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Most Reverend Daniel A. Hart  
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Dear Dan:

I am writing to you about Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini Parish in Scituate. I meant to speak to you about it at Saint Anselm's but there did not seem to be time. I gave Confirmation there this year and was quite disturbed by what I found. Father Forry told me that the pastor had not been there for ten or eleven weeks due to illness. Also, Father Forry's approach with the people did not seem helpful.

However, what concerned me most was that a number of people came up to me afterwards and spoke to me about the situation. Many asked me if they could not have someone who would be a real pastor to them. Several spoke about how difficult they found it in the present situation because of the approach of the priests to them. As you know, Father Nick Driscoll helps out there on weekends.

Subsequently, Father Bill Helmick, who was stationed there for many years, spoke to me about many specific concerns of the people. He even indicated that many people have stopped going there because their children have begun to ridicule and make fun of the priests. Bill is aware that I am writing to you about this matter and I am sure would be glad to speak with you, too.

I know, I am, that you would want to be aware of this situation and look into it. Many thanks for your attention to this matter which I meant to bring up with you some weeks back.

All the best, Dan.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

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