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Office of the Bishop

December 13, 1993

Reverend Francis DeLuca  
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Dear Father DeLuca:

This will confirm in writing my acceptance of your retirement as an Associate Pastor of St. Joseph on the Brandywine as well as from active public ministry as a priest for reasons of health.

Accepting your resignation and approving early retirement is a very painful duty for me. I remember your years of faithful service to this diocese. Only you can agonize more than I over the tragedy that your actions of so many years ago has caused you and the Church. Having heard the report from                      this is the only way we can address the real grave pastoral concern that confronts us because of those actions. It is understood that you will not function publicly as a priest without seeking specific permission to do so.

Your retirement will be under the provisions of the retirement plan inaugurated for the priests of our Diocese. Rev. Msgr. J. Thomas Cini, Vicar for Administration, will be pleased to discuss the provisions of this plan with you and arrange for your pension payments.

It is understood that you plan to return to your home in Syracuse, New York to live.

Notice of your retirement will be published in The Dialog and general press on Friday, December 17, 1993 with the effective date immediately.

Frank, you will always have a special place in my prayers and Masses. May God watch over you and guide you always but especially in these days and months which I know will be particularly painful. Keep close to God. Please remember me in your prayers.

Cordially yours in Christ,

*R. E. Mulvee*

Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvee  
Bishop of Wilmington

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C BCC: Msgr. Clement P. Lemon, Vicar for the Clergy