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Dear Ron,

In the current climate of allegations concerning Father Gennaro Gentile, allegations which he firmly rejects, Father Gentile has expressed concern that through your contacts and conversations with people in the parish community, you may be contributing to rumors and accounts which are either untrue or distortions and which do harm to his reputation.

If even unwittingly such could possibly be true, I am confident that you would want it brought to your attention. You will remember that when I visited you in the hospital, I had asked that you not discuss the Evan Mahakian matter with others. While such matters may properly be brought to the attention of appropriate authorities, we all share the obligation to exercise great care in the matter of another person's reputation.

I had tried unsuccessfully to reach you by telephone so that you could express your views on this concern. Failing that opportunity, I'm sending you this letter but please know that you are welcome to call me if you want to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Edward D. O'Donnell
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