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May 13, 2002

Reverend Paul G. McPartland
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Dear Father McPartland:

By this letter, I wish to acknowledge the conversation we had at our meeting on May 2, 2002, and the letter you had sent to me dated March 25, 2002, relative to your request to resign as Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Halifax and seek Senior Priest/Retirement status.

Effective August 1, 2002, I am accepting your resignation as pastor and I am granting you Senior Priest/Retirement status. It is my understanding that you plan to become a Senior Priest in Residence at a parish in the Archdiocese and that the Clergy Personnel Office is working with you in that regard.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend Walter J. Edyvean, Vicar for Administration, and Reverend Richard W. Fitzgerald, Clergy Personnel Director, indicating that you have received this communication.

This letter provides me the opportunity to thank you in my name and in the name of the people of the Archdiocese for the ministry which you have offered so generously since your ordination forty-five years ago. You have served the people of God with dedication since your first assignment as a young priest in Walpole, and your subsequent assignments in Dorchester, South Boston, Wellesley, and Needham. Your leadership for more than eighteen years at Our Lady of the Lake in Halifax is a model of fidelity and generosity for others to emulate. Without doubt, over all these years the lives and hearts of many people have been touched by your sharing of the Lord's Spirit. You will continue to be appreciated for your prayerful support and whatever efforts your age and health will allow you to contribute in the future.

With my warmest personal regards and my blessing upon you for peaceful days in the years ahead, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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