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Reverend Francis G. DeLuca  
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Dear Frank:

Enclosed is the mailing sent to the priests of the diocese for the Annual Jubilee Mass. I must regrettably say that it is sent to you for information only.

While you have reached the ordination year of 40, after consideration by the Bishop and his staff of the consequences that could happen if you were publicly involved in such a ceremony, your name does not appear and will not be in *The Dialog* or press release of jubilarians to the media. Msgr. Lemon is to contact you directly about this matter. Your own welfare as well as that of the diocese is involved.

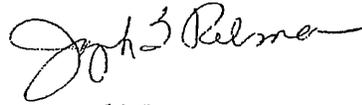
A month ago you wrote to me noting your name was left off the list of jubilarians in the *Chancery Digest*. You asked if it was a mistake or intentional but noted it did not make much difference. I replied that the omission was accidental. Fr. Rhodes' name was also accidentally omitted.

This time such is not the case for reason Msgr. Lemon will explain if he has not already done so. Frs. Dillingham, Cook and Baumgartel, the 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilarians who serve with me on the organizing committee, are aware of this matter as well. In reviewing the list you will see than another name does not appear and this is for a different reason.

While it is difficult to do, it is advisable that you advise others who ask that you were simply unable to attend.

This is a matter I feel burdensome to write about but hope you realize that I still value your friendship expressed in letters and articles from the Syracuse area. As always, you are in my thoughts and prayers and not only at the occasion of 40 year of priesthood for which I assure you of a special remembrance.

Most sincerely yours,



Reverend Monsignor Joseph F. Rebman  
Vicar General and Chancellor

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Enclosure

cc: Rev. Msgr. Clement P. Lemon ✓