

April 4, 1990

Reverend Paul Shanley
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Dear Paul:

I received your letter the other day and am forwarding to you the checks that I received from the Clergy Fund office for the past two months.

From your description of your contacts with doctors, dentists, and diocesan officials, it seems that you have been spending a lot of energy in trying to get settled. I am glad that you finally are and I hope that it will provide you the environment to enjoy good health and the great regard in which you are held by the parishioners of St. Jean's.

I am submitting your list of requests for reimbursement to the Clergy Fund office. Except for the request for airfare and car transport reimbursement, I think that they will pick up most of your other expenses, if not all. I will ask them to handle your request promptly.

Sensing the loneliness that comes with leaving a parish where you and the parishioners have meant much to each other, the only thing I can think of are the words of Shakespeare - "Better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

My leg is mending slowly but surely. There is nothing like experiencing a few more limitations and restrictions in one's life-style. It can be humbling.

Before closing, I noticed that your understanding of the sick leave stipend is \$700. My understanding is that the current policy provides a stipend of \$600 per month. There is a movement to increase this. However, this has not occurred. Let's see what happens.

You are in my prayers, Paul. Let's keep in touch. Take care.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

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