to his rude behavior resulting from his drinking. There were allegations that under the influence of alcohol he molested girls who went to his rectory. The diocese once investigated one of the allegations and found it to be true.

Fr. Francis Soosai Marian, a drinking buddy of Father Hilary, belonging to the same diocese, came to America a year ago and worked in Little Rock diocese where he was treated for alcoholism and sent back to the diocese of Kottar just last month.

Mr. Tony Epaphras, an ex-priest & good friend of Father Hilary, lives at 169 Lafayette Street, Manchester. Tony submitted sponsorship letter to U.S. Consulate in Madras, India, inviting Father Hilary to the United States. Father Hilary is scheduled to land in America on 25th of this month on a visitor visa. Tony and Father Hilary are likely to approach the diocesan office for Pastoral assignment for Fr. Hilary in Manchester diocese.

You may contact our bishop Leon Tharmaraj to know more about Father Hilary's drinking problem and you may contact the diocese of Little Rock to know more about Father Francis Soosai Marian of our diocese.

This **confidential** letter is just for your information confident that it would help you take the right decision if you are approached by Father Hilary. I can be contacted during day time at 718-522-6011.

With regards,

Fr. Benjamin Sebastian