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Your Excellency:

After receipt of your letter of Oct. 3 and speaking with Father Thomas, I called Father Richard Laws in Tampa and left my name and number for him to return my call and set up whatever appointments are necessary for his evaluation as you directed. The number I was given by Information is 813.977.6702.

I hope for early to mid-November, inasmuch as a 90 year old aunt, a 68 year old cousin and my brother are arriving here today and tomorrow for vacation. I live with a widowed 62 year old cousin and an 88 year old aunt.

I wish to give you whatever reassurance I can that would never have applied for faculties here for Sunday Masses if I believe I was any danger to anyone. It has been a substantial number of years, and I have discovered my problem is under control if I can accommodate my manic depressive swings. This means I must be able to back off from continuing stress such as full-time parish work. Control of my living and working environment is my key to equilibrium.

The needs of the Church come first and as I explained to Father Thomas, I am willing to do whatever is necessary, *servates servandis* (i.e., maintaining control as explained above).

I deeply regret the great inconvenience I have inadvertently caused you.

(Rev.) Michael Cody