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Dear Bishop Flanagan:

Prayerful best wishes of the holy season to you for a very happy Christmas and continued good health in the coming year.

It was a year in October that I arrived in Albuquerque and I have been visiting Dr. Cummings at the Lovelace Clinic almost weekly. I am grateful to God for his many blessings and the counseling I have received at the Clinic which has prepared me to return fulltime to the active ministry. Today, I will be leaving for St. Jude's in Alamogordo to assist through the holidays. W

The Veterans Administration had written three times saying that my name was on the eligible list for a chaplaincy but that the turnover rate was extremely slow. I have almost given up hope of receiving an assignment. The Paraclates are continuing to suffer from a personnel shortage so I can get no assistance from them. Fr. Joseph McNamara, the Paraclate General, has been filling in as Superior in their house at Canton, Ohio for the past few months.

I would be grateful, dear Bishop, for your personal advice and help in receiving a permanent assignment. Since you were previously the Bishop of Norwich, Conn., perhaps you would know if there were any possibility of an assignment from Bishop Vincent Hines. Dr. Cummings would send the necessary recommendation and I would be able to travel to Connecticut for an interview if necessary after the holidays.

My dentist has sent me the final bill for work done in October. Again I humbly beg for your charity and continued prayers for my intentions.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

David A. Holley