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Fr. Lennon: ✓  
Re: Buntel

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Assignment

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Reverend Richard A. Buntel  
Saint Catherine Parish Rectory  
107 North Main Street  
Westford, MA 01886

Dear Father Buntel:

I was sorry to learn of the recent allegations made about you. In light of the steps being taken to address the allegations and in line with the agreement you reached with Reverend Kevin J. Deeley, Assistant to the Secretary for Ministerial Personnel, I have assigned you to an Administrative Leave effective March 1, 1994.

During this period, you are free to celebrate Mass privately. Otherwise, I ask that you refrain from all pastoral activity and public ministry until a resolution has been arrived at regarding the allegations. During this period, your regular monthly remuneration will be provided through the Clergy Benefit Trust of the Archdiocese.

I realize this is a difficult time for you and for those close to you. If I can be of help to you in some way, please contact me. Be assured you are remembered in my prayers.

Please send written notification to Reverend Monsignor William F. Murphy, Vicar for Administration, and Reverend James J. McCarthy, Clergy Personnel Director, indicating that you have received this communication.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston

cc: Reverend John B. McCormack

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