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Rev. William F. Murphy
2121 Commonwealth Av.
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Dear Bill:

Thank you for promptly notifying me of progress with [redacted] *GT Redaction* I am overwhelmed by the cost to the Archdiocese that I have occasioned yet at the same time my fears are relieved by learning of this hopeful development. Only time will tell whether he will abide by this decision. Meanwhile I try to keep my anxiety in check and the chaos at bay. Disconnectedness from vocation, job, career, home, future, associates and friends, security, and from all things familiar combine to unsettle me. I try to let go and let God..

I am finally settled after four moves. Your relaxation of the many restrictions imposed on me has facilitated that. As you know I have a myriad of small health problems which I am trying to keep up with. But I feel fortunate that I have no major problems yet at 67 years of age. The willingness of the Archdiocese to continue my medical benefits is an incalculable blessing.

I no longer receive the monthly mailing from Bishop Murphy's office. Is that an oversight or a conscious decision?

At some point as my savings diminish I was wondering if the Cardinal would consider allowing me to apply to Regina Cleri? Have others in my situation lived there or would it be traumatic for the other priests? My "secret" was well preserved until the letter from the Cardinal granting me retirement which unfortunately mentioned [redacted] and was copied to other officials. (Bernie Lane, Jim McCarthy...)

GT Redaction

I have begun a number of applications for work but abandoned them when they required recommendations from my former employer: The Archdiocese. Is there a way around that without putting you in jeopardy?

My phone is 619 294 7501. I hesitate to write my street address but would be happy to give it to you over the phone. In December you mentioned a young priest who was in transition in California. He never did contact me. (Was it Bob Purdy?)

Did I tell you that Monsignor Dillabough was in transit from his job to a new one at the University and I think his mind was elsewhere during our meeting?

gratefully
Paul Shanley