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Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

This is in answer to your letter of November 28th which arrived in this morning's mail.

Father William Allison is well known to me since he was an assistant in this parish for some time. He actually was in charge of the Newman Club work and in that capacity amassed innumerable bills. The money given him by the diocese for the Newman Club was not accounted for; many personal bills amounting to several thousand dollars were left unpaid and collectors are still in search of him. I had no indication whatever that he was taking anything from the collection. He is a man of very talents not the least of which is his preaching ability and his personable appeal.

It is my own opinion that his financial difficulties arise from a greater difficulty and this I say regretfully - homosexuality. Like you, I too was concerned about his associates but never could I prove anything; never did I receive any complaint during his stay here. In fact he did great work with the Newman Club and accomplished a great deal for the parish. Since he left, however, three young men in the parish have told me of incidents involving him and I have no reason whatsoever to doubt their word. The one boy remained away from the Sacraments for a long time due to embarrassment and confusion. Monsignor, this man needs help but in my opinion the place is not in a parish. I do not understand how he can go from one place to another and so easily be given a position.

I would request that all this be kept in the strictest confidence, just as the seal of the Confessional. I do not want Fr. Allison to know about this for I do not wish to be involved in such matters again. He refuses to return to Via Coeli. You, perhaps, can think of something else. I pray that he can be helped. In my opinion the only reason he has not been helped previously is because he refuses the help.

In your letter you mentioned you had a surplus of Mass stipends. One of the parishes here in town, St. Pius X, is in need of Masses and there are others in the diocese.

Should there be anything additional I can do, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Fraternally in Christ,

S/
(Rev.) James Lindermeier