 **Diocese of Fort Worth**
Bishop's Office

MAGALDI - P.
5-21-99

May 21, 1999

Reverend Philip Magaldi

Dear Father Magaldi:

Your retirement from active ministry began on April 25, but because of our busy schedules it has not been possible for us to make final the details of your future status. I am pleased to do this now.

I want in this letter to set out the understandings we have reached about your new status as a retired priest. You will not be performing public ministry in the Church, either in our Diocese or elsewhere, unless another bishop gives you that right.


You may celebrate Mass privately with those who live with you. While you will not be celebrating the other sacraments, you will be mindful of the provisions of Canon 976 which not only grants you the faculties to minister to those in danger of death by celebrating the sacrament of Penance, but also requires that you do so. This ministry would include the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum.

Since you will not be in active ministry, you will not have occasion to make contact with children or youth in the context of Church life. You must also be particularly careful not to use your former relationship with St. John the Apostle Parish or any other parish to make contact with young people.

Since you will no longer have an assignment in the Diocese, we will no longer have the relationship of the past. Nevertheless, as a member of the Church living in the Diocese, I will continue to have a solicitous regard for your spiritual well-being and will be always available for spiritual support.

Be sure that I will keep you in my prayers, asking the Lord to fill your life with peace.

Sincerely in Christ,


Joseph P. Delaney
Bishop of Fort Worth

10-04-04 Order
0652