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February 4, 1994

Reverend Richard A. Buntel Saint Catherine Parish Rectory 107 North Main Street Westford, MA 01886

Dear Dick:

The recently approved Archdiocesan Policy and Procedures document specifically the section on the Procedure for the First Term Appointment of Pastors #3, indicates that "In every case, whenever a priest applies for a pastorate, notice of that fact is to be brought to the attention of the Personnel Board. If a priest is not appointed he will receive from the Personnel Office a letter informing him of that fact."

Your request for consideration with regard to Our Lady Help of Christians, Concord was presented to the Personnel Board. His Eminence has made the decision to appoint Father Austin H. Fleming.

We realize that this news may be a source of disappointment to you. However, we genuinely hope that it will not discourage you from indicating an interest in other parishes for which you feel especially suited. It is important that you not interpret this appointment by the Cardinal in any negative way with reference to yourself. The Personnel Board is obligated to recommend several capable priests. Unfortunately the Cardinal can only appoint one of them.

Please feel free to write or call expressing interest in any other parish for which you feel an interest in the future.

With warm regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

Reverend Kevin J. Deeley Associate Director, Clergy Personnel

