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The Rev. Leopold Frade, Bishop

Diocese of Southeast Florida

525 NE 15 Street

Miami, Florida 33132

Dear Bishop Frade:

Recently I was reminded of how difficult it is to get along with everyone or even to communicate with the people that we work with.

The Rev. Canon Richard T. Nolan has been here at St. Andrew's for about eighteen months. With the renewal of our Ordination Vows coming up next week, and at his request for an evaluation, I thought that this would a good time to follow through with a note telling you how things are going with us and our working relationship.

Canon Nolan has been a priest for more then 40 years. I asked him to be the officiant at the Saturday evening services and he continues to do so. He and I both believe in allowing the laity to do as much as they are approved to do. Our interest has been to demonstrate a sense of cooperation and our understanding of who Christ is in our lives as we work together. I often come to worship on Saturdays for the peace that I find there.

Dick has given a sense of leadership and encouragement to many who have felt cut off from the church over the years. He has also been able to keep a lid on the development of a militant atmosphere and live within the polity of the Church. He has also reached those in the "comfortable pew." He is a very reliable person. I feel we have a good working relationship both with ourselves and the communicants of St. Andrew's. I am very glad to have him be a part our staff at St. Andrew's.

Yours in Christ

The Rev. William E. Hamilton, Rector  
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