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2 Q. My understanding is, because you are a
3 bishop, the Dallas Charter does not apply, and the
4 investigation regarding your alleged misconduct has been
5 turned over to the Vatican for the Congregation of
6 Faith, correct?

7 **A. Correct.**
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2 Q. Is it the Papal Nuncio or the Congregation
3 for the Doctrine of Faith that has jurisdiction over
4 this investigation?

5 **A. Papal Nuncio is the representative.**

6 Q. Here in Washington, D.C., correct?

7 **A. Congregation would be the Congregation for**
8 **Bishops.**

24 Q. The information I've received is, for
25 approximately two to three years, information regarding

1 allegations of misconduct against you have been passed
2 on to the Congregation for Bishops, and yet no
3 resolution has been made.
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8 **A. I asked the Congregation for Bishops that**
9 **question and said, you know, I would like -- I really**
10 **want to know whether or not I can go back and do active**
11 **ministry the way I was. I would like to get some kind**
12 **of a resolution on it. And the resolution came back**
13 **that I should continue on as a retired bishop, of**
14 **course, leading my life as quietly as any retired bishop**
15 **should, and avoiding as much as possible -- I'm not very**
16 **sure of the wording of this now -- too much public --**

23 **A. That's about all they said.**

24 Q. Was this in written form to you?

25 **A. Not to me. It went through the nuncio who**

1 **then sent it to Bishop Franklin who called me and told**
2 **me they had it, then I got a copy of what was sent.**

3 Q. Are you under any type of precept or order to
4 restrict the practice of your -- as a priest?

5 **A. The ministry?**

6 Q. Yes.

7 **A. Yes. I volunteered that I would remove**
8 **myself from public ministry, which I've done, and I**
9 **think they've agreed to that.**