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Dear Fr. Foley:

Thank you for our recent discussion concerning the situation at Saint Patrick. I hope that during this transition things will progress smoothly.

I thought it would be helpful to review some areas of concern in reference to your present situation and status.

The first is in reference to the Archdiocese Review Board. According to Archdiocesan Policy, "the Board's role is consultative to the Archbishop" (page 4, "Review Board", #1). It does not make decisions about the disposition of any case that it has reviewed.

A second area of needing clarification is the specific restriction applying to your situation. Faculties have not been removed and you are not restricted from all ministries. Your situation does "exclude parish ministry and other ministry that involves minors". (Page 3, "Follow-up": #2)

As you know the process in identifying an appropriate assignment is ongoing and we will continue to discuss possible options. I cannot determine a precise timetable at this point but will be in contact when possibilities arise.

I hope these brief clarifications have been help helpful in their application to your situation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Charles J. Higgins  
Delegate of the Archbishop

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