

CONFIDENTIAL
MEMORANDUM

TO: His Eminence, the Cardinal
FROM: Bishop Daily
RE: Rev. Thomas P. Forry '68

May 17, 1979

Your Eminence,

I spoke with Rev. Thomas Forry, Associate Pastor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, North Scituate, on Friday, May 11, 1979 at 2 p.m. I met with him for one hour regarding the complaint of Miss [redacted], housekeeper in the parish for 16 years who alleges she was assaulted by Father Forry. Miss [redacted] contacted a lawyer, Mr. Paul Sullivan, who has written to me May 9, 1979 about this complaint indicating he would not go to civil court, but expects "decisive action to be taken."

I spoke with you personally on this and gave you my reflection. In brief - Father Forry did admit to handling Miss [redacted] roughly, but not to any assault or physical damage as described by Miss [redacted] in conversation with Father Helmick and letters from Clifford L. Ward, Jr., D.O., and Attorney Paul Sullivan (copies attached.)

Father Forry was very repentant about his action and declared himself so. He seemed to be extremely upset that he was called to the Chancery Office. I indicated to him that I would report our meeting to you and obtain direction from you for the future.

It would be my recommendation that an Administrator be appointed as soon as possible and that, once that took place, there follow immediate termination of Father Forry as Associate Pastor with instructions for Father to contact the Personnel Office to obtain another assignment. All of this is recommended for the pastoral good of the faithful of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, N. Scituate.

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Attachment



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*Please follow through on this. The administrator has been selected already, I believe. Tell Fr. Smyth to proceed with the transfer of Fr. Forry. If you think I should see him, please set up an appointment.
J.M.D.*