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Dear Father Geoghan,

I am writing in response to your request, made October 19, 1996, for Senior Priest Retirement status. I am granting your request. I am also assigning you to full time residence at Regina Cleri in Boston. The effective dates of these actions is January 3, 1997.

As you know, it is unusual for a man of your age to be granted this status. However, your particular situation makes it advisable. In regards to your situation, I feel it prudent to remind you that your ministry within the Archdiocese is restricted to the celebration of private Mass. This allows for you to be the principal celebrant at the community Mass at Regina Cleri. Any other ministry must be specifically requested through the Office of Delegate of the Archbishop.

Please send written notification to Most Reverend William Murphy, Moderator of the Curia, and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Director of Clergy Personnel, indicating you have received this letter.

Yours has been an effective life of ministry, sadly impaired by illness. On behalf of those you have served well, and in my own name, I would like to thank you. I understand yours is a painful situation. The Passion we share can indeed seem unbearable and unrelenting. We are our best selves when we respond in honesty and trust. God bless you, Jack.

Please stay in close touch with Reverend William F. Murphy, Delegate of the Archbishop. I have asked him to be in contact with you on an informal but regular basis.

Asking God's blessings on you and those you love, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston