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Dear Father, Sheehan

Shortly before Dr Markoe died he told me, "If Dr Killorene isn't removed from St Benedict's when the statue comes out I'm going on a hell of a bender."

Over the years I knew after from him and from personal observation that fr. K was the biggest the works so dear to Fr. M opponent to his work. Not a damned personality conflict as some try to brush it off as but a by Fr. Markoe for so many one now sneaky.

continues uncutting. not Fr Johns work has held the key position in the community. the

as a personal thing but the work of belonging their

people stand & fight for their God given rights. An ever increasing number of people know this story and the story of Fr. k relationship a long series of assistants who have tried to to an ever increasing do something to the story of his cold relationship everyone

to whitney young of the Omaha Urban League many years ago than the present men at Markoe Hense & the social action enter of the archdiocese Most important is his relationship over the years without

with the community which has suffered without publicly protesting up until now this silence involved respect for a priest, the patronage that is Fr K & to dispense and out of fear of Fr. K. the same kind of fear that until recent years kept the negro communities from protesting any injustice. the fear

of loss of a meager job meger financial half when needed,
a meger catholic education for children and some social
acceptance in the Cath community & the community
of Omaha.

A few years ago Fr. M told me that a young Negro Cath
profesional man told him that F. Reinhert had asked
him if there was any basis to the minor that in? It
was not getting on well in the N commnity. This man
had replied said he was notable to tell the
truth because of the great power Fr. K wielded. He
further said no one knew the power to her I had at
his command. This man was in a position to know.
& a still remain the biggest road block to the works
to, in gone so which of his life to. When the n community
in weeps for strong tenders the results ofZ & H many
Omaha

years in the position in the community are for all
wth in het color

many catholics of godwell be
to behold. When cathalics For all these years
have needed.

a rallying point in the commnity & to Fr. K has & dals
important thing has happened since to a fr. M + Death.
stand could I also

I am some one who were a on the silent mass before his
death have began to say "no more" about Fr. K made of
operation at St. K.

It is to late to change that mode of operation with
there will by

It appears
any effectuteness. Fr. K will be removed or a man that will
be heard across the country will be heard from that
commnity

the CC on H R of the archdiocese of Omaha of which I am
resident had a committe suggest projects we should
undertake after launching project Equality in the
archdioceses. to my singenal the two Negroes on the
committee convinced the others that most

important work was to see to it St B became the dynamic center of cath action to leadership expression it should have been for years. they specifically named Fr. K as the biggest drawback to what could & should be. the committee report was entitled this is the problem at St B and the following catches

quote other its spirit - there is a lack of an open arms attitude (come to me, little children I will give you peace, your problems are mine, St Benedicts is viewed as the Black vatican that mearningful.

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we will fight together).
leadership - not sponsorship - is denied us. St Benedict's is viewed as the Black Vatican. They tell us to use it, be happy & thankful & we will keep adding to it. What do you need to make you happy? Football equipment, playground any of these things you want well for you to make you happy.

I was impious to share these observations with you your heavy duties call forth our remembrance at Mass & prayer, I will him to shore these observations with you Fr. M told me, I wich I were provincial I'd. have Killoren out of there so fast". I remember this that he knew from so many of his belonged poor how the cause of this suffering community has is being damaged by fr K.

Jn P

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Front said be from Rome 1st position

Nuns pastor of Church in charge now