



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Office of: Secretary for Clergy

TO: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua  
FROM: Monsignor William J. Lynn *WJL*  
DATE: September 4, 2002  
RE: Reverend John A. Cannon (1948)  
Chaplain, Saint Joseph Home for Aged

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I have consulted with legal counsel and there is no legal liability in this situation.

Since Father Cannon is open to retirement if suggested, I think it best to go that route. He is the oldest priest in active ministry at this time. However, I do not believe there is enough evidence to restrict his priestly service in retirement at this time. This might be a case that could be presented to the Review Board when it is established.

Recommendation:

That Father Cannon be asked to request retirement.

*Approved*  
*WJL*  
*9/7/02*

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