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## Dear George,

Archdlocese of Los Angeles

The last few months have held some momentous changes for all of us. The recent changes in the child abuse reporting law and the statute of limitations here in California have changed the way we have to look at many things in our personnel policies. I know that one thing these changes have meant is that we had to send you a message that you would not be able to return to priestly ministry here in Los Angeles. That was a very hard thing for us to say, especially since we have heard that your participation in treatment has been so excellent. I also know that it was an extremely hard thing for you to hear.

In light of that, I want to reassure you that the Archdiocese is still very desirous and willing to be of support and help to you. I also want to remind you that your vested interest in the Priests Pension Plan is secure. You can begin to collect pension benefits, regardless of your state of life, at age 70. Until that time, we will certainly be of whatever reasonable financial assistance we can. Whether you choose to return to Southern California or to live elsewhere, we will be open to assisting you in your transition from treatment. If you choose to try to seek a benevolent bishop (realizing that he will have to know your story to make an informed decision), to take the CPE course recommended by Saint Michael's, to seek some other employment or to look into some other option, we will cooperate in so far as we are able.

We fully understand that at sixty years of age, the concept of starting a new profession is a truly daunting challenge – one I really wish you did not have to face. Even so, some gainful employment is an important part of every person's life. A significant part of each person's dignity is the knowledge of contributing to his own support.

Please know that your welfare is very important to us. At the same time, we have to take into account the good of the entire Archdiocese as well.

I look forward to hearing from you as you complete treatment and make important decisions about your future. I will do all I can to be of help during this time of transition. You have been and will continue to be in my prayers each day.

PAX! velle,

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