

April 7, 1961

The Reverend Michael R. O'Donohoe
2800 East Ramon Road
Palm Springs, California

Reverend and dear Father O'Donohoe:

Your resignation under date of April 5, 1961 is hereby accepted.

What disappoints me is your confused thinking. You should know that any man when attacked must defend himself. Your Bishop is attacked not once but many times a year. You just don't run out under attack. Serious complaints, inditing your conduct, have come from Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Twentynine Palms, San Diego and Chicago.

Although I ignored many minor accusations, you had a right in justice and a duty to defend yourself, especially where grave scandal was involved. As a matter of fact, your own Bishop pitched into your defense on several occasions.

You have my cordial permission to visit your aged Father who is ill in Ireland.

I purposely delayed the answer of your resignation, thinking you might come to and wish to revise or amend it.

With every good wish and blessing, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,
Bishop of San Diego.