

Chaplain's Residence,  
C/- P.O. S. P. C.

San Pablo City,

Philippines, 2000

27th May, '94.

Most Rev. L. M. Clarke, D.D.

Bishop of Maitland.

Dear Bishop,

Have just returned from a visit to Bishop Bantigue who is recovering after a lengthy illness and operation. I must say it has been refreshing to work under a Bishop who displays, in a very practical manner, the characteristics of a "Good Shepherd".

He informed me that he had received a rather strongly-worded letter demanding that I be returned to Ireland in order to avoid certain persecutions, and he asked me to write a letter that he might enclose with his reply. Hence this letter.

In your last correspondence, on the occasion of my requesting excardination from Maitland, I sensed a more conciliatory and even a seemingly understanding tone, which only goes to confirm my belief that the persecution attitude is not your own, but prompted by someone else who is determined to carry on a vendetta.

On that occasion, you suggested that I select a place that I considered suitable, healthwise - and climate wise, and live there as a "retired" priest; financial assistance (unspecified) from the Diocese was even suggested. As you are aware, Ireland is not such a place, the climate being much too inclement and totally unsuitable for someone who has a prosthesis, plus the added disability of a multiple Bypass - unless, of course, one were seeking an early demise. The district of the P.D. is quite suitable on both scores mentioned above, and, even though at times a bit too hot to be comfortable, in no way would I think of using the air-conditioner unit in my residence to cool things down. In fact, I have to take every precaution, at present, with the prosthesis which has all but fulfilled its life-span, and will need to be replaced before long. For that reason, I have kept up my H.B.F. policy in W.A., as otherwise I could never cover the expense, and waiting time can run into years. As far as "retirement" goes, I consider Chaplain Han institute as "retirement" and am aware of several priests who have taken on a Chaplaincy after retirement. Besides, with residence provided, I can spare the Diocese any further expense.

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Shall hasten to get this letter to Bishop Beaudry, as he suggested,  
in order to facilitate an early reply.

With every best wish and Paternal Blessing.

Dear Sir,  
Sincerely yours in Christ.

James M. McIndoo

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I shall hasten to get this letter to Bishop Bantique, as he suggested, in order to facilitate an early reply.

With every best wish and Pentecost Blessings,

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Denis McAlinden.