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Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Th.D.
Bishop of Buffalo
795 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

Dear Bishop Malone:

I am very grateful that you have appointed me Chaplain to the Brothers of Mercy in Clarence and for the compensation you have determined with them for my financial support. Thank you.

However, there is still some unfinished business that needs to be addressed. There are still unpaid bills which I have submitted to Msgr. LiPuma as a result of my removal and leave.

Also, Kevin Keenan never called me regarding clearing my name and reputation with the people of St. Mary of the Lake, my family, friends and the community. I remember that you said that the "bullets" I submitted to you were "too much information" and that you were going to ask him to craft an announcement to be read or put into the bulletin.

Also, several people have asked that I celebrate their funeral Mass at Saint Mary of the Lake when they die and I am in a quandary as to what to tell them.

Thank you kindly for "redeeming" me and giving some life back to me. I would appreciate your suggestions regarding the funeral situation.

Very respectfully yours,

Art

Father Art Smith, priest