

March 21, 2000

Dear Bishop Delaney,

Happy Feast Day! It is with great joy that I send you the official notice of the dismissal of lawsuit against the Dioceses of Providence, Fort Worth and myself. I received it Saturday.

I would like to meet with you at your convenience to discuss my returning to active ministry. Even though I have been able to celebrate Mass at home, I want to get an assignment.

The people of St. John the Apostle Church have been very supportive since the beginning of my case. I have several hundred letters of support and encouragement from them and constant questions when I meet them, "when are you coming back?" Because of this and my sincere happiness at St. John's since 1993, I hope you will find it in your heart to let me return to St. John's.

During this time of Lent with penance services and extra Masses, help is sorely needed. I am anxious and ready to return to active ministry, to be of service to the People of God and my brother priests.

Awaiting your reply and assuring you of my continued prayers for you, I am

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Phil

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