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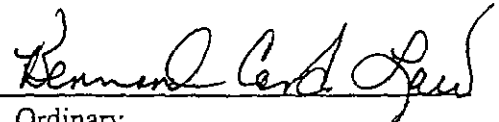
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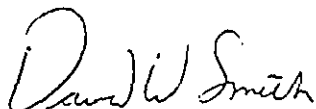
At this time, I have received information which appears indicative of the fact that Reverend Kelvin E. Iguabita Rodriguez may have committed serious offenses against the Church. On the basis of this information, it appears Father Kelvin E. Iguabita Rodriguez has been accused of two counts of rape of a child (minor under the age of eighteen) and one count of sexual assault and rape of a minor. In addition to the above, there are three other known accusations of inappropriate sexual relationships, one of which involves rape.

Due to the seriousness of this information and by virtue of canon 1717, I hereby decree that the prior investigation of a penal process be opened and that a cautious investigation be undertaken concerning these allegations and Father Kelvin E. Iguabita Rodriguez' imputability in order to determine whether it is necessary to take further action.

In addition, I hereby appoint Reverend Charles J. Higgins to serve as auditor; and I direct him to conduct on my behalf an appropriate investigation into the facts and circumstances of this matter and the related question of Father Kelvin Iguabita Rodriguez' imputability in accord with the norm of the law. The norms of the "Policy for Handling Allegations of Sexual Misconduct with Minors by Clergy of the Archdiocese of Boston" are to be observed.

Given at the Chancery on this seventeenth day of November 2001.


Ordinary


Chancellor/Notary

Maria A. Pezzi
Notary
my commission expires
on March 25, 2005

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