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Your Eminence:

Thank you for your 16 August 1996 letter regarding Deacon Mark C. Doherty.

Out of deep respect for you, the Very Reverend Mauricio West, Vicar General of the Diocese of Charlotte, indicated to this young man that no discussion regarding his possible incardination into this Diocese would be considered without your prior knowledge and permission. It is for this reason that Father West insisted that he write to you.

I have carefully reviewed the documents provided. In view of the information contained therein, I would not consider a request from him for incardination or priestly ordination. Wherever there are questions regarding the suitability of a man for ordination, I always vote for the Church! I know that you understand my concern.

May Almighty God continue to bless you and your ministry.

Prayerfully yours in the Lord,

+ William G. Curlin

Most Reverend William G. Curlin
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