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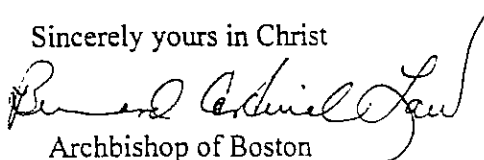
Dear Father Keefe:

As both of us are painfully aware, it has been some time that you have been on administrative leave. I understand from Bishop Murphy that your lawyer and the Archdiocesan counsel, Mr. Wilson Rogers, Jr. have discussed your situation and that your lawyer has passed on to you my message that there is no legal reason why you should be hesitant to come to see me. In fact, there is compelling pastoral reasons why you and I should be meeting to talk together.

I write this letter as your Bishop and as a friend to ask if you would please make contact with my office to set up a time when you and I can be together and discuss your situation. I count on the good relationship you and I have always had as well as the relationship of a priest and his Bishop to be the basis of a frank, candid and fraternal examination of the current situation with the hope and the prayer that you and I together might resolve this for your good and for the good of your priestly ministry. I pray daily for you and share with you the great pain you must be experiencing by being deprived of priestly ministry all this time. Therefore, it is my earnest hope and my deep prayer that you and I might have the opportunity to meet together and to discuss your situation with the hope of finding an equitable and just resolution of the current issues we as priest, bishop and as friends address together.

Asking God to bless you, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ


Archbishop of Boston

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