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Subject: SCLC Letter to +Eugene

Dear Ruth,

At Bp Sutton's request I am following up with you re: your email letter of Jan. 15. First of all I am including the link to our webpage that provides Bishop Sutton's guidelines about the use of the approved materials in the diocese of Maryland. You may recognize that these include some partial amendments (generally suggested by Tom Ely) when used for marriage. And, since Maryland now has legalized this, Eugene has given permission for clergy to use it for marriage as provided in the guidelines. Here is the link:

<http://www.ang-md.org/clergy-resources/blessings.php>

We have not decided on a contact person—it may well turn out to be me—and how we move forward depends in part on how much time and effort will be involved in the SCLC's process for gathering information. We have so many things going at the moment that Eugene is concerned about this taking vital time and energy from other important goals—especially given that this has not really been a very controversial development in our diocese. I think what he is very happy for me or some other designee to do is to make a summary report at a certain point. What he doesn't really want to do is undertake a widespread sampling of opinions, or utilize extensive information gathering instruments across the diocese.

I am the messenger here—and would be glad to talk or email with you about this further as needed. Whatever you can tell me about this I will pass on.

I hope you are doing well. It seems like a year ago when last we were slaving away over a “hot” committee. As always, thanks for your excellent work with the SCLC on behalf of the church.

Grace and peace,

Joe

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