



Seminaire St-Charles-Borromée

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Sherbrooke May 19 1951

Monsignor Michael J. Hurley  
Chancery Office  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Monsignor;

Enclosed in this envelope you shall find my college reports, and recommendations. My notes of this year will be sent to you as soon as possible.

Next year, I shall attend St Anselm's College of Manchester, N. H., as a "Freshman".

Sincerely yours  
Raymond Lafontaine  
St Charles Seminary  
Sherbrooke P. Q.

June 4, 1953.

Mr. Raymond Leferrier  
24 Bluecher St.  
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Mr. Leferrier:

The Most Reverend Bishop directs me to inform you that you have been accepted as a divinity student for the Diocese of Manchester and assigned to St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, for first Philosophy.

The diocese will care for one half of your seminary expenses. You will be responsible for the rest.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Hurley  
Chancellor.

MJH./h.

St. Mary's Seminary  
600 North Paca, Street  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
657 River Rd.  
Manchester, New Hampshire.

Your Excellency;

I, the undersigned,  
Raymond Henri Laferriere, a layman  
of the Diocese of Manchester, do  
hereby petition that I may be  
advanced to tonsure. I do this of my  
free and spontaneous will, moved  
thereunto by no consideration  
other than the glory of God, the  
service of the Church, and the  
salvation of my soul. I am  
fully aware of the specific  
obligations attached to this  
clerical state.

Raymond Henri Laferriere

Baltimore, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 1955  
It witnessed by: Rev. J. Russell DuBois, S.S.

June 16, 1955

Mr. Raymond Laferriere  
241 Blucher Street  
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Mr. Laferriere:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop,  
is pleased to grant permission for you to  
work during the summer vacation provided  
the circumstances of your work are in keep-  
ing with the regulations of the Sacred  
Congregation, particularly as regards work-  
ing with women.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry  
Chancellor

J. M. J.

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241 Blucher St.  
Manchester, N. H.

June 15, 1955

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Rev. Thomas Hansberry  
Chancery Office  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester, N. H.

Reverend and Dear Father,

I am a student at St. Mary's  
School of Philosophy in Baltimore,  
studying for the Diocese of Manchester.

I would like to obtain your  
kind permission to work during  
the summer vacation.

I would work, as a clerk,  
for the First National Stores Inc.

Very respectfully yours,

Raymond Lefevriere  
40241 Blucher, St.  
Manchester, N. H.

June 2, 1954

Mr. Raymond Laferriere  
St. Mary's Seminary  
North Paca Street  
Baltimore 1, Md.

Dear Mr. Laferriere:

The Most Reverend Bishop is pleased to grant permission for you to work during the summer vacation under the conditions mentioned in your letter.

It is understood, of course, that the circumstances of your work will be in accord with the regulations for seminarians as published by the Sacred Congregation.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry  
Chancellor

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY

NORTH PACA STREET  
BALTIMORE 1, MARYLAND

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May 28, 1954

Reverend Father Thomas Hansberry  
Chancery Office  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester, N.H.

Reverend and Dear Father:

I am a student at St. Mary's School of Philosophy  
in Baltimore, studying for the diocese of Manchester.

I would like to obtain your kind permission to  
work during the summer vacation.

I will either work for the First National Stores,  
Inc. as a clerk or work for the parish in the cemetery.  
That is of course only if I am granted permission.

Very respectfully yours,

*Raymond Laferriere*

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December 30, 1955

Mr. Raymond Laferriere  
241 Bleucher Street  
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Mr. Laferriere:

I have discussed with His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, the matter which you proposed this morning. He feels that he would not like to establish a precedent of paying the entire tuition for his seminarians.

As he has done in other cases of this sort, he suggests that you try to arrange for a loan, possibly with the assistance of your pastor who is in a position to advise you in such a matter. Since you have already paid half of the amount required of you this year, a small loan (possibly from St. Mary's Bank) would be able to see you through until the summer.

With the hope that this suggestion will be of help to you and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry  
Chancellor

cc: Msgr. Vaccarest



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St. Mary's Seminary  
Roland Park  
Baltimore 19, Maryland

Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
157 Reverend  
Manchester, New Hampshire

Your Excellency:

I, the undersigned  
Raymond Albert Terri Lefevre, a cleric  
of the Diocese of Manchester, do hereby  
petition that I may be advanced to  
the orders of porter and lector. I  
do this of my free and spontaneous  
will, moved thereto by no consideration  
other than the glory of God, the service  
of the Church, and the salvation of my soul.  
I am fully aware of the specific obligations  
attached to this clerical state.

Raymond Albert Terri Lefevre  
Baltimore, the 24<sup>th</sup> day March, 1952.  
Witnessed by: James A. Laubacher, D.D.

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

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June 6, 1956

The Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, N. H.

Your Excellency:

I am writing to inform you that we found it necessary to take action and delay Mr. Raymond Laferriere's reception of first Minor Orders. When we discussed the students in April we had given him his recommendation for these Orders but in the final examination he failed in Scripture for the term. He is not a strong student any way and it is our general policy not to promote students to Orders when they fail in a major subject for a semester until they have proven by another examination that they have acquired the sufficient knowledge in that branch of study.

