

Rev. R. Pickering

MEMORANDUM

To The Archbishop
From Father Deal
Re GARDENVALE & FATHER PICKERING

A Mr. O'Hally, claiming to be a parishioner of Gardenvale proceeded to make inquiry of Father Deal this afternoon on the telephone regarding whether Father Pickering had resigned, about the fact of an administrator in the Parish, about rumours that "the Cathedral" were not happy with Father Pickering taking leave to the U.K., and other related aspects of the same.

Mr. O'Hally was advised that he was not in a position to comment on these matters, except that it was normal procedure for an administrator to be appointed to administer the parish in the absence of a parish priest over a time.

Father Deal said that communication/correspondence between the Archbishop and a priest was something that was kept between them.

Father Deal suggested that if Mr. O'Hally wished to check whether a rumour was true or not, then he should check it with the source from which he heard it: what grounds they have for such a rumour.

Mr. O'Hally did get Father Deal on edge a bit, and so this memo is made in case Mr. O'Hally pursues the matter further.

Mr. O'Hally was asked to speak with the Archbishop. He was advised regarding the normal procedures in such requests.

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