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CLERGY PERSONNEL

TO: Archbishop Kelly

FROM: Reverend Medley *JPM*

REVEREND JOSEPH H. STOLTZ

Joe Stoltz called to check in regarding his status in ministry at this time. He indicates that things are going well in his therapy relationship and he expressed a great deal of confidence that at the end of six months he would receive a very positive report.

Joe is uncertain as to his status at the hospital. He remains confident that his confreres in the pastoral ministry department would welcome him back. He also believes that Sister Barbara Thomas as vice president of the hospital would welcome him back as well. However, the hospital is undergoing a change of administrator and exactly how they may review his case is still uncertain.

Joe continues to do some substitute work at the Cathedral and when Father Breen returns to Holy Trinity, Father Knott has arranged that Joe will probably take a number of the weekday Masses at that point. Joe is enjoying this and occasionally even covers on weekends.

The primary reason for Joe's inquiry at this time is the open listing on Saint William's. Joe will be doing some substitute weekends there in the coming weeks. He noted that he had some roots at Saint William's, dating back to his seminary days when he was something of a protege of Father Ben O'Connor. He said he is not certain of what exactly they might be looking for but if he can be of some help he would entertain that notion. He said that titles and roles (pastorate administrator, etc.) are not important to him so he would welcome a situation of being more of a sacramental minister to the parish if that worked out. He said he might also be able to parallel this with a resumption of work at the hospital should they want him back in a few months or continue to do the daily liturgies at the Cathedral.

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I recall that Father Breen has advised you that we should not consider a formal assignment for Joe until some resolution of his status is determined by his doctors and cleared with attorneys. Though I did not explicitly say this to Joe, I think if we wanted to unofficially assign him to Saint William, pending the outcome of his six-months therapy, he would be open to this. As mentioned before, the title is not an important issue with him but being involved in ministry at this time is. Given Joe's history, Saint William might be a very good assignment in that there are so few youth and children who participate in that parish and there are no programs geared expressly for them.

I told Joe that I might well touch base with him once again before the Personnel Board meets on Tuesday, October 23rd to discuss Saint William's. I also told him that I was not expecting a deluge of mail in response to the Saint William open listing.

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