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To

Most Rev. Victor H. Balke
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Your Excellency,

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 8, 2005. Thank you very much for the same. I am now aware of the difficulties you face in reference to Fr. Jeyapaul.

I owe my gratitude for the letter of information and the latest developments on the recent allegations on Fr. Jeyapaul. As per your guidance I immediately conducted a detailed enquiry with Fr. Jeyapaul and instructed him to be sincere and truthful in order to help him to solve the issues. In my enquiry I tried to learn more about the success of his ministry in the Diocese of Crookston and probed him on morals and faith including very personal questions on his role in the sexual misconduct.

- At first, as his Local Ordinary I assure you that he will not keep any contact through email, telephone and even in person and he wishes not to have it in future too.
- I have urged Fr. Jeyapaul to cooperate fully to the civil and canonical authorities if required.
- Addressing to his undue advance of money from the parish he is willing to repay \$1048 which is already in his account for which he is enclosing an authorization letter. On his behalf may I request Your Lordship to give him some time till the end of March 2006 to repay the balance as he is expressing some financial constrains. He also assures that his friend **M-5** will not claim any compensation from the Diocese of Crookston.

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