

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH

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Most Rev. Roger Mahony
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Dear Bishop Mahony,

As I begin the new year in my new assignment I feel it time to express my appreciation to many people who have been a special part of my life in recent months. I would like to write to you as one of the first persons to whom I owe a great deal of gratitude. I sincerely thank you for all that you have done for me in the past few months. I know that my recent situation has been of a great concern to you and that you have desired to do the best thing for me and for all involved in it. I want to tell you how pleased I am that the grace of the Lord has favored me in so many ways and how thankful to the Lord I am that things have turned out the way they have.

I am particularly grateful to you for your sensitivity to me and my needs at this time. I have experienced you to be very concerned that the best choices were made for me while also allowing me to express my feelings about the decisions that had to be made. I realize the many other pressing needs of your role as bishop also need attention but I am very aware of how you have been personally concerned about me and my situation and of the time and attention I have received from you in the past few weeks. For this, I am most grateful and can only say 'thank you' at this time.

I am particularly pleased with the assignment of being Administrator at St. Andrew's here in San Andreas. I thank you for placing your confidence in me and entrusting me with this responsibility. It is my wish to be the spiritual leader of the people here in the spirit and manner of the Good Shepherd. I enjoy the company of Msgr Martin Starvo who is in residence with me and also that of Fr. George Marengo who is to be with us for a short while. Both men are very spiritual men and are very supportive to me in my ministry here.

I am happy to have met and completed my sessions with Dr. Morris. This experience has given me great encouragement as I continue my personal progress and therapy. It is my wish to continue also with Mr. Guttieri whom I have experienced as a very competent person in his field and with whom I am very comfortable in continuing with to aid me in my progress. I know you have been in contact with these people and will want to share some of their recommendations for me for my future development. I look forward to meeting with you regarding this matter.

Again I can only say 'thank you' but in a sincere way for all your guidance, direction and love shown to me in these past few weeks.

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I pray the Lord's blessings on you as we begin a new year. May it be a time of great grace and growth in God's love for all of us.

Your servant in Christ,

Fr. Oliver O'Grady

Rev. Oliver O'Grady

P.S. Should you have a need to contact me I will try to be available at your convenience. I will however, take off for a few days this coming week (Tuesday thru Thursday).

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