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Dear Father Cletus:

Your good letter of September 15th invited a review of the situation of your brother, Father Robert. This I have now done.

As a result of communications with members of your family, I have promised that Father Robert Dollinger will not be allowed to engage in active ministry. I could not go back on that promise without approaching those family members. I do not believe that this would improve the situation in any way; in fact, I feel certain that it would worsen it. It is not a resolution of my making so much as it is of theirs. I know how frustrating this must be for Father Robert, but I have felt the strength of the family's determination and believe it to be non-negotiable.

I am sorry to give a disappointing response to your request. I am glad to hear from you that Father Robert is loved so well by the people of St. Columba parish. The current situation seems satisfactory, but the slightest change could cause havoc for Bob. It is important to avoid any action that would upset the current balance.

With prayerful best wishes,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Louisville

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