



CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE

2101 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BRIGHTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02135

18
April 13, 1979

Reverend Paul R. Shanley
49 Milton Street
Milton, Massachusetts 02186

Dear Father Shanley:

I am writing to inform you that
~~Upon the recommendation of the Personnel Board of the~~
~~Archdiocese, I am ending your appointment to the Ministry to~~
~~Alienated Youth and am appointing you as Associate Pastor at~~
~~Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Newton. The effective date~~
~~of these actions is April 30, 1979.~~ *The special ministry you had*
undertaken in homosexual was what I had selected me.
~~I am confident that you will render fine priestly service to the~~
~~People of God at Saint John Parish.~~

Please notify Most Reverend Thomas V. Daily, Chancellor, and
Reverend Joseph P. Smyth, Personnel Director, that you have received
this letter.

I take this occasion, Father Paul, to ask for a remembrance in your
Masses and prayers that I may be a worthy instrument of Our Lord
as Archbishop of Boston.

Invoking the blessing of Christ, the Eternal High Priest, on our
mutual priestly endeavors, I am

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,
Humberto Cardinal Medeiros
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Archbishop of Boston

*It is understood that your ministry, at St John's ^{Parish} and else
in this Archdiocese of Boston will be exercised in full confor-
mity with the clear teachings of the Church as expressed in papal doc-
and other pronouncements of the Holy See especially those on
sexual ethics. The pastoral ministry of priests can hardly be
effective apart from the teaching and saving truths of Christ
proclaimed by His Church, even when "the saying may be
hard."
I am confident that as an abedient priest you will*

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