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June 11, 1987

Dear Bishop Gendron,

Pursuant to our personal conversation of June 10, 1987, I am submitting this formal written request for a temporary leave of absence from assigned ministry in the Diocese of Manchester.

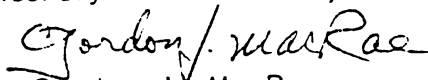
I seek this leave in the light of reasons which we had discussed on the above date, and I respectfully request that this leave be granted for a period of one year. At the end of that time it is my present intention that the issue of leave may be reviewed and discussed for a possible second year.

It is my intention that this leave will take effect on July 1, 1987, subject to your approval, and I agree to meet with you on a twice yearly basis as you had requested in our discussion on the above date. My first appointment with you will be made in December, 1987.

During the course of this leave I free the Diocese of Manchester from any and all liability and responsibility on my behalf, and I agree to work out matters involving health insurance, etc., with the Secretary for Administrative and Canonical Affairs. It appears that new coverage for health insurance can begin sometime in July.

Finally, it is my sincere intention to do all in my power to review and strengthen the commitment to ministry that I have made in the Diocese of Manchester. I am deeply grateful to you, Bishop, for the pastoral and congenial manner in which I have been treated during the process of making this request.

Sincerely in Our Lord,


Fr. Gordon J. MacRae