

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Dear Norb:

Despite the fact that I have not recently seen you, I have been thinking and praying about your situation. The Vicars for Priests have kept me informed about your situation along the way. I know that Father O'Malley recently visited you and shared with you what my intentions are with regard to your priesthood. Let me reiterate how I am approaching this matter.

Because of the requirements of canon law, I had to consider whether a "canonical penalty" should be imposed in your situation. Considering the circumstances of your case as they are known to me, I have decided that I will not seek your dismissal from the clerical state. Father O'Malley, I am informed, told you that verbally. I do not judge that justice and equity would be served by so severe a sanction. You have suffered enough by your present deprivation of ministry and your incarceration.

On the other hand, because of your conviction and imprisonment, I cannot guarantee any public ministry for you in the future. Although I cannot speak for any future Archbishop who will someday succeed me, you should expect that any decision regarding future ministry will have to be made in accord with canon law and Archdiocesan policies and procedures, in consultation with the Professional Fitness Review Board. Apart from the question of any ministerial assignment, it is my hope that as a priest you would focus on being dedicated to a fervent life of prayer, nourished by attention to deepening your own priestly spirituality.

Norb, I hope this information helps you focus on your future in as constructive a way as possible. If you have any questions about it, please discuss it with one of the Vicars.

Please be assured of my continued prayers on your behalf.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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*P.S. Many thanks for your
Memorial Weekend letter.
You continue to be in my
prayers. When you next speak
to your mother, please give her
my regards.
Joseph*

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