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His Eminence  
Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, D.D., J.C.D., J.O.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia  
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Your Eminence:


I am presently in my fifth year as a chaplain at the Nazareth Hospital and I am residing at St. Jerome's Parish, where I help out on the weekends and on other occasions throughout the year, as needed.

The Reason for this letter is twofold:

- (1) I would like to continue my ministry as a hospital chaplain, especially since I have just been certified by the NACC. (The National Association of Catholic Chaplains.) The process really challenged me and helped me grow; it made me aware of the importance of keeping up to date with new approaches for more effective pastoral and spiritual care. The NACC strongly recommends continuing education, so at present I am in the program of Holistic Spirituality at Chestnut Hill College.
- (2) I have been offered the rare opportunity to be the Catholic Chaplain at the Veterans Hospital of Philadelphia because the present chaplain is retiring. I am ready for a change and would like your permission to take this challenging position.

I could maintain my residence at St. Jerome's Parish, unless this location is needed for the Nazareth Hospital Chaplain. In that case, I could reside anywhere you choose that would be reasonably close to the hospital. The present chaplain lives in Lansdowne.

Thank You for your continued support and for your consideration of this request. I will be anxiously awaiting your reply.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
  
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