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Your Eminence:

Along with Fathers Joseph Ianuzzi and Robert Faricy, I was one of those who appeared before the Commission you appointed to examine Mrs. Gianna Talone-Sullivan.

After reading your letter of Sept. 27 to Father William O'Brien at Emmitsburg, it is our impression that the Commission has made some very serious errors. It attributes to Mrs. Talone-Sullivan statements not contained in her messages, distorts the sense of statements that were in them, and finally attributes to certain points an emphasis that is completely lacking from the text.

When we appeared before the Commission, we asked explicitly whether any theological problems were to be found in Gianna's messages, and not a single one of the points now cited by the Commission was mentioned.

We acknowledge that we have made only a very cursory review of these issues, which we intend to do with greater care. And if the Report contains other evidence than what is cited in your letter, we would certainly want to consider that. We respectfully request therefore to be allowed to see a complete copy of the Commission's report, along with any supplementary documentation there may be about the errors attributed to Gianna. (We don't want to make the same kind of error in evaluating the Commission as it seems to have made in evaluating Gianna.)

Fathers Faricy and Ianuzzi both left recently for Rome and will not be back for some weeks. They have not therefore been able to review this letter, which I present simply in my own name.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

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