

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of Professional Responsibility



P.O. Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

(312) 751-5205
Fax: (312) 751-5279
www.archchicago.org

October 15, 2005

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago
155 E. Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

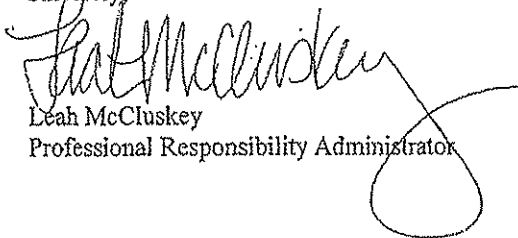
Dear Cardinal George,

Please be advised that the Professional Responsibility Review Board met on October 15, 2005 and conducted a Review for Cause of [REDACTED] allegation of sexual misconduct against Rev. Joseph Bennett pursuant to Article §1104.9 of the Review Process for Continuation of Ministry. Fr. Bennett is an active priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The Board made the recommendation that in light of the information presented, there is reasonable cause to suspect that the sexual abuse of a minor did occur. However, the Board did not reach a determination on all aspects of the allegation. Further, the Board recommended that Fr. Bennett be immediately withdrawn from ministry and that restrictions and monitoring be imposed in accord with Archdiocesan policies and procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [312] 751-5205.

Sincerely,


Leah McCluskey
Professional Responsibility Administrator

*I accept the recommendations.
F. J. [unclear]
Oct. 18, 2005*

Cc: Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Cardinal's Delegate to the Review Board
Rev. Edward Grace, Vicar for Priests

73

BEN-CB3-00041