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MOST REV H. J. KENNEDY, S.D.
BISHOP'S HOUSE,
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My Lord,

I, the undersigned, John Farrell, in presenting to the Bishop my petition for the reception of ordination as a deacon as the time for ordination is near at hand, having carefully considered the matter before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am moved by no sort of compulsion or force or fear in receiving the aforesaid sacred order, but that I do spontaneously desire, and of my own free will wish to receive the same, in the firm belief and conviction that I am truly called by God.

I acknowledge that I know fully all the burdens and other consequences which flow from the said sacred order and there I resolve to keep most faithfully during my whole life.

I declare especially that I am clearly aware of what the law of celibacy entails; and I firmly resolve with the help of God to fulfil that law willingly and to keep it in its entirety until the end.

Finally, I sincerely promise that I will always, according to the sacred canons, obey most exactly all the precepts of my superiors and whatever the discipline of the Church requires, being prepared to give an example of virtue either in work or in word.

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in suchwise that I may deserve to be rewarded
by God for the assumption of so great an office.
This I promise, this I vow, this I swear,
so help me God and these sacred Gospel
which I touch with my hand.

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John Farrell.
10th October, 1980

Crane Johnson
President

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