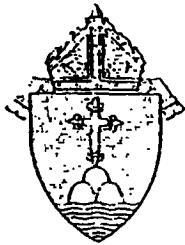


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Mr. [REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

His Eminence, Cardinal Law, received your letter and asked me to look into the matter for him.

I contacted Father Birmingham and asked him specifically about the matter you expressed in your letter. He assured me there is absolutely no factual basis to your concern regarding your son and him. From my knowledge of Father Birmingham and my relationship with him, I feel he would tell me the truth and I believe he is speaking the truth in this matter.

From my perspective, therefore, I see no need of your raising this question with your son. But if you feel drawn to do so, for whatever reason, I suggest that you contact Mrs. Mary Byrne at North Shore Catholic Charities in Peabody (532-3600). She is the Director of Professional Services and is experienced in these matters.

I hope that you find this helpful and that it allays any concerns you may have.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John B. McCormack
Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

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