

MEMORANDUM

November 7, 1979

TO: His Eminence
FROM: Bishop Daily
RE: Rev. Paul Shanley, Class of 1960

Father Shanley came to the Chancery Office at four o'clock on Monday, November 5. He met with me for about three quarters of an hour to discuss the letter he wrote to me September 28, 1979, copy attached.

Generally speaking the conversation was pleasant and generally speaking too, Father feels and felt that I did not take him seriously. Father's matters that he mention in the letter were very serious to him. He did not feel that, at least it was his impression that I was not considering the contents of his letter seriously.

I indicated to him that in fact he was and any priest is forbidden to celebrate Mass for homo-sexual groups, such as Dignity. I tried to clarify what was said in a letter in the Wichita incident and also the term "punishment" was discussed as contained in his letter. Father left at the end of the discussion quite disappointed, apparently feeling that he did not make his point and in regard to the conversation is not satisfactory.

I thanked him for his help to Father LeBrun at St. John's Church, Newton/Watertown where he seems to be reasonably happy at least for the present.

He spoke of not receiving correspondence from you. I indicated to him that was not the custom and that correspondence is always answered.

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Cardinal
Answer on Shanley
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Reported he (Ca)
had letter re:
Dr S's preaching
at St John's
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