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The Reverend Paul R. Shanley
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Dear Father Shanley:

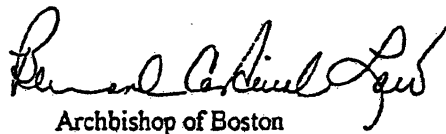
When I returned from Rome recently Father Brian Flatley informed me that you have undergone surgery. That prompted me to write and express my concern and offer my prayers. I trust that by now you have returned to robust health.

This has been a tumultuous year for you, Paul. It must be very discouraging to have someone following you and making inconsistent demands. I know how hard you have worked to deal with the issues of the past, and the progress you have made. Your faith and your resilience are great assets at a time like this. Father Flatley tells me that you have been most cooperative with him and with Monsignor O'Donnell of the Archdiocese of New York.

As we approach Thanksgiving you are in my thoughts and prayers. I support your efforts to stay healthy and to keep your life productive.

With warm personal regards, and asking God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston

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