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Dear Father Hollis:

I have received your recent letter and in response am sending you a check to complete payment of the dentist bill you enclosed.

Although we are about to celebrate Easter, there isn't much feel of spring in the air. We still have sizeable piles of snow here and there, and overcoats are still needed. There was a snow warning earlier today but happily it was changed this evening to a prediction of overnight rain.

I have noted your progress report on the V. A. application. It is my understanding that most of these posts go to retiring military chaplains who understandably get prior consideration. For this reason, I would not put too much hope in this possibility and feel you might more hopefully think in terms of returning to Boston.

It is good to know that you are actively engaged in pastoral ministry and also that you feel confident of the future. Please know that you have my continuing prayers for that future and your return to a successful and happy active ministry.

With every best wish for a Blessed Easter, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Worcester