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St. Patrick's Province,  
MELBOURNE.

My very dear Brother Provincial,

I have treated of the Adelaide Visitation Report in my letter to the Brother Second Consultor. I will say something of the Reports on Castledare, Clontarf, Bindoon, and Geraldton in this letter to you. I presume that you write to each Superior after you have studied the Visitation Report on his Community, and point out to him weaknesses and irregularities that the Report may make mention of, and give him clear grave harm to the good name of the Institute is very great - to say nothing of the spiritual deterioration of Brother Baylon. I do not know how the PROVINCIAL. I am very pleased to know that Brother Laserian is doing so well in his first Superiorship. His task has been no easy one, but he has already justified the confidence that the Provincial Council placed in him twelve months ago. He has a saintly uncle, Brother Leo O'Doherty, at Baldoye, and, knowing the uncle, I am not surprised to hear that the nephew is such a fine religious Brother. I think that you would be well advised to let Brother Laserian know, during the next Visitation, of the desirability of keeping Brother Lambert away from all supervision of the boys, except perhaps when they are in the field. His relations with boys have given rise for concern before, and, for everybody's sake, the greatest care should be taken to protect both him and the boys

CLONTARF. The Clontarf Report has disappointed and saddened me very much.

I find it hard to believe that the Superior, Brother Gerard, takes a serious view of his grave responsibility, not only to attend to the spiritual welfare of his Brothers, but also to protect the good name of the Institute. I want you to read the Report of the Visitation made at Clontarf in 1952 by the Brother Third Assistant. There you will read of the serious and dangerous position in which Brother Baylon had placed himself during the months that preceded the Visitation. Although he knew of this, the Superior made no mention of it to the Brother Assistant, and he was rightly reprimanded for not having done so. The seriousness of the position was made clear to him, and he was told not to allow Brother Baylon to make any further visits to the family concerned unless he was satisfied that some real necessity existed. One would think that after that Visitation such a lamentable state of affairs could not develop again, at least under the same Superior. But, unfortunately, within twelve months the whole sorry and deplorable business is repeated. The danger of serious scandal, and of grave harm to the good name of the Institute is very great - to say nothing of the spiritual deterioration of Brother Baylon. I do not know how the



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Superior can have been content to allow such a state of affairs to persist. In view of what seems to me to be a very serious dereliction of his duty, it is my wish that you do not reappoint Brother Gerard to the Superiorship of Clontarf, nor appoint him to any other Superiorship. It will also be necessary to give Brother Baylon a Canonical Warning, and to transfer him well away from Clontarf and its environs.

With regard to the Chaplain at Clontarf : If you decide to allow him to take his meals with the Community, which is unusual in your two Provinces, you are to make sure that the silence that the Rule sets down for meals is observed even in his presence, and that all the other prescriptions of the Rule relative to Meals and Reading at Meals are carried out faithfully. This, of course, does not include reading the Constitutions.

I notice that the boys rise only twice a week for morning Mass. This is altogether too bad, and I want you to see to it at once that they are present at the Holy Sacrifice more frequently. There is no need for me to dwell upon the immense loss to their souls that this infrequent assistance at Holy Mass involves. Surely the Brothers would be only too pleased and delighted to cultivate a love for the Mass among the boys by suitable and frequent instructions, and urge them to assist at the Holy Sacrifice with fervour and devotion. I feel sure that if the Brothers are anxious about propagating devotion to the Mass the boys will become more and more anxious to assist at Mass even daily.

There are other matters raised in the Report that call for attention. I know that you will have taken steps already to restore regularity where it was missing.

BINDOON. The big problem at Bindoon will be to appoint a Superior who will see to it that regular observance is maintained, and who will at the same time not clash with Brother Paul, in matters connected with the buildings. I hope that you are able to select as Superior a Brother who will appreciate Brother Paul's intense interest in Bindoon, and who will be understanding and sympathetic. There is great scope for the right kind of Superior. Apparently there can be some improvement in the matter of Observance, and attention is needed in the matter of neatness and tidiness both of persons and of places. An enormous amount has already been accomplished in Bindoon, but there is still very much to be completed. This will be completed successfully only if there is cooperation and mutual understanding.

GERALTON. The standard of Observance in this Community seems to be satisfactory, but there are some members of the Community who obviously would do better work in a day school. You will have remedied this position yourself by making suitable changes.



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I am glad to write a word of commendation for the splendid manner in which the Reports have been presented. The Brother Second Consultor has gone about his work in his usual excellent way, and the Reports present a very good picture of the Communities concerned.

I am always glad to hear from you about any matters concerning the life and working of your Province and the Brothers in it. I would be very pleased to hear from you even oftener. The other Provincials throughout the world write to me regularly, and in every case, I think, more frequently than you write. You have been travelling a good deal since you assumed your responsible position, and that probably explains the fewness of your letters. A matter that I am very anxious about, as I have mentioned to the Brother Second Consultor, is your Houses of Formation. I hope that you will see to their erection at the earliest possible opportunity.

With warm fraternal greetings to yourself and to each of your Consultors, as well as to the Provincial Bursar, and wishing for you all the choicest blessings of Our dear Lord and His Blessed Mother,

I am, my very dear Brother Provincial,  
Your affectionate Brother,

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