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Dear Ned:

Enclosed is a letter from the doctor of Reverend Paul Shanley who is living in Palm Springs, California. Paul has not been well and is looking for some type of permanent resolve to his relationship with the diocese. Currently, he is on sick leave and is required to live in a rectory in California.

My sense is that Paul would like to have a permanent status with the diocese, such as permanent disability, so that he will not have to wonder whether he has to get any better or be required to return to active ministry sometime in the future. My sense is that the Archdiocese, in light of Paul's health and difficulties, would not want to press him to return here to active ministry.

With the above as a background, what do you think of the explanation of Dr. Shanley as being one that is sufficient to place him on full or partial disability?

I appreciate your interest and support in my work. I hope that you are doing well and that it will not be too long before we have a chance to break bread and talk about some interesting stories.

Take care, Ned.

Sincerely yours,

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