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CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

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From: Bishop Delaney
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I met today with a group of advisors to discuss how to proceed in the light of the accusations against PM. Present at the meetings: Fathers Robert Wilson, Joseph Schumacher and Charles King, Sr.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive the advice of these persons in the light of my conclusion that PM had to be removed from active ministry.

I presented the events in sequence as they began in the first week of December with the accusations against PM by [redacted]. The latest information was a report from a polygraph test taken by [redacted] (given by the same people who gave PM his first test), showing that [redacted] was truthful. There had also arrived a letter to John Crumley from [redacted] attorney, charging PM with misconduct and threatening a lawsuit against the Diocese of Fort Worth.

The meeting lasted two and one half hours. Every aspect of the case was discussed. The unanimous advice that I was given by the group was this: that PM be removed from active ministry, preferably through retirement in a way that would separate him from the responsibility of the Diocese; and that Jeff Hensley prepare a statement for the press to be used when the matter becomes public.

Father Robert Wilson and I met with PM later in the afternoon and told him of my decision to have him retire. I acknowledged the responsibilities he has toward his mother (95 years old) and his aunt, for whom he is the primary care-giver. I promised that he would receive adequate support from the Diocese, in a way yet to be worked out. He was upset and felt that he was the victim of a grave injustice, but also admitted that if the matter became public, his credibility would be undermined and he would not be able to continue in ministry. We agreed to think over all the implications over the weekend and to meet again on Monday.

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