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June 2, 2003

Reverend Edward V. Avery
Saint Jerome Rectory
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Dear Father Avery:

I write to inform you that as Cardinal Bevilacqua's delegate in matters related to the clergy, I am, by mandate of the Most Reverend Cardinal Archbishop, hereby initiating a Preliminary Investigation (c. 1717) into the accusations made against you on or about September 28, 1992 which resurfaced on or about June 19, 2002. I and the Victim Assistance Coordinators have been appointed by Cardinal Bevilacqua to conduct this investigation. Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald, J.C.D., has been appointed to serve as Promoter of Justice.

As you are aware, you were notified of these accusations on or about October 7, 1992 and on or about September 4, 2002. Some information concerning these allegations has already been gathered. Be assured that any information you have already given to us concerning this matter, as well as any other pertinent information previously collected from other sources, is hereby incorporated into the acts of this Preliminary Investigation.

You are again reminded of your right to civil and canonical counsel. Also enclosed are copies of the following documents: "Canonical Rights of Clerics Accused of Sexual Abuse of a Minor," "Process Regarding Sexual Allegations Against Archdiocesan Clergy," and "Policy for the Protection of Children and Young People."

Once the Preliminary Investigation is completed, you will be promptly notified of the results.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor William J. Lynn
Secretary for Clergy

James M. Albrey
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