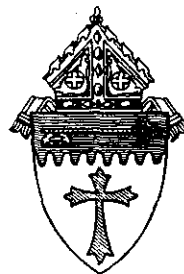


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June 1, 2001

Reverend Charles J. Higgins
Office of Ministerial Personnel
Archdiocese of Boston
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, MA 02135-3193

Dear Father Higgins:

The Reverend James J. Foley, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston has asked me to serve as his canonical advocate. I have enclosed a copy of the mandate by which I am authorized to serve in that capacity.

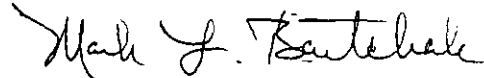
As you know, Father Foley has been without an assignment since September 1999 when he resigned his office as pastor in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and returned to Boston to address an allegation of sexual misconduct. You also know from a letter sent to you on April 19, 2001 that Father Foley is determined to seek a definitive resolution to his status, even if it means recourse to the Holy See.

In order that I might best advise Father Foley, I am writing to request an appointment to come to *your* office to review Father Foley's complete file and to discuss his situation with you. My sincere hope is that we can establish a line of communication on this matter and seek some resolution without having to make recourse to the Holy See. It would be possible for me to arrange a visit to Boston during the week of June 11-15 or June 18-22, although I would prefer the earlier week. I would imagine that I might need a couple of hours to read the file, so the time of the appointment should be determined accordingly. Also, it would be beneficial if we had some time for conversation.

Please check your schedule to see when this can be arranged. It would be fine if you could give me a call at your earliest convenience so that I can make travel arrangements. You can reach me at the number given above or by calling 800-374-3723. I am generally in the office 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to hearing from you. With every best wish, I am

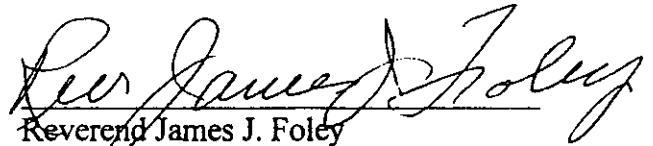
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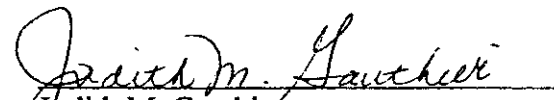


Rev. Msgr. Mark L. Bartchak, JCD
Judicial Vicar

MANDATE

I, the Reverend James J. Foley, hereby appoint Reverend Monsignor Mark L. Bartchak, as my canonical advocate, to represent me and to act on my behalf in my case now pending before the Archdiocese of Boston.


Reverend James J. Foley


Judith M. Gauthier
Witness

May 16, 2001

AUTHENTICATION OF ECCLESIASTICAL DOCUMENT

I hereby attest that the enclosed is an authentic and true copy of the original mandate. Both the original and this copy have been examined by me.

Given at Erie, Pennsylvania
Office of the Tribunal
June 1, 2001

Carol Grygier
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Ecclesiastical Notary

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