

January 18, 1963

The Rev. Edward O. Paquette,  
569 Sanford Road,  
North Westport, Mass.

Dear Father Paquette,

For reasons of a most grave nature and the attending scandal, I am bound to notify you, by these presents, that you no longer possess faculties in the Diocese of Fall River. You will also vacate the rectory at Our Lady of Grace Church, and leave the Diocese.

You must certainly appreciate the fact that you are liable to prosecution, under the laws of the State of Massachusetts. Such a thing, should it happen, could only result in your loss of all possibility for priestly ministry.

I am deeply hurt at the type of return you give for the kindness, if I can honestly call it that, and not blame myself, shown you during recent years by,

Very sincerely yours,

*James J. Conroy*

Bishop of Fall River.

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