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May 23, 1977

The Reverend
David Holley
Our Lady of the Valley Church
c/o Rev. Carlos Frias
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El Paso 17, Texas

Dear Father Holley:

On May 9th, 1977, I met with the personnel board and we have discussed your situation again as you had requested.

We made a prayerful and careful consideration of the many opportunities that were afforded you here in the Diocese of El Paso. We also considered the welfare of the church and your own future spiritual good.

It is after these deliberations and on the recommendation of the personnel board that I have come to the painful decision that you will no longer be permitted to function as a priest in the Diocese of El Paso. Your faculties are herewith withdrawn.

We do not intend to pass judgement on you or your actions, realizing that many past events have had an impact on your life.

It is my suggestion that you remain with your family and seek employment as a layman. I wish to encourage you to continue your efforts to overcome these personal problems seeking out the spiritual help you need as well as the professional psychological consultations that would seem to be helpful.

Please be assured of our daily prayers for you. I hope that you will not think harshly of us as

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we were not able to comply with your request for an assignment
here in the El Paso Diocese.

be with you always.

May the grace and peace of Christ

Sincerely yours,

Bishop of El Paso

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cc: Rev. Carlos Frias

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