

Cushing May Stay

DANVERS (Mass.) — (UPI) — Cardinal Richard Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, says he may not resign in January after all.

The elderly prelate had announced his retirement because of controversy surrounding his defense of Jacqueline Kennedy's remarriage.

The cardinal said yesterday in remarks to some 400 clergy and laymen at St. Alphonsus Church that he believed Pope Paul VI would reject his resignation.

"It is most probable the Pope will ask me to stay on in the Archdiocese of Boston until I reach the age of 75, which I intended to do originally," the 73 year old cardinal said.

Cushing said he was roundly criticized and received "hate mail" after he appealed for charity toward Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. The cardinal said the unfavorable reaction led him to seek resignation.

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