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February 10, 1972.

Most Rev. Bernard J. Flanagan
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
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Dear Bishop Flanagan:

Sincerest best wishes now and always. I hope you are able to get through the winter in good health.

My visits to the Lovelace Clinic in Albuquerque have been very beneficial and I am grateful for the therapy from Dr. Cummings. I have worked in three local parishes on weekends and occasionally during the week.

With the approval of the doctor and the Paracletes, I have written to the Veterans Administration in Washington for information about a chaplaincy appointment. Since I am a three year veteran of the Navy, I made a visit to the local V.A. hospital and talked to the chaplain about this special apostolate. He encouraged me to write but thought there were no openings at present. I have done chaplain work in five different hospitals and find it to be very rewarding.

The Paracletes do not make any contacts for their guest priests. Their policy is to let the individual work out his own problem by prayer and with the help of his doctor. When the priest and the doctor agree that rehabilitation is complete, the priest himself seeks to get back to a suitable apostolate.

As I wrote before, the Paracletes are having their own personnel problems. The superior at Via Coeli has left the priesthood and rumors persist that the superior here at Pius XII Villa will be leaving soon.

The enclosed bill is for some dental work which I had done last month. I have three or four more visits scheduled this month and next. I am very grateful for your kind assistance in my time of need and humbly request your continued prayers for my return to the active ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,

David A. Holley

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