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Your Excellency:

At the request of Fr. Joseph Janicki and after due consultation with Dr. Dale Olen, I am hereby complying with your request for a written letter of commitment to the priestly ideal of celibacy.

As you know, the last five years of my priesthood have been years of struggle and searching--a struggle to deal honestly with myself and the Church into which I was born. While the struggle is by no means over, I feel that with the aid of Dr. Olen I have been given greater insights into myself and am now able to deal with my orientation in a way that will not be destructive to me or to the Church.

God grants us graces at the times we most need them and I feel that this last year has been grace-filled for me.

Things are going well here at St. John's. Fr. Heffron has had a new burst of energy since his return from the Mayo Clinic and we have come to a better understanding of each other. I also find that the parish provides a challenge for constructive work.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I recommit myself to the priestly ideal of celibacy and service to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Franklyn W. Becker

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