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Dear Bishop Leon:

Thank you for your letter of July 27. I appreciate your openness in frankly sharing with me Father Hilary's history of problems. Please let me hasten to assure you that I have kept, in strict confidence, all of this information.

My Chancellor has informed Father Hilary that, given the number of priests we will be ordaining in the next year, we simply could not provide him with any full-time pastoral ministry in this diocese at the present time. Father Hilary was disappointed at this news but seemed to understand the fact that we simply do not have need of him at present.

Once again, thank you for your prompt response to my previous letter.

Assuring you of my prayerful best wishes, I am

Your friend in Christ,

*+ Leo E. O'Neil*

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