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The Reverend Dennis A. Keefe

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Dear Father Keefe:

Following my letters to you of March 31 and April 29, I write to confirm the fact that you have not contacted my office for the meeting which I requested in accordance with the instructions of Cardinal Law. My concern at this point is that we have the opportunity to discuss your assignment to residence in accordance with Cardinal Law's express wishes. This is a pastoral issue that needs to be resolved between you and the Archdiocese of Boston.

Recently I did receive a letter dated April 29 from your Attorney, Mr. Bruce G. Ledoux, regarding my letter of March 31. Inasmuch as my letter to you had nothing to do with any civil issue I am not responding to Mr. Ledoux because his legal role has no competence in these pastoral issues which we are discussing.

By this letter I am informing you that if you do not contact my office to have an appointment to see me by May 31, 1997, you will be subject to canonical penalties from the Cardinal Archbishop.

Dennis, please believe me that I want to resolve this situation between you and the Archdiocese in a fair and equitable manner. I stand ready to be of any assistance I can be both formally and informally so that we might be able to move beyond the current apparent impasse and find a solution that respects the dignity and positions of everyone involved. I pray for that and I trust that you share those concerns with me.

With my prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend William Murph

Moderator of the Curia

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