

THE ORDER OF SERVANTS OF MARY



Servite Provincial Center
5210 Somerset Street
Buena Park, Calif. 90620
Telephone (714) 523-5810

February 1, 1968

Very Rev. Terence M. O'Connor, O.S.M.
Eastern Province of Servites
3111 W. Van Buren Street
Chicago, Illinois 60612

Hello Oke:

One of the difficulties awaiting my return from Australia was that Joe Sharkey had been guilty of sadism and masochism with at least five students at Servite, four of whom are minor seminarians. Apparently he performed such actions previously while assigned to Benburb. It was necessary for him to be immediately removed from the Anaheim community. At the moment he is living at the University of Southern California Newman Center where Dennis Hickey is arranging psychological guidance. Once we have professional advice about exactly what we are dealing with we should be able to discuss with you during the St. Louis or Riverside visitations what ought to be done. In the meantime may we have any information you have in his file about his past conduct?

~~At the present time Joe's actions are not public knowledge among the Servites although they are known among some of the parents of the minor seminarians. I expect that you will inform the members of your Definitorium about what has happened since they might question why he was changed from the specific assignment for which he was assigned on loan to the Western Province. However, in order to protect Joe's reputation as much as possible, please ask them to consider the information confidential.~~

P-SERV-SHAR-00008