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*cc: Msgr. Lennon
Fr. Bill Murphy*

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The Reverend Robert H. Morrisette
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*Currently on
Sick leave.
900./month*

Dear Father Morrisette:

I am writing in hopes that you are well, and to ask you ab... would begin with Monsignor Richard Lennon. Monsignor Lennon has indicated that he has not heard from you. This is somewhat of a surprise to me, as I had come to understand you were ready to move towards seeking laicization.

I am aware that you have received recent correspondence from Father William Murphy, Delegate to the Archbishop, regarding a clarification of your assigned status. Father Murphy informed me that you have not replied to his letter.

Bob, it serves neither you nor the Church as a whole to leave your situation unresolved. I am writing to inform you that your status will be automatically changed to that of "Unassigned" as of December 1, 1998. This is in accordance with the new classification document approved by the Cardinal. If you have a difficulty with this then you can speak with Father Murphy and discuss it with him.

More important to me, is my desire that you continue the discussions which were begun with Monsignor Richard Lennon. I do believe that it would be in your best interest to move forward in that regard.

You know I have a personal affection for you, Bob, and I am writing this letter out of respect for that care. You and I both know in our hearts what is the best path for you. Know that you are in my prayers. If you would like to discuss this with me I am at your disposal.

With my prayers and best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

William Murphy
The Most Reverend William Murphy
Moderator of the Curia

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