

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE

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August 4, 1996

Reverend John J. Geoghan 64 Oceanside Drive Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Father Geoghan:

It is my understanding that after significant conversation with Reverend Brian M. Flatley, Assistant to the Secretary of Ministerial Personnel, you have accepted the recommendation recently made to you for professional assistance. I am encouraged by your positive response in that regard.

In that light, I am writing to advise you that I have granted you Sick Leave status. I have made the effective date retroactive to July 28, 1996.

Since December 30, 1994 you have been on Administrative Leave and I have indicated that you should refrain from all pastoral activity and public ministry. It is important that you understand that during your period of Sick Leave the same conditions would apply with regard to pastoral activity and public ministry.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend William F. Murphy, Moderator of the Curia, and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Clergy Personnel Director, indicating that you have received this communication.

I know that the time ahead has the potential to be an opportunity for much personal insight and growth and response to God's care and love in the various ways it may be made manifest to you. Be assured of frequent remembrance in my prayers.

With warmest personal regards and my appreciation for your cooperation and your efforts, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

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cc: Reverend Brian M. Flatley