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W. C. NORRIS

Dear Bill,


I've been reading a good deal about Bill Norris recently and it prompts my writing you a note. Norb Berg was kind enough to give me the address which you delivered at a public hearing of the Minnesota Full Employment Action Council in 1977, I read the interview in the Minneapolis Tribune and then the article in last week's Time.

More and more I am convinced that the Church's role has been muted in addressing the whole question of human rights, poverty, etc. There are lots of societal questions that have strong Gospel implications and I think that we have a responsibility to address them not in seeking concrete solutions to the problems, but rather being fairly certain that the issues stay visible.

I want you to know how impressed I am at the fact that you are addressing questions and doing it clearly within your own competency. That's an enormous benefit to society and frankly, a real lesson to me. I thought a lot about that during these past few weeks and I learned from you. You are working at the thing from that point of influence that you can have in addressing the problems and the solutions from a technological standpoint. I have to do the same thing from a very different standpoint, but it seems to me that they are complimentary.

At any rate, this is just a note to tell you that I am proud of you and really impressed by the things you are doing.

Sincerely yours,



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