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Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago  
155 E. Superior Street  
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Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Fitness Review Board met on January 11, 2003. The Board fully considered all oral and written reports in the matter of Fr. Joseph Bennett [Active] in the allegation made by [REDACTED]. A First Stage Review was conducted pursuant to Article §1104.08 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry.

The Board recommends that at this time, there is insufficient information to make a finding of reasonable cause to suspect that Fr. Joseph Bennett engaged in sexual misconduct with a minor.

In a vote of 5-1 [with one abstaining], the Board recommends the following:

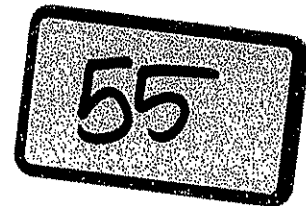
1. PFRA contact Tom Fleischmann [attorney for [REDACTED]] to request a copy of [REDACTED] marriage certificate.
2. PFRA ask Tom Fleischmann to speak with [REDACTED] regarding having the alleged victim's brother [REDACTED] write his accounts of alleged abuse by Joseph Bennett.
3. PFRA contact Fr. Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests to determine who is monitoring Joseph Bennett and to ensure that it is not Fr. Leonard Dubi.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Leah McCluskey  
Professional Fitness Review Administrator

Cc: Rev. Thomas J. Paprocki, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board  
Rev. James Kaczorowski, Vicar for Priests  
Ralph Bonaccorsi, Victim Assistance Ministry  
Rev. Patrick Lagges, Judicial Vicar  
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