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January 16, 1990

The Very Reverend Philip A. Behan
Diocese of San Bernadino
1450 North D Street
San Bernadino, California 92405

Dear Father Behan:

Reverend Paul R. Shanley, a priest in good standing and of the Archdiocese of Boston, was recently granted a medical leave for one year by His Eminence, Cardinal Law. He plans to live in the area of Palm Springs, California, during this time and, if possible, in a religious house or parish rectory. Afterwards he plans to return to the Archdiocese for an assignment.

The purpose of my letter is to inform you of this and to express my hope that this would be agreeable to you. I expect that Father Shanley will make these arrangements on his own. However, he may call upon you for assistance. It is my understanding that he would be willing to provide a minimum of ministry such as a celebration of Mass in lieu of room and board. If his assistance is not needed, the Archdiocese would be pleased to reimburse the parish or institution for the room and board provided him.

His Eminence, Cardinal Law, will appreciate whatever assistance can be given to Father Shanley. If you have any questions about this matter, I will be happy to answer them. I can assure you that Father Shanley has no problem that would be a concern to your diocese. He has resigned from his parish on his own, and we shall place him in parish ministry when he returns.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Banks
Vicar for Administration

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