



**Recommendation of the Archdiocesan Review Board
Reverend Edward Avery
September 27, 2003**

The Review Board finds that Reverend Edward Avery is in violation of the Essential Norms defining sexual abuse of a minor contained in *The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* adopted by the United States Conference of Bishops.

The Archdiocesan Review Board concludes unanimously that:

1. There are two credible allegations involving two incidents of sexual abuse against Father Avery.
2. Father Avery should be removed from active ministry immediately.
3. Father Avery should be removed from the rectory living situation or any other living situation in which he would have unrestricted access to children now or in the future.
4. Appropriate treatment be offered to Father Avery consistent with recommendations made by the consulting psychologist and that an aftercare plan be developed for his supervision.

Basis for Decision:

1. There was a report contemporaneous to one of the incidents made by the victim to one of his friends. The friend confirmed the report.
2. The Archdiocesan Review Board did not view Father Avery's response to these allegations as credible.

Signature: _____
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Date: _____
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