March 28, 2002

District Attorney Daniel F. Conley
Suffolk County
One Bullfinch Place
Boston, MA 02114-2997

Dear District Attorney Conley:

In accordance with the letter agreement which this office signed on behalf of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole with the Attorney General’s Office, dated March 1, 2002, enclosed please find a claim letter which we have now received on behalf of [redacted] who has alleged that he was sexually abused by Brother Dennis and Brother Robert Burgess of the Salesian Order.

By copy of this letter to Kurt Schwartz, I trust that your office will forward this claim letter onto the appropriate authorities in New Hampshire.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Wilson D. Rogers, Jr.

WDR/ec
Enclosure

cc: Kurt N. Schwartz, Esquire
February 28, 2002

Reverend Bernard Cardinal Law
Cardinal Archbishop
Archdiocese of Boston
2121 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, MA

Re: Claim of Sexual Abuse of a Minor by Brother Robert Burgess and another.

Dear Cardinal Law:

This office has been retained to represent [redacted], who alleges that he was a victim of sexual abuse by two members of the Salesian Order, a Brother Dennis [redacted] in New Hampshire, and a Brother Robert Burgess at a rectory in South Boston.

[Redacted] alleges that when he was seven years old in or about 1970, he won a free week trip to the Don Bosco Camp in New Hampshire. During the week, Brother Dennis came into his room and sexually abused him by touching his genitals.

At the end of the week, his parents came to pick him up and paid for him to stay another week. Brother Burgess told [redacted] parents that he lived at a rectory in South Boston and would drive their son back from New Hampshire the next week. Brother Burgess took [redacted] to his room at the rectory and had the child perform a sexual act on him. At Christmas time, Burgess visited the [redacted] home with a gift and offered to take [redacted] to a Christmas party. Instead he took the child again to his room at the rectory and performed a sexual act on the child.

[Redacted] recalled his own sexual abuse at the hands of a priest when news articles about the Goeghan case were reported last month. He informed his mother at that time. He has never revealed the abuse to anyone.

[Redacted] alleges that on a re-awakening of the abuse by Burgess, he realized that the abuse had caused him permanent psychological damages that have affected his relationships with others,
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A lawsuit will be filed in Middlesex Superior Court if this office does not hear from you within thirty (30 days) indicating the time frame you need to investigate this claim and propose an out of court settlement. If you have any questions or require additional information, we will try to be responsive to you.

The Law Office of Nance Lyons will serve as co-counsel on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Frederic N. Halström, Esq.