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Dear Cardinal Medeiros:

Recently Father Patrick O'Neill mentioned that Your Eminence had expressed an interest in the appointment of Father Paul Shanley to the "National Young Adult Working Board."

As you know, it is our custom at the Conference to obtain the permission of a priest's Ordinary when there is a question of his appointment to one of our USCC departmental committees or as an advisor to one of the NCCB committees. The group to which Father Shanley has been appointed has far less standing than either of these, and is only an informal advisory group to the Campus Ministry specialist of the USCC Department of Education. Nevertheless, I asked Father O'Neill if the customary clearance had been obtained and he told me that it had not. For this I can only express my deep regret and convey the apology of the Conference for any embarrassment we may have caused you.

When confronted with the options now before us, I hope that we may let matters stand as they are. It would be very difficult to remove Father Shanley from the group at this stage of its work, but if it is your judgment that this should be done, I will certainly attempt to comply with as little publicity as possible.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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