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Dear Father

The Clergy Assistance Trust has been set up separate from any of the accounts of the Archdiocese of Boston but is administered by the Archdiocese of Boston for priests who have need for legal services because of various allegations which have been made against them. This Fund has been made available through the generosity of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

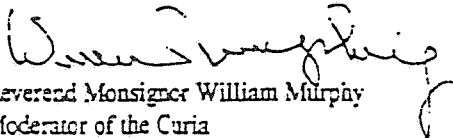
As you know, for a number of reasons, this money is made available to priests who have need of legal fees and who cannot afford those legal fees themselves. It is done in the form of a loan so that should the priest ever be in a position to repay it, the Trust itself could be reimbursed and the moneys be made available for other priests who may find themselves in similar situations. The purpose of the loan mechanism is to secure payment in those instances where a priest has an ability to repay.

Upon advice of counsel, I am writing to you and to every priest who has received any assistance from this particular Trust to ask you if you own any real estate in your own name or in your name together with anyone else. To the extent you either own or have an interest in real estate, we are going to ask that you pledge the same as security for the repayment of your outstanding loan. It is important that we establish an arm's length basis for each transaction from the Trust so as to assure appropriate tax treatment on your behalf. Henceforth each time there is a borrowing from the Trust, the priest involved will be asked to sign a statement identifying any real estate held in his name so that we can at the time of loan make sure that there is appropriate security in place for its potential repayment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please don't hesitate to give me a call. Otherwise I would appreciate hearing from you by return mail as to any such real estate.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this matter and assuring you of my prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ


Reverend Monsignor William Murphy
Moderator of the Curia

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