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Dear Father, Sheehan

Shortly before Fr Markel died he told me, "If Fr Killoran isn't removed from St Benedict's when the status comes out I'm going on a ~~fall~~ of a hender!"

Over the years I knew often from him and from personal observation that Fr K was the biggest opponent to ^{the world so dear to Fr M} his work. Not a damned personality conflict as some try to brush it off as but a continuous ^{sneaky} undercutting. ~~But Fr Killoran has held the key position in the community. The~~ ^{by Fr K who for so many years now} ~~as a general thing but the work of helping~~ people stand & fight for ^{their} God given rights. An ever increasing number of people know this story and the story of Fr K relationship to ~~an ever increasing~~ ^{a long series of assistants who have tried to} do something & the story of his cold relationship to ^{William} Whitney young of the Omaha Union League many years ago than the present men at Markel House & the social action center of the Archdiocese. Most important is his relationship over the years with the community which has suffered ~~without~~ ^{without} publicly protesting up until now. This silence involved respect for a priest, the patronage that is Fr K to disperse and out of fear of Fr K. ~~the same kind of fear that until recent years kept~~ ~~negro communities from protesting any injustice. The fear~~

of loss of a major job, ~~major financial help when needed,~~
a major catholic education for children and some social
acceptance in the cath community & the community
of Omaha.

A few years ago Tom told me that a young super cath
professional man told him that Tom Reimhart had asked
him if there was any basis to the rumor that Tom
was not getting on well in the N community. This man
~~had~~ said he was not able to tell the
truth because of the great power Tom wielded. He
further said no one knew the power Tom had at
his command. This man was in a position to know.

Tom still remains the biggest road block to the work
Tom gave so much of his life to. When the N community
in ^{Omaha} ~~Omaha~~ receives for staying leaders the results of Tom many
years in ~~the~~ ^{the} position in the community are for all
to behold. ~~When catholics for all these years~~
a rallying point in the community of Tom has & has
stand cold & aloof.
~~Some~~ ^{One} ~~important thing has happened since Tom's death.~~
~~Some~~ ^{Some} ~~see~~ ^{who were} ~~among~~ ^{the} ~~silent~~ ^{mass} ~~before~~ ^{his}
death have begun to say "no more" about Tom mode of
operation at A.C. →

It is too late to change that mode of operation with
any effectiveness. ^{It appears} Tom will be removed or a roar ^{that will be} that will
be heard across the country. ~~will be heard from that~~
~~community.~~

The Co-act of the archdiocese of Omaha of which I am
president had a committee suggest projects we should
undertake after launching Project Equality in the
archdioceses. To my surprise the two super on the
committee convinced the others that most

important work was to see to it that it became the
dynamic center of both action & leadership expression
it should have been for years. They specifically
named T.R. as the biggest drawback to what ~~could~~
& should be. The committee report was entitled
'This is the Problem at St B' and the following
quote ~~catches~~ ^{catches} 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
we will fight together). ~~St Benedict's is viewed as the Black Vatican.~~
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
we'll get for you to make you happy."
~~I was surprised to share these observations with you.~~
your heavy duties call forth our remembrance
at mass & prayer. ~~I will like to share these observations with you~~
T.R. told me, "I wish I were provincial I'd
have killoren out of there so fast". I remember this
that he knew from so many of his beloved poor
how the cause of this suffering community ~~is~~
is being damaged by T.R.

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I want said be from Rome 1st part
Duns pastor of church in large room.