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Dear Father Jeyapaul,

It has recently come to my attention that you continue to correspond with parishioners of your former parishes in the Diocese of Crookston, and that this correspondence often includes requests for money and other financial assistance.

I would like to remind you that while you were still in this diocese I instructed you to cease all fundraising efforts, whether they were for personal advantage or for organizations in which you are involved. As you know, the *Code of Canon Law* prohibits any person from soliciting funds without the permission of the local ordinary (c. 1265). So, once again I state that you do not have my permission to fundraise or otherwise solicit money from the people of this diocese.

Most importantly, I would remind you that you have been instructed not to communicate with any of your alleged victims (either personally or through others) nor with any other individuals who might be witnesses to this case. I understand that you have also been violating this directive. At this time I want to remind you that acting against the legitimate restrictions under which you have been placed can result in further penalties being applied. Therefore, I insist that you stop communicating with these people. If, for some reason, you find it necessary to communicate with anyone in this territory, I ask that you write to the Chancery and let us determine the appropriate manner for the message to be communicated, if it is communicated at all.

Father Jeyapaul, the acts of which you stand accused are heinous and, if true, amount to very grave sins. I have asked you repeatedly to return to the United States and present yourself to the authorities who are investigating these matters. Once again I urge you to do so.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor H. Balke".

†Victor H. Balke  
Apostolic Administrator