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May 22, 1968

Rev. James D. Foley,  
12 Eastern Avenue,  
Beverly, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Father Foley:

Since your departure, I have heard facts from clergy, and lay and medical observers, and, along with the Diocesan Consultors, have seriously weighed all aspects of your situation here. We have come to the conclusion that you can no longer work as a priest in the Diocese of Calgary. Fathers Stephenson and Kirley have already informed you that this would likely be our decision. Thus, whatever agreement under which you came to serve in the Diocese must be terminated.

This action is taken with regret because we realize that your work at the Cathedral was most acceptable. Because you are well known and respected it is all the more necessary that you terminate your work here. The double life you have been leading is known much more widely than you realize, and will become known to many others, especially if you were to return.

The consultors think it best that you do not return to Calgary. Therefore, we will ship your belongings to you, or have someone drive your car to Boston. We will pay the cost of this and save you the expense of flying here. Could you indicate without delay your agreement to this arrangement. In any event, we have asked Father Toole to have your belongings packed. It would, as a matter of fact, be very advantageous to you financially to have your car sold here.

The Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of Boston will be notified of this decision.

Assuring you of our regret at having to take this course of action, and of our prayers for your future,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Paul J. O'Byrne*  
Administrator