

## DECREE

Having received the recommendation of the Board of Review for the Protection of Children and Young People that there is probable cause to investigate allegations that **Reverend Joseph Palanivel Jeyapaul** engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor, I have concluded that this constitutes information which "at least seems to be true" (c. 1717).

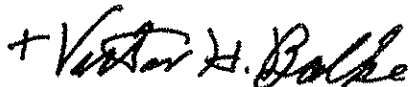
Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned canon, I decree that an inquiry be done into the facts and circumstances of this accusation, as well as its imputability to **Father Jeyapaul**.

Since my other duties prevent me from conducting this investigation personally, I hereby appoint **Ms. Jennifer Haselberger, JCL, PhD**, to act as the investigator in this matter. In carrying out these duties, Ms. Haselberger will have all of the authority of an auditor, in accordance with cc. 1428 and 1717. She is to collect any additional proofs she deems necessary in accordance with the norm of law as they relate to the present allegation. She is delegated to take testimony from the accused and from any witnesses (cc. 1530 – 1538 and 1547 – 1573), to obtain any necessary documents (cc. 1540 – 1546), to enlist the services of any experts deemed necessary (cc. 1574 – 1581), and to have access to places or things which she deems necessary for her investigation.

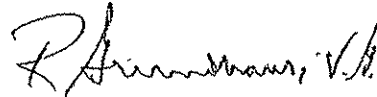
In conducting her investigation, Ms. Haselberger is to take care that such an investigation does nothing to harm Father Jeyapaul's name or to violate his right to protect his privacy.

After she has concluded her investigation, Ms. Haselberger is to make a written and oral report to the Board of Review for the Protection of Children and Young People, no later than one hundred eighty days from the date of this appointment. This report is to address the facts, circumstances, and imputability concerning the alleged offense.

Given on 11 October 2005, at Crookston, Minnesota.

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+ Victor H. Balke  
Bishop of Crookston



Ecclesiastical Notary