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Dear Father Foley:

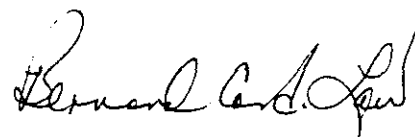
I would like to acknowledge your recent letter. I am very much aware of how deeply frustrated and angry you are during this time. Your situation is laden with fear and anxiety concerning the future. We all wish that it were possible to provide a simple answer to a complex situation. However, this is not possible. My prayer is that your distress will not be all consuming.

I also want to assure you that I have your concerns in mind as you go forward with those steps, which are necessary for your well being. Please continue your cooperation with Father Higgins so that you may follow through on each component of your treatment.

As always, be assured of continued remembrance in my prayers as you realize the challenges that are before you.

Asking God to bless you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston