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My Dear Friends,

I have been working in the parish for the last two years since Fr. Stephen left.

During the interregnum I was paid by the clerical registry to take services when needed. After the induction of Fr. Robin as Vicar this arrangement came to an end and instead of being paid from the Diocese I was given a monthly honorarium from the parish paid for by funds deposited for this purpose by anonymous parishioners.

As you know on Dec 27th I fell downstairs and broke my hip. This means that at this time I am unable to work for the parish.

Although I am not in any pain I cannot put any weight on my right leg and when I visited the orthopedic surgeon last week he told me that, although nerves and muscles were working well, the bone does not seem to be healing.

This he says is due to my age and he may have to remove the top of the femur and replace it with an artificial joint.

In accordance with parish policy, due to this enforced absence, I will receive a payment in February for the month of January but this will be the last one until I return to work.

I do not know the names of the people who have been supporting me financially but I would like to thank you for the help that you have given me, enabling me to carry out my ministry paying for transport, books, and other ancillary expenses.

If after a period of convalescence I am able to start back and, if the PCC and Vicar invite me, then I hope you will resume your payments.

In the meantime thank you all for your prayers and especially the practical expression of your love and support.

I can assure you that you are in my prayers and of course my immobility means that I am now able to spend a lot more time remembering your needs in this way.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Roy