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This No. Should Be Prefixed to the Answer

Your Excellency:

I write to transmit a copy of a September 18, 2009 memorandum that was faxed to me by Mr. [REDACTED] who writes: "I will be filing a Lawsuit against the Vatican" because of clergy abuse and "the way the Diocese covered up sexual abuse for so long."

Mr. [REDACTED] indicates that he reported to the Diocese of Joliet that he had been abused at St. Mary Parish by a Father Burnett. He writes: "Father Burnett had his case with me [dismissed?] by the review board saying there was not enough evidence." He indicates, however, that he has more "recently found out that [REDACTED] came forward and Father Burnett had abused he as well." Thus he concludes: "I was slapped in the face by the review board" because of "the abuse I received and then to have the diocese board say There was not enough evidence."

No response will be made to Mr. [REDACTED] by the Apostolic Nunciature. I felt, however, that I should inform you of his communication.

With cordial regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop Pietro Sambi
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— With one enclosure —