



Saint Matthew R.C. Church

3 Curtis Avenue, Woodcrest
Wilmington, Delaware 19804

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Dear Clem:

This letter is a follow-up of the telephone conversation we had today.

I have given serious and prayerful thought to accepting the role of an associate. I don't know why but the thought of being assigned to the Cathedral of St. Peter kept "haunting" me as the right place to be. I realize that that choice would depend on the willingness of the good Monsignor Paul Taggart, etc. I think I could be of good service in lightening his burden.

If I have to consider remaining a pastor, I would offer the following parishes as possibilities: St. Helena, St. Catherine of Siena, Corpus Christi, St. Joseph-on-the Brandywine, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Peter, New Castle, St. Ann, the Cathedral of St. Peter, St. Thomas.

Least desirable would be the following: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Holy Rosary, Church of the Holy Child, Parish of the Resurrection, St. John the Beloved, St. John the Baptist-Holy Angels, Our Lady of Fatima.

Regarding the Sabbatical: I'm still interested. I will be filling out an application form for Washington Theological Union, Silver Springs, Md.

Depending on what decision Bishop Mulvee, the Personnel Committee and I agree upon, the Sabbatical could be worked in now or at a later date.

I hope this does not confuse you but give you a better handle on how I presently feel. I am grateful to all of you for your genuine care and concern that I be content with the choice of my next assignment.

You are well aware that I find it more difficult to deal with change at this stage of my life. I am willing to listen to what the Committee and Bishop Mulvee have to offer.

If you need to talk further, I am available at your convenience.

With every best wish,

I remain, yours sincerely,

Rev. Francis G. De Luca