

My dear Monsignor:

For sometime I have had the inside story of the Sullivan case. I refrained from repeating it but now since it is more or less generally known I feel free in telling it. Fr. Downey preached here last Wed and before he left town Thursday morning he succeeded in getting what he said was the complete and final history of the case.

It appears that Sullivan borrowed Frank Sheridan's auto ~~Friday~~ ^{Monday} evening. When he returned with the car to the Sheridan yard he had everything set to do away with himself. There was waiting for him to return the keys. When he failed to show up the looked out the window and saw the car. He went out to the car and found Sullivan unconscious from carbon monoxide fumes. The Doctor was called between twelve midnight and one A.M. Tuesday. When he reaches

me hospitalized he was treated as a narrow
minded patient. (This is a side remark ⁵³⁰⁰
only once have I heard about
Sullivan being out at night time
in an auto). It is no wonder that
the doctor would not tell me
what ailed Sullivan.

The sisters told Fr. Downey that it
should be put away, for he will
surely make a second attempt
to end his life.

Now Monsignor the reason why
I am writing this letter is to please
with the Bishop not to send Sullivan
back to Berlin. Only this morning
I heard that he wrote a letter to
person here telling him that he
was coming back for the first of
April. He dates me and if possible
be later for years more. We both have
a fear of him. With this hatred
as a weapon he has succeeded
in dividing the parish in two.

The men and the R of C through the influence of Frank Sheidauer a nearly one hundred percent against us. I don't know what the Bishop has against me. I can't think of anything I have done that would turn him against me. I have a fairly good reputation with most of the priests of my age and younger. I have never performed any of my duties as a pastor or an assistant.

So Monsignor please ^{use} your influence for the sake of the people to keep the parish from going to pieces.

Very gratefully yours in Christ
P. S. Walz

The enclosed letter was just received. It is the first notice of a communion breakfast that I have received. Over the phone I learned that it was decided