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Dear Bishop Tom:

Thank you for your letter of November 28 concerning a meeting with Reverend Richard Buntel. I shall be happy to meet with him. So far he has not called me here at my office.

By coincidence, I will be making a parish visitation to St. Catherine's in Westford on Christmas Eve and offering the Christmas Eve Liturgy for the people there. Perhaps that will be an opportunity for Father Buntel to approach me.

I certainly hope that his response to you represents the total truth. As you know, it is in some conflict with other reports. At any rate, if there is a problem, it may well be that your conversation with him may help to put things on the right track, either now or later.

I shall keep you informed concerning any further progress on this matter.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Most/Reverend John M. D'Arcy

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