

October 23, 1986

Dear Cardinal Bernardin:

In these past months when I have been on sick leave, I have seriously considered many physical and emotional health issues. I am now aware that my health demands changes in my work. I do not believe that it is in my best interests to continue as Officialis of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I am aware that my term of office comes to an end on December 31, 1986. I ask that I not be reappointed to another term.


I am also aware that the Tribunal has been functioning smoothly in my absence. I believe that it would not be in the best interests of the Tribunal, nor of my own health, if I were to attempt to resume the duties of Officialis for the few short weeks remaining in my term. I ask, therefore, that you accept my resignation from the office of Officialis, effective immediately.

I want to thank you for your constant care and concern for me, and to assure you that I stand ready to serve the Archdiocese in any way I can.

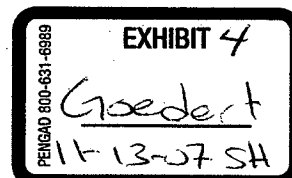
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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