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His Excellency The Most Rev. Sidney M. Metzger Bishop of El Paso 1012 North Mesa Street El Paso, Texas 79902

Dear Bishop Metzger:

Thanks a million for your kind letter of September 20, 1977 and for the generous check which you sent for six months' payment for the medical insurance of Father David Holley. He is still at Southdown and the reports I have been getting have been good. He has been writing me regularly, too.

Of course, all of this is surely a calculated risk. I know I have your prayers. This is the first time I have tried sending one of these persons to a treatment center so I am praying Almighty God to send us back a good priest.

You were missed at the Texas Catholic Conference but the El Paso delegation did quite well. It was one of the larger and one of the most active delegations at the Conference, and I suspect they enjoyed themselves very much indeed.

I am afraid I won't be able to come out for the CCD Congress in October. I told Father Tickle that because I have had another date for a long time, and so far it hasn't been possible to change it.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Stephen A. Leven

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