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Mr. Lance Carrington
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Dear Mr. Carrington:

As the Guadalupe Free Clinic approaches its thirteenth anniversary in May, I want to share with you the continued commitment of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington to the Clinic's work.

The Guadalupe Free Clinic continues to provide much-needed services to the indigent and medically-uninsured population of Colonial Beach and Westmoreland County. The Diocese of Arlington recognizes this great need and will continue to support your work through our auxiliary services of legal counsel, risk management consultations, accounting assistance, and other similar services.

I understand that the Guadalupe Free Clinic is applying for a grant from the Mary Washington Hospital Foundation, based in Fredericksburg. Please assure the persons responsible for the grant provision that the Diocese of Arlington remains committed to the Clinic and that we will continue to support it in the aforementioned ways. It is of particular importance that the Clinic receives more funding than in past years. Since the Clinic has expanded its hours to include Wednesday openings in addition to the Saturday operations, increased the number of patient visits, and the costs of medications have risen significantly. Additionally, the Clinic has completed a Memorandum of Understanding with Catholic Charities Family Services in Fredericksburg to provide counseling and assessments to patients referred by the Clinic.

It is my hope that the grantors from Mary Washington Hospital Foundation will evaluate the merits of this expansion of services and in funding as a natural part of the Clinic's growth and its maturity as a healthcare entity in Colonial Beach.

Please be assured of my prayers for you as well as for the staff, donors, and those served by the medical and dental care provided by the Guadalupe Free Clinic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Thomas P. Ferguson
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia