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Mr Jackson

I realise it would be rather ham-handed to rush at this thing without considering the possible consequences. On the other hand, Father Murray is not playing the game as an officially appointed Chaplain to the prison; he cannot reasonably fulfil such a role when he is so obviously opposed to 'the system' and its methods of working.

Could we therefore not make an approach to the Bishop of the Diocese in which Armagh Prison is situated, quoting examples of Father Murray's efforts in the past and asking the Bishop if, in his opinion, Father Murray is the most suitable priest to hold such an official appointment? It could be that if we put our case convincingly enough the Bishop might be persuaded to see our point of view and might ask Father Murray to mend his ways and change his opinions - overtly, at least.

It is worth a try anyway and even if it accomplishes nothing it would be a shot across Father Murray's bows.

I accept that if the Bishop in question is Archbishop O'Fee we are not likely to accomplish much; on the other hand there may be a suffragan bishop to whom we could write.



W G James

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We have discussed this from time to time.
Perhaps the papers should go on the file.

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