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The Most Reverend Matthew Brady, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester,
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Your Excellency,

The Rev. J.T. Sullivan, presently living at Holy Cross Rectory in Morrisville, Vermont, has written twice to me, begging for a chance to rehabilitate himself through acceptance for work in the archdiocese of Milwaukee.

His first letter of December 30, 1957 was answered by simply referring him to other bishops, whose needs are greater. There was nothing in my letter which would have given him encouragement to write to me again. Yet, I am in receipt of a second letter from him, under date of January 28th, in which he almost pitifully begs for a chance to prove himself.

Your Excellency will readily understand that I have had my own share of problems of this kind during the twelve years of my episcopate and that I am not looking for additional trouble. Nevertheless, something in the fact of his having written to me a second time, contra spem so to say, struck me, and I thought that I would at least write to you and ask for your advice in the matter, and for a fuller statement. Doubtless you have become weary in writing such letters, since Father Sullivan mentions that he has tried many places. I don't know exactly why I should write asking for this information, since I have turned down so many others in previous years. However, if Your Excellency cares, I would appreciate a line to enable me to come to a decision in the matter.

With kindest personal greetings and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely in Christ,

Richard J. Meyer
Archbishop of Milwaukee