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Dear Father:

It has come to my attention that several years ago you made a request to petition for laicization from the priesthood. It also appears from the file that no one responded to your request either at that time or at any subsequent time. Most likely Fr. Don Espen, Vice-Chancellor and priest responsible for processing such requests, would have followed through, but he was in the process of leaving active ministry. Matters were further complicated by the change of leadership to Archbishop Murphy. Then Fr. Espen's successor, Fr. John Pinette, may have been aware of your request but also has left active ministry.

I, as canonical consultant, have been asked to write to you on this subject. Could I invite you to tell me if the information I have about your request is accurate. If so and if you are still interested in petitioning for laicization, I would be happy to start the process with you.

A bit of background about myself: I was ordained for the Archdiocese in 1982 and have served in three parishes. When Archbishop Murphy came to assist Archbishop Hunthausen, he asked me to return to school and obtain a degree in canon law. I returned to the Archdiocese in September 1992, and I work full time in the Office of the Archbishop.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours very truly,

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