With profound esteem and all kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Very Rev. James A. Laubacher, S.S., D.D.  
Rector

Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
 Bishop of Manchester  
 145 Lowell St.,  
 Manchester, N. H.

Your Excellency:

I, the undersigned,  
 Raymond Albert Henri Lefevriere, a cleric  
 of the Diocese of Manchester, do hereby  
 petition that I may be advanced to  
 the four minor orders. I do this

holy of my free and spontaneous  
 will, moved thereunto by no consider-  
 ation other than the glory of God, the  
 service of the Church, and the salvation  
 of my soul. I am fully aware of the  
 specific obligations attached to these  
 orders.

Raymond Albert Henri Lefevriere

Baltimore, the 14th day of March, 1957

Witnessed by: James R. Luebacher, P.P.

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

*Laferriere*  
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May 20, 1957

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas Hansberry  
Chancellor  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, N. H.

*Sent  
5/22/57*

Dear Monsignor Hansberry:

In checking over our dimissorial forms we notice that we had failed to put on the dimissorial form the name Raymond Henry Laferriere for Porter and Lector. We have his name on for Exorcise and Acolyte. You will recall that last year at the end of the year he failed in a major subject and we recalled his recommendation for first Minors. That was the reason for our mistake. Would you be kind enough to have His Excellency sign and seal the enclosed dimissorial form for the promotion of Mr. Laferriere to all the Minor Orders. This will keep our records straight. The ordinations are scheduled for June 4th.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*James A. Laubacher S.S., D.D.*

Very Rev. James A. Laubacher, S.S., D.D.  
Rector

encl.

I the undersigned, Raymond Albert Henry  
 a novice having presented to the bishop, the  
 petition for the reception of the Order of Subdiaconate  
 and diaconate, now at the approach of Grand  
 Ordination and upon serious consideration of the matter  
 in the presence of God, do testify under oath that  
 I am not compelled by any coercion, force or fear to  
 receive these Grand Orders but that I desire them  
 of my own accord and that I wish to receive them  
 with full and free deliberation, as I know and feel  
 that I am really called by God.

I attest that I fully know all the obligations and  
 everything else connected with these Grand  
 Orders which I want and propose to receive  
 of my own free will, and I am prepared to  
 receive them all most conscientiously during  
 the whole course of my life.

In particular, I believe that I have known that I  
 am entering of the Holy Order of God and I know  
 what that signifies, and I am fully prepared to  
 receive it.

Finally, I promise with sincere faith that,  
 according to the sacred Canons, I will most  
 obediently observe that my superiors command  
 me and ecclesiastical discipline requires of me,  
 and that I am prepared to set a good example  
 both in deed and word, that I may show my

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received from God for the reception of such great offices.

As I promise, now and forever, so may God help me and these holy Gospels of God which I touch with my hands.

Place Baltimore, day 16<sup>th</sup>, month February, year 1907

Raymond Albert Henry Loppavice.

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Jugue h. Van Antwerp  
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Deputy of the Ordinary Justice.

**FORMULA PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI  
CODICE IURIS CANONICI PRAESCRIPTA OMNI-  
BUS PROMOVENDIS AD ORDINEM  
SUBDIACONATUS.**

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“Obligatione emittendi professionem fidei, secundum formulam a Sede Apostolica probatam, tenentur . . . : coram loci Ordinario eiusve delegato, Vicarius Generalis, parochi et ii quibus provisum fuit de beneficiis quibusvis, etiam manualibus, curam animarum habentibus; rector, professores sacrae theologiae, iuris canonici et philosophiæ in Seminariis, initio cuiuslibet anni scholastici vel saltem initio suscepti muneris; *omnes promovendi ad ordinem subdiaconatus*; librorum censores, de quibus in can. 1393; sacerdotes confessionibus excipiendis destinati et sacri concionatores, antequam facultate donentur ea munia exercendi.” Codex Iuris Canonici, can. 1406, 7.

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**PROFESSIO ORTHODOXAE FIDEI  
IUXTA FORMAM A SUMMIS PONTIFICIBUS PIO IV  
ET PIO IX PRAESCRIP TAM**

Ego *Raymondus Albertus*  
*Henricus Legerius*

firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quæ continentur in symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum Patrem Omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, Filium Dei Unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum, ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos

homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et Homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato: passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos, et mortuos: cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam

## MODERNISMUM

(S Offic. Mar. 22, 1918)

Ego *Raymondus Albertus*  
*Henrius Leprieux*

firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quæ ab inerranti Ecclesiæ magisterio definita, adserta ac declarata sunt, præsertim ea doctrinæ capita, quæ huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem: Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quæ facta sunt, hoc est per *visibilia* creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus, certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est facta divina, imprimisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certissima divinitus ortæ christianæ religionis eademque teneo ætatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiæ esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem et magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, quum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicæ hierarchiæ principem eiusque in ævum successores ædificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sententia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus reiicio hæreticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo, divino deposito, Christi Sponsæ

tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanæ conscientiæ, hominum conatu sensim efformatæ et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendæ. Quinto: certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse cæcum sensum religionis e latebris *subconscientiæ* erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatæ, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptæ ex auditu, quo nempe, quæ a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhæreo damnationibus, declarationibus, præscriptis omnibus, quæ in Encyclicis litteris "*Pascendi*" et in Decreto "*Lamentabili*" continentur, præsertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant.—Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiæ repugnare, et catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus christianæ religionis originibus componi non posse.—Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere quæ credentis fidei contradicant, aut præmissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo hæc directo non denegentur.—Reprobo pariter eam Scripturæ Sanctæ diiudicandæ atque interpretandæ rationem, quæ, Ecclesiæ tradi-



Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.

Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiæ observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta Mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam nisi iuxta unanimem consensum Patrum, accipiam et interpretabor.

Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novæ legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Pœnitentiam, Extremam Uctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium; illaque gratiam conferre, et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiæ Catholicæ ritus in supradictorum omnium Sacramentorum sollemni administratione recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula quæ de peccato originali et de iustificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiæ Sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi; fierique conversionem totius substantiæ panis in Corpus et totius substantiæ vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum

atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuvari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum Reliquias esse venerandas. Firmiter assero imagines Christi ac Deiparæ semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum Christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistrum agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro. Cætera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et Oecumenicis Conciliis, ac præcipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab Oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, præsertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor, simulque contraria omnia, atque hæreses quascunque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reiicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram Catholicam Fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in præsentis sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremum vitæ spiritum, constantissime, Deo Adjuvante, retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis seu illis, quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri et doceri et prædicari, quantum in me erit, curaturum,

Ego idem N. *Raymondus Albertus Henricus Lepetit*  
 spondeo, voveo ac iuro. Sic me Deus adjuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

tione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicæ Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhæret, et criticen textus velut unicam supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur.—Sententiam præterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinæ historicæ theologicæ tradendæ, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine catholicæ traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiæ principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quævis monumenta solent investigari. — In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistæ* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiæ factis æquandum;

hominum nempe sua industria, solertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes ætates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitæ spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*;¹ non ut id teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque ætatis culturam, sed ut *nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter intelligatur* absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos prædicata.²

Hæc omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

1. IREN, 4, c. 26.

2. *Præscr.*, c. 28.

Raymondus Albertus Jermicus  
Loperrière

Professione fidei præscripta emissa, hoc iuramentum editum et subscrip-

tum est coram me die 16<sup>ta</sup> mensis Februarii anni 1959

Eugene h Van Oortwerp

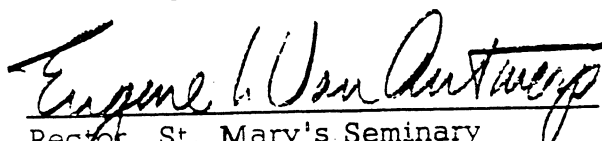
ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
 ROLAND PARK  
 BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

RECTOR'S TESTIMONIAL

To the Most Reverend . . . . Matthew F. Brady, D.D., Bishop of Manchester . . . . .

I, the undersigned, Rector of the Seminary of St. Mary's, Baltimore, do hereby testify to the following points necessary for the promotion of . . . . . Raymond Lafriere . . . . . to Subdiaconate and Diaconate:

1. That I, as your delegate, have received the petition of the candidate, (Previously sent).
2. That the candidate has or will have completed successfully the studies required by Canon 976.
3. That the candidate has been approved by the Rector and Faculty of the Seminary.
4. That the candidate has obtained the necessary testimonial letters.
5. That he has secured proper dispensation from any irregularity which may have been discovered (Canon 984-988).
6. That he has secured all other dispensations.
7. That the candidate has or will have passed the required examination "de ordine suscipiendo" (Canon 996).
8. That the candidate has or will have made the required retreat (Canon 1001).
9. That the candidate has taken the required oath of freedom and knowledge of the obligations assumed (Quam Ingens - Dec. 27, 1930).
10. That the candidate has made the required Profession of Faith and taken the oath against Modernism (Canon 1406 #7).
11. That I have had with the candidate the personal interview required by the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments (Quam Ingens, Dec. 26, 1930), that I am satisfied that he understands the obligations attaching to the Sacred Orders he is about to receive and that he is ready to assume them freely and from the proper motives.

  
 Rector, St. Mary's Seminary  
 Baltimore, Maryland

Most Rev. Matthew F. Leahy, D. D.  
 Bishop of Manchester  
 657 River Rd.  
 Manchester, N. H.

Your Excellency;

I, the undersigned, Raymond Albert Henri Laferriere, an acolyte of the Diocese of Manchester do hereby petition that I may be advanced to subdeaconship, and deaconship. I do this wholly of my free and spontaneous will, moved therunto by no consideration other than the glory of God, the service of the Church, and the salvation of a soul. I am fully aware of the specific obligations attached to these orders.

Raymond Albert Henri Laferriere

Baltimore, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1959

Witnessed by Eugene I. Van Oortwerp

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

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Juramentum ad normam canonis 981 #1

Ego *Raymondus Albertus Henricus Laferriere*

candidatus ad ordinem subdiaconatus titulo servitii dioecesis

susciptendi, ad normam iuris spondeo ac iuro me Dioecesi

*Manchesterensis* ..... perpetuo inservituum, sub

Ordinarii praedictae Dioecesis pro tempore Auctoritate.

Sic me Deus adiuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia

quae manibus tango.

*Raymond A. H. Laferriere*

Datum *Baltimore* die *16<sup>o</sup>* ..... mensis *Februarii* ..... 19. *59*

Rite coram me delegato emissum. .... *Lugene H. Van Benthuysen*

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

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LAFERRIERE, Raymond

Deferred for Major Orders

We have serious concern whether Mr. Laferriere has the necessary intellectual ability. He has been a border-line case throughout his course. He failed in Dogma for the first semester but passed in a retake examination. This failing in passing and a retake examination has been a rather frequent occurrence in his course both in Philosophy and in Theology. His professors wonder whether he understands problems and also whether he can develop an idea. In his public sermon this year he was rather hopeless in the composition of it and also went to pieces in delivering it. He is a good character but he is very weak intellectually and is rather tense because of it, so that we wonder whether he can do the work of the priest.

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

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16 February 1959

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, N.H.


Dear Bishop:

Mr. Raymond Laferriere has been called to major orders by the Faculty without hesitation. He seems to have improved a good bit and the Fathers are very pleased with him. Accordingly we hope to advance him to major orders on the 13th and 14th of March and I am enclosing the dimissorial form together with the necessary papers: the Profession of Faith and Oath against Modernism; Declaration of Freedom from Coercion; Oath of allegiance to the Diocese; Rector's testimonial.

I am sure you will be glad to know that this will bring Mr. Laferriere up with his class and ready for ordination with the other students of the Diocese.

With profound esteem and all kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.  
Rector

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*Sent*  
*FEB. 19 1959*  
*+ M.F.B.*

St. Mary's Seminary  
Roland Park  
Baltimore 10, Maryland

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Most Rev. Matthew A. Brady, B.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
657 River Road  
Manchester, N. H.

Your Excellency:

I, the undersigned, Raymond  
Albert Henry Leguinie, a deacon of the  
Diocese of Manchester, do hereby petition that I  
be advanced to the priesthood. I do this  
wholly of my free and spontaneous will, moved  
thereunto by no consideration other than the  
glory of God, the service of the Church, and the  
salvation of my soul. I am fully aware of the  
specific obligations attached to this order.

Raymond Albert Henry Leguinie

Baltimore, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 1959

Witnessed by: Eugene Van Antwerp



ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

8 May 1959

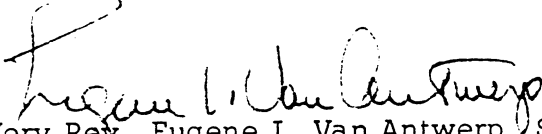
Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, N. H.

Your Excellency:

You will notice that I am including all of the papers for Rev. Mr. Raymond Laferriere so that you may have them on hand should his trouble clear up, so that he would be ready for ordination whenever Your Excellency would decide to ordain him.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.  
Rector

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

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RAYMOND ALBERT LAFERRIERE

Mr. Laferriere has had almost constant trouble with his scholastic ability. He is good, docile, realizes his limitations and has worked hard to acquire the necessary knowledge. This concentration on the difficulties of scholastic life has left him somewhat immature and colorless, but his piety and goodness should make him a serviceable priest.

*Eugene W. DeLoach*

I the undersigned Raymond Albert Henry Leprieur having presented to the bishop the petition for the reception of the Order of Priesthood, now at the approach of Sacred Ordination and upon serious consideration of the matter in the presence of God, do testify under oath that I am not compelled by any coercion, force or fear to receive this Sacred Order, but that I desire it of my own accord and that I wish to receive it with full and free deliberation, as I know and feel that I am really called by God.

I attest that I fully know all the obligations and everything else connected with this Sacred Order which I want and propose to receive of my own free will and I am resolved to observe them all most conscientiously during the whole course of my life.

In particular I declare that I clearly know the full meaning of the law of celibacy and I firmly declare that, with God's help, I will gladly keep it and completely observe it.

Finally, I promise with sincere faith that, according to the Sacred Canons I will most obediently observe all that my superiors command me and ecclesiastical discipline requires of me, and that I am prepared to set a good example both in deed and word, that I may earn my reward from God for the reception of such a great office.

So I promise, now and forever, may God help me and these holy Scriptures of God which I touch with my hands

Raymond Albert Henry Lyeuie

Baltimore, 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, year 1959

Regina Maudslayi  
Deputy of the Ordinary Witness.

FRANCISCUS PATRITIUS KEOUGH  
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA,  
ARCHIEPISCOPUS BALTIMORENSIS

Universis Praesentes Litteras Inspecturis Salutem et Benedictionem in Domino.

Fidem facimus et testamur Illmum et Revmum Hieronymum D. Sebastian,  
ep<sup>um</sup> tit. Barenum in Hellesponto de licentia et auctoritate Archiepiscopi Baltimorensis,  
die Mensis A.D. , Sacram Ordinationem cele-  
brantem in sacello seminarii S. Mariae Baltimorensis dilectum Nobis in  
Christo Raymundum Albertum Laferriere Dioecesis Manchesteriensis  
xaminatum, approbatum idoneumque repertum et ab Ordinario suo rite dimissum ad  
Diaconatum juxta S. R. E. ritum in Domino promovisse.

Datum Baltimore sub signo sigilloque Seminarii Sanctae Mariae Baltimorensis  
die 8<sup>a</sup> Mensis Maii A.D. 1959

De Mandato Illmi et Revmi Archiepiscopi

  
Rector Semii Stae Mariae Baltim.

Franciscus Patritius Keough

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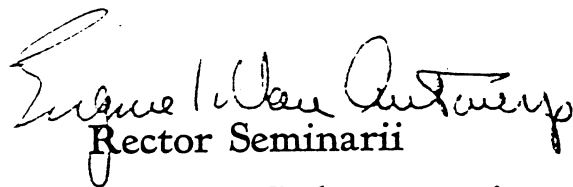
**P**RAESENTIBUS testimonialibus litteris fidem facimus  
dilectum in Christo      Raymundum Albertum Laferriere

vitam morum honestate et religione commendabilem duxisse  
pro tempore quo in Seminario Sanctae Mariae Baltimorensi  
commoratus est, atque ex hac nostra Archidioecesi nulla  
ecclesiastica censura quod sciamus innodatum discessisse.

Datum Baltimoreae, sub sigillo nostro, die 8<sup>a</sup>

mensis      Maii      A. D. 1959

De Mandato Illmi et Rmi Dni Archiepiscopi,

  
Rector Seminarii

Sanctae Mariae Baltimorensis.

## SEMINARIUM SANCTAE MARIAE BALTIMORENSE

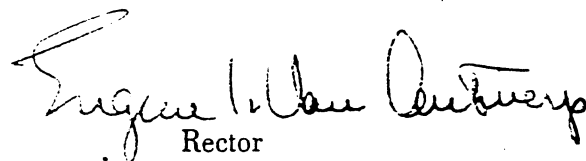
## LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES

HISCE litteris testimonialibus fidem facimus atque testamur  
Raymundum Albertum Laferriere                      dioecesis      Manchesteriensis  
et huius seminarii alumnum, per      quattuor                      annos Sacrae Theologiae incubuisse  
et STUDIA THEOLOGICA ad normam Sacrorum Canonum probe peregissee.

ITEM fidem facimus atque testamur eumden toto tempore quo in  
Seminario Sanctae Mariae commoratus est vitam BONIS MORIBUS ac religione commendabilem  
duxisse.

ITEM fidem facimus atque testamur eumden in EXAMINE CANONICO  
ad      Sacrum Presbyteratum                      suscipiendum aptum idoneumque fuisse repertum.

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die                      8<sup>a</sup>                      mensis      Maii                      anni 1959

  
Rector

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
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Orders received by: LAFERRIERE, RAYMOND HENRI

Diocese: Manchester

<u>ORDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ORDAINING PRELATE</u>
Confirmation	<u>Sept. 20, 1955</u>	<u>Seminary Chapel</u>	<u>Most Rev. Jerome D. Sebastian, D.D.</u>
Order & Director	<u>June 4, 1957</u>	" "	" " "
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Subdiaconate	<u>March 13, 1959</u>	" "	" " "
Diaconate	<u>March 14, 1959</u>	" "	" " "

*Eugene L. Autwerp*  
 Recd. St. Mary's Seminary  
 Baltimore, Maryland

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**FORMULA PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI  
CODICE IURIS CANONICI PRAESCRIPTA OMNI-  
BUS PROMOVENDIS AD ORDINEM  
SUBDIACONATUS.**

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“Obligatione emittendi professionem fidei, secundum formulam a Sede Apostolica probatam, tenentur . . . : coram loci Ordinario eiusve delegato, Vicarius Generalis, parochi et ii quibus provisum fuit de beneficiis quibusvis, etiam manualibus, curam animarum habentibus; rector, professores sacrae theologiae, iuris canonici et philosophiae in Seminariis, initio cuiuslibet anni scholastici vel saltem initio suscepti muneris; *omnes promovendi ad ordinem subdiaconatus*; librorum censores, de quibus in can. 1393; sacerdotes confessionibus excipiendis destinati et sacri concionatores, antequam facultate donentur ea munia exercendi.” Codex Iuris Canonici, can. 1406, 7.

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**PROFESSIO ORTHODOXAE FIDEI  
IUXTA FORMAM A SUMMIS PONTIFICIBUS PIO IV  
ET PIO IX PRAESCRIP TAM**

Ego Remondus Albertus  
Henricus Laperrière

firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quæ continentur in symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum Patrem Omnipotentem, factorem cœli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, Filium Dei Unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum, ante omnia sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos

homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de cœlis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et Homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato: passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in cœlum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos, et mortuos: cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam

## FORMULA IURISIURANDI ADVERSUS

## MODERNISMUM

(S Offic. Mar. 22, 1918)

Ego *Rogmundus Albertus*  
*Henricus Leprieux*

firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quæ ab inerranti Ecclesiæ magisterio definita, adserta ac declarata sunt, præsertim ea doctrinæ capita, quæ huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem: Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quæ facta sunt, hoc est per *visibilia* creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus, certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est facta divina, imprimisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certissima divinitus ortæ christianæ religionis eademque teneo ætatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiæ esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem et magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, quum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicæ hierarchiæ principem eiusque in ævum successores ædificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sententia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus reiicio hæreticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo, divino deposito, Christi Sponsæ

tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanæ conscientiæ, hominum conatu sensim efformatæ et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendæ. Quinto: certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse cæcum sensum religionis e latebris *subconscientiæ* erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatæ, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptæ ex auditu, quo nempe, quæ a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhæreo damnationibus, declarationibus, præscriptionibus omnibus, quæ in Encyclicis litteris "*Pascendi*" et in Decreto "*Lamentabili*" continentur, præsertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant.—Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiæ repugnare, et catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus christianæ religionis originibus componi non posse.—Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere quæ credentis fidei contradicant, aut præmissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo hæc directo non denegentur.—Reprobo pariter eam Scripturæ Sanctæ diiudicandæ atque interpretandæ rationem, quæ, Ecclesiæ tradi-

**Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi sæculi. Amen.**

Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiæ observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta Mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam nisi iuxta unanimem consensum Patrum, accipiam et interpretabor.

Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novæ legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Pœnitentiam, Extremam Unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium; illaque gratiam conferre, et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiæ Catholicæ ritus in supradictorum omnium Sacramentorum sollemni administratione recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula quæ de peccato originali et de iustificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiæ Sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi; fierique conversionem totius substantiæ panis in Corpus et totius substantiæ vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum

atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constante teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuvari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum Reliquias esse venerandas. Firmiter assero imagines Christi ac Deiparæ semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum Christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistrum agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro. Cætera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et Oecumenicis Conciliis, ac præcipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab Oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, præsertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor, simulque contraria omnia, atque hæreses quascunque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reiicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram Catholicam Fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in præsentis sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremum vitæ spiritum, constantissime, Deo Adjuvante, retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis seu illis, quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri et doceri et prædicari, quantum in me erit, curaturum,

Ego idem N. *Raymondus Albertus Jervicus Laferrière*  
spondeo, voveo ac iuro. Sic me Deus adjuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

tione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicæ Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhæret, et critice textus velut unicum supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur.—Sententiam præterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinæ historicæ theologicæ tradendæ, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine catholicæ traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiæ principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quævis monumenta solent investigari.— In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistæ* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiæ factis æquandum;

hominum nempe sua industria, solertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes ætates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitæ spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*;<sup>1</sup> non ut id teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque ætatis culturam, sed ut *nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter intelligatur* absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos prædicata.<sup>2</sup>

Hæc omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia.

1. IREN, 4, c. 26.

2. Præscr, c. 28.

Raymundus Albertus  
Henricus Lefevrier

Professione fidei præscripta emissa, hoc iuramentum editum et subscriptum est coram me die 2<sup>te</sup> mensis Maii anni 1959

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*H. H. ...  
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May 12, 1959

Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S., Rector  
St. Mary's Seminary  
Roland Park  
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Father Van Antwerp:

I regretted very much to receive your explanation of the case of Reverend Mr. Raymond Laferriere, especially since he is a student so close to ordination. You have acted very prudently in the case and I am in full accord with your recommendation to postpone his ordination.

It will not be necessary for the young man to come to Manchester, since I accept the opinion of Doctor Ayd. I appreciate your willingness to keep him at the seminary during the summer and to begin treatments there under Doctor Ayd's direction. I am in full accord with this suggestion.

With most cordial good wishes, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Matthew F. Brady  
Bishop of Manchester

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

8 May 1959

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

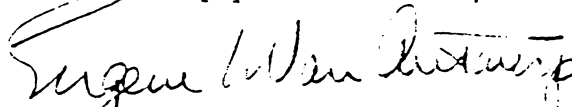
We tried to reach you by phone the other evening and did reach your Chancellor who told me that he would inform you concerning the situation of Rev. Mr. Raymond Laferriere.

About a week ago Mr. Laferriere came to me and stated that he felt he needed psychiatric attention. Because of his nervousness and the tension he was under at the time I agreed to send him to see Dr. Frank Ayd, a local Catholic psychiatrist for preliminary examination. Dr. Ayd called me and requested an interview with me because of the seriousness of the case. The preliminary examination is an exhaustive psychological series of tests which are then submitted to him for psychiatric judgment. On the basis of these tests they came to a preliminary diagnosis of incipient schizophrenia with homosexual overtones. The doctor's worry is that he feels that the schizophrenia will break down the control this young man has over his homosexual tendencies and that this could occur quickly. Dr. Ayd feels, however, that it could respond to treatment and that it is quite possible that Mr. Laferriere would be ready for ordination at some future date. Dr. Ayd would be glad to discuss this case with you personally, and if you wish you could contact him at Idlewild 5-7110. He has done considerable work with priests, seminarians and religious.

I relayed this information to the young man and I must say that he accepted the situation very well. He wishes to do what is good for God, for the Church and for himself. I feel on the basis of the report that he should not be ordained at this time; he himself agrees to this despite the social difficulties involved.

The curative psychiatric treatment could be given here or you might wish to send him to a Catholic psychiatrist in New Hampshire or in Boston. We could take care of him here at the seminary during the summer and Dr. Ayd would be willing to start the treatments very shortly. Perhaps you would wish to see him before you make up your own mind in the case. If so, we would be glad to send him North to see you at your convenience. While the decision is yours I would strongly recommend a postponement of his ordination. It is with deep regret that I feel compelled to write this letter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.  
Rector

September 14, 1959

Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S., Rector  
Saint Mary's Seminary  
Roland Park  
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Father Van Antwerp:

It is very encouraging to learn from your recent letter that Raymond Laferriere is responding to treatment.

I can understand your reluctance to have him with the other students in residence. At the same time, I think it would be better for him to be in as close touch as possible with Doctor Ayd, his physician. I would be very pleased if you could find room and board for him locally and, as you suggest, perhaps have him take some classes at Catholic University in Washington.

I am willing to agree with the doctor's judgment of Mr. Laferriere's fitness for December ordination but only on condition that you and the seminary staff can concur in it.

With most cordial good wishes, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Manchester

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

9 September 1959

Most Reverend Matthew Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, N. H.

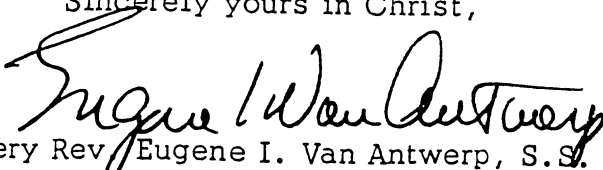
Your Excellency:

This morning I had a conference with Dr. Frank Ayd, the psychiatrist who has been taking care of Mr. Raymond Laferriere. Dr. Ayd tells me that Mr. Laferriere has been responding very well and that he finds him now far better than he has ever found him and feels confident of recovery.

The question now is the present disposal of this young man. You will recall that I said we would be glad to keep him here during the summer months and he has done some work in the Library which has given him a source of income. The Doctor feels that the ordination should wait until next year, but I do not think he would be too reluctant to approve Mr. Laferriere's fitness for a December ordination, provided he continues the treatments. We would not be too anxious to have him here in the house when the other students are in residence, but it is possible that we could find some place locally to provide him room and board, but I have nothing in mind at the moment. The other solution would be that he remain in residence somewhere in the Diocese or perhaps take some classes over at the Catholic University in Washington.

With profound esteem and all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.  
Rector



September 28, 1959

Rev. Mr. Raymond Laferriere  
2900 7th Street, N. E.,  
Washington 17, D. C.

Dear Raymond,

We were very pleased to hear that you are settled in Washington and hope ~~that your~~ stay there will be a pleasant one. We shall send you a check later this week to take care of your current expenses for board and room. Please let us know if there is anything else that you need and we shall try to take care of it.

This is a very brief letter because of the pressure of other business but we wish you to know that we are very interested in you and we hope that you will do well during the next few months.

With personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry  
Chancellor

September 28, 1959

Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S., Rector  
St. Mary's Seminary  
Roland Park  
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Father Van Antwerp:

The Right Reverend Administrator has directed me to reply to your letter of September 17 concerning Mr. Raymond Laferriere. We were pleased to hear that you have been able to place him with the Oblate Fathers in Washington. I am writing him today to say that we will take care of his expenses while he is there.

The sudden death of Bishop Brady has been a great blow to all of us here in New Hampshire. We deeply appreciate the expression of sympathy which was sent to us by the Sulpician Fathers.

With appreciation and personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry  
Chancellor

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY  
ROLAND PARK  
BALTIMORE 10, MARYLAND

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17 September 1959

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.  
Bishop of Manchester  
657 River Road  
Manchester, N. H.

Your Excellency:

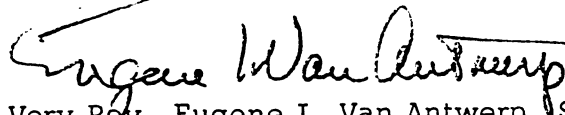
You will be glad to know that we were able to find space for Rev. Mr. Raymond Laferriere in a religious house in connection with the Catholic University. He will be staying at the Oblates, St. Charles House, at 2900 Seventh Street, N.E., Washington 17, D.C. I think this will be much better than having him in a simple rented room, because he will be able to follow the religious schedule there more easily. He tells me that the Superior there is from the city of Manchester.

His board and room will run to \$55.00 a month. I assume that since he has no source of income you would be willing to take care of this; and that since he is going to sign up for classes at the Catholic University, mostly in the field of Social Sciences and Marriage Counselling, that you would also be willing to take care of the expenses in connection with that.

As a result of his living outside of the house, the Seminary Faculty itself will not be in much of a position to judge his fitness for ordination. I have made arrangements with Mr. Laferriere to see him personally each time he comes to Baltimore to see the psychiatrist. I will be glad to give you my personal opinion as to his fitness for ordination when the time comes, and I am sure that we can obtain a written opinion from the psychiatrist to help you to make the final decision.

With profound esteem and all kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.  
Rector

October 10, 1959

Rev. Mr. Raymond Laferriere  
St. Charles House  
2900 Seventh St., N. E.  
Washington 17, D. C.

Dear Raymond:

Enclosed is a check for \$150.00 for your board and room and other incidental expenses such as travel to Baltimore. Please keep a record of your expenditures and submit a report of them at your convenience. When you reach a point where you feel you will need more money, kindly write to me a week or so in advance so that I can take care of the matter for you. I presume that the University will bill us for the courses you are taking.

Please excuse the brevity of this letter. We are rather hard-pressed at the moment. Best wishes for every blessing on you and your work!

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry  
Chancellor

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L. J. C. of M. I.

SAINT CHARLES HOUSE  
2900 SEVENTH STREET, N. E.  
WASHINGTON 17, D. C.

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October 7, 1959

Very Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry, Chancellor  
Chancery Office  
145 Lowell St.  
Manchester, N.H.

Dear Msgr. Hansberry,

Your letter of September 28th came as a most pleasant surprise. I thank you wholeheartedly for your concern and personal interest.

Up to now, I am satisfied with my courses at the University. No doubt, later on they'll be a source of great help in the ministry.

I'm grateful to Father Van Antwerp for making the suggestion and your ready acceptance of it.

I'm quite fortunate to live in this house, it offers me a well regulated life very similar to that of the seminary. I have no difficulty in performing my daily spiritual exercises.

Monsignor, I want to thank you again very sincerely for your kind consideration and cooperation.

Recommending myself to your prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Raymond Lafontaine*



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October 13, 1959

Very. Rev. Msgr. Thomas S. Hansberry, Chancellor  
145 Lowell Street  
Manchester, New Hampshire

Dear Msgr. Hansberry,

Your check for \$150.00 just came this morning and believe me I was most happy to receive it. I will pay Fr. Demers the director of this house for my first month here. Monsignor, I will definitely keep a record of my expenditures and send it to you in a few weeks.

As for the expenses of my courses at the University, I believe that they will bill the Diocese for them. Of course, the University will not charge any books because all text-books have to be paid cash. I have ordered the necessary text-books and will pay for them when they arrive.

Now, that we have lost our Bishop, I suppose that you are overloaded with work. With the thousand-and-one things that you have to do, I can easily understand that you're hard-pressed for time.

In my prayers I ask the Lord to grant eternal rest to our departed Bishop, and in His Wisdom to send us another saintly Bishop who will be as kind and understanding as Bishop Brady was. I can frankly say that my memory of Bishop Brady will always be a pleasant and warm one. When I went to Him, I am very happy to say he greeted me like son. It was just simply wonderful! It was grand to meet a person whose holiness and fine personality radiated so warmly. I am certain that he will always be missed by many of us.

Thanking you very sincerely for your wishes and help.

May our Lord bless you and may our Lady help you in your daily tasks.

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

*Raymond Laverie*

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3 December 1959

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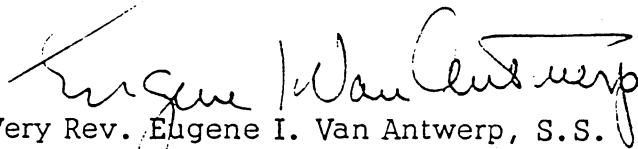
Dear Monsignor:

Yesterday just before we got the good news about your new Bishop I had a visit from Rev. Mr. Raymond Laferriere. He seems in fine shape and really ready for ordination whenever the Bishop should decide. The psychiatrist now has come around to the point of view and feels that his difficulties are pretty well cleared up. You will recall that there was danger of incipient schizophrenia with homosexual overtones. The danger was that without treatment the control over these tendencies might break down. The doctor now feels that due to medication and curative treatment plus a rather surprising development of maturity he is prepared for ordination.

I thought that you might want to have this information in his file so that when presenting the new Bishop (concerning whom I have heard wonderful reports) with all the problems that have cropped up, you would be able to give him the latest developments in this case.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Very Rev. Eugene I. Van Antwerp, S.S.  
Rector