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Board of Pardons and Parole
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I have been asked by Mr. Otto Higgins, at present at Leavenworth Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas, to write you a few lines in his behalf.

It is my understanding that Mr. Higgins is to come up for parole in September. I know that your Board is lenient in cases that deserve it, and, when men resolve to lead better lives, as I feel Mr. Higgins intends to do, and after the lesson he has learned, I feel confident that you take these matters into consideration.

Mr. Higgins is a member of this parish, and I am his pastor, and it is natural that I should plead for one of my flock and most especially for one who has strayed from the fold. While I cannot condone the things Mr. Higgins did, I know you gentlemen are always reminded of the old adage, "To err is human; to forgive, divine". Sometimes we as pastors are placed in a very delicate position when we are asked to plead the cause of victims. However, I presume that I should not forget that our Lord wants us to forgive all those who trespass against His Commandments.

I am sure that his case will receive just and fair consideration, and it is by request that I am writing your honorable Board asking you to at least consider a parole in this instance.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours
Monsignor M. D. Tierney
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