

DIOCESE OF KOTTAR

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His Excellency
 Most Rev. Leo O'Neil
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Your Excellency,

Hearty Greetings from Kottar, India. I am writing these few lines concerning Rev. Fr. A. M. Hilary of my diocese who is now in Manchester, N.H., with his friend Mr. Toni Epaphras, 169 Lafayette Street, Manchester, N.H. 03102. I have given him permission to go for the United States for a period of three years. I would be happy if he would be provided with the possibility of doing some pastoral work in a parish of your diocese. He had worked in my diocese for the last 25 years. He had been very active and doing lot of good to the people wherever he was.

Now I come to know from Fr. Hilary that certain complaints have been received by you about him. I know that he is used to take alcoholic drinks occasionally, but he is not an alcoholic. I have also never heard of any incident of child-abuse by him. Hence I am surprised that such complaints have been made against him.

I shall be happy and thankful to you if you give him an opportunity to serve in your diocese for three years. If he does not do his ministry to your satisfaction, you may at any time withdraw your permission to work in your diocese.

With kind regards,

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ *Leon A. Tharmaraj*
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