



# Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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November 21, 2003

Martha [REDACTED]  
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Dear Martha,

Thank you for your reminder of August 21, 2003. Even at this late date, I wish to respond to your letter.

Please be assured that I have not knowingly ordained (nor do I intend to do so) an individual who is a homosexual. I can appreciate your concern in regard to this matter but the Bishops that I know are very vigilant in this regard. I do not know where you got the impression that this was a common practice. Perhaps, some of the regretful reports in the mass media precipitated that.

Your comment about us bishops spending our lives in cushy offices is insulting. You may wish to know that I rarely come into the office. Much of my time is spent on the road visiting parishes, schools, and prisons.

May the remainder of this year of our Lord 2003 be abundantly filled with signs of favor from him in your regard.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph V. Adamec".

(Most Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec  
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown