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W. C. NORRIS

Dear Bill,


Your retirement prompts me to say some things that I have felt for a long time and that I've said to other people but never to you. You aren't an easy person to flatter, and so I want to assure you this isn't flattery.

I have grown year by year in my respect for you. The consistency of your social sense and commitment has left a mark which will last far beyond your lifetime or mine. My business, in part, is to keep people's consciences alert. You have done that in a remarkable way. I have no idea what the day by day judgment of your peers is of you, but you have forced the business community and other communities to take a second look at some assumptions, and that's a powerful contribution to our society.

You may not like this particularly, but to my mind, you have occupied a pulpit not available to many others, and you have done it extraordinarily well.

Mostly, what I want to say is that I have admired what you have done and I admire what you are doing, and I am sincere in my prayer that God is going to give you some time to go on doing it. My betting instinct tells me that history is going to give Bill Norris very high marks.

Sincerely yours,



Most Reverend John R. Roach, D.D.
Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

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