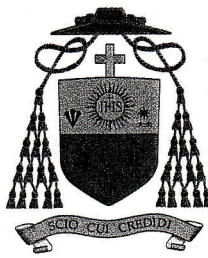


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Dear Father MacRae,

Thanks for your letter of November 15, with enclosure. Your article is an important one, and I hope will be followed by many others. Unfortunate though your situation is, you are in the position to carry on an effective apostolate on behalf of unjustly accused priests. You have the time, talent, and energy to do so. The time is bound to come when the tide will shift and when even the bishops will be ready to hear the priests' side of the story. Bishop Skylstad, the president of the USCCB, gave some indication of this in his presidential address last week in Washington. The change will come, but not before the public is prepared for it by articles such as yours.

I reciprocate your wishes for a happy Thanksgiving. Even in prison, you seem to be able to thank the Lord for gifts that are eternal. It was Paul who wrote in chains, the Word of God is not bound.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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