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Most Reverend James L. Connolly, O. C.

Bishop's House  
394 Highland Ave.  
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Bishop:

During the past nine months I have been regularly seeing a psychiatrist and receiving treatment from Dr. Fredrick Rosenheim, 109 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. I also have been reporting weekly to my home parish pastor, Father Timothy O'Connor. I have been saying Mass daily. All is and has been going along well.

Several weeks ago I received a letter from Father J. Norman Hardy, pastor of Holy Cross Church in Palmetto, Florida. He is anxious to have me help him in his parish for a period of six months with the possibility of permanency. I have received from him three letters and a telephone call. He stated in his letters that the Fall River Chancery office sent him my name and address.

I showed Father Hardy's letter to Father O'Connor, the doctor, and to Father Paul, the priests' Retreat Master of St. Joseph Abbey, Spencer, who conducted my retreat, and to whom I have confided fully. I have seen him several times these past months and let him know of my progress.

Doctor Rosenheim favored my going to Florida. He said that I have curbed my tendencies on my "problem", and it would be better for me to be back working in a parish assignment.

Father Paul said that this is a fine opportunity for me. He said that when I get settled in Florida to

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direction of a spiritual director I will do alright.

Father Connor also favors my going. He is willing to submit a letter of recommendation to you. He has been fully informed of all my movements for the past nine months. He assigned me to daily masses and has always known about my visits to the doctor and every place I have been.

So, with their approval and my own decision I wrote to Father Hackett requesting a celebrat. He replied that he would present my request to you upon your return from Rome. He expected this to be toward the end of this month.

I humbly ask you for a celebrat, for I hope to reestablish myself in the Priesthood in the St. Augustine Diocese.

Respectfully yours in Christ,  
Edward Paquette