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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: REV. LORNE P. WHALEN

Father Whalen was Ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Pembroke on May 7, 1988, in St. Columbkille's Cathedral, Pembroke, by Most Rev. J. R. Windle, Bishop Emeritus of Pembroke.

Following his ordination he served for two years as Assistant at St. James' Parish, Eganville, where he was well-received by the parishioners who appreciated his talents and affability and who were disappointed by his departure. He enjoyed a happy and cordial relationship with his Pastor, Msgr. Michael J. Hass, with whom he maintains a fraternal friendship.

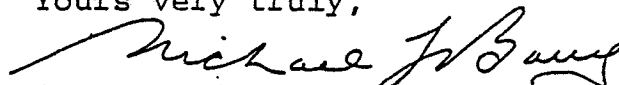
In September 1990 he was transferred to Pembroke as Assistant at the Cathedral. The people appreciated his musical talents and homilies. He remained only one year in the Cathedral Parish since he found the environment different from his previous experience. He enjoyed, however, a cordial relationship with the Rector and with the lay staff (except the organist, since their views concerning music differed considerably).

In August 1991 he requested and received permission from Bishop Windle to be released to the Military Ordinariate as a candidate for the Chaplaincy Service of the Armed Forces and in due course was formally accepted as a Chaplain.

Father Whalen made friends easily and enjoyed success in his areas of interest. He also demonstrated determination and tenacity but in general was open to dialogue and discussion. While our viewpoints differed on a variety of subjects I found him receptive to fraternal advice and suggestions. I have never had any occasion to question his honesty or credibility.

Since his departure from the diocese I have maintained contact with him as a brother-priest to indicate an interest in his welfare especially since he has experienced health problems. I sincerely hope that his health will improve.

Yours very truly,



(Msgr.) Michael J. Barry, P.A., J.C.D.,
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