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I received your recent letter following our meeting in Roanoke on May 29th in which you outline the specific requests you are making to the Diocese of Richmond.

Since we met, I have consulted with my advisers and have given careful consideration to the points you articulated. We feel that coming to the parish for a meeting, or writing a letter to be read by parishioners will be counter-productive to repairing your relations in the parish.

We are in agreement that we want to offer you assistance with counseling. However, I am unable to commit to an open-ended arrangement. Therefore, I ask you to select a counselor of your choice and have that person give me a written statement to clarify the anticipated length of time and cost of your treatment. With this specific information in hand, it will be possible for me to revisit this issue.

It is not an obligation of the Diocese of Richmond to reimburse you for the years you claim to have been unable to find employment or to assist with counseling for that matter. However out of pastoral concern for you, we are willing to assist you. Under the circumstances, I can understand your frustration. I have assured you that Fr. Moran is no longer serving in any capacity in this Diocese.

When we met in Roanoke, I encouraged you to accept the invitation of Msgr. Joseph Lehman, Pastor of Our Lady of Nazareth to return to the practice of the Catholic faith in that parish. You would be most welcome to do so.

Please be assured of my prayers for your continued well being. With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Most Rev. Francis X. Di Lorenzo
Bishop of Richmond

July 12, 2005