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Very Reverend George Capen, OMI
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Dear Father Capen:

Sister Catherine Mulkerrin has kept me apprised of your efforts to provide the best supports for Father Real Bourque, OMI, and of your mutual efforts to establish contact with who first wrote to Cardinal Law. Even though he has made no response to us or to you, I am sure these pastoral efforts are not lost.

It is my understanding that Father Bourque has undergone an assessment and will be entering residential treatment at St. Luke on April 27, 1994. Given his assessment, I also strongly recommend curtailment of all public ministry, particularly the work which reaches so many through television. It is an extremely difficult time for him and he has been heroic in his honesty and willingness to do the will of God. However, as you are well aware, there are others who must also be considered in a primary way, those who may have been hurt and the other members of the Province.

Thank you for maintaining contact with everyone involved in this matter. I realize it is not an easy task. Your cooperation with the Archdiocese is gratefully received as we move together through circumstances which test all of us in the Church. Be assured of a mutual response in this and in other matters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend John B. McCormack
Secretary for Ministerial Personnel

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