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Dear Father Holley:

The Bishop of Wilmington has finally replied to my request that he give you an opportunity to work there. After considering the matter with his Personnel Committee, he has informed me that he does not feel it advisable to favor the request.

I presume you have heard nothing further from Boston so that this possibility also would seem to be eliminated.

In discussing the problem with Bishop Harrington, we agreed to suggest that you accept the idea of going to one of the houses of the Paraclete Fathers--either Via Coeli in New Mexico or one of their other hospices. They now have some professionally directed programs of therapy, so that you could continue whatever treatment is indicated. Also, by reason of their many contacts with bishops who are in need of priests, they are able to find openings for their guests after a reasonable period of time.

If you are willing to do this, we will make the arrangements for you and provide for your care. I do hope that you will accept the suggestion since it would appear to me as the best possible solution to helping you return to an active ministry.

With every best wish, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Worcester

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