



STIGMATINE FATHERS and BROTHERS

Office of the Provincial

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Dear Father Richard,

First of all, I would like you to know that your work for the Missions is deeply appreciated. We are also happy to see that your therapy is proceeding so well - and that you are corresponding so fully to the weekly sessions that have been chartered for you.

After some discussions with the ARch-diocesan office in Boston, your faculties for the ARch-diocese will be somewhat restricted:

- you may hear confessions of Sisters;
- you may help at Convents, or retirement residences.

However, we would ask you not to hear the confessions of children - and not to assume any parrochial ministry in the Arch-diocese of Boston. Should there be any mission appeals in the Arch-diocese, please find a substitute - or, please inform the provincial office - to see what we can do.

This means, then, Dick - that you are not to visit the diocese of Springfield at all - and that your ministry in the Arch-diocese of Boston will now be restricted. If you have any questions, please call us here.

This step has been taken to assist you further, by limiting any possible occasion or situation that might be difficult for you. The concern of the ARch-diocese in your regard stems from the difficulties at the parish in Lynn some years ago. We plead with you to avoid anything that might create concern or suspicion - as this would place before the Provincial Council the very hard decision of having to move you entirely from the priestly ministry - which no one wants to do.

Thank you for the good work you do for the Missions, and for us. Please keep in contact with me, with the Administrator of St. Joseph's Residence (Brother Fowler), and with Fr. Goggin, superior of the Waltham complex. May God love you - we will pray for each other.

cc. Bishop Banks
General Council
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Sincerly yours in Christ,
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