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Dear Jim,

Thank you very much for your beautiful letter of October 4 in which you indicate that Cardinal Law is recalling you to Boston. You are indeed in my prayers.

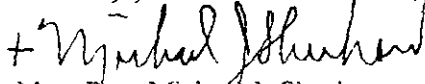
I know that you have a deep love for the priesthood and I want to thank you for the wonderful work that you did at San Miguel in Ribera and at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Villa Nueva during your time there. I could see that you love the priesthood very much and I thank you for the zeal and dedication that you brought to your work as a Pastor in the Archdiocese. Certainly the number of parishioners participating in Mass and the other parish activities increased dramatically and you brought together two very wounded parishes that needed a special healing hand. Your care for the administration and the restoration of the historic old adobe Churches and buildings was admirable. I know that you worked hard to bring spiritual renewal to your people and that many marriages were blessed and many confessions heard. God will not forget nor will the people forget your dedication to them.

I also want to thank you for your kind words about my own ministry as Archbishop. We certainly had a very fine working relationship and you could not have been more cooperative with the Archdiocesan program.

I also acknowledge your instrument of resignation from the Parish. Thanks too for the letter of support for Rev. Mr. John McKenna who has served under you as Deacon and who continues at this moment keeping things going until we can find another priest. Certainly, Deacon John looks forward with eagerness to priestly ordination in December.

Let us pray for one another and if there is anything that I can do for you please let me know

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,


Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan
Archbishop of Santa Fe

cc:

His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Pepe, Chancellor