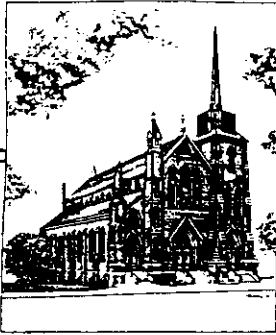


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Your Eminence:

On January 8th I wrote to you and asked to be reinstated in the active ministry. Having received no reply from you, I now renew my request.

As I have pointed out to archdiocesan officials and to you in my previous correspondence, I have done everything you requested since my life as a priest was interrupted on September 15, 1999. Moreover, I have been provided with no evidence of the accusation of [REDACTED], nor the opportunity to confront him nor even a legitimate forum in which to challenge his accusation. This pains me greatly as a baptized Catholic as well as Catholic priest, who since my ordination in 1978, have served the Church faithfully in priestly ministry, both in the Archdiocese of Boston and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Once again I state most emphatically, as I have done so for the past eighteen months: I did not perform the act that [REDACTED] reportedly states that I did. It is ironic that in 1991 soon after leaving Holy Name Church, West Roxbury, where I served as parochial vicar for ten years, the same [REDACTED] wrote a letter to me thanking me for all that I had done in and for the parish.

Having repeatedly assured you of my innocence in view of this uncorroborated as well as false accusation, I ask you once again to return me to the active ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston, where I am lawfully incardinated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. James J. Foley