

April 12, 1979

Reverend Paul R. Shanley  
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Dear Father Shanley:

I am writing to inform you that I am ending your appointment to the Ministry to Alienated Youth and am appointing you as Associate Pastor at Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Newton. The effective date of these actions is April 15, 1979. The special ministry you had undertaken to homosexuals was ended when you last visited me.

It is understood that your ministry at Saint John Parish and elsewhere in this Archdiocese of Boston will be exercised in full conformity with the clear teachings of the Church as expressed in papal documents and other pronouncements of the Holy See especially those regarding sexual ethics. The pastoral ministry of priests can hardly be effective apart from the healing and saving truth of Christ proclaimed by His Church, even when "the saying may be hard."

I am confident that as an obedient priest you will render fine priestly service to the People of God at Saint John Parish.

Please notify Most Reverend Thomas V. Daily, Chancellor, and Reverend Joseph P. Smyth, Personnel Director, that you have received this letter.

I take this occasion, Father Paul, to ask for a remembrance in your Masses and prayers that I may be a worthy instrument of Our Lord as Archbishop of Boston.

Invoking the blessing of Christ, the Eternal High Priest, on our mutual priestly endeavors, I am

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

Humberto Cardinal Medeiros  
Archbishop of Boston

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