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Dear Bishop Flanagan:

Prayerful best wishes to you now and always. In your last letter to me, you asked that I write as soon as I get settled. I am enclosing a brochure prepared by the Paracletes which may be of interest to you.

Since my arrival in Albuquerque, I have been at Pius XII Villa, a few miles from the city limits. Via Coeli is about 70 miles northwest in Jemez Springs. I visited there three weeks ago and found that there is only about one third capacity of priests. The buildings are antiquated to say the least. The second floor of the main building has not been used for several years and is scheduled to be torn down soon. Five active priests and two brothers staff the institution. The Sisters have a small infirmary for the old and physically handicapped priests. A doctor from Albuquerque visits weekly for a routine exam. I earnestly ask your prayers for these priests who desperately need our prayers as it is a very lonesome life up there in the mountains.

Here at Pius XII Villa are four Paracletes. One is 72 years old, another is a foreigner who speaks poor English, one is an alcoholic patient and the other is a belated vocation (53 yrs.) recently ordained. I was disappointed to learn that none are professionally trained. Seven guest priests, in their 30's and 40's, are living here on a renovated chicken farm but the spirit is very good, thank God. Our daily concelebrated Mass is a great spiritual and psychological help to me. All the priests go out to neighboring parishes on weekends and two are attending classes at the University of New Mexico.

A few days after my arrival, I went to the Lovelace Clinic for a physical exam. The Clinic is the finest in the Southwest. My doctor, Donald Cummings, has his office at the Clinic and I am very pleased with his therapy and have made much progress. He has worked with many priests and has been very successful with his techniques. He was highly recommended by the Superior here so I am truly grateful for his services.

With God's help and your prayers, I strongly feel that this therapy will prepare me to resume fully and faithfully my work in the priesthood.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

David a. Holley