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Lorne:

Upon your enrolment, you accepted to follow some rules and regulations as a chaplain and an officer. Among others, it was understood that your conduct would always bring honor to the Forces and the Church. However, a series of incidents has so eroded your credibility among the military and your colleagues that I am forced to take action and withdraw the endorsement I granted you as a military chaplain.

The incidents I am referring to are the following:

- a. improper gesture of a sexual nature on the person of the wife of a colleague at CFB Gagetown, for which you were admonished;
- b. inopportune homily laced with political overtones which you delivered during the constitutional referendum campaign where you told the people to vote a certain way and for which you were also reprimanded;
- c. improper letter sent to a service member from CFB North Bay in which you made suggestive remarks and through inuendos, proposed what was perceived by the addressee as a relationship of a sexual nature;
- d. another letter of a similar tone sent to a young private you hardly knew that prompted a formal complaint against you, followed by a summary investigation which concluded that your relentless attentions for this young man constituted a form of harassment; and

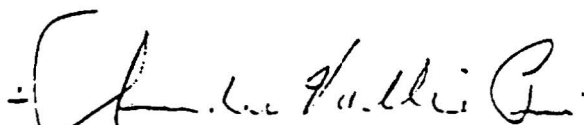
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- e. an open letter to the Grand Centre Journal in which, among other things, you made public, gratuitous and racist insults to the Wing Chaplain (RC) for having retained a letter you had addressed to the parishioners of Holy Name Chapel while the above mentioned summary investigation was under way.

While none of those events taken separately may warrant a revocation of your pastoral mandate, their accumulation over such a short period of time and in spite of warnings and admonitions after each one of them leads me to conclude that you cannot go on as a military chaplain. Furthermore, after only two visits, you took upon yourself to stop the sessions with the counsellor you were referred to by the military psychiatrist, thus interrupting the very therapy you had asked for.

I realize that those incidents stem from impulses over which you claim having at present little control, but they nonetheless make it no longer possible to give you an assignment in the Military Chaplaincy. Therefore, without prejudice to the faculties that have been granted you by your proper Ordinary, I am revoking your pastoral mandate in the Military Ordinariate of Canada as of 29 August 1994. Consequently, you are not allowed anymore to exercise your ministry in the Canadian Forces.



+André Vallée, p.m.é.  
Military Ordinary of Canada

cc. Chaplain General (RC)  
CFSU (O) /Commandant  
Bishop of Pembroke