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My Lord Bishop,

Herewith a report on Father Rex Brown. I am also forwarding under separate cover a recent book on Alcoholism which may help to clarify Father Brown's condition, particularly the matter contained in chapter two.

The key to diagnosis of alcoholism, which involves dependence on not only alcohol itself, but any mood altering chemical, is the patient's refusal to accept reality. This non acceptance of reality allows him to live in a world of fantasy while appearing to many to be quite normal. This I believe is true in Father Brown's case.

I am at your Lordship's disposal for any further support or comment that may be required in this case.

I beg Your Lordship's blessing and remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Gerard J. Nichol
Director