

March 14, 1974

Mr. Thomas J. Flatley
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Dear Mr. Flatley:

I write to acknowledge your letter of March 4 in which you express concern and disillusionment with Father Paul Shanley, most recently as it relates to his presence before the Legislature's Committee on February 28.

I would like to assure you that Father Shanley does not represent me at any time particularly where his pronouncements deviate from the normal tradition of the Catholic Church. He alone is responsible for his statements and must be held accountable for them. At the present time he enjoys the faculties of the Archdiocese, has an appointment at Warwick House, 1 Warwick Street, Roxbury and is assigned to the spiritual needs of young people in the City of Boston. I want you to know that I am expending every effort to insure that Father Shanley's ministry is the ministry of the Catholic Church to those in need.

Please keep me in your prayers and ask God to give me the wisdom and the courage to fulfill His Will and accomplish His Work. You and your intentions are remembered daily here at the altar at the Residence.

With every blessing, I am

Devotedly yours in Our Lord,

Archbishop of Boston