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The Reverend Laurence R. Bronkiewicz, S.T.D.
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The Catholic Center
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Dear Reverend Bronkiewicz:

I am writing to you in answer to your request for advice concerning the case of Father Charles Carr who was seen in consultation by me on Wednesday, January 10, 1990. I understand from our conversation that you have had a further report of Father Carr having acted in an inappropriate sexual manner with an eleven year old boy in 1981. In the face of our own inability to determine whether or not Father Carr was telling the truth when he denied the sexual implications of the report which you then had, I feel that this further report does increase the likelihood that Father Carr has, in fact, acted in a sexually inappropriate manner in the past. I believe that it is necessary for you to take some administrative action to protect both Father Carr and the public from the possibility of lapses in his judgement and behavior in the future. Father Carr must be confronted with the new information which you have, as well as with your concerns about his ability to honestly acknowledge and discuss areas of concern in his past behavior. I also feel that increased surveillance of Father Carr's functioning is desirable, and that due consideration should be given to his being transferred from his present work which requires him to meet privately with students as the Spiritual Director in a high school to a position which is less sensitive and open to abuse. As I said in my previous report to you, I do believe that Father Carr is sincere in his desire to be a good priest, but I also feel that he is having difficulty being entirely honest with you or others about his past behavior. It is reasonable to hope that his past sexually inappropriate behavior and poor judgement would not be repeated, however, with this additional information, it is my feeling that administrative action needs to be taken to be sure that Father Carr understands that he is personally responsible to report to you or to another superior on a regular basis, and serious consideration must now be given to whether or not it is possible to keep him in his present assignment. I continue to believe that it is not possible to pass any judgement on the value of his present therapy. Reports about his past behavior are not the same as reports about his present behavior, and it remains difficult to make any predictions about the future. However, as I have said, further confirmation of inappropriate sexual behavior and poor judgement in the past does cast a somewhat different light on what administrative action should be taken at

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this time. I would be happy to discuss this further with you at any time, or even to discuss it in conference with you, Father Carr and the Bishop if that would be appropriate and desirable.

Sincerely,



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Director
The Retreat

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