

" St. Mary's ", Marino, Dublin.
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My very dear Brother Provincial,

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter to the General dated 5/10/'59, concerning questions put to you by the General in an earlier letter. Thanks for the information. The General is at present in Rome. I do not know when to expect him back here. I was away for nearly three weeks myself recently, returning a week ago.

In your letter the last matter dealt with by you was the matter of those accused with interfering with boys in the West. Although it is perhaps out of my province to be writing to you at all about this matter, still I am taking the liberty of asking you to ensure that the most careful investigation is made concerning these charges. Knowing that the Brother Third, or is it Second, is in the West these times, I have written to him, telling him of my feeling about the sorry business, and suggesting that he should try his best to get to the truth. To my mind, where evidence of serious misconduct is sustained, a Canonical Warning does not always meet the situation, and I think that the question of dismissal should at least be considered. The weakness is a deplorable one, and scandalous in the extreme. The ever-present possibility of publicity being given to the incidents gives abundant cause for the most serious concern. In one or two of the cases mentioned, it seems to me, if my memory serves me correctly, that similar charges were preferred on some former occasion. In any case I would earnestly request you to direct the Brother Consultor, Jerome, to satisfy himself, as far as he is able, about the true state of affairs, and to let you know them in full. If you feel that there is reason to refer the cases, or any of them, to the General, it would be good to do so without delay. I find it difficult to accept the claim of the young Brother that he did not realise that his conduct in Clontarf was very dangerous, and very unseemly. His very instincts would surely warn him. In any case it would seem that he has a most dangerous weakness, to say the least. Please God there will be no further concern about these cases. May any recurrences anywhere be

few and far between.

I hope that manage to keep well in spite of the troubles and worries that come your way - inevitably. You do not need to be reminded that there will be no freedom for you from worries of one kind or another as long as you are at the helm. The Evil Spirit will see to that. But you have a deep Faith, and an abundance of courage, and so, with God's help, you will not be unduly concerned.

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There is nothing in the way of news here. We are at the end of a delightful summer, and the winter is coming in decently. New schools are being erected in Bristol, or near it, and also near Wigan. They will be fine additions to the English Province when they are completed. The great need in England, as elsewhere, is for more and more Brothers.

Warm regards to self, Consultors, Br. Bursar, and all the Brothers. I hope the year proves very successful for all. Regards to de Sales.

I am, etc., Your affte. Br., *P. D. Duffy.*