

Archdiocese of Boston  
Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cardinal Law  
Bishop Murphy  
Father Higgins

FROM: Father Miceli <sup>MM</sup>

DATE: July 12, 2001

RE: Reverend Kelvin Iguabita

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On July 12, 2001, Fr. Kelvin met with Dr. Jack Purcell of the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Purcell has requested that Kelvin be placed on a month's medical leave so that he can begin to sort out the distress that he is experiencing.

I met with Fr. Kelvin and it was obvious from our conversation that not only he is experiencing some emotional distress, but he is also doubting his capacity to function as a priest. He informed me that he was considering requesting a leave of absence from active ministry but I encouraged him to take this health leave before moving in the direction of requesting a leave of absence. He certainly needs to have some time and space so that he can experience clarity and not only what he is feeling but in what he is thinking.

He will be living for the month in Gloucester and he will be under the spiritual direction of Fr. Gariboldi and he will be receiving counseling from Dr. Jack Purcell.

I told him that I was unsure about what would happen to his position at the Marriage Tribunal and this would have to be something that would be discussed between Fr. Foster and the Cardinal. Kelvin told me that he would understand if his position at the Marriage Tribunal had to be ended. I told him that at this time he would simply be placed on a medical leave and the assignment would not be ended until there was conversation with Fr. Michael Foster.

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