

The *Marianists*



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Reference Rev. Angelino Fasciale
Personal Interview May 11th, 1972.

Your Grace,

Father came to this interview feeling quite depressed, complaining of loneliness and very little communication with his Parish Priest. He, unfortunately, continues to see this assignment as a punishment, stating that other priests with four or five years less time in ordination are already Parish Priests. I tried to point out to him that the Parish Priest is a responsibility given to those who are ready for it and that his conduct of the past has not in fact been the conduct of a man able or ready to assume the responsibilities of a parish. He seemingly could understand this intellectually but I doubt very much if it will have much effect on his feelings or emotions.

Father was quite eager to tell me that his feelings towards persons of the other sex are subsiding. This of course is not too realistic and, as I tried to point out to him, it is not good to simply say things because he thinks it, I want to hear them or that they are nice things to say. What he is fairly reluctant to do is to face up to the fact that he has to cope with the feelings that he has. I was able to use his own words, as a matter of fact, to prove a point in discussing the lack of communication with the Parish Priest as was mentioned above. He made the statement that "there is no housekeeper around to talk things over with" which just kind of flowed out as a normal, natural thing, indicating of course that relationship with the opposite sex is still very much on his mind, at least as far as continuous companionship is concerned.

In regard to the suggestion of bibliotherapy, Father stated that, in breaking into the new job, he has not really had much time to get the readings done. He did promise me that he will try to read more before the next time he comes in.

I shall continue to keep you posted on the interviews.

Respectfully,

REV. DANIEL H. WINTERS, S.M.