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Mr. John Farrell
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Dear John,

I have your letter of 15th inst. seeking permission to leave the Seminary for a period of some twelve months with a view to preparing more effectively for the priestly ministry.

As I indicated to you in our recent conversation, I am willing to forward your application to Bishop Kennedy with the recommendation that he consider it favourably.

To ensure a proper relationship between this period and the remainder of your priestly formation, I will be urging the Bishop to establish two conditions.

Firstly, it is important that throughout this period outside the SEMinary you maintain contact with some priest nominated by the Bishop. By means of regular exchanges he will be able to help you derive the greatest benefit from this experience.

Secondly, as far as possible the twelve months should be spent within the diocese, inasmuch as the purpose of the exercise is to help you prepare for a pastoral ministry in that situation. I am aware that that this may create some problems, but it is a goal at which we should aim.

I hope and pray that the months ahead will be truly beneficial for you and will help you to become a better priest.

It is understood that when you return, you will resume your course within the Seminary at the stage at which you left. Furthermore, should the need arise, there is no reason why an extension of the proposed twelve month period could not be considered.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



President.