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To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

Usually when a priest requests a leave of absence from his priestly responsibilities it produces a great deal of spiritual turmoil and even scandal, especially when the priest involved is as well respected as Fr. Tom Elliott. For this reason, I thought I should write to you in order to assure you that this leave of absence is not the result of allegations of misbehavior on his part but rather the result of what he describes as three years of discernment regarding God's will for his future.

I am writing you today to request your prayers for Fr. Tom as he prepares to enter uncharted waters with my permission, though contrary to my advice. Pray also for the people of Immaculate Conception parish in North Little Rock and all the other places where Fr. Tom has served with such love and fidelity.

Sincerely in Christ,


+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